

## Report of I. B. A. Convention

We devote twenty pages to-day to an account of the proceedings of the annual Convention of the Investment Bankers Association of America, held at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., October 27-31. This great investment organization is growing in importance and in influence with each succeeding year. The feature of the annual gatherings is always the Committee reports, which will be found spread out at length on subsequent pages. The Committees are composed of men thoroughly conversant with their subjects, and they devote themselves to their respective tasks with a thoroughness that has never been surpassed anywhere in the same line of work—in fact, has never before been equaled. Their studies, therefore, are of high value.

# The Financial Situation

SEVERAL further appeals for and promises of "co-operation" with the Government have been made during the past week. At the same time evidence has continued to accumulate indicating that no fundamental alteration of the general course of New Deal policies has occurred and that probably none is in serious contemplation. Indeed it is growing clearer with each passing day that the real struggle during the next few months will center around demands for further drastic action of the sort constituting the warp and woof of the New Deal.

### Co-operation in What?

Thus the danger appears to be growing, or is at least now becoming more obvious, that in the end the business community, if current assurances of "co-operation" mean what the daily headlines suggest, will be "co-operating" with the President in effecting the very policies about which there has been so much warranted complaint, rather than aiding in a bona fide co-operative effort to modify these programs into some semblance of workability and reason. This obviously would be a high price to pay for protection against a radical movement from which the President could save the country in any event, if he were willing to meet the situation fully and courageously.

But of course there is not, and there could not be, any assurance that what is now spoken of as co-operation with the President would remove the dangers inherent in the sort of Congress due to convene at the beginning of the year. The results apparently hoped for in the form of reduced unemployment and more active industry could, and doubtless would, be employed in radical circles as evidence of the wisdom and the efficacy of the thoroughly unorthodox programs of which the New Deal as we have already known it is full to overflowing. But fortunately, we think, there is little evidence that the majority of the so-called assurances of "co-operation" really mean what seems to be popularly supposed. The careful reader soon finds that what is being promised in most joint statements and resolutions by groups of business

men is co-operation in working out public policies. The truth probably is that while there may be a good many whose emotions are being stirred by the passionate appeals now being made to business by various public officials, the responsible business man is not much impressed by what has been going on, and by what is being said.

### Reason for Skepticism

There is plenty of ground for skepticism. Begin

with the matter of banking legislation. The impression had been given in Washington that a definite decision had been reached against any sweeping banking legislation this winter. Assurances supposedly given on this point have in recent weeks heartened many bankers who had become greatly disturbed by the possibility of very harmful legislation of this sort. Yet it now becomes known that the Chairman of the Committee on Banking and Currency of the Senate, who has recently been holding conferences with the President, is seeking opinions in the banking community on a wide range of fundamental banking subjects by the use of a lengthy questionnaire, a copy of which is printed elsewhere in this issue. These queries raise all manner of questions concerning such matters as the desirability of a governmentally owned and operated central bank, a managed currency redeem-

### Coining Municipal Relief Funds

The Chamberlain of the City of New York came forward the other day at the Conference of Mayors in session at Chicago with the suggestion that municipal relief funds should be created by banks (either existing institutions or others to be organized) with full access to the Reserve System. The funds so created should, according to the speaker, be advanced to the municipalities on long-term bonds at merely nominal rates of interest.

We do not believe that there could be found in the country an intelligent banker or an understanding student of finance who would not condemn any such plan out of hand, and rightly so.

Yet is it not a fact that precisely this method is now in general use by the Federal Government not only for obtaining the funds it needs for direct relief outlays but for many other purposes?

Of course, two wrongs do not make a right, as the old adage says. The plan now presented should not be considered for a moment. Indeed, where it is already in use, as for practical purposes it is, to some extent, in financing municipalities, it ought to be abolished. But the proposal should serve to bring home to the public the utter unsoundness of existing methods of national finance.

The persistent notion that a people can with impunity create money, or its equivalent, through some involved process of banking and bookkeeping, for any and all purposes so long as an adequate supply of gold is on hand, is at the root of much of our present difficulty.

Funds so brought into existence during the New Era were for the most part used in creating new fixed plant equipment and the like. The result, as is now plain, was disaster.

Can we reasonably expect anything else from the same practices applied to the needs of the Government?

able in nothing, government ownership of the Federal Reserve System, and a governmentally owned commercial banking system. If there is no prospect of basic legislation on banking during the coming winter, why are these and many other of the most fundamental questions of national banking policy thus raised at this time? Echo answers "Why?" If the Administration and its supporters in Congress really desire to preserve the banking system against the varied attacks now being made upon it in misinformed, radical circles, they certainly should be more careful to keep such subjects as these from coming to the fore at this time. The very fact that such a questionnaire has been sent out from Washington can hardly be expected to

foster that confidence which the business community is being so urgently asked to develop.

### The President and the Utilities

MEANWHILE the brief addresses of the President while on tour of the Tennessee Valley and contiguous areas early in the week were not calculated to provide even a grain of comfort to the utility industry, which is now, and has been for a good while past, the butt of a varied assortment of attacks which strike at the very root of its ability to make a living. This is most particularly true of the President's prophecy at Tupelo that "what you are doing here is going to be copied in every State of the Union before we get through." About the only cheering words utility executives and the owners of the securities of utility companies have been able to hear recently came late in the week from the lips of Milo R. Maltbie, speaking as Chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission. Even these, as a matter of fact, were not unmixed with ill omen. Mr. Maltbie on Wednesday warned that current proposals of the New York City Administration for taxes upon the utility corporations operating in this city would inevitably lead to higher rates. It also called attention to the unfairness of burdening the consumers of the services of one group of utility corporations in order to enable other utility companies (such, for example, as the rapid transit companies, though Mr. Maltbie did not specify) to provide services at less than cost. But at other points he complains of impediments placed in the way of the Commission in its efforts to reduce rates, rather justifying the impression that the Commission is determined to reduce rates now supplying revenue insufficient to keep the companies properly nourished. There is some encouragement to be gained from the fact that the Chairman of one of the leading State rate-making authorities is willing at this time to go on record as recognizing, at least in general terms, the necessity of permitting the utility companies to earn a living. However, the statement here in question was even so the most encouraging pronouncement recently made by public authorities concerning the utility industry.

### Broadening Social Insurance Plans

THE end of the week left many observers much less certain that the social insurance schemes of the national Administration either had been, or would be, so drastically curtailed as had apparently been supposed. We took occasion last week to indicate that a careful reading of the address of the President on the subject some ten days ago did not lend support to the more roseate accounts of it found in headlines in the daily press. Since that time the President's advisers on the subject have proceeded without interruption to draft much more sweeping plans than the President approved on that occasion and apparently have strong backing both in Administration and Congressional circles. The general impression prevailing during most of the past week that the so-called social insurance program of this coming winter would be much broader in scope than had been imagined was of course greatly strengthened on Thursday when the President assured the Conference of Mayors gathered in Chicago that "it is undoubtedly true that the coming session of Congress will give further attention to proposals involving unemployment relief, public works, unem-

ployment insurance, old age pensions and housing," adding that "I cannot say what final action Congress will take with reference to these subjects, but I assure you the Federal Government is anxious to work effectively and co-operatively on all these common problems."

### Costly Schemes

Those who are inclined to take the costs of such schemes lightly, as a good many seem to be, are hereby referred to the plan for retirement pensions announced during the week by the General Foods Corporation. Here is a program that we may feel confident is free of elements that are "actuarially unsound"—to use the words of the President. Under it an employee thirty-five years in service for the corporation at a salary of \$35 per week would retire with a monthly income of \$112 per month. For this he must pay \$1.84 forty-eight times a year, or something less than five per cent of his salary throughout the period of service, and the amount thus contributed by the beneficiary is matched by the corporation. The total cost of the pension is therefore but little less than ten per cent of the salary through a period of thirty-five years. An indication of the expense of unemployment insurance of the kind under consideration at Washington is afforded by reports that plans are under way requiring "contributions" (the word tax is carefully avoided) by industry amounting to \$1,000,000,000 per year to create reserves for insurance against unemployment. Of course, business already heavily taxed, and harried by expenses arbitrarily imposed in the name of social reform, simply cannot afford to undertake to support any such plans.

### A "Factory Drive"

ANOTHER apparently semi-official report from Washington during the week concerns what is currently described as a "factory drive." This seems to be a plan on the part of public officials to use depreciation charges claimed in corporation income tax returns to prove that plants throughout the country are in need of large replacements at the present time. It is not explicitly stated, but appears implicit in what is said, that corporations not concurring with the desires of the Government may be asked to explain their claims to depreciation deductions, which incidentally have been under attack of late. This is a strange procedure on the part of a Government that complains about over-investment in plant, and it certainly does not lay a good foundation for that whole-hearted co-operation with the Government in working out the problems of the depression that is being asked on all sides.

Despite all this there is no diminution in the intensity of the oratorical campaign of governmental authorities designed for the purpose of stimulating confidence on the part of business and to induce industry and trade to respond with a higher rate of activity, a campaign which is of course strongly reminiscent of the efforts of President Hoover early in the depression, and a policy, incidentally, which Mr. Roosevelt, when a candidate for the Presidency, strongly disapproved. There have been many such appeals during the past week, including addresses made by the Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Mr. Richberg, general assistant to the President, and the President himself, particularly in his message to the Governors of the States on Tuesday.

### Widespread Propaganda

In these circumstances the propagandists make great use of any expression of readiness to abet the Government in any way. Resolutions recently adopted by the Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States have been prominently displayed in the daily press in this connection, although it seems to us that the resolutions in question were much more circumspectly worded than the headlines suggest. The President of the Chamber is currently reported in the press to be planning a vigorous effort to "sell the co-operative idea" to industry on a national scale. We earnestly hope that if Mr. Harriman plans to do any such thing, he will be careful to "sell" the idea of co-operating with the President in the formulation of helpful national policies, and not the thought that business ought to "co-operate" by accepting the New Deal and undertaking to prove it sound by unwise expansion.

### Formulating Policies

THAT many industrial leaders are thinking in terms of helping formulate constructive policies, rather than in giving up their own ideas about the New Deal, is evident in the news of the week. The National Association of Manufacturers has arranged for the meeting of a committee early next month for the purpose of making specific recovery recommendations. The directors of this organization have already recorded themselves as favoring legislation, prolonging at least some of the features of the National Industrial Recovery Act, albeit possibly in modified form. The proposals are doubtless well considered, but it is nevertheless to be wished that so large a portion of American industry and trade did not cling so tenaciously to the idea that what used to be termed restraint of trade is essential for successful operations under modern conditions.

The urgent need of budgetary reform of a drastic sort was again brought to the attention of the public during the week, this time by the National Economy League. That organization not only demands a balanced budget, but actually prepares a proposed budget, which it says balances, and forwards it to the President with an appropriate petition that the matter be given the consideration it deserves. The claim that the budget thus suggested actually balances appears somewhat exaggerated, since repayments amounting to \$1,000,000,000 to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation are required to bring it into balance. But the League is to be strongly commended for its efforts none the less. If the Administration would adopt such suggestions even in broad effect, an immense step forward would have been taken. At the risk of tiresomeness, we again repeat that budgetary reform looking definitely and vigorously toward a balance between income and outgo at the earliest feasible moment is a sine qua non of the growth of real confidence among intelligent business men in this country. It is little short of suicidal for us as a nation to insist that enormously wasteful public expenditures must continue for the reason that business is not enlarging the scope of its activities and re-employing men now out of work. Business never will, and never can, respond fully under such conditions.

In view of the discouraging general trend of events during the past week, it is a pleasure to record two items of information coming into the possession of the public within the past day or two which, as far

as they go, are indicative of a willingness on the part of officials to discard in some part at least the most clearly discredited policies of the past. One of these is the abandonment by the Federal Emergency Relief Corporation of the 30 cents per hour minimum wage for work-relief. The rate was both absurd and wholly indefensible from the first. The plan now adopted of paying wages in conformity with those prevailing in the communities where the relief work is provided ought to save the Government substantial sums of money and be much less troublesome to business in the several communities. The second item of interest in this connection is the fact that the Government has apparently abandoned its ill-conceived and unjust discrimination against the products of Henry Ford.

### The Federal Reserve Bank Statement

CHANGES in the Federal Reserve Bank statement this week are much in accord with previous tendencies, as they continue to reflect the ever-mounting total of available credit resources. The potentialities of a credit debauch now are so great as to be almost incalculable, owing chiefly to the devaluation policy and the huge Treasury war loan deposits with member banks of the Federal Reserve System. There is no evidence that the Treasury currently is "cashing" any of the so-called gold "profit" from devaluation, but gold again is arriving from Europe in great amounts, and these accretions, together with American production, are adding steadily to the already immensely expanded credit base. In the week to Nov. 21 the monetary gold stocks of the country increased \$46,000,000, according to the credit summary furnished by the Reserve banks, but only \$36,842,000 of fresh gold certificates were deposited or sold to the Reserve System in the same period, indicating that the Treasury did not reimburse itself fully for the acquisitions. But the gold additions, together with other causes, occasioned a further large increase in the excess reserves of member banks with the System, and such reserves over requirements now are approximately \$1,900,000,000, or close to the record figure attained a few months ago. Of much interest is a decrease in the foreign loans of the System on gold, which appeared two weeks ago and mounted last week to \$15,765,000. These loans, which are recognized as extensions against Belgian metal, now have dropped to \$10,339,000, apparently as a result of the actual receipt of a corresponding amount of gold from Belgium. It is quite possible, as reported in some circles, that such loans amounted to as much as \$25,000,000 for a day or two, but there is no indication in the weekly statement that they reached such a figure.

Owing to the fresh Treasury deposits of gold certificates, holdings of these instruments by the 12 Federal Reserve banks were \$5,055,529,000 on Nov. 21 against \$5,018,687,000 on Nov. 14. Since the cash in the System increased at the same time, total reserves moved up to \$5,315,665,000 from \$5,271,411,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation declined to \$3,157,686,000 from \$3,178,512,000, probably because of increased use of the silver certificates which the Treasury is issuing in ever larger amounts. The net circulation of Federal Reserve bank notes dropped to \$27,769,000 from \$28,164,000. Member bank deposits on reserve account kept on rising, an aggregate of \$4,195,892,000

being reached on Nov. 21 as against \$4,106,927,000 on Nov. 14. But Treasury and other deposits decreased, and total deposits mounted only to \$4,387,700,000 from \$4,323,566,000. The increase of reserves and the decline of note liabilities more than offset the gain in deposit liabilities, and the ratio of reserves to liabilities increased to 70.4% from 70.3% in the weekly period. Discounts by the System gained slightly to \$10,723,000, and it was indicated for the first time that some of the borrowings were secured by fully guaranteed bonds of the Federal Farm Mortgage or Home Owners' Loan Corporations. Industrial advances by the System continued to advance, and now have attained a figure of \$8,673,000. Bill holdings of the 12 banks were virtually unchanged at \$5,685,000, and holdings of United States Government securities likewise reflected no alteration of note at \$2,430,147,000.

#### Corporate Dividend Declarations

**D**IVIDEND announcements this week included several of a very favorable nature. The Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry., which is controlled by the Southwestern Construction Co., through ownership of 68% of the stock outstanding, declared an extra dividend of \$3 a share, together with the semi-annual dividend of \$4 a share on its common stock, both payable Dec. 26 1934. E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. declared an extra dividend of 15c. a share, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 65c. a share on the common stock, both payable Dec. 15 1934. The Beech-Nut Packing Co. also declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share and a regular quarterly distribution of 75c. a share on the common stock; the extra disbursement is payable Dec. 15 1934 and the regular dividend on Jan. 2 1935. Coca-Cola International Corp. likewise announced an extra disbursement of \$2 a share, together with the regular quarterly payment of \$3 a share on the no par common stock and the semi-annual distribution of \$3 a share on the no par class A stock, all payable Jan. 2 1935. Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky declared an extra distribution of 50c. a share out of accumulated earnings for previous years, in addition to the quarterly payment of 25c. a share, both of which become due Dec. 15 1934. Lord & Taylor (New York City), a subsidiary of the Associated Dry Goods Corp., announced the payment on Dec. 17 1934 of an extra dividend of \$50 a share on its common stock, in addition to the usual Christmas dividend of \$5 a share. The regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 a share was declared payable Jan. 2 1935. It is stated that this special extra disbursement of \$50 represents the liquidation of a reserve that was built up over a period of years to cover the possible contingency of moving the store to another site and the contingency no longer exists since the store recently renewed the lease on the present site for 21 years.

Among the companies that took adverse action with respect to dividend declarations were the Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp., which reduced the dividend on its preferred stock from \$1.50 a share to \$1 a share, payable Jan. 2 1935; in explaining its action, the company stated that the reduction was due to lower earnings and a desire to conserve cash. The South Porto Rico Sugar Co. also decreased the dividend on its no par common stock from the quarterly rate of 60c. a share to 50c. a share, payable Jan. 2 1935.

#### The New York Stock Market

**A**CTIVITY on the New York stock market was maintained at a fairly active pace this week, and it gave evidence of increasing investment buying of a highly selective nature. Although there were again some rumors of more drastic inflationary policies, these had little effect on quotations of either stocks or bonds. Business indices were far more important, while policies pursued at Washington toward business also played a highly important role. Taking the week as a whole, the stock market was irregular, while bonds were in good demand for investment account. Trading in equities on the New York Stock Exchange was somewhat under 1,000,000 shares in every session until yesterday, when the total exceeded that figure. The tone of stocks was nervous on Monday, partly because there was still a good deal of uncertainty regarding the effects of rate measures and Federal competition in utilities. The utility stocks receded rather sharply, but in merchandising and manufacturing shares the tendency was slightly upward. The trading on Tuesday witnessed a rally in American Telephone shares, as confidence spread that the \$2.25 quarterly dividend again would be paid. Other utility stocks also improved, but the general list was soft, with losses small. Railroad shares were weaker than others. The tendency Wednesday was again uncertain, with utility stocks higher on declaration of the regular A. T. & T. dividend, but most other groups lower. Indications of declining carloadings again brought greater pressure against railroad stocks than other groups. The trading on Thursday resulted in further small gains in utility shares, and specialties such as the liquor stocks also were in modest demand. Activity diminished, but there were more gains than losses at the end. The trend toward improvement was continued yesterday, and again increased quotations were in the majority at the close, with most of the active stocks up rather sharply.

The listed bond market attracted much interest, and activity was well maintained in this department of the market. United States Government securities slowly advanced, despite the impending large financing for the December quarter-date requirements. Highly-rated corporate bonds moved persistently higher as large investment and financial institutions placed additional funds at work. Second- and lowest-grade railroad issues suffered somewhat from the poor immediate prospects of the carriers. Commodity markets in general were firm, although some irregularity was noted at times. Corn did better than other staples. In the foreign exchange markets conditions were unchanged from last week, and developments were followed with the closest interest. Gold continued to flow from Europe to the United States, as the chief gold currencies remained at or close to gold import levels, but the movement was on a smaller scale and there was less apprehension regarding any immediate defections from the gold bloc. Sterling exchange was steady at just under \$5.00. Business indications were mostly favorable, and sentiment in this regard showed a material improvement. Steel-making operations for the week beginning Nov. 19 increased to 27.6% of capacity, according to the estimate of the American Iron and Steel Institute, as against 27.3% last week. Electric power output for the week ended Nov. 17 increased to 1,691,046,000 kilo-

watt hours, the Edison Electric Institute reports. This compares with 1,675,760,000 kilowatt hours in the preceding week. Carloadings of revenue freight were less favorable in tendency, the American Railway Association reporting 584,525 cars in the week ended Nov. 17 against 594,932 cars in the previous weekly period.

As indicating the course of the commodity markets, the December option for wheat in Chicago closed yesterday at 98 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. as against 100 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. December corn at Chicago closed yesterday at 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. as against 83 $\frac{7}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. December oats at Chicago closed yesterday at 52 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. as against 52 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for cotton here in New York closed yesterday at 12.55c., the same as the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber yesterday was 12.58c. as against 12.88c. the close on Friday of last week. Domestic copper closed yesterday at 9c., the same as on Friday of last week.

In London the price of bar silver yesterday was 24 9/16 pence per ounce as against 24 $\frac{5}{8}$  pence per ounce on Friday of last week, and spot silver in New York at 55 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. as against 54 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. on Friday of last week. In the matter of the foreign exchanges, cable transfers on London closed yesterday at \$4.99 $\frac{3}{8}$  as against \$4.99 $\frac{5}{8}$  the close on Friday of last week, while cable transfers on Paris closed yesterday at 6.59 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. against 6.59c. on Friday of last week.

On the New York Stock Exchange 89 stocks reached new high levels for the year, while 44 stocks touched new low levels. On the New York Curb Exchange 39 stocks touched new high levels, while 45 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 453,370 shares; on Monday they were 983,950 shares; on Tuesday, 869,010 shares; on Wednesday, 805,220 shares; on Thursday, 769,740 shares, and on Friday, 1,130,391 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 77,865 shares; on Monday, 176,725 shares; on Tuesday, 169,730 shares; on Wednesday, 174,260 shares; on Thursday, 171,070 shares, and on Friday, 185,121 shares.

Irregularity again characterized the course of the stock market this week, with the volume of trading on a somewhat reduced scale. On Friday, however, strength and rising activity were a feature, with stocks in most instances higher at the close on Friday than one week ago. General Electric closed yesterday at 19 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 19 $\frac{3}{8}$  on Friday of last week; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 23 against 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 7 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 8; Public Service of N. J. at 28 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 29 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 53 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 51 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; International Harvester at 38 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 37 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 42 against 41; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 29 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 29 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Woolworth at 54 against 53; American Tel. & Tel. at 108 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and American Can at 105 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 104 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 135 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 134 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 98 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; National Cash Register A at 17 against 16 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; International Nickel at 23 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; National Dairy Products at 17 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 16 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 35 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; National Biscuit at 29 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 29;

Continental Can at 61 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 60 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Eastman Kodak at 116 against 109; Standard Brands at 19 against 19; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 34 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 34; Columbian Carbon at 74 against 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Lorillard at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; United States Industrial Alcohol at 44 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 41 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; Canada Dry at 16 against 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Schenley Distillers at 28 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 27 $\frac{1}{8}$ , and National Distillers at 26 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 24 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The steel stocks closed at higher levels than on Friday a week ago. United States Steel closed yesterday at 36 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 34 $\frac{3}{4}$  on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 29 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 28 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Republic Steel at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and Youngstown Sheet & Tube at 18 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 18 $\frac{1}{8}$ . In the motor group, Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 25 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 25 $\frac{3}{4}$  on Friday of last week; General Motors at 31 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Chrysler at 37 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and Hupp Motors at 3 against 3. In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 25 against 23 $\frac{3}{4}$  on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 10 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and U. S. Rubber at 16 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The railroad shares were irregularly changed for the week. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 22 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 22 $\frac{3}{4}$  on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at 54 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 54 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; New York Central at 21 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 21 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Union Pacific at 106 against 104; Southern Pacific at 18 against 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Southern Railway at 16 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Northern Pacific at 19 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 19 $\frac{3}{8}$ . Among the oil stocks, Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 42 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 43 $\frac{1}{8}$  on Friday of last week; Shell Union Oil at 6 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ , and Atlantic Refining at 25 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 26. In the copper group, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 101 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 105 $\frac{1}{8}$  on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 161 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 163 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; American Smelting & Refining at 35 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 36 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Phelps Dodge at 14 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 14.

### European Stock Markets

IRREGULAR trends were reported this week in dealings on all the leading European stock markets, with the British markets again showing a more cheerful tone than the Continental exchanges. After the sharp advance in British funds last week, these issues were subjected to a little profit-taking but they recovered again in later dealings. Inquiry increased at London for industrial issues, while Indian securities moved upward after the outlines of new legislation regarding that country were presented to the House of Commons. On the Paris Bourse declines were more prominent than advances, owing to continued concern regarding possible defections from the gold bloc and the ever greater depths of the depression in France. It is indicative that unemployment is increasing rapidly in France, a total of 355,050 now being reported as against 242,060 at this time last year. Every effort is being made, moreover, to keep the total down by sending foreign laborers back to their native countries. Price changes on the Berlin Boerse were not important this week, while trading was kept to a minimum by a mid-week religious holiday. Trade and industrial reports from Great Britain and Germany again are becoming favorable, with improvement in the heavy industries especially significant. Italy also reports gains in many lines, but the French returns are less favorable. The gold bloc countries continued to find exports of the metal necessary this week in support

of their currencies, but the flow did not equal the large exports of the previous week and there was less concern generally regarding immediate devaluation by any members of the bloc. This question promises to agitate the markets, however, for some time to come.

Business was brisk on the London Stock Exchange in the initial session of the week, with British funds off somewhat from the record levels of last week as profit-taking developed. Traders and investors turned their attention rather to industrial and gold mining securities which were marked upward. International stocks improved on favorable week-end reports from New York, but foreign bonds were dull. Activity diminished on Tuesday, but the market had a cheerful tone. British funds were in renewed demand and the losses of the preceding session were easily regained. In the industrial section most stocks again were marked upward, but there were also a few losses. Most of the African gold issues resumed their advance. In the international section the general tendency was toward lower figures, partly because of pessimistic reports from New York. There were a few bright spots on Wednesday, but the tone in general was dull and trading was again restricted. British funds receded, while industrial securities showed rather more losses than gains. Gold mining stocks were in demand, but international issues dipped. Small losses were general in the early dealings on Thursday, owing to a warning by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that there is little prospect of further reductions in taxation. But the market recovered later under the leadership of British funds, and many industrial securities likewise enjoyed increases. The international group remained soft, and on this occasion African gold mining issues also showed losses. Small losses were general yesterday in quiet trading. Gold mining issues moved counter to the general trend.

Prices on the Paris Bourse were weak in the first session of the week, French and international securities alike being affected. Rentes were fairly steady and some small gains were registered in French bonds, but the share list showed sizable recessions. Bank and chemical stocks were heavier than others. The weakness was continued Tuesday, with all issues affected. It was attributed in good part to alarming reports about German rearmament which were submitted in the Chamber of Deputies. Rentes were sharply lower and all French bank and industrial stocks also suffered, but international issues were resistant. The market trend was reversed Wednesday, and most losses of the previous session were regained. Rentes were marked upward but closed under the best levels of the day, while French stocks made substantial gains. International securities were irregular. The downward tendency on the Bourse was resumed Thursday, and losses in this session were large. Rentes were liquidated on a modest scale, but French bank and utility stocks dropped precipitately, while international securities again were uncertain. Gains were registered in rentes and bank stocks yesterday, while activity increased.

On the Berlin Boerse the tone was cheerful Monday, as heavy industrial stocks responded to favorable reports of trade trends. Gains of a point or two were common in this department of the market, while mining, electrical and shipping stocks likewise improved. Fixed-income issues were strong in quiet

trading. Dealings diminished on Tuesday and the market turned irregular, although prices in general were well maintained. Losses outnumbered the gains, but they were measured mostly in small fractions. Reichsbank shares were an exception, this issue showing an advance of two points. Bonds remained in demand. The Berlin Boerse was closed Wednesday in observance of Repentance Day. Trading on Thursday was on a very quiet scale and was confined mostly to professional operators, who engaged in liquidation. Small losses again were general among heavy industrial stocks, while in other sections larger recessions appeared. Fixed-interest securities again were in quiet demand and they escaped the general downward movement of stocks. Price movements were irregular on the Boerse yesterday, and net changes were small.

#### Intergovernmental Debts

DEBTS owed by the European Governments to the United States again have come into prominence with the approach of the nominal payment date of Dec. 15, but it does not appear that there will be any change from the practice on the last occasion, when only Finland continued to observe the obligation assumed. The State Department, according to Washington reports of Tuesday, now is engaged in drafting notes to all the European debtors notifying them of the amounts due next month under the funding agreements and the postponement of the Hoover moratorium. An aggregate of \$154,729,976 will be due and payable. The British instalment of \$117,670,765 and the French instalment of \$22,308,312 make up the bulk of the sum, but smaller sums will be due at the same time from a dozen other countries.

The question of intergovernmental debts was brought up in the British House of Commons last week, but Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald informed the Parliament that the whole matter is in abeyance at present. The statement applied, he added, both to the international debts discussed at the Lausanne conference and the war debts owed to the United States Government. A Labor party member reminded the Prime Minister that he had promised to call a conference of nations because the creditors of Germany had failed to obtain a settlement of their obligations to the United States, but Mr. MacDonald replied that he did not believe circumstances calling for a new conference have arisen. Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain stated in the course of this discussion that he is not in a position to make a statement as to whether the British Government had decided that war debts could be settled satisfactorily. In Paris reports it is noted that Pierre-Etienne Flandin, who is now Premier, was Finance Minister when the French Government first defaulted in 1932, and this was accepted as a sufficient indication that the French position will remain unchanged. Secretary of State Cordell Hull remarked in Washington that he knows of no change in the American attitude that the debts still stand and that any moves for alteration of the funding agreements must be made by the debtor Governments.

#### Disarmament Discussions

BILATERAL conversations on naval armaments were continued at London this week by representatives of Great Britain, the United States and Japan, but there is little evidence of any progress

that would warrant the holding of a general conference next year. Authoritative reports on the London discussions are lacking, but Foreign Secretary Sir John Simon was interpellated in the House of Commons regarding this matter on Thursday, and he admitted the difficulties while expressing the hope that a solution will be found. In a speech with which King George prorogued the third session of the present Parliament, last week, the earnest hope was expressed that the London efforts "may be attended with success in order that the world may be spared the evil of unrestricted competition in naval armaments." While the naval talks were in progress, efforts were resumed at Geneva to find some means of limiting land and air armaments. An American plan for international control of the manufacture and traffic in arms was laid before the Bureau of the General Disarmament Conference, Tuesday, and it was well received in most quarters. At the very time the American plan was proposed, however, French officials were citing German rearmament as a reason for increases in the already far preponderant French armaments. In view of these tendencies it is evident that limitation is highly necessary in all fields, but the realization of that aim remains exceedingly dubious.

The London discussions continued to center around the Japanese demand for parity with Great Britain and the United States in naval armaments. There was hope for a time that the representatives of the Tokio Government would find some merit in a British suggestion for "equality in principle," which it was intimated might be granted on the understanding that Japan would not actually build up to British or American levels for some years. American views on this suggestion were not favorable, and it finally appeared early this week that Japan would not be content with any such formula. It was reported on Monday that a Japanese suggestion had been made for a change in the present 5-5-3 ratio to a 5-4-4 ratio, with American and Japanese fleets equal but somewhat under British strength. But Tokio denied that she would be satisfied even with arrangements of this nature, and it is, of course, fairly obvious that the American reaction would be adverse. It was reported in the Japanese capital Wednesday that Japan might refrain from building up to the maximum if granted parity with Britain and the United States, but there were other reports which indicated that denunciation of the Washington treaty is now regarded as all but inevitable. When interpellated on the matter, Thursday, Sir John Simon hinted that "equality in naval security" is the latest formula on which the London talks are proceeding. He denied that the negotiations had broken down and said they were proceeding amicably. A breakdown of the system of limitation would be a great disaster for everybody, he added. "That every great naval staff should feel its security must compare favorably with the others is the unquestioned right of all of us, but that does not necessarily mean all fleets should in fact be of equal size," Sir John remarked. "The whole purpose of the London discussions is to reach a basis of understanding without endangering anybody's sense of security."

The American proposal for international control of the manufacture and traffic in arms was placed before the Bureau of the General Disarmament Conference in the form of a treaty by Hugh R. Wilson, American Minister to Switzerland. It calls for the

establishment of a permanent disarmament commission, to be financed through a special chapter in the League's budget, which would exercise the major duty of control. The Bureau accepted the draft treaty as a basis for discussion and it was suggested in Geneva reports that the document may well become the sole subject before the almost defunct Conference. Mr. Wilson agreed, in the open discussion, that publicity for war budgets might be added to the draft treaty. The Bureau discussion indicated that most countries would be inclined to view the American proposal favorably, but Italy made it clear that she would not care to have anything done in Germany's absence. The Italian representative added that his country is opposed to any armaments control proposal which is not based on principles previously laid down in regard to quantitative and qualitative limitation. Captain Anthony Eden voiced the approval of Great Britain for the American plan, while Rene Massigli of France declared his country is in harmony with the proposals. The Bureau decided to send the draft treaty to all Governments for study and then adjourned, subject to the call of its President, Arthur Henderson.

Whether any real progress toward disarmament can be made seems to be diplomatically doubtful, however, in view of the developing arms race between France and Germany. In a report submitted at Paris on Monday by the French Chamber's war committee, figures were cited which purported to show that Germany will be able to muster a military force of 5,500,000 men next year. French budgetary requirements for military purposes are likely to be influenced by this report, a dispatch to the New York "Times" states. The French air officials declared two days later that Germany will have 1,000 to 1,100 military airplanes by the beginning of next year, and they demanded an appropriation of 3,500,000,000 francs to insure French air superiority.

#### British Parliament

FORMAL opening of the British legislative session on Tuesday was accompanied by elaborate ceremonies and a speech from the throne in which King George indicated that Indian constitutional reform will be one of the chief matters before the two Houses during the winter. On the following day a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament made available an extensive report on Indian affairs which will form the basis of a new India bill. The King's address was brief and related that foreign relations remain satisfactory. Hope was expressed that definite results will be attained in disarmament. Measures are to be introduced this session for assistance to certain sections of the shipping industry, for slum clearance and for dealing with unemployment in areas where it has been exceptionally severe and protracted. Chief interest was taken, however, in the remark that legislative proposals for the future government of India are about to be formulated and placed before Parliament. When the special report became available, Wednesday, it was noted that the committee urges a grant of greater powers of self-government, but with the safeguard of additional powers in certain directions for the British Governors. The proposal for an all-India Federation which emerged from the several round table conferences of recent years is endorsed, and it appears that the British Parliament will be asked to enact legislation for a bi-cameral Indian legislature and

the creation of a Parliamentary system of representative government. But the Viceroy, who is accountable only to the London Government, would retain control of Indian defense and foreign policy, and ecclesiastical administration. The committee report caused a stir in India, where it was generally condemned by the spokesmen who have long clamored for full Dominion status.

### Belgian Cabinet

**B**ELGIAN cabinet difficulties have been overcome, for the time being at least, through the formation of a new regime by Georges Theunis, who has served on several previous occasions as Premier. M. Theunis took over the reins of Government after Henri Jaspar had tried unsuccessfully to form a Cabinet to succeed that of Count Charles de Broqueville, which resigned last week just before the Belgian Parliament was to assemble. The Jaspar slate of Ministers was unsatisfactory to King Leopold, according to Brussels reports, but M. Theunis succeeded in forming a regime composed of the same factions invited by M. Jaspar to participate in the coalition regime. Several leading bankers of the country are on the Cabinet now formed, while M. Theunis is an economist of some note. It is thus evident that the new Cabinet, like its predecessor, will be strongly opposed to any devaluation of the currency, and in the present state of the world there is much satisfaction in this. In a report to the Associated Press, on Tuesday, it was stated, however, that the Theunis Cabinet probably will resign early in February, when the special powers to regulate and tax industry in the fight against the depression will lapse. There is, moreover, a good deal of opposition among the important labor groups in Belgium to the personnel of the new Cabinet, owing to the number of bankers and leading industrials which it contains. The Cabinet, as announced on Tuesday, is as follows:

GEORGES THEUNIS, Premier.  
EMILE FRANCOU, Minister Without Portfolio.  
PAUL HYMANS, Foreign Affairs.  
ALBERT DEVEZE, Defense.  
FRANCOIS BOVESSE, Justice.  
HUBERT PIERLOT, Interior.  
CAMILLE GUTT, Finance.  
GEORGES HERNAUNT, Public Instruction.  
FRANZ VAN CAUWELAERT, Public Works and Agriculture.  
EDMOND RUBBENS, Labor.  
PHILIPPE VAN ISACKER, Economic Affairs.  
DUBUS DE WARNAFFE, Transport.  
PAUL CHARLES, Colonies.

### European Diplomacy

**E**UROPEAN diplomats who gathered at Geneva Tuesday for the special Chaco meeting of the League of Nations Assembly have engaged in a maze of secret conversations regarding all the problems with which the Continent is confronted at present and it is quite possible that some important decisions were reached. The assassination at Marseilles of King Alexander and Foreign Minister Barthou continued to echo, as Yugoslavia sent a letter to the League Council, Thursday, in which Hungary was accused of "responsibility and complicity" in the assassination. Czechoslovakia and Rumania, as the other members of the Little Entente, joined Yugoslavia in this declaration, which asserted that the situation disclosed was capable of disturbing the peace of the world. The request was made that the issue presented by Hungary's harboring the band of assassins be placed on the agenda of the next Council session. All available information and documents on the subject will be presented by

Yugoslavia on such an occasion, it was added. The matter, according to the note, "gravely compromises relations of Yugoslavia and Hungary and threatens trouble in the peace and good understanding between the nations."

That Yugoslavia would present a note of this kind was made known early in the week, and it was then stated at Geneva that the French Foreign Minister, Pierre Laval, would attempt to moderate the request. But M. Laval does not appear to have been successful in this endeavor. It is assumed by some observers that Yugoslavia currently is leaning somewhat toward Germany in its foreign policy, and in this connection it is noteworthy that Dr. Balugditch, the Yugoslav Minister to Berlin, was invited on Monday to form a new Cabinet at Belgrade. But Dr. Balugditch declined on the plea that it might alienate France's friendship if he, as a close friend of Adolf Hitler, should form a new regime. At Geneva, on Wednesday, a long conversation was held by Foreign Minister Laval with Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, and it was reported that the two Ministers dealt chiefly with the tendencies of Poland and Yugoslavia to align themselves with Germany. They agreed, one dispatch said, to make one more effort to bring Germany and Poland into the Eastern Locarno scheme. If both refuse, as is expected, France and Russia are likely to proceed to formulate an agreement within the framework of the League.

### Italy and Austria

**L**ONG conferences were held at Rome early this week by Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy, and Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg of Austria, with the evident intention of making it plain to all the world that the two Governments remain on the best of terms. Dr. Schuschnigg made a four-day visit to the Italian capital and he was accompanied by the Austrian Foreign Minister, Egon Berger-Waldeneegg. Much of this visit of state was taken up, as usual, by formal functions, but the two Premiers also engaged in several protracted private conversations, in which they are said to have surveyed the entire field of European politics and especially the problem of Austrian independence. After the first of two long conversations, it was reported in an Associated Press dispatch from Rome that a pro-German swing in Italian sentiment is noticeable. The two national leaders are said to have agreed once again that a way must be found to obtain German guarantees of Austrian independence. Premier Mussolini declared publicly at one of the formal functions in Rome that the Austro-Italian understanding is not intended to prevent the establishment of friendships with other nations, and it was also asserted that the existing political and economic pacts between Italy, Austria and Hungary are "open to all who pursue the same ends and ideals." Chancellor Schuschnigg in turn remarked that Austria is determined to maintain her independence in the interests of European peace. The impression was given that the two Premiers were issuing a virtual invitation to Germany to sign a treaty guaranteeing Austria's independence.

When the second long private talk was concluded on Monday, a statement was issued to the effect that the two Premiers had again confirmed the policy of close Italo-Austrian understanding along lines previously laid down while Engelbert Dollfuss



was Chancellor of Austria. It was added, significantly, that an examination was made of the conditions under which Austria, with the support of Italy and Hungary, could resume her historical function of balancing the forces that converge on the Danube basin. "They took note," the statement added, "of the satisfactory functioning, as far as Austria is concerned, of the Italo-Austrian-Hungarian protocols of last March, which have undoubtedly contributed to the improvement of Austrian economic conditions. They confirmed that these tripartite agreements are not exclusive and can be extended to other States, which are willing to accept the conditions that form their fundamental premise." An intention to extend the cultural relations of the two countries likewise was expressed in the statement. The Austrian visit to Rome was observed with the keenest interest in Europe, as Italy has become, to some degree, the European political weather vane. Noteworthy is a Paris report that the French Ambassador to Rome, Count Charles de Chambrun, has returned to the Italian capital with instructions for Franco-Italian negotiations. The assassination at Marseilles of King Alexander and Foreign Minister Barthou broke off discussions for a rapprochement between the two great Latin States and there is evidently a desire in France to make progress along such lines. France is said in some reports to be willing to offer Italy territorial concessions in northern Africa, if Italy will agree, in turn, to discontinue her support of revisionist aims in Central Europe.

### Chaco War

**WARFARE** raged fiercely in the Gran Chaco this week, in disregard both of the rainy season and the efforts of the League of Nations to end this conflict between Paraguay and Bolivia over territorial boundaries. The Paraguayans, who recently suffered a setback in the northern part of the Chaco area, concentrated their forces on the more southerly forts which the Bolivians long have held against all assaults, and they are reported to have gained the greatest victory of the war. Fort Ballivian, which was the key point in the Bolivian defense, fell before the Paraguayans late last week, and six additional forts fell in swift succession to the advancing armies. Reports from Buenos Aires and Asuncion state that 7,000 to 10,000 men, with a great quantity of war material, were taken by the Paraguayans. In the northern Chaco, however, the Bolivians continued to make progress, and they are said to have recaptured important forts which control access to the oil fields of Bolivia. In Geneva the Chaco war was considered by a special session of the League of Nations Assembly, beginning Tuesday. A report by the Chaco committee of the League was made public last Sunday, and in this document the combatants were warned of the penalties they may incur for breaking the League Covenant by engaging in warfare. The report implied that severance of diplomatic relations and the use of economic sanctions might follow refusal by the two countries to terminate the conflict.

The special League Assembly session has not followed a very promising course, and it is already apparent that further delay will result. Paraguay replied to the special report of the Chaco commission with objections and counter-proposals amounting to practical rejection of all important suggestions.

The Paraguayan arguments were intended to prevent the matter from reaching the World Court for adjudication, as it was suggested that the League be removed from jurisdiction so that the suspended American negotiations might be resumed. This attitude quite possibly was prompted by American statements at Geneva, last week, in which it was made clear that Washington does not intend to join the League in its peace efforts. It has at all times been a characteristic of the Chaco war that the nation making progress on the field of battle preferred delay in all peace efforts. Bolivia replied to the contentions of the Chaco commission by requesting a period of 30 days in which to formulate an official answer. In the debates of the special Assembly session, Maxim Litvinoff, Foreign Commissar of Soviet Russia, took an active part. He pointed out that the decisions reached at Geneva would have important repercussions in any future and more important conflicts, and urged that a firm stand be taken. He suggested fixation of a definite and early time limit for acceptance of arbitration by the combatants and also urged a tightening of the arms embargo which many nations have imposed in an effort to end the war. But Turkey and Italy brought forth legal arguments against the embargo, and it seems unlikely that any really effective means of ending the war will be found at Geneva.

### Discount Rates of Foreign Central Banks

**T**HERE have been no changes during the 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 Nov. 23	Date Established	Previous Rate	Country	Rate in Effect Nov. 23	Date Established	Previous Rate
Austria	4½	June 27 1934	5	Hungary	4½	Oct. 17 1932	5
Belgium	2½	Aug. 28 1934	3	India	3½	Feb. 16 1934	4
Bulgaria	7	Jan. 3 1934	8	Ireland	3	June 30 1932	3½
Chile	4½	Aug. 23 1932	5½	Italy	3	Dec. 11 1933	3½
Colombia	4	July 18 1933	5	Japan	3.65	July 3 1933	4.38
Czechoslovakia	3½	Jan. 25 1933	4½	Java	3½	Oct. 31 1934	4
Danzig	4	Sept. 21 1934	3	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	5	Sept. 25 1934	5½	Poland	5	Oct. 25 1933	6
Finland	4½	Dec. 20 1933	5	Rumania	6	Apr. 8 1933	6
France	2½	May 31 1934	3	South Africa	4	Feb. 21 1933	5
Germany	4	Sept. 30 1932	5	Spain	6	Oct. 22 1932	6½
Greece	7	Oct. 13 1933	7½	Sweden	2½	Dec. 1 1933	3
Holland	2½	Sept. 18 1933	3	Switzerland	2	Jan. 22 1931	2½

### Foreign Money Rates

**IN LONDON** open market discounts for short bills on Friday were 7-16@½%, as against 7-16% on Friday of last week, and 7-16@½% for three months' bills, as against ¾@7-16% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London yesterday was ½%. At Paris the open market rate remains at 1¾%, and in Switzerland at 1½%.

### Bank of England Statement

**THE** Bank of England statement for the week ended Nov. 21 shows an increase of £57,396 in gold holdings, as this was attended by a contraction of \$1,971,000 in note circulation, reserves rose £2,028,000. Gold holdings now aggregate £192,695,734 in comparison with £191,768,538 a year ago. Public deposits increased £4,408,000, while other deposits decreased £1,078,778. The latter consists of bankers' accounts which declined £1,985,559 and other accounts which rose £906,781. The proportion of reserve to liability is now at 47.69%; a year ago the ratio was 53.20%. Loans on Government securities show an increase of \$1,040,000 and those on other securities of £301,597. The latter consists of dis-

counts and advances which decreased £992,816 and securities which rose £1,294,413. The discount rate remains at 2%. Below we show a comparison of the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Nov. 21 1934	Nov. 22 1933	Nov. 23 1932	Nov. 25 1931	Nov. 26 1930
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	376,904,000	367,528,001	357,847,472	354,400,879	351,124,928
Public deposits.....	25,338,000	18,766,389	26,531,015	27,033,736	18,868,951
Other deposits.....	133,562,383	139,569,528	111,823,788	97,984,604	92,713,944
Bankers' accounts.....	95,890,889	102,990,827	78,081,780	59,844,438	55,901,187
Other accounts.....	37,671,494	36,578,701	33,742,008	38,140,166	36,812,757
Government secur's.....	80,092,164	67,816,066	68,581,740	66,580,906	34,596,247
Other securities.....	20,822,484	24,069,403	29,979,384	43,931,116	28,316,592
Disct. & advances.....	8,640,773	8,547,835	11,958,451	12,698,923	6,080,597
Securities.....	12,181,711	15,521,568	18,020,933	31,232,193	22,235,995
Reserve notes & coin.....	75,791,000	84,240,537	67,578,227	42,283,353	66,448,259
Coin and bullion.....	192,695,734	191,768,538	140,425,699	121,684,262	157,573,187
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	47.69%	53.20%	41.61%	33.82%	59.54%
Bank rate.....	2%	2%	2%	6%	3%

Bank of France Statement

THE Bank of France weekly statement, dated Nov. 16 shows a decrease in gold holdings of 93,817,365 francs. Owing to this loss the Bank's gold now aggregates 82,070,919,480 francs, as compared with 79,282,907,160 francs last year and 83,308,286,859 francs the previous year. Credit balances abroad reveal an increase of 2,000,000 francs, while French commercial bills discounted, advances against securities and creditor current accounts register decreases of 251,000,000 francs, 20,000,000 francs and 22,000,000 francs respectively. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities stands now at 80.74%, in comparison with 79.95% a year ago and 77.84% two years ago. Notes in circulation record a contraction of 448,000,000 francs, bringing the total of notes outstanding down to 80,194,360,700 francs. Circulation a year ago aggregated 80,706,164,870 francs and the year before 81,604,937,435 francs. A comparison of the different items for three years appears below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Changes for Week	Nov. 16 1934	Nov. 17 1933	Nov. 18 1932
Gold holdings.....	-93,817,365	82,070,919,489	79,282,907,160	83,308,286,859
Credit bal. abroad.....	+2,000,000	10,570,288	37,649,571	2,968,146,195
a French commercial bills discounted.....	-251,000,000	3,389,355,128	3,371,310,206	2,743,950,296
b Bills bought abr'd.....	No change	922,170,019	1,241,163,038	1,917,659,204
Adv. against secur's.....	-20,000,000	3,196,592,953	2,808,127,124	2,510,094,368
Note circulation.....	-448,000,000	80,194,360,700	80,706,164,870	81,604,937,435
Credit. current acct's.....	-22,000,000	21,458,025,439	18,460,744,555	25,418,814,272
Proport'n of gold on hand to sight liab.....	+0.28%	80.74%	79.95%	77.84%

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

Bank of Germany Statement

THE Bank of Germany in its statement for the second quarter of November shows an increase in gold and bullion of 341,000 marks. The total of gold is now 78,170,000 marks, in comparison with 397,585,000 marks a year ago and 825,152,000 marks two years ago. An increase appears in reserve in foreign currency of 27,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 23,024,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 3,774,000 marks, in advances of 7,924,000 marks and in other liabilities of 20,924,000 marks. Notes in circulation show a decline of 36,241,000 marks, bringing the total of the item down to 3,614,901,000 marks. Circulation a year ago stood at 3,368,818,000 marks and the year before at 3,413,583,000 marks. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation stands now at 2.28%, in comparison with 12% last year and 27.2% the previous year. Bills of exchange and checks, investments, other assets and other daily maturing obligations record decreases of 98,839,000 marks, 796,000 marks, 8,500,000 marks and 57,728,000 marks, respectively. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

REICHBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Changes for Week	Nov. 15 1934	Nov. 15 1933	Nov. 15 1932
Assets—	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks
Gold and bullion.....	Inc. 341,000	78,170,000	397,585,000	825,152,000
Of which depos. abroad.....	No change	20,851,000	52,882,000	65,369,000
Reserve in foreign curr.....	Inc. 27,000	4,258,000	7,917,000	104,536,000
Bills of exch. and checks.....	Dec. 98,839,000	3,508,532,000	2,861,852,000	2,657,645,000
Silver and other coin.....	Inc. 23,024,000	76,187,000	256,879,000	237,776,000
Notes on other Ger. bks.....	Inc. 3,774,000	13,691,000	12,117,000	10,441,000
Advances.....	Inc. 7,924,000	84,577,000	60,825,000	95,312,000
Investments.....	Dec. 796,000	749,725,000	513,699,000	394,885,000
Other assets.....	Dec. 8,500,000	666,745,000	643,612,000	759,351,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....	Dec. 36,241,000	3,614,901,000	3,368,818,000	3,413,583,000
Other daily matur. oblig.....	Dec. 57,728,000	888,949,000	428,673,000	357,645,000
Other liabilities.....	Inc. 20,924,000	264,420,000	233,844,000	746,444,000
Proport. of gold & foreign curr. to note circula'n.....	Inc. 0.04%	2.28%	12.0%	27.2%

New York Money Market

CONDITIONS in the New York money market remained quiet this week, with rates unchanged in all departments, while idle funds kept on piling up as a consequence of large arrivals of gold from Europe. The Treasury sold, on Monday, an issue of \$75,000,000 discount bills, due in 182 days, and awards were made at an average discount of 0.21% on an annual bank discount basis. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange were continued at 1% throughout the week, but in the unofficial street market loans were done every day at 3/4%. Time loans held at their range of 3/4@1%. Aggregate loans on security collateral by New York City reporting member banks were \$1,377,000,000 on Nov. 21, down \$1,000,000,000 from the preceding week. The loans by such banks to brokers and dealers in New York were \$521,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000.

New York Money Rates

DEALING in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 1% remained the ruling quotation all through the week for both new loans and renewals. The market for time money has shown no change this week, there having been no transactions reported though there is a slightly more optimistic feeling for future business. Rates are nominal at 3/4@1% for two to five months and 1@1 1/4% for six months. The market for prime commercial paper this week has shown signs of the usual year-end slackening up. There have been fewer transactions and less paper has been available. Rates are 3/4% for extra choice names running from four to six months and 1% for names less known.

Bankers' Acceptances

THE market for prime bankers' acceptances has been fairly strong this week as the demand has slowly improved and more bills have appeared. Rates are unchanged. Quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including 90 days are 3-16% bid and 1/8% asked; for four months, 5-16% bid and 1/4% asked; for five and six months, 1/2% bid and 3/8% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is 1/2% for bills running from 1 to 90 days and proportionately higher for longer maturities. The Federal Reserve banks' holdings of acceptances decreased from \$5,708,000 to \$5,685,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents also decreased from \$401,000 to \$295,000. Open market rates for acceptances are nominal in so far as the dealers are concerned, as they continue to fix their own rates. The nominal rates for open market acceptances are as follows:

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

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

Eligible member banks..... ½% bld  
 Eligible non-member banks..... ½% bld

**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 Nov. 23	Date Established	Previous Rate
Boston	2	Feb. 8 1934	2½
New York	1½	Feb. 2 1934	2
Philadelphia	2½	Nov. 16 1933	3
Cleveland	2	Feb. 3 1934	2½
Richmond	3	Feb. 9 1934	3½
Atlanta	3	Feb. 10 1934	3½
Chicago	2½	Oct. 21 1933	3
St. Louis	2½	Feb. 8 1934	3
Minneapolis	3	Mar. 16 1934	3½
Kansas City	3	Feb. 9 1934	3½
Dallas	3	Feb. 8 1934	3½
San Francisco	2	Feb. 16 1934	2½

STERLING exchange is more dull than at any time in several weeks. Rates are nevertheless exceptionally steady though on balance fractionally easier than last week. Sterling is slightly easier in terms of French francs, or gold, while the gold currencies are on the whole steadier and slightly firmer than last week. The range for sterling this week has been between \$4.98 and \$4.99½ for bankers' sight bills, compared with a range of between \$4.98⅞ and \$5.00½ last week. The range for cable transfers has been between \$4.98⅛ and \$4.99¾, compared with a range of between \$4.99 and \$5.01 a week ago.

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

MEAN LONDON CHECK RATE ON PARIS

Saturday, Nov. 17	75.757	Wednesday, Nov. 21	75.73
Monday, Nov. 19	75.65	Thursday, Nov. 22	75.796
Tuesday, Nov. 20	75.606	Friday, Nov. 23	75.812

LONDON OPEN MARKET GOLD PRICE

Saturday, Nov. 17	139s. 3d.	Wednesday, Nov. 21	139s. 5½d.
Monday, Nov. 19	139s. 7½d.	Thursday, Nov. 22	139s. 2d.
Tuesday, Nov. 20	139s. 7½d.	Friday, Nov. 23	139s. 4d.

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

Saturday, Nov. 17	35.00	Wednesday, Nov. 21	35.00
Monday, Nov. 19	35.00	Thursday, Nov. 22	35.00
Tuesday, Nov. 20	35.00	Friday, Nov. 23	35.00

The foreign exchange market is singularly uneventful at present. Seemingly foreign exchange traders, speculative interests, and investors in all markets are hesitating before revising their positions in the light of the outstanding event of last week when on Tuesday, Nov. 13, the Washington authorities lifted the ban on exports of capital. There can be no doubt that this move has much to do with the steadier tone of foreign exchange rates. Already it would appear that there has been some disposition on the part of American capital domiciled abroad to return to this side, and signs are not lacking that banks operating for the Treasury Department are working in agreement with the banking policies of London and the gold bloc countries to steady exchange rates and to bring about a more general feelings of confidence in international trade affairs. It also seems evident from the course of the gold bloc currencies this week that the threatened movement of gold from Europe to New York will not reach alarming proportions and may cease with present commitments, which in total on the movement appear to be slightly more than \$120,000,000.

In London the lifting of the ban on capital exports by the United States Treasury Department is

viewed as more or less theoretical. It is also thought there and in Paris that the action is of little immediate consequence to the world at large as no country is in a position to borrow. It is thought that so long as restrictions are imposed on gold exports from the United States, freedom to export capital cannot assume its full international importance. No danger of export of capital from the United States is anticipated unless acute fears of further inflation develop. Opinion abroad is that while the inclination undoubtedly exists for repatriation of American funds accumulated abroad as a result of the unstable conditions in the early part of 1933, such a movement cannot reach important proportions until such time as the owners of this fugitive capital are thoroughly assured that a conservative policy will be pursued in monetary matters on this side. The utmost conceded in praise of the Treasury order in foreign exchange circles is that it is indicative of official faith in the soundness of the dollar. In many quarters the present attitude of Washington is taken to denote a tendency to return to conservative economic doctrines. With liberty of capital movements restored and with import and export gold points such as they exist now in practice, it may be said that all the rules by which the gold standard worked are seemingly observed in the United States. However, gold bloc bankers point out that there is a great difference between the present and the normal situation in that the value of the dollar in terms of gold is only provisional and subject to reduction at the discretion of the President. This potentiality, together with the renewal of inflationary talk here in high though unofficial quarters, acts as a deterrent to the return flow of American funds.

Meanwhile great quantities of idle capital are accumulated not only in London, where the volume is excessive, but in all other European countries by reason of the stagnation of business and the hesitancy of entrepreneurs to borrow under present unsettled conditions. It is also all too evident that investors everywhere hesitate to loan. These two psychological factors explain the extremely low interest rates prevailing in London and other centers. In London the demand is only for gilt-edged securities and yields on Government issues are falling close to a 2½% basis. In London the abundance of funds is attributed in many quarters to tariff suffocation of trade. Commercial borrowing in the main has everywhere failed to keep pace with the potential bank credit and the pressure on interest rates in the major money markets was perhaps never greater at any time in history. Call money against bills in London is in supply at ½%, two-months' bills at ⅜%, against ⅜% to 7-16% a week ago; three-months' bills at ⅜% to 7-16%, unchanged; four-months' bills at 7-16% to ½%, unchanged; and six-months' bills at 9-16% to ⅝%, against 9-16% to ⅝%.

All the gold available in the London open market this week seems to have been taken for unknown destinations, generally believed to be for private hoarding accounts, and to have been left on deposit in the vaults of the great London banks. On Saturday last there was available and so taken £105,000, on Monday £151,000, on Tuesday £227,000, on Wednesday £220,000, on Thursday £190,000, and on Friday £209,000. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Nov. 21 shows an increase

in gold holdings of £57,396, the total standing at £192,695,734, which compares with £191,768,538 a year ago and with £150,000,000 recommended as a minimum by the Cunliffe Committee. At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Nov. 21, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$41,297,000, of which \$5,471,000 came from Belgium, \$1,676,000 from Canada, \$1,121,000 from England, \$30,620,000 from France, \$24,000 from Guatemala, \$1,108,000 from Holland, and \$1,277,000 from India. There were no exports, but the Reserve Bank reported a decrease of \$716,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Nov. 21, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

## GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, NOV. 15-NOV. 21, INCL.

Imports	Exports
\$5,471,000 from Belgium	
1,676,000 from Canada	
1,121,000 from England	
30,620,000 from France	
24,000 from Guatemala	
1,108,000 from Holland	None
1,277,000 from India	
<b>\$41,297,000 total</b>	

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account  
Decrease: \$716,000

Note—We have been notified that approximately \$487,000 of gold was received from China at San Francisco.

The above figures are for the week ended Wednesday evening. On Thursday there were no imports or exports of the metal or change in gold held earmarked for foreign account. \$136,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from China. On Friday \$1,674,800 of gold was received from Canada. There were no exports of gold, or change in gold held earmarked for foreign account.

Canadian exchange continues firm in terms of the United States dollar. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a premium of 27-16% to 2½%, on Monday at 2½%, on Tuesday at 2½% to 29-16%, on Wednesday at 29-16% to 211-16%, on Thursday at 2½%, and on Friday at 211-16%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was dull and fractionally off from previous close. Bankers' sight was \$4.99@4.99¾; cable transfers \$4.99½@4.99½. On Monday the market continued quiet. The range was \$4.98@4.98½ for bankers' sight and \$4.98½@4.98½ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was firmer. Bankers' sight was \$4.98¼@4.98¾; cable transfers, \$4.98¾@4.98¾. On Wednesday the market was more active and firmer. The range was \$4.98¾@4.99½ for bankers' sight and \$4.98¾@4.99½ for cable transfers. On Thursday the pound was quite active and firm. The range was \$4.99¼@4.99½ for bankers' sight and \$4.99¾@4.99¾ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was firm, the range was \$4.99½@4.99¾ for bankers' sight and \$4.99¼@4.99½ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were \$4.99½ for demand and \$4.99¾ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at \$4.99½; 60-day bills at \$4.98¾; 90-day bills at \$4.98¾; documents for payment (60 days) at \$4.98¾, and seven-day grain bills at \$4.98¾. Cotton and grain for payment closed at \$4.99½.

## Continental and Other Foreign Exchange

EXCHANGE on the Continental countries has fluctuated within narrow limits this week, showing on the whole a slightly firmer tendency.

This is especially true with respect to French francs. It is believed in Paris and other centers that the outward flow of gold from Paris on the present movement has practically ceased. Gold which has already left Paris and other consignments on the way will bring the total to a little more than \$120,000,000. The franc has become firmer in terms of the currencies of neighboring countries, so that there is no loss of gold in these directions. Domestic hoarding of gold has virtually ceased. The recent weakening of the condition of the neighboring gold bloc currency is believed to have been a most important factor in causing the lower rates which have been prevailing in francs since the end of October. Now it is thought that the position of Belgium and Holland is stronger and while the political situation in Belgium and in France itself still needs greater clarification, more confidence is entertained as to the future of the gold bloc countries.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Nov. 16 shows a loss in gold holdings of 93,817,365 francs, the total standing at 87,070,919,489 francs, which compares with 79,282,907,160 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 80.74%, which compares with 80.46% on Nov. 9, with 79.95% a year ago, and with legal requirement at 35%. The Belgian position promises immediate improvement. On Friday of last week former Premier Georges Theunis was again appointed Premier. M. Theunis immediately announced the determination of the Government to maintain the present value of its currency. It is asserted that Belgium has sufficient gold reserves at its disposal for this purpose. The Belgian monetary authorities are the more confident now that it is felt in Brussels that there will be no further depreciation of either the dollar or sterling. Press dispatches on Sunday from Chicago, evidently from reliable sources, stated that the Federal Reserve banks had made a gold loan to Belgium of \$25,000,000. It was pointed out later that this was not precisely a loan, but the purchase of \$25,000,000 of Belgian gold for shipment to the United States, where it will be turned over by the Reserve Bank to the Treasury. About half the gold has already been shipped and more is under way. It would seem that there is a great demand for dollars in Brussels as a result of the recent weakness in the belga and the upset of the Cabinet. The Bank of Belgium arranged for immediate credits to supply this demand for dollars; hence the transfer of its gold to the Federal Reserve Bank. The Bank of Belgium's gold cover ratio stands at 68.05%.

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

	Old Dollar Parity	New Dollar Parity	Range This Week
France (franc)-----	3.92	6.63	6.58½ to 6.59½
Belgium (belga)-----	13.90	23.54	23.30½ to 23.35
Italy (lira)-----	5.26	8.91	8.52½ to 8.55
Switzerland (franc)---	19.30	32.67	32.41 to 32.48½
Holland (guilder)-----	40.20	68.06	67.56 to 67.64

The London check rate on Paris closed on Friday at 75.74, against 75.80 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished on Friday at 6.59½, against 6.58¾ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 6.59¼, against 6.59, and commercial sight bills at 6.56½, against 6.56. Antwerp belgas closed at 23.32 for bankers' sight bills and at 23.33 for cable transfers, against 23.30 and 23.31. Final quotations for Berlin marks were

40.22½ for bankers' sight bills and 40.23½ for cable transfers, in comparison with 40.17 and 40.18. Italian lire closed at 8.52½ for bankers' sight bills and at 8.53 for cable transfers, against 8.54 and 8.54½. Austrian schillings closed at 18.80, against 18.85; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 4.18¼, against 4.17¾; on Bucharest at 1.00¾, against 1.00¾; on Poland at 18.89½, against 18.89 and on Finland at 2.20¾, against 2.21. Greek exchange closed at 0.93¼ for bankers' sight bills and at 0.93¾ for cable transfers, against 0.93½ and 0.94.

**E**XCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war is steady, with fluctuations hardly changed from last week. The gold currencies of Holland and Switzerland show an improved tone. Foreign exchange traders believe that the peak of disturbance as to the gold bloc currencies was passed last week. Dr. P. J. Oud, Finance Minister of Holland, was emphatic in recent statements that the Dutch Cabinet is agreed that stability of the guilder is essential. He said that there was no possibility of devaluing the guilder unless the American dollar and the British pound sterling were stabilized, and any change in the guilder then would mean merely the balancing of the guilder against these currencies. The Bank of The Netherlands has been shipping gold in the past few weeks, chiefly to New York and London. Gold reserves are now at 870,600,000 guilders, but the note cover is 80.2%. The Scandinavian currencies are fluctuating within exceedingly narrow limits owing to the steadiness of sterling, to which these units are allied.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 67.63, against 67.55 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 67.64, against 67.56 and commercial sight bills at 67.61, against 67.53. Swiss francs closed at 32.42 for checks and at 32.43 for cable transfers, against 32.45 and 32.46. Copenhagen checks finished at 22.28 and cable transfers at 22.29, against 22.31 and 22.32. Checks on Sweden closed at 25.75 and cable transfers at 25.76, against 25.76 and 25.77; while checks on Norway finished at 25.09 and cable transfers at 25.10, against 25.10 and 25.11. Spanish pesetas closed at 13.66 for bankers' sight bills and at 13.67 for cable transfers, against 13.65 and 13.66.

**E**XCHANGE on the South American countries is at present quiet and steady, influenced largely by the character of the general foreign exchange market and the steadiness of sterling. In the main the South American currencies show a steadily increasing activity which is likely to continue for some time. This is due to the extended improvement in the economic situation of these countries. With the general improvement in their export business and the extension of the unofficial or free foreign exchange markets, their imports are permitted a larger ratio to their exports. Argentina, Colombia, and Brazil especially are giving evidence of increased prosperity. It is evident that the difficulties of coffee control in Brazil are likely to be resolved by reason of the fact that much of the region formerly devoted to coffee is now being turned to cotton. Exports of cotton from Brazil last season are estimated at around £5,000,000 and it is expected that the figure will be doubled in the coming year.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday, official quotations, at 33¼ for bankers' sight bills, against 33⅜ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 33⅜, against 33½. The unofficial or free market close was 25.25, against 25.65. Brazilian milreis, official rates, are 8¼ for bankers' sight bills and 8.33 for cable transfers, against 8¼ and 8.33. The unofficial or free market close was 7¼, against 7⅞. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted 10¼, against 10¼. Peru is nominal at 23.31, against 23.37½.

**E**XCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries presents no new features of importance from those of recent weeks. The Chinese units move, of course, in harmony with silver prices. For several days silver has been showing an easier trend and consequently the tone of the Chinese currencies is fractionally softer. Despite the fact that the Chinese export duty on silver was imposed last month in order to prevent further diminution in Shanghai silver stocks, these stocks continue to decline. It is believed that the Bank of China, the central banking institution of the country, is itself exporting the silver, as it alone is exempt from the export duty which makes private shipments prohibitive. It would seem that the balance of payments is at present against China, so that it is probable that the sales of silver by China in London are made for the purpose of acquiring foreign exchange with which to settle commercial balances. Japanese yen and Indian rupees fluctuate in sympathy with sterling exchange, the yen because the Japanese exchange control pursues a course of balancing the currency with relation to silver, and the rupee because it is legally attached to sterling at the fixed ratio of 1s. 6d. per rupee.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 29.12, against 29.10 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 41⅜@41 15-16, against 41⅞@42 1-16; Shanghai at 33½@33⅝, against 34⅞@34¼;

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922 NOV. 17 1934 TO NOV. 23 1934, INCLUSIVE

Country and Monetary Unit	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York Value in United States Money					
	Nov. 17	Nov. 19	Nov. 20	Nov. 21	Nov. 22	Nov. 23
<b>EUROPE—</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	.187810*	.187950*	.187950*	.187890*	.188025*	.187690*
Belgium, belga	.233000	.233230	.233276	.233084	.233107	.233134
Bulgaria, lev	.011750*	.012000*	.012250*	.012250*	.011875*	.012125*
Czechoslovakia, krone	.041775	.040179	.041778	.041753	.041762	.041775
Denmark, krone	.222746	.222400	.222413	.222691	.222983	.222833
England, pound sterling	4.990666	4.981083	4.983166	4.989416	4.993416	4.991833
Finland, markka	.022066	.022016	.022012	.022008	.022066	.022037
France, franc	.065870	.065920	.065894	.065880	.065890	.065904
Germany, reichsmark	.401835	.402007	.402035	.401946	.402033	.402123
Greece, drachma	.009390	.009392	.009378	.009387	.009387	.009385
Holland, guilder	.675500	.675985	.675928	.675846	.676000	.676171
Hungary, pengo	.296850*	.294975*	.296975*	.296975*	.296950*	.296833*
Italy, lire	.085451	.085341	.085241	.085250	.085266	.085246
Norway, krone	.250675	.250188	.250341	.250591	.250933	.250783
Poland, sloty	.189000	.189075	.189075	.189000	.189040	.188775
Portugal, escudo	.045475	.045350	.045345	.045408	.045585	.045429
Rumania, leu	.010010	.010010	.010010	.010010	.010010	.010010
Spain, peseta	.136521	.136617	.136571	.136514	.136534	.136560
Sweden, krona	.257241	.256761	.256870	.257150	.257541	.257375
Switzerland, franc	.324550	.324564	.324478	.324357	.324064	.324060
Yugoslavia, dinar	.022865	.022787	.022762	.022818	.022831	.022831
<b>ASIA—</b>						
<b>China—</b>						
Chefoo (yuan) dol'r	.337500	.331250	.330000	.333333	.333333	.333333
Hankow (yuan) dol'r	.337500	.331250	.330000	.333333	.333333	.333333
Shanghai (yuan) dol'r	.336562	.330625	.329687	.332968	.332968	.333125
Tientsin (yuan) dol'r	.337500	.331250	.330000	.333333	.333333	.333333
Hongkong, dollar	.415625	.411875	.411875	.414687	.415625	.416093
India, rupee	.374900	.374125	.374612	.374680	.375487	.375195
Japan, yen	.290440	.290135	.290010	.290340	.290605	.290585
Singapore (S. S.) dol'r	.585000	.584375	.583750	.584687	.585000	.585000
<b>AUSTRALASIA—</b>						
Australia, pound	3.958437*	3.949375*	3.953437*	3.955000*	3.960000*	3.961250*
New Zealand, pound	3.982500*	3.971250*	3.972187*	3.978750*	3.983750*	3.985000*
<b>AFRICA—</b>						
South Africa, pound	4.937750*	4.925750*	4.928500*	4.933500*	4.937500*	4.937500*
<b>NORTH AMER.—</b>						
Canada, dollar	1.024479	1.024034	1.024635	1.025416	1.025911	1.026354
Cuba, peso	.999200	.999150	.999150	.999200	.999200	.999200
Mexico, peso (silver)	.277625	.277625	.277625	.277625	.277526	.277625
Newfoundland, dollar	1.021875	1.021562	1.022375	1.022875	1.023312	1.023750
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso	.332700*	.332225*	.332350*	.332625*	.332833*	.332800*
Brazil, milreis	.082275*	.082400*	.082400*	.082400*	.082125*	.082125*
Chile, peso	.103625*	.104600*	.104550*	.104550*	.103425*	.103425*
Uruguay, peso	.801500*	.801750*	.804900*	.806250*	.801750*	.801750*
Colombia, peso	.649400*	.649400*	.649400*	.747300*	.646200*	.645200*

\* Nominal rates; firm rates not available.

Manila at 49.90, against 49.85; Singapore at 58.75, against 58.80; Bombay at 37.60, against 37.65, and Calcutta at 37.60, against 37.65.

### Gold Bullion in European Banks

THE following table indicates the amount of gold bullion (converted into pounds sterling at par of exchange) in the principal European banks as of Nov. 22 1934, together with comparisons as of the corresponding dates in the previous four years:

Banks of—	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930
	£	£	£	£	£
England...	192,695,734	191,768,538	140,425,699	121,684,262	157,573,187
France a...	656,567,356	634,263,257	666,466,294	543,005,588	413,678,994
Germany. b	2,865,950	17,432,550	37,867,900	47,069,100	101,506,950
Spain.....	90,647,000	90,433,000	90,323,000	89,871,000	99,155,000
Italy.....	66,158,000	76,277,000	62,716,000	59,329,000	57,243,000
Netherlands	73,410,000	74,685,000	86,250,000	72,687,000	35,514,000
Nat. Belg...	73,081,000	77,580,000	74,651,000	73,102,000	37,005,000
Switzerland.	69,067,000	61,691,000	89,165,000	55,250,000	25,624,000
Sweden.....	15,708,000	14,254,000	11,443,000	11,854,000	13,425,000
Denmark...	7,396,000	7,397,000	7,400,000	9,121,000	9,561,000
Norway...	6,580,000	6,578,000	8,014,000	6,560,000	8,135,000
Total week.	1,254,176,040	1,252,359,345	1,274,721,893	1,089,532,948	958,421,131
Prev. week.	1,255,542,133	1,257,816,602	1,274,428,320	1,084,600,715	955,263,541

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £1,042,550.

### National Economy Versus Government Ownership

Readers of the morning newspapers last Monday were treated to a new and arresting view of the wide gulf which separates the policies of the Administration from those which, to the business community, seem not only rational but of pressing importance. On Sunday the National Economy League gave out the text of a sober and well reasoned petition to the President and Congress for such action during the coming session as would bring about "an actual balance between total receipts and total expenditures in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1935." On the same day President Roosevelt, in a speech at Tupelo, Miss., praised the work of the Tennessee Valley Authority and gave his support to a nation-wide campaign against privately owned and operated utilities by declaring that he would take Tupelo as "a text that may be useful to many other parts of the nation because people's eyes are upon you, and because what you are doing here is going to be copied in every State of the Union before we get through."

The National Economy League, in its petition, recalls the statement of the President, in his budget message of January 3 last, that "the Government during the balance of this calendar year should plan to bring its 1936 expenditures, including recovery and relief, within the revenues expected in the fiscal year 1936." It reminds him, however, that in spite of the lapse of ten months of the calendar year "the necessary steps" to give "practical effect" to the pronouncement "remain to be taken," and declares that "until definite steps are taken—both through reduction of expenditures and new taxation—to make a balanced budget a reality, uncertainty and fear on the part of tens of millions of citizens will inevitably continue because of justified apprehension as to the safety and future value of their savings, wages and salaries." It accordingly submits a plan in the belief "that the vast majority of the American people have intelligence to understand that balanced national finances are essential to their well being, and have sufficient pride and determination to assume any reasonable sacrifice to prevent their national Government from drifting toward bankruptcy."

The plan calls for two things that are regarded as essential. The first is "a considerable reduction

in the current rate of Federal expenditure for relief, while providing adequately for that portion of the relief burden which the Federal Government can properly assume." The second is "a considerable but necessary increase in Federal taxation." In the plan as presented, the budget for the fiscal year 1935-36 would balance at \$5,435,000,000, but the particular items are not the most important aspect of the proposal. What the League insists upon, in the matter of reduced expenditures for relief, is the necessity of reversing "the growing tendency of local communities, and even States, to 'lie down' on the Federal Government," a return to the States and local communities of "the main burden of unemployment relief," and a "tightened and more efficient administration" and "more economical relief methods." The total amount for all forms of Federal relief, representing "all that the Federal Government should be called upon to supply," is fixed at \$2,350,000,000, of which \$350,000,000 is allotted to the Civilian Conservation Corps and the remainder equally divided between the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, which spent \$1,549,923,806 in the fiscal year 1934-35, and the Public Works Administration and other undertakings to which the Government is committed, no new appropriation being contemplated for the Public Works Administration.

There remains an estimated deficit of \$935,000,000, and this the League insists should be met "squarely" by taxation and not by borrowing. It is the belief of the League that the country is able to carry this additional burden, and that it will willingly assume it if it can be assured that further taxes will not mean further expenditure and that the budget is actually to be balanced. "Sound money," which the petition upholds, is, in the opinion of the League, "entirely dependent upon sound national finance." The question of a balanced budget, the petition declares, is "not a partisan one," and the League does not trench upon the legislative prerogative of Congress by suggesting how the new taxes should be framed. It states the issue, and declares that the time has come to face it.

There is nothing in Mr. Roosevelt's speeches on his Southern tour to suggest that a balanced budget or drastic economy in relief expenditure had any place in his mind. He was captivated, apparently, by the construction work which the Tennessee Valley Authority had accomplished at public expense, he accepted at their face value the figures handed to him which purported to show the marked gains that had followed the entry of the Federal Government into the power business, and he visioned the time when what was happening in the Tennessee Valley should be duplicated in other great water power regions of the country. He repeated, what he had been told, that the consumption of power for residential purposes in Tupelo had increased from 41,000 kilowatts in March, when the TVA power began to be used, to 89,000 kilowatts, or 126%, and remarked that he cited the figures "because it has been often wrongly alleged that this yardstick which we are using could not be applied to private businesses because a Government yardstick receives so many favors that it is let off from paying this and paying that and paying the other thing." "Well," he continued, "we are proving in this Tennessee Valley that by using good business methods we can instruct a good many business men in the country." The increased use of electric refrigerators, electric cook

stoves and other devices impressed him because "that means a greater human happiness." By an extraordinary leap of the imagination he saw, as "the most important thing of all," that what was being done at Tupelo, Corinth, Athens, Norris and other places "is being done by the communities themselves. This is not coming from Washington—it is coming from you. You are not being federalized. . . . This is not regimentation—it is community rugged individualism."

The city of Birmingham is outside the TVA area, but it has on hand an acute controversy over power service. "I particularly bespeak of the people of Birmingham," said Mr. Roosevelt in a brief speech there, "an active co-operation with the Tennessee Valley Authority. I am aware, of course, that a few of your citizenry are leaving no stone unturned to block and harass and to delay this great national program. I am confident, however, that these obstructionists, few in number in comparison with the whole population, do not reflect the views of the overwhelming majority of the people of Birmingham or the other cities where they reside. I know, too, that the overwhelming majority of your business men, big and little, are in hearty accord with the great undertaking of regional planning now being carried forward."

Against Mr. Roosevelt's enthusiastic praise and fervent appeal Wendell L. Wilkie, President of the Commonwealth and Southern Corporation, in a statement issued on Monday, set down some cold facts. The TVA, financed by the United States at low interest rates, pays as its only tax 5% of the wholesale price of electric energy, which is about 4 mills per kilowatt hour; the power companies pay from 15% to 20% of the retail price of about 2 cents per kilowatt hour. The TVA does not charge overhead expenses against its projects, sends all its correspondence under Government frank, and has a one-third reduction in freight rates. The return on the Tupelo plant investment is less than it was before it began buying power at the very low TVA rates, the city pays neither State nor Federal taxes, and the increase in sales of power is "largely attributable" to the fact that the city now serves a large number of industrial consumers formerly served by the Mississippi Power Company. The "extraordinary sale of electrical appliances under the TVA plan" was, of course, gratifying, since more than 90% of the appliances were sold by operating units of the Commonwealth and Southern.

Mr. Roosevelt's commitment to public ownership of utilities is, of course, no new thing with him. His campaign speeches in 1932 left no doubt of his position on that subject, and in February, 1933, when he outlined to newspaper correspondents, a month before his inauguration, what he described as "probably the widest experiment ever conducted by a government," he expressed confidence that the experiment in the Tennessee Valley, if successful, would be "the forerunner of similar projects in other parts of the country, such as in the watersheds of the Ohio, Missouri and Arkansas rivers and in the Columbia River in the Northwest." He had already, some days before his Southern tour, allowed Secretary Ickes to warn the members of the American Petroleum Institute, at Dallas, that unless the "whole question" of oil production and regulation "is solved without undue loss of time on a basis that will commend itself to the sound judgment of the people,

the Federal Government may conclude that it is its duty to consider declaring the oil industry to be a public utility."

There is small hope of balancing the Federal budget if grandiose schemes of public ownership like the Tennessee Valley project are to continue to absorb, as that undertaking seems destined to absorb, increasing grants of Federal capital. It will avail little to reduce Federal relief expenditures if what is saved in that quarter is to be spent in others. The National Economy League is doubtless correct in assuming a willingness on the part of the country to pay additional taxes if it can be assured of a balanced budget, but there will be appreciably less to pay with if private utility companies are driven out of business by ruinous Government competition, or forced to sell out at Government-determined prices which leave their widely held securities of relatively little value. Such implications as inhere in Mr. Roosevelt's remarks at Tupelo and Birmingham go far to take the edge off the speech in which Mr. Richberg, addressing the Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America in New York on Wednesday, appeared to hold out assurances of a relaxation of Government curbs upon business. The country cannot have recovery without the primary conditions of recovery. No amount of ballyhoo about co-operation between business and the Administration will increase industrial and business activity and demobilize the army of the unemployed if industry and trade are to be bitted and bridled, and Government factories and power plants multiplied to do what private enterprises can do equally well or better. A balanced budget heads the list of our national needs, and the National Economy League deserves praise for having signalized it forcibly as it has, but the country has yet to learn from Washington that the appeal has been heeded and that "the necessary steps to give it practical effect" are likely to be taken by either the President or Congress.

### *The Future of the Federal Reserve System*

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Within recent months there has been a great deal of anxiety and discussion, both in and out of circles associated with the Federal Reserve System, concerning the question whether a "central bank" is likely to be established by the present Federal Government. There has been a good deal of reason for believing that a plan for a central bank was under advisement. Not only the fact that bills had been introduced into Congress by persons in close consultation with the administrative officers of the Government, but also the inquiries of the Treasury Department and the half acknowledgments and predictions made by members of Congress and executive officers have furnished sufficient indication of the imminence of the question. Bankers' associations in various parts of the country have expressed themselves about it through resolution, and not a few bankers of influence are credibly reported to have discussed the matter with the Chief Executive.

#### *Senate Inquiry*

The most recent development in the situation has been the determination of the Senate Banking Committee to begin an investigation of the whole matter. The Chairman of the Committee has sent out to a selected list an elaborate questionnaire which includes the following inquiries:

"Is the power over the issuance of currency to be vested in:

(a) A non-political authority on which both Government and private business are represented (such as the Federal Reserve System was intended to be), or

(b) In the Secretary of the Treasury (as it now is), or

(c) In a non-political, privately-owned but Government-chartered central bank (Bank of England), or

(d) In a Government-owned and operated Central Bank?

Is the re-discount function of the Federal Reserve System to remain as it is, or to be changed? If changed, how?

Is the ownership of the Federal Reserve banks to remain where it is, or to be transferred? If transferred, to whom?

Is the composition of the Federal Reserve Board to remain as it is or to be changed? If changed, how?"

It is natural that this issue should at the present moment receive an important share of the attention of the banking community, and yet, in this case, as in so many others, the fact that a given program is being considered by administrative officers is not the result of hasty decision or of chance, but is the outgrowth of past experience and a long period of evolution. It would hardly be feasible or probable that our Government should consider seriously the idea of a politically-owned and operated central bank had not events first laid the foundation for such a proposal. The scheme is significant because it reflects underlying dissatisfaction with existing conditions—a state of annoyance or irritation with what is being done to-day or with what has been done in recent years. To put it concretely, the feeling expressed in many quarters is that the Federal Reserve System has not been able to commend itself strongly or satisfactorily to the banking community. Thus, it calls attention to the necessity of inquiring whether the foundations of the Reserve System are really secure—whether they rest upon the solid basis of service upon which they were originally presumed to be founded or whether the Reserve System is in fact still an expedient, transitory in nature, and without positive acceptance on the part of the banks of the country. In order to answer this question, it is necessary to consider the inception of the Reserve System, over 20 years ago.

#### *Basis of Reserve System*

In so doing, one is necessarily reminded that in its early beginnings the Reserve System was always a foundling, unable to elicit any real parental affection on the part of our bankers. There were many who declined to have any business relations whatever with it, and while those who definitely threatened to give up their national charters in order to avoid joining the System never actually did so, there was, during its first two or three years, always a very strong mental reservation among bankers with regard to the future of the Federal Reserve. War needs, and war dangers consequent upon our entry into the European struggle, brought this early period of doubt and hesitation to a close, and convinced the more eminent of our bankers that they ought to become members of the new System. There was a great growth in strength and service on the part of Reserve bankers during the latter part of the war and during the post-war period leading up

to the panic of 1920. To the minds of many doubters, the System seemed to have "made good"—to have become permanently entrenched in banking favor.

This conclusion, however, was hasty. The gradual absorption of Liberty Loan bonds by the community and the great surpluses of Government revenue which were realized every year after 1922 made it evident that what Reserve banks had done during the war had been conspicuously and almost exclusively a war service, not yet adjusted, or fitted to the financial structure of the country. Some of the Reserve banks, particularly that of New York, undertook to find a niche for themselves by indirectly financing market transactions; and the Governor of the New York institution, at about the close of 1924, penned an apologia founded upon the notion that the System—and particularly the Reserve Bank of New York—was, through liberal lending, performing a useful service and promoting general popular satisfaction with conditions as they stood. The Reserve banks, at any rate, had commended themselves to the speculative and strictly financial element in the country, and this position they maintained until the panic of 1929 made it evident that the Reserve System either could not or would not furnish that insurance against recurrent panics and depressions which many enthusiastic advocates had guaranteed it to afford. It was still the opinion of not a few members of the System that the Reserve banks had, however, proven a perfectly reliable and adequate source of supply for circulating notes, and that they could be relied upon to furnish such notes in "moments of panic" or "crisis" to any extent that might be needed. This view indeed was expressed in so many words in the winter of 1931 by an officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York during the hearings on the Banking Act of 1933. A little more than two years later this same officer was himself to witness the closing of his own bank and of the System generally for the immediate reason that it had failed to supply the needed notes.

#### *Sporadic Service*

The record of the Federal Reserve System during its first 20 years of life—the period for which it was originally chartered—is thus one of uncertainty and doubt. Its periods of prosperity and success from the standpoint of earnings—the years in which it was apparently rendering an important public service—have been those of inflation or of service to the Government in the time of its financial need. In periods of panic and depression it has failed to be of much use. It has been unable to supply even the note currency that was called for at the time of crisis, and it has been conspicuously unable to commend itself to the rank and file of the bankers of the country. After being received in an unfriendly way by the larger bankers at its inception it has, in some districts, gradually won its way into their affections through its service to the purely financial community, but it has seemed never to be able, except sporadically, to develop either a generally friendly regard on the part of the smaller or "country" bankers or on that of the larger institutions primarily devoted to the service of business, as a whole, opposed to speculation. From the standpoint of the student of banking, the System has been even less successful, for it has never been able, even if willing, to follow the accepted methods in central



banking developed through experience in foreign countries, nor has it succeeded in popularizing the discount market and in extending the benefits of central banking to the rank and file of the community as it had been expected to do. The profits of the Reserve System, its costly and enormous buildings, its high official salaries, and its banking paraphernalia generally, have been derived from the profits of dealings in securities and the paper based thereon, whether Government or private. Its inability to control, or really to lower, rates of interest has been specifically affirmed by the Reserve banks themselves in the testimony they furnished to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, while the efforts to establish a discount market through the introduction of bankers' acceptances have confessedly turned out merely a process for converting long-term paper into what appears to be obligations of short maturity.

If it be true, as these facts would appear to indicate, that the Reserve System has still its own way to make and its place to find in the financial structure of the country after a period of 20 years of experimentation, the question of exactly what that place must or may be is not only fair but urgent.

#### *The Government's Proposal*

In the proposals for a central bank which have been weighed and discussed by representatives of the Government during the past six or eight months, and which have given rise to various measures proposed in Congress, as well as to the current Senate Banking Committee's questionnaire, it has been provided that the Federal Reserve System, in one form or another, be taken into Government ownership or control, and that quasi-public operation of it be provided by the nomination of its chief executive officers by the President or by the Federal Reserve Board. The thought in this proposal has been to make the Federal Reserve System an instrumentality of the Government, doing its work as a governmental institution and attempting to assume the function of what is called "credit control," as well as that of financing the Government by the creation of what has happily been termed "fiat credit." We have here, therefore, the proposal, in effect, to disestablish the existing Federal Reserve System and give up central banking along known and recognized lines, substituting for it an experimental function—that of credit-control through Government credit issue; or, in another way, to make of the Federal Reserve System what some have termed a "monetary authority," regarding its chief duty as the furnishing of "money" instead of that of banking. The attitude of the bankers of the country has evidently been quite adverse to this idea, but it is noteworthy that what they have objected to has been fundamentally the injection of what they termed "politics" into banking rather than to the profound alteration of function which such a change would imply. Indeed, the policies of the Federal Reserve System, during the past 20 years, have fully laid the ground for its departure from central banking ideas and for the substitution of a monetary concept or function in place of that of banking. It would, of course, be entirely possible (although far from probable) that what is called "politics" might be eliminated from the management of banking in the United States. If the community as a whole could be confidently sure of such elimination it would perhaps

view the proposal had in mind by our Government with a greater degree of friendliness, but, on the other hand, the major underlying question would still remain: whether this view of the future of the Federal Reserve System is defensible and is likely to furnish the banking service to the community that is generally needed. If the answer should be in the negative, it would still remain a problem whether the Federal Reserve System, conducted and operated as in the past, will be likely to furnish such service, and if not, what kind of a banking system would actually accomplish such an object.

#### *Do We Need Central Banking?*

In another form, this question really amounts to a renewal of the old query: Does the United States need a *bona fide* central banking system, and if so, can an organization constructed like the Federal Reserve System fill this need and provide what is wanted?

The question of central banking and its relationship to the business of the country has been many times discussed, and, in the opinion of the present writer, there is no question of the soundness of the general verdict—that central banking, in those countries where definite financial structure and organization exist, has an indispensable part to play in the regulation and stabilization of credit. We may, therefore, take this basic idea for granted and merely ask whether the banking system of the United States can in any way provide a substitute for such genuine central banking. The answer to such a question, up to the time of the adoption of the Federal Reserve Act, was that it had not done so.

In what respects, then, do we still lack a genuine central banking system in the United States?

(1) First of all, our central system, such as it has been, was responsive to political demands and influences, but unresponsive to financial and banking needs and requirements. This is a statement which has nothing to do with questions of party politics. The evil in the case has been quite as pronounced and marked under Democratic as under Republican administration.

(2) Our central system has never been able to control or direct or to benefit the rank and file of the banking units of the country, and it has never, therefore, succeeded in winning their allegiance. Not only have they been reluctant to apply for membership in the System, but, once in, they have often not found the benefits of membership such as to warrant their staying. Only a small percentage of State banks ever joined the Federal Reserve System, and this number, which at the highest point, under the influence of war pressure, reached a maximum of about 1,650 institutions, has fallen off until to-day it is below 1,000. It should be added, incidentally, that this decrease in numbers is not as great, relatively speaking, as the numerical decline in all the banks of the country. They have fallen more than 50%, and the membership of the Reserve System has declined proportionately. However, the fact remains that the System has been unable to popularize itself.

(3) Inability to gain the support of the rank and file of banks has been paralleled by inability to affect the general conditions of the money market in any substantial degree. Although the Reserve System has at times undertaken open market operations with an unprecedentedly large scope, it has

never succeeded in exerting more than transitory influence upon the rates charged by member banks, or even the general rates of the money market, outside a very small range of rates that have shown themselves susceptible to central banking control. The Reserve banks themselves have fully recognized this condition of affairs, stating broadly, in answer to the inquiries of the Senate Banking Committee, in 1931, that they did not believe that changes in their discount rates or in their open market policies had measurably affected the conditions of borrowing either at member banks or at the Reserve banks themselves.

(4) Although the Reserve System was organized with a view to promoting and supporting local banking independence, it has not been able to accomplish its object in this regard, but has constantly found itself under the control of a small group of large institutions. A recent Secretary of the Treasury, himself for some time a member of the Board of Directors of a large Reserve bank, has spoken frankly of the fact that it was "operated by a clique of insiders," and such, of course, is notoriously the fact at other Reserve institutions. The elaborate prescriptions as to voting and election of directors laid down in the Federal Reserve Act have been practically of no avail whatever, either in getting genuine country bank representation or in preventing the influence of the larger banks from becoming too overwhelming where some representation of the country institutions had actually been attained.

(5) Obviously it follows, from what has just been said, that nothing really approximating a European discount market has been, or perhaps could be, established in the United States as things are.

#### *Reorganization—Its Methods*

The reintroduction of central banking into the United States must be effected upon some basis that will overcome, in a substantial measure, all of these major evils, or at least will promise to do so, and yet, it is very doubtful whether the mere adoption of laws prescribing what is needed or desired will have any effect whatever. What is fundamentally essential is to recognize the existence of the basic requisites of central banking which have been set forth, and then set in motion forces that will produce them. Among such forces, perhaps the first and most important would be the complete abandonment of compulsory membership in the system. No such membership requirement exists in any of the older central banks of the world. It was not found in the original Federal Reserve Act, and was introduced as a political measure designed to insure "success" which otherwise had been despaired of. Compulsory membership has been the bane of the System from its inception; instead of compelling all banks to join it, as is now frequently suggested, they should be released from the necessity of membership, so that Reserve banks will consist exclusively of institutions which have some influential motive of their own for continuing to carry the obligations resting upon member banks.

Should such a change be made in the structure of the System, we might reasonably expect to see the number of its members and, consequently, its capital deposits, considerably reduced at an early date, and we might also expect to see an entirely different attitude in the management of the Reserve System, since its continuance would then be a ques-

tion of "survival of the fittest." With the system thus placed upon a basis in which it had its own way to make, the Reserve System could be expected to advance only if it became a source of real service to those banks that continued in it, at the same time serving as a general stabilizing force in the field of credit. In order to accomplish the latter object, it would have to develop an entirely different attitude toward the discounting of paper, standing ready to buy and sell certain classes of sound liquid short-term commercial obligations, as was provided in the original Federal Reserve Act. It would need, moreover, to recur to established money market practice with a system of rates higher than those made for corresponding paper by traders in such paper and by bankers. It would have to alter wholly its open market acceptance practice and cease either to carry the entire body of acceptance paper or to permit it to become the vehicle of investment financing.

It will doubtless be asserted that some such step as this is in line with what has lately been proposed by the representatives of the Administration who are understood to have desired that Federal Reserve banks should go into the business of direct lending, while Congress had actually provided, in the Act of June 1934, for making loans to enterprises which had been unable to provide themselves with funds elsewhere. Such an interpretation of existing conditions must, however, be characterized as entirely erroneous. What has been proposed in Washington for the Federal Reserve System is often, especially of late, spoken of as an introduction of the principles followed by the Bank of France, but it has, in fact, no relation whatever to those principles. The Bank of France makes its loans upon the basis of a very narrow and strictly controlled type of highly liquid paper, and it makes them under conditions which necessitate the guarantee or endorsement of bankers who have been close to the transactions in question, and are able to give positive assurance of the intentions of those who made the paper in the first place. What is proposed by our Government now is the exact reverse—the making of loans by Reserve banks on a long-term basis for the purpose of providing working capital or, in some cases, of equipping an enterprise with actual capital assets sufficient to enable it to "carry on." Such a measure would, obviously, be entirely out of harmony with any theory of central banking management, and if it were to be more than a mere transitory concession to hypothetical political necessity, could not be otherwise than disastrous. In any case, what is necessary is that the Reserve System should be redeveloped so that it may actually head a market for liquid short-term paper, abstaining absolutely from the capital loans and speculative advances which, sometimes masked under the head of advances on Government bonds and sometimes under that of "bankers' acceptances," constituted the main staple of reserve operations during the 10 years after the war and performed such yeoman service in upbuilding an inflated structure of bank credit.

#### *Financing Foreign Trade*

There is another phase of Reserve bank duty which should never be forgotten. One of the great errors of the post-war period, which is now widely if not universally admitted, was the fact that we allowed our commercial banks—connected as they then were with financial houses desirous of making a profit

out of bond operations—to run us into a morass of dangerous foreign investment credit which speedily became worthless, or nearly so. It would be of no use whatever, now, to recall the adventurous voyages of our financiers and their representatives to European countries in the effort to induce the latter to accept advances of American funds for use in such territories in building up enterprises, or undertaking operations which otherwise would never have been thought of for a moment. Not only did we invest large portions of our capital in foreign countries, but we also allowed ourselves to finance the movement of great volumes of goods to foreign markets, where they could not possibly be employed to advantage. Taken all in all, therefore, we may say without fear of contradiction that the decade of 1919-1929 was a time of wild and uncontrolled foreign lending and foreign financing, notwithstanding that the framers of the Federal Reserve Act had provided a mechanism designed for financing our trade.

The Reserve Act had called for the establishment of branches of Reserve banks abroad. Its framers felt fully warranted in doing so, notwithstanding that this was not the practice of foreign central banks, since the great mass of our own banks, without branches as they were, had not developed either the power to finance the operations of their own export industries or to test the credit possessed by the larger commercial establishments as the outgrowth of their foreign transactions. Only in one case—that of Havana, Cuba—did our Reserve banks ever think of establishing a foreign branch, and such establishment occurred only after the severest opposition on the part of some of the larger member banks engaged in commercial banking. The time must come, perhaps at no very distant date, when our Reserve banks will again recognize the duty of overseeing and directing the development of our credit abroad, and when that time comes it will be their duty to perform this function in such a way as to serve the needs and interests of the rank and file of banks which constitute their membership. Already we have the portentous organization of “export and import” banks in Washington, financed with Government relief funds and undertaking to subsidize the movement of American goods abroad in certain instances, which are becoming increasingly numerous. It is a dangerous repetition in a new form of the same error made by the Reserve banks after the close of the World War. What we want now is not the subsidizing of needless exports, but the careful supervision, support and control of the financing which grows out of such exports when normally required as the result of regular international relationships based upon mutual needs. This is a situation in which the services of the Reserve banks to their members, both by way of support and regulation, is absolutely necessary if we are ever to get back to a sound normal business relationship with other countries.

As our larger commercial banks have, in most cases, definitely gone out of this field of work, it has perhaps not been an unfair inference on the part of Government officers that such a decision was equivalent to turning over the field to them. It remains, therefore, for the rank and file of member banks to re-establish their own rights in the premises, and to take back the supervision of an important, and at the same time a profitable, branch of commerce and industry. Failure to undertake

such duty will almost certainly be followed by an expansion of Government activity. Should the Government, as is now proposed by some, arrogate to itself the function of providing foreign exchange and remittances, our bankers, and especially our Reserve bankers, must explain this development as a direct outgrowth of their own refusal to employ the machinery provided in the Federal Reserve Act for the performance of this essential function.

#### *The Shaping of Our Future*

It is thus evident that the future of the Federal Reserve System is a future which it is still within the power of the nation to control, although such control will be exercised, if at all, under greater difficulties and more embarrassing circumstances than would have been met at any time in the past. Continued life and activity, not to say prosperity, on the part of the Reserve System is contingent upon its gaining its own permission to act as a central banking system—more than this, to act as an American central banking system. It must resort to such changes in its own technique and policy as will enable it to be of real service to all of its members who require such service, not to a select few of them. In view of the inept experimentation and obvious unsuccess of the past 20 years in building up a discount market after the English method, and a determined refusal to apply the latter, the System will probably now endeavor to perform the central banking function after the French method—by going straight to the rank and file of the public—but only for the purpose of financing their real, their liquid credit, not for the purpose of putting them into worse and worse condition with a larger and larger volume of overhanging loans for capital purposes, as is being provided by Congress and urged by the Government. The System must, at the same time, fill the want, so long felt and so inadequately and incompletely met, of supervision and direction of foreign credit, such as will enable the small bank to establish a sure and reliable foreign connection for the manufacturers of its region, and at the same time provide American citizens and firms operating abroad with a sure and definite access to the general credit fund of the parent country. These changes need not involve any very great alteration in the appearance of the Reserve System, but they must imply a far-reaching and complete transformation of its point of view and its spirit. It must, as was intended by its framers, take up the duty of filling the gaps of our own imperfect banking system and of rendering real service to the average man and his paper when the latter is of proper sort for a central bank to hold, as well as to the small bank which is not in a position to establish connections independently outside of its own immediate district or town, and which, therefore, requires the co-operative aid of the entire banking system in doing so.

#### *The Bankers and the “New Deal”*

However critical our attitude may be toward what is commonly termed the “New Deal,” we must admit that the banking evils which have so plentifully been visited upon the community are, in large measure, the outcome of the original failure of our bankers to ward them off by furnishing the right kind of service on their own responsibility. Actually, but more indirectly, the banking evils of the “New Deal” are the product of failure on the part of our citizenship

to demand that the requisite banking service be furnished by their own banks. In the process of filling gaps by clumsy bureaucratic methods, engineered through unskilled and ineffectual officials, we have established the foundation of a threatening financial oligarchy or bureaucracy in Washington. This, as it grows, becomes more and more likely to usurp even the place formerly occupied by those elements in our banking system which had been performing their duties with a substantial degree of efficiency.

Thus, we have the choice to-day between governmentalized finance and banking with all of its evils, actual and potential, on the one hand, and, on the other, co-operative finance and banking under private ownership but conducted by our Reserve System working on behalf of the member banks who represent the widely diffused body of bank stockholders, who themselves represent business, industry and investment throughout the nation. We erred deeply in the beginning of our Reserve System in making membership in it an obligation instead of a privilege, and, starting from this initial error, we have throughout the past 20 years made Reserve bank membership onerous instead of helpful. The future of the System must depend upon its willingness and its ability to reverse this basic mistake and substitute for the Reserve banks of the past a set of institutions ready and willing to promote the profitability of business and the serviceability of our banks to their communities. We cannot make our choice between these alternatives too soon; if we do not, it will be made for us by force of circumstances.

### *Thanksgiving*

Deep-rooted in human nature and more impregnable than the rocky coast on which the storm-tossed Pilgrims landed after 63 days of peril and hardship are the canons upon which they founded their society. Those dangers past, new ones lurked in an unknown wilderness inhabited only by hostile tribes. Their security was won only by ceaseless vigilance and toil. To these men thanksgiving was a daily custom, sincere, spontaneous, and real as the rigors of their existence. They ardently sought freedom, and through thanksgiving in liberty they conquered circumstances and founded their colony upon the rock of faith.

Nothing was ever accomplished without faith. The great evils which men have brought upon themselves are the consequences of misguided faith. The course of life is dependent upon the quality of faith, upon the anchorage in which men trust. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

The men of the seventeenth century did not come here only in flight from persecution. Colonization plans and purposes had swayed European minds for over a hundred years, and were to continue to do so for another two centuries. Before they ever set out they had imagined, as the result of their labor, a society strong, vigorous and free, enjoying such fruits of peace, order and abundance as they might wrest from a virgin country. These men could not envisage a superfluity of ease or comfort. Life without struggle was beyond their ken. It was no part of their philosophy that the world owed them a living. The world owed them nothing; rather, they felt they owed a duty to a higher power to justify their lives by toil and grateful living.

The era in which men live is of no importance. It is only the altering forms which life's difficulties assume that make increasing complexity. The physical body can readily adapt itself to the most severe regimen. It is the individual's personal attitude toward life which directs and dominates the course of events. These men built not for their own time, but for eternity. A life of constant thanksgiving for the very gift of life itself will yield abundant harvest in excellence of workmanship, in peace and contentment. This has been the experience of great minds of every time and place. Thanksgiving, gratitude, fires the imagination and energizes will. Paracelsus once declared, and all who have seriously meditated upon the workings of the human mind are agreed, that through a full and powerful imagination any purpose can ultimately be brought to concrete realization. The great Swiss physician said: "The human mind is so great a thing that no man can express it. Were we rightly to understand the human mind nothing would be impossible to us in this world. By faith the imagination is invigorated and completed. Faith must strengthen the imagination, for faith establishes the will. Because men do not perfectly imagine and believe the arts are imperfect, whereas they might be wholly perfect."

Imagination and faith are personal and individual, yet while each follows a road of his own choosing the company of the grateful move forward together in an unseen integration whose visible manifestation is progress.

Men of genius, patient and engrossed, laboring alone with no thought of personal reward, but with profound gratitude, have enriched society more than the undirected or often misguided movements of the unthinking masses.

Great minds have wrestled before now with the problems of poverty and evil, yet none has found a solution. Plans to eradicate wretchedness and create a modern Utopia are impossible of fulfilment, for they are rooted in a false premise—that equality of economic opportunity, which is the keystone of a democratic society, can level the rigid barriers of intellect and spirit set by autocratic nature. Poverty and evil must persist, and ideals of social justice remain hollow phrases so long as gratitude, the spirit of thanksgiving, animates only a gifted few laboring joyfully at their absorbing occupations. When their example is followed by the countless beneficiaries of their labors, then only will the twin plagues of poverty and evil be conquered. When men learn to tap their own inner resources of freedom and excellence, the material things of which they have need will most certainly be theirs in abundance. Faith, with thanksgiving, is the creator, the discoverer and the establisher of all well being.

### *The Course of the Bond Market*

This week has witnessed a continuation of recent trends in the bond market. The lower-grade railroad issues again lost ground, rallying toward the end of the week. Utilities were soft, many issues losing several points. Industrial bonds have continued to advance. High-grade issues among all classifications remain strong and near the year's highest prices. United States Government bonds were also strong, advancing fractionally over last week's close.

The United States Treasury continued its weekly offering of \$75,000,000 in bills, although no maturities are to be met with the Nov. 28 offering. There are three weeks in which

no maturity occurs, before the quarterly financing of Dec. 15, when nearly a billion dollars must be financed.

Firmness and fractionally higher prices were evident throughout the high-grade railroad bond market. Atchison gen. 4s, 1995, at 105 compared with 104 3/8 last week; Chesapeake & Ohio gen. 4 1/2s, 1992, advanced 1/4 to 111 1/2. Medium-grade railroad bonds also advanced fractionally. Illinois Central ref. 4s, 1955, were up 7/8 point, closing at 81 3/8. Louisville & Nashville ref. 4 1/2s, 2003, closed at 96 1/4 for a gain of 1/2 point since last week. On the other hand, somewhat lower prices were general throughout the lower-grade rail issues. Baltimore & Ohio conv. 4 1/2s, 1960, at 51 3/4 were off 1/4 point; Erie ref. 5s, 1975, closed at 66 3/4, down 1/2; Southern Railway 4s, 1956, declined 2 1/2 points to 55. Missouri Pacific ref. 5s were the exception to the general trend, the 5s, 1981, closing at 25 1/4, up 2 3/4 points over a week ago.

The spirit of pessimism which in recent weeks unfavorably affected prices of utility stocks pervaded the bond market in the early days of this week and caused second- and lower-grade issues to suffer noticeable losses. In the medium-grade group the following registered declines of some proportions: People's Gas Light & Coke 6s, 1957, declined from 87 1/4 to 82; Texas Electric Service 5s, 1960, lost 3 to close at 80 1/4; Georgia Power 5s, 1967, were down 3 5/8, closing at 76 3/8, and Minnesota Power & Light 4 1/2s, 1978, declined 3 1/8 to 74 1/4. In the speculative group, American Water Works 6s, 1975, lost 1, closing at 74; Central Power & Light 5s, 1956, declined 1 1/4 to 58 1/4; Florida Power & Light 5s, 1954, at 62 3/8 were off 1 5/8, and Standard Gas & Electric 6s, 1951, were up 3/8, closing at 42 1/4. In certain instances some

recovery was achieved in the latter part of the week. High-grades were unaffected and remained very steady. New York traction issues tended to strengthen on further favorable unification developments.

Industrial issues were mainly firm, second-line bonds again recording the best gains. Steels, as a group, did well, with the Wheeling issues a feature, the 4 1/2s, 1953, advancing 1 7/8 points to 88 7/8, while the 5 1/2s, 1948, advanced 2 1/2 to 99 1/2. Rubber issues gained, Goodrich 6s, 1945, leading with a 3 1/2-point advance to 88 1/2. In the oil classification, changes were mostly nominal. Numerous miscellaneous bonds were higher. Liggett & Myers 7s, 1944, gained 1 1/2, closing at 129 3/4. Kendall 5 1/2s, 1948, reached a new high for the year of 101 1/4, up 1 1/4 since last Friday. Murray Body 6 1/2s, 1934, advanced 2 1/8 to 96 1/2. On renewed expectations of submission of a reorganization plan, Paramount issues advanced, the Paramount-Publix filed 5 1/2s, 1950, moving up 2 points to 60. The announcement of the redemption of the remaining American Sugar Refining 6s, 1937, at 102 1/2 on Jan. 1 1935, brought a decline in this issue to 102 1/8 from 105 1/4.

Many foreign bonds again made new highs this week. Strength was evident among Italian and Japanese issues, as well as Norway and Denmark obligations. The Austrian 7s advanced close to the year's high. Other groups were steady, with the exception of Germans, which declined somewhat, as did many South American issues, such as Argentine, Chilean and Brazilian bonds. A sharp decline in Bulgarian 7s followed the announcement of a change in the debt service agreement. The Polish 7s, 1947, continued to fluctuate erratically.

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

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

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

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

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

\* These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "ideal" bond (4 1/4% coupon, maturing in 31 years) and do not purport to show either the average level or the average movement of actual price quotations. They merely serve to illustrate in a more comprehensive way the relative levels and the relative movement of yield averages, the latter being the truer picture of the bond market. For Moody's index of bond prices by months back to 1928, see the issue of Feb. 6 1932, page 907. \*\* Actual average price of 8 long-term Treasury issues. † The latest complete list of bonds used in computing these indexes was published in the issue of Oct. 13 1934, page 2264. †† Average of 30 foreign bonds but adjusted to a comparable basis with previous averages of 40 foreign bonds.

## Railroads Need More Stockholders' Capital

Public Standing in Its Own Light by Unwillingness to Pay for an Improved Service

The railroad field offers a great opportunity for the use of surplus investment funds. To be sure, the United States has never possessed better and more efficient transportation than it has to-day. Since the properties were handed back from Federal control 14 years ago, the managements, showing courage and determination, have made a record of amazing accomplishment.

During the past 11 years the railroads have spent an average of approximately three-quarters of a billion dollars per annum for capital improvements, and the efficiency and reliability of railroad service to-day is the result of the intelligent application of that money. It was raised in part by employment of securities and largely by the use of earnings and depreciation reserves.

But granted that the roads are giving efficient service to the commerce of to-day, it seems opportune to question whether, with the continued growth of the country, their plans will provide adequately for the demand that will be upon them 10 or 15 years hence. We should and must have the most modern, efficient and flexible transportation system in the world, but it is not in sight.

## Ability to Market Securities

Let us see what the railroads have been able to do. In the past 14 years, while public utilities and industrials sold over \$56,500,000,000 of securities, with about 30% in stock, they issued only about \$8,538,000,000 of securities, of which about 11% was stock.

The time to obtain investment funds is when there is an excess of such funds. The greatest railroad man this country ever produced followed the principle of acquiring money for properties under his control when money was readily obtainable and sometimes long before he had determined precisely when and how it was to be spent. At the present time this would be impossible, since the Interstate Commerce Commission insists that before it will approve an issue of securities the carrier must show in the fullest detail exactly how the money is to be used, but this restrictive course is a mistake in policy. The railroads should be permitted to secure their equity capital when conditions are propitious.

Our transportation system cannot be completely modernized to the interest of investors unless the public is willing to pay for it, and only too often the public stands in its own light by an unwillingness to pay for an improved service. The railroads should, therefore, be given a chance to build for public service at a profit which will enable them to offer their securities in volume and to compete successfully in the capital market for surplus investment funds.

## Indications of Business Activity

### THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Nov. 23 1934.

There was a further expansion in business activity. Steel operations increased slightly, while electric power output rose to the highest point in almost four years. Car loadings were unusually large for this time of the year. Retail clothing sales continued to increase despite the recent abnormally warm weather. There was a brisk demand for Christmas merchandise. Good sales of housefurnishings, furniture, hardware and dry goods were reported. Shoes were also in better demand. The wholesale pace was a little slower, but there were numerous fill-in orders, and the buying of Christmas goods was heavy. Sentiment is more optimistic in the steel industry, and operations increased to 27.6% of capacity, the best level reached since July 27. Bituminous coal showed an increase in output for the week, and there was a slight improvement in lumber production. On the whole, the heavy industries make a good showing. Moreover, there was a sharp drop in commercial failures. Commodity markets showed mixed trends. In cotton, speculation was light and prices show little change for the week. December liquidation in anticipation of first notice day on Monday has had a very depressing effect. Fluctuations during the week were very narrow. The uncertainty over next year's crop control policy of the Government has resulted in very small markets of late. The grain markets have shown a declining tendency, with the exception of corn, which, at times, advanced sharply and reached new highs for the season. Marketings of corn at the principal terminals have been unusually small, and there was an increasing demand for the rapidly diminishing supplies. Oats were rather weak in very small trading. Further imports were reported. Rye was relatively strong, in sympathy with corn. Sugar, coffee, cocoa and rubber are lower for the week, while advances were recorded in hides and silk. Wool was in better demand both here and abroad. A heavy wind and rain storm swept Wellington, Kan., early in the week, causing considerable damage to railroad and other property. An earthquake of two minutes' duration rocked the Humboldt County coastline of California on the 17th inst. High winds battered down frame houses and trees, and rising waters from swollen creeks covered ground floors of houses

and rains of cloudburst proportions swept over southern Texas late last week. Rains of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches fell in the Panhandle of Texas on the 17th inst. The heaviest precipitation was at Groom. Rains were reported from Fort Worth to Amarillo on that day. Widespread rain during the week helped to offset the Mid-West drought. A heavy snowfall in the Sierra Nevada Mountains on the 18th inst. caused a score of injuries and two deaths. Forest fires cut off telephone and telegraph communication in Beckley, W. Va., and fires in the Steel Hills section were spreading destruction to timber stands and woodlands. Fairly heavy rains came to the aid of the foresters in the latter section, but in the vicinity of Beckley the rainfall was light. Fifteen Southern provinces on the Island of Luzon, in the Philippines, suffered heavy damage and loss of life in a typhoon which was moving northward and out to sea. Here the weather has been unusually warm for this season of the year, and the temperature on the 20th inst. reached 74.3, which is a record for November, according to the Weather Bureau. Except for light showers at times, it was generally clear. To-day it was cloudy and warm here, with temperatures ranging from 56 to 63 degrees. The forecast was for rain to-night, clearing Saturday morning; colder. Overnight at Boston it was 50 to 60 degrees; Baltimore, 58 to 68; Pittsburgh, 54 to 72; Portland, Me., 46 to 50; Chicago, 32 to 60; Cincinnati, 38 to 64; Cleveland, 44 to 72; Detroit, 38 to 58; Charleston, 62 to 74; Milwaukee, 28 to 58; Dallas, 40 to 52; Savannah, 64 to 78; Kansas City, 22 to 30; Springfield, Mo., 28 to 34; St. Louis, 30 to 52; Oklahoma City, 36 to 46; Denver, 30 to 50; Salt Lake City, 36 to 44; Los Angeles, 52 to 72; San Francisco, 54 to 60; Seattle, 48 to 54; Montreal, 50 to 56, and Winnipeg, 6 to 10.

### Moody's Daily Index of Staple Commodity Prices Eases Off

Primary commodity markets have been somewhat easier this week after a fortnight of gradual advance. Moody's Daily Index of Staple Commodity Prices closed 0.4 points lower at 146.8.

No definite weakness was visible, however, as only seven of the fifteen staples comprising the Index were lower for the week, while five were higher and three—copper, cotton









During the year average prices of textiles have decreased 8 1/2% and hides and leather products, 4%. All commodities other than farm products and foods are 1% above a year ago.

The following table, contained in an announcement issued by the Department of Labor, shows index numbers and per cent of change between current prices and those of March 4 1933, the low point of last year, and for the week ending Nov. 18 1933.

Table with 5 columns: Commodity Groups, Nov. 17 1934, Mar. 4 1933, P. C. of Increase, Nov. 18 1933, P. C. of Increase. Lists various commodity groups like Farm products, Hides and leather products, etc.

\* Decrease.

The following is also from the Department's announcement:

Fuel and lighting materials, with a general rise of 0.7 of 1%, showed the greatest increase of any of the 10 major groups. Strengthening prices of gasoline forced the group of petroleum products up 2%.

Farm products advanced 0.6 of 1% during the week, due principally to an increase of more than 2% in the sub-group of livestock and poultry. Average prices of hogs were up 5 1/2%, poultry, 2%; sheep and lambs, 3/4 of 1%.

The group of chemicals and drugs increased 0.3 of 1% because of higher prices for granulated salt, palm kernel oil and menthol.

In the group of miscellaneous commodities, higher prices of cattle feed and crude rubber offset lower prices for paper and pulp and other miscellaneous commodities, resulting in an increase of 0.1 of 1% for the group as a whole.

The wholesale food index, 75.5, registered a decrease of 1/2 of 1%. Meats were lower by 2% and fruits and vegetables by 1 1/3-3%. Average prices of cereal products and other foods, including lard, raw sugar, edible tallow and vegetable oils, on the other hand, were higher.

Textile products, with a decrease of 0.1 of 1%, reached a new low for the year. The slight decline was due to lower prices of clothing, cotton goods and woolen and worsted goods.

Metals and metal products and building materials also registered decreases amounting to 0.1 of 1%. Certain non-ferrous metals were responsible for the drop in metals and metal products, while lower prices of lumber caused the drop in building materials.

In the group of hides and leather products, advancing prices of leather were offset by declining prices of hides and skins, with the result that the level for the group as a whole remained unchanged.

The general level for the group of "all commodities other than farm products and foods" showed an increase of 0.3 of 1%. The present index 78.3, compares with 77.5 for a year ago and 70.0 for two years ago.

The index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics is composed of 784 price series, weighted according to their relative importance in the country's markets, and based on average prices for the year 1926 as 100.0.

The accompanying table shows index numbers of the main groups of commodities for the past five weeks and for the weeks of Nov. 18 1933 and Nov. 19 1932.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES FOR WEEKS OF NOV. 17, NOV. 10, NOV. 3, OCT. 27 AND OCT. 20 1934, AND NOV. 18 1933, AND NOV. 19 1932.

Table with 8 columns: Commodity Groups, Nov. 17 1934, Nov. 10 1934, Nov. 3 1934, Oct. 27 1934, Oct. 20 1934, Nov. 18 1933, Nov. 19 1932. Lists index numbers for various commodity groups.

Weekly Electric Production Continues to Exceed Corresponding Week of 1933

The Edison Electric Institute, in its weekly statement, discloses that the production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Nov. 17 totaled 1,691,046,000 kwh., a gain of 4.6% over the corresponding week of 1933, when output totaled 1,617,249,000 kwh.

PER CENT INCREASES (1934 OVER 1933)

Table with 5 columns: Major Geographic Divisions, Week Ended Nov. 17 1934, Week Ended Nov. 10 1934, Week Ended Nov. 3 1934, Week Ended Oct. 27 1934. Shows percentage increases for regions like New England, Middle Atlantic, etc.

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 6 columns: 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931, % Inc. 1934 Over 1933. Shows weekly production data and percentage increases from 1931 to 1934.

DATA FOR RECENT MONTHS

Table with 5 columns: Month of—, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931, 1934 Over 1933. Shows monthly production data and percentage increases over 1931.

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%.

Summary of Canadian Business by Bank of Montreal—Finds Trade Continuing Upward Trend

"Trade has continued its upward trend during the past month," says the Nov. 23 "Business Summary" of the Bank of Montreal, which adds that "the winter season opens with conditions generally distinctly better than they were a year ago."

A review of the first 10 months of the present year shows that of some 50 business indices available 45 show gains, the majority of a pronounced character. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics index of the physical volume of business, which well sums up the whole, has advanced 21.4%.

Industrial activity is more apparent in a wide variety of trades than at this period in 1933, a larger distribution of goods is being made, the index of retail sales in chain and departmental stores rose from 66.3 in August to 72.9 in September (January, 1929=100), and the heavy industries, those producing durable goods, are showing more signs of life.

In general employment, October usually shows a downward tendency, but this year's experience has proved to the contrary, the official index standing at 100.0 compared with 98.8 in September (1926 = 100) and with 90.4 and 86.7 in October 1933 and 1932 respectively.

National Fertilizer Association Reports Wholesale Commodity Prices Decidedly Higher During Week of Nov. 17

Wholesale commodity prices were decidedly higher during the week ended Nov. 17, according to the index of the National Fertilizer Association. When computed for the week ended Nov. 17, this index advanced seven points,

moving up from 75.1 to 75.8. During each of the preceding two weeks the index also advanced but the gains were not as large as the upturn during the latest week. The latest index number, 75.8, compares with 74.8 a month ago, 69.4 a year ago, and 55.8 the record low point reached in March 1933. (The three-year average 1926-1928 equals 100.) Continuing under date of Nov. 19 the Association said:

Ten of the 14 groups in the index were affected by price changes during the latest week. Nine groups advanced, and one declined. Foods, fuel, including petroleum and its products, grains, feeds and livestock, textiles, metals, fats and oils, chemicals and drugs, fertilizer materials and mixed fertilizers advanced. House-furnishing goods declined slightly. The largest gains were shown in foods, fuel and fats and oils.

During the latest week the prices for 38 individual commodities advanced while the prices for 14 declined. For the preceding week there were 37 advances and 11 declines. Two weeks ago there were 23 advances and 23 declines. Cotton and wheat advanced slightly during the latest week. Corn advanced from three to four cents a bushel. Heavy hogs advanced slightly while light weight hogs declined slightly. Good cattle declined about 25 cents a hundredweight. The list of advancing commodities included lard, butter, practically all vegetable oils, eggs, milk, feedstuffs, heavy melting steel, silver, gasoline, calfskins, hides, potatoes and apples. Among the declining commodities were wool, woolen yarn, cotton yarn, lambs, tin, coffee and rubber.

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

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index	Group	Latest Week Nov. 17 1934	Preceding Week	Month Ago	Year Ago
23.2	Foods.....	78.4	*76.9	*76.1	72.7
16.0	Fuel.....	71.0	69.2	69.4	67.8
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock....	74.0	73.7	72.4	50.3
10.1	Textiles.....	69.0	68.8	69.9	67.2
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities....	68.1	68.1	68.3	67.4
6.7	Automobiles.....	88.4	88.4	88.4	84.9
6.6	Building materials.....	79.2	79.2	80.7	78.7
6.2	Metals.....	81.7	81.6	81.6	79.2
4.0	Housefurnishing goods.....	85.9	86.0	86.0	85.4
3.8	Fats and oils.....	66.4	64.7	61.1	48.9
1.0	Chemicals and drugs.....	93.8	93.7	93.7	88.2
.4	Fertilizer materials.....	65.5	65.3	65.2	65.3
.4	Mixed fertilizers.....	75.0	74.6	74.6	70.9
.3	Agricultural implements.....	99.8	99.8	99.8	90.8
100.0	All groups combined.....	75.8	75.1*	74.8	69.5

\* Revised.

**Annual Agricultural Outlook Report of United States Department of Agriculture—Forecasts Continued Improvement in 1935—Higher Level of Farm Income Expected in First Half of Year**

Greatly reduced supplies of most agricultural products, with some improvement in consumer purchasing power, are expected to bring about a higher level of farm income during the first half of 1935 than during the first half of 1934, despite the continued low foreign demand for American farm products, according to the annual agricultural outlook report issued Nov. 5 by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, at the conclusion of a week's conference with agricultural economists of 40 States, and of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Farm production larger than the unusually small production of 1934 is expected next year, the report states. The higher prices this year may tend to stimulate excessive planting of some crops in 1935, particularly where adjustment programs are not in effect. Continued improvement in demand late in the year will depend primarily upon recovery in the durable goods industries, where the decline in employment and production has been most pronounced. An announcement issued by the Department of Agriculture, in stating the foregoing, continued:

A small improvement in the purchasing power of farm families may, in general, be expected. In the areas severely affected by the drought, however, cash incomes during 1935 will be extremely low, at least until the new crops are marketed.

Prices of commodities used in agricultural production probably will average somewhat higher than in 1934, at least until the middle of 1935. The credit situation will continue to show gradual improvement above the bad conditions of the past several years. Drought-stricken farmers without security, however, will require special consideration. The demand for credit will probably exceed that of 1934 since the accumulated needs for equipment and repairs are much greater than in recent years.

The wheat situation in 1935 will depend largely upon yields, says the report, but the probability is that the United States will have a considerable export surplus of wheat in 1935-36. Such a surplus, in the absence of any special measures to relieve its pressure on the market would probably result, it is stated, in prices on an export basis at some time during the year and on an average level not much above an export basis.

A further reduction in world carryover of American cotton is expected by Aug. 1 next, even should world consumption be less this season than last. World supply of all cotton for the 1934-35 season is estimated at 5% to 10% less than the record supply of 1933-34, but considerably more than for any year prior to 1931-32.

Further expansion of cotton production in foreign countries is expected. But this is likely to take place slowly since there are factors which tend to retard such developments in most of the foreign cotton producing areas. Cotton acreage in the United States will be increased next year, it is stated, since the adjustment contracts which cover both years provide for a maximum reduction in 1935 of 25% from the growers' base acreage, whereas in 1934 the contract signers planted 38% less acreage than during the base period.

The outlook for numerous types of tobacco, particularly flue-cured, is reported as much improved over a year ago. Burley is the principal exception, says the Bureau, production not having been decreased enough to improve the supply situation materially. Domestic consumption of tobacco products has increased, and exchange rates favor exportation of

American tobacco. The report points out, however, that American tobaccos are continuing to meet increased competition in foreign markets, and that a large quantity of tobacco formerly bought from the United States has been replaced by competing foreign types.

A substantial advance in prices of all meat animals is expected. Numbers and weights of animals slaughtered will be reduced, and the general quality and finish of these animals will be much below average, it is stated. Slaughter reduction is expected to be pronounced after February next, and the greatest relative shortage will develop next summer. The decrease in pork production will be relatively more than that of beef or lamb.

Supplies of feed grains this year are the smallest since 1881, due to the unprecedented drought, and the number of meat animals on farms the end of this year will be the smallest since 1899. In the next few years the maladjustment of livestock numbers to probable feed-grain production will be one of the most difficult problems confronting American agriculture, the report states. An increase in acreage of feed grains and hay is expected next year, and the report says that should feed crop yields be normal or better, total feed supplies would be very large in relation to the number of animals to be fed. Feed prices would then be low in relation to prices of livestock and livestock products. No material expansion in livestock numbers is expected prior to 1936.

Cattle prices are expected to average materially higher next year, and marketings and slaughter of cattle and calves to be greatly reduced. High cattle prices relative to feed prices the next few years are expected to result in increased cattle production in all areas, and especially in this year's drought areas.

Possibility of a further reduction in hog production next year is seen in the report, since the spring pig crop is expected to be smaller than that of last spring, and it is considered unlikely that the 1935 fall crop will be big enough to offset this decrease. Hog prices are expected to average materially higher than the relatively low prices of the last three marketing years, and to continue high through the following winter season. Per capita production of hog products this marketing year will be the smallest in half a century.

The wool clip of 1935 will be the smallest in several years, it is stated, on account of a sharp curtailment in the number of sheep. This will tend to strengthen domestic prices, but domestic stocks of wool are large. Prices will depend largely upon world wool production, and upon prices and consumer demand for wool textiles in this country. Substantially higher lamb prices are expected as a result of decreased supplies of all meats.

A generally favorable outlook for poultrymen this fall and winter is seen, except in severe drought areas where scarcity of grain is forcing a drastic reduction in poultry stocks. Supplies of eggs and poultry will be relatively short until next summer when chickens of next year's hatching begin to affect supplies. Prices of poultry products are expected to continue at seasonally high levels until that time. Turkey prices are expected to be higher this year on account of the moderately smaller crop and reduced supplies of other meats.

The dairy outlook this feeding season is stated to be unfavorable on account of the shortage of hay and grain. Prices of hay and grain are higher in comparison with the price of butterfat than in any previous fall since 1911, and the price of feed is expected to continue unusually high this winter in comparison with prices of dairy products. A low level of milk production this winter is probable, it is stated. The number of milk cows is being rapidly reduced, fewer heifers are being raised, and the extensive drought damage to pastures, meadows and new seedlings will tend to restrict expansion of dairying in 1935.

Continued expansion in production of fruits is looked for as present non-bearing acreage comes into bearing and as the yield of young trees now in bearing increases. Fruit exports from the United States the next few years will depend, it is stated, to a considerable extent upon modification of trade barriers in foreign countries. In the last decade, approximately 10% of the commercial United States fruit crop was exported.

Moderate replacements and plantings of apple trees are justified, to maintain the present volume of production 10 to 15 years hence. Exporters of apples, however, may expect increased competition abroad, it is stated, since foreign countries are working toward increased production and improved quality. Increasingly heavy supplies of oranges and grapefruit are in prospect without a corresponding increase in the demand during the next few years.

A more favorable market outlook for commercial truck crops for fresh market shipment is seen, in view of higher wholesale food prices, and the reduced supplies of meats, dairy products and poultry products.

Potato supplies in 1935 probably as large or slightly larger than in 1934 may be produced if average weather conditions prevail since growers, should they respond to price as they have responded in the past, will still be influenced by the favorable prices received for their 1933 crop and probably will plant about 3,313,000 acres, it is stated. Normal yields on this acreage would produce 365,000,000 bushels, which the report says is a larger crop than could be marketed to advantage.

Slightly greater demand for sweet potatoes is expected next year, largely because the general level of food prices is higher. A considerable decrease in cabbage acreage is expected on account of current low prices. Tomato growers, encouraged by 1934 prices, may produce an excessive market supply next year, says the report. Late onion growers are told that ordinarily a little less than 50,000 acres will produce an ample supply of late onions to meet consumption requirements. An expansion of water-melon acreage next year may result in excessive production and a substantial reduction in growers' income.

Should current prices of canned goods have their usual influence upon canners, growers of canning vegetables may expect to secure contracts for a nearly record acreage in 1935 at prices about equal to or above those received in 1934, it is stated. The report says that an acreage of tomatoes for canning, about 15 to 20% less than that planted in 1934, would yield a pack sufficient for probable consumption requirements. A reduced acreage of snap beans for canning would produce enough of this product to meet consumption requirements, it is stated. Overproduction and reduced prices may result from planting in 1935 the same acreage of green peas for canning as in 1934, says the report. Growers of sweet corn for canning may be able to contract tonnage in 1935 at prices equal to or exceeding those in 1934, it is stated.

A much larger than usual proportion of the peanut crop is expected to be diverted to crushers or to be used as feed, under the AAA program, and less than the usual quantity sent to cleaners and shellers. Higher prices for peanut oil and peanut meal have made it possible for crushers to pay more for peanuts. Prices of dry beans are expected to be much higher than in recent years of surplus domestic supply, but the report calls attention to the danger of excessive plantings in 1935.

If rice acreage and production are not successfully controlled next year at around the 1934 level, present prices cannot be maintained. The carry-over of rice on Aug. 1 next year is expected to reach record levels.

Supplies of clover seed and alfalfa seed are the smallest in many years, and another short crop of clover seed is in prospect next year. Prices of red and alsike clover seed are expected to continue at relatively high levels for another year.





Piece dye suitings of the Washington and Wood Mills in departments one and two were advanced 5 cents a yard. Uniform materials were marked up a similar amount, while fancies of the Globe Mill were raised 7 cents a yard. The latter rise brought the 9151 range to \$1.75 a yard as compared with an original opening quotation of \$1.80.

The company made additional increases in its prices on Nov. 21 as indicated by the following from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 22:

The American Woolen Co. yesterday lifted prices on all gabardines produced in the Wood Mill 5 cents a yard, effective immediately. Prices were also advanced 5 cents on all men's wear fabrics made in the Fulton and Ayer mills of the Company.

A revision in prices by the company on its spring lines of men's suitings were referred to in our issue of Oct. 27, page 2584.

### Sharp Recovery in Textile Industry During October

The textile industry staged a sharp come-back during October, as indicated by the production activity for the industry, the "Textile Organon," published by the Tubize Chatillon Corporation, states in its current review of operations. While part of the recovery is a natural development following the shutdown experienced because of the strike in September, the provement is expected to continue well into 1935, in the opinion of the paper. The rayon division of the industry regained its equilibrium nicely after the September weaving strike, says the "Organon," adding:

In October the sales of yarn to knitters probably held steady or declined slightly, while the increase in total deliveries was due entirely to larger yarn takings by rayon weavers. The outlook for the rayon industry, in fact the outlook for the entire textile industry, continues to be very good for the next 12 months. Stocks are relatively low all along the line after the 1933 spree and current production rates also are relatively low.

Commenting upon the wool market the paper states that "wool prices were steady during October and the outlook is for firm prices for the rest of the year" despite the fact that indicated consumption of wool in September was down to the lowest levels on record. Pointing out that cotton prices were steady during October, the paper states "we cannot be optimistic about higher cotton prices before January."

Reviewing the activity of the textile industry during the first nine months of 1934, the "Organon" estimates that total consumption of silk, wool, cotton and rayon will approximate 14% less than 1933, with silk showing a drop of 4%, wool 32%, cotton 12% and rayon 13%.

Taking each fiber individually, we offer the following pertinent comments: In the case of silk, a relative rise from 1.7% to 1.9% of the total is noted from 1933 to 1934. This is due mainly to the poor 1933 showing made by silk, although its resistance to further decline in 1934 is noteworthy.

In the case of wool, the indicated decline to a new annual low is a timely indictment of the effects of a too rapid increase in prices on consumption. It is probable, however, that wool consumption in the last quarter will improve substantially and thus bring the 1934 total up to its previous low of 240,900,000 pounds in 1932.

Cotton consumption is indicated to be off about 12% and this ties in not only with the substantially higher prices of raw cotton, but also with the decline from the high year of 1933 and the two-year cycle of cotton consumption. We should say that this decline was moderate in view of the circumstances.

Rayon's indicated decline of 13% likewise is normal, taking into account the unusually high figure of 1933 as well as the two-year cycle of its consumption. This indicated 1934 rayon consumption figure for rayon in its off-year preserves the steady growth line which has obtained in this industry over the past 10 years, the entire period of the depression included.

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

(Daily Average 1923-25=100)

	October	September	August	July	Yearly Average
1934	375	300	303	332	*333
1933	399	433	420	470	385
1932	413	478	406	213	293
1931	268	335	349	314	317
1930	264	304	219	179	244
1929	358	337	281	240	277
1928	265	242	197	169	214
1927	227	211	195	190	214
1926	159	151	138	118	131
1925	134	127	128	124	132
1924	119	116	86	71	93
1923	82	70	50	70	75

\* Average for current year to date.

### Petroleum and Its Products—Margold Quits as Head of P.A.B.—Fahy Successor—Independents Challenge Oil Code in Brief Filed in Supreme Court—Crude Oil Prices Cut by Small Company—Congressional Committee Hears Inter-State Compact Plans—"Hot Oil" Shipment Restrained by Court—Petroleum Allowable Cut in December—Crude Oil Production Off

The retirement of Nathan R. Margold as chairman of the Petroleum Administrative Board was announced Friday (yesterday) by Administrator Ickes who stated that Mr. Margold will be succeeded by Charles Fahy, first assistant

solicitor of the Department of the Interior. Mr. Margold will devote his entire time to the office of Interior Department solicitor.

In announcing Mr. Margold's retirement from the P. A. B., Mr. Ickes said it met with his approval, "in view of the great improvement in the petroleum industry resulting from recent developments in the administration of the oil code." Mr. Fahy will continue as first assistant solicitor in the Department of the Interior but will devote most of his time to his new post, the Oil Administrator added.

In a brief filed in the United States Supreme Court Thursday, the Amazon Petroleum Corp., an independent oil unit, questioned the constitutionality of Section 9-0 C of the National Recovery Act and the Petroleum Code, under which the Government demands the right to control production.

Claiming first that inasmuch as the Amazon Petroleum Corp. is not engaged in inter-State commerce, the Federal Government has no power to regulate its activities, the brief continued, charging that the NRA is void because it is "an attempted delegation of power to the President," illegal, because Congress cannot prohibit transportation of harmless commodities, and invalid, "because it is an attempt by the National Government to usurp powers reserved to the States and the people" by the Constitution.

The brief stated:

"Article 1, Section 8, United States Constitution, which empowers the Congress to declare war, to raise and support armies, to provide and maintain a navy, and to make laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into effect the foregoing powers, does not authorize the Congress to require petitioners to keep their oil underground until such time as the National Government may need it in offensive or defensive warfare, without paying petitioners just compensation for it."

In attacking the NRA, the brief charged that it delegates Congressional authority to the President and is an attempt by Congress to regulate and control private business. Section 4 of Article 3, dealing with allocation, is characterized as "an attempt upon the part of the President and a part of the petroleum industry to exercise powers not granted to them." Regulations promulgated by Administrator Ickes are likewise opposed on the ground that NRA is invalid.

The Panhandle Refining Co., a small independent company, posted a reduction of 19 cents a barrel in crude oil prices in North Texas, the new schedule starting at 76 cents for 36 degree gravity, with a 2-cent differential to 40 gravity and above, posted at 84 cents, effective November 22.

In announcing the cut, officials pointed out that under Article 3, section 6, of the oil code, the crude price is 18½ times the price quoted for 60 to 64 octane rating gasoline, and that the October gasoline price so used as a basis, gives the crude prices as announced.

Should the gasoline purchase plan be re-instated, Roy B. Jones, president of Panhandle, disclosed, lifting the price for Group 3 gasoline to 5 cents a gallon, the crude reduction in North Texas will not become effective.

While the Congressional sub-committee investigating the oil industry continued its hearings in Texas, several oil men discussing the inter-State compact plan for control of production, E. W. Marland, Governor-elect of Oklahoma, made further preparations for organizing inter-State agreements.

J. Edgar Pew, of Philadelphia, head of the Sun Oil Co. and Tucker Royall, of Palestine, Texas, Chairman of the Texas Tender Board Tuesday both stated opposition to the Thomas-Disney bill, which would give the Federal government almost complete control of the industry.

That there is some dissension among members of the Texas Tender Board was disclosed in the testimony offered by R. W. Fair, a member, who said that the current need was for "Federal control, just as strong as you can make it."

In discussing the proposed Thomas-Disney measure, Mr. Pew said that he thought it was unnecessary, full enforcement of existing laws coupled with Federal regulation of inter-State shipments of crude being ample power to control production, in his opinion.

When reminded following a statement approving ownership of oil pipe lines by integrated companies on the ground that such a system benefitted both producers and refiners that President Roosevelt had asked for divorce last year, Mr. Pew said:

"Without reflection upon the President, don't you think he arrived at that conclusion without proper thought and mature study."

In testifying on the "hot oil" situation in Texas, Mr. Royall said major companies in many instances were as guilty as independents in offering "hot oil." He disclosed that when the Texas Tender Board planned to make public the name of "hot oil" operators, both major and independents, newspaper would not accept them for fear of libel actions.

Stocks of "hot oil" held in sealed tanks in East Texas on which tenders have been refused were placed at approximately 2,000,000 barrels by Mr. Royall. He said that this oil will have to remain in sealed storage until the owners agree to cut their allowed production and draw the difference from the tank.

Current daily average production of "hot oil" in the East Texas field was placed at from 25,000 to 35,000 barrels daily by Mr. Fair. This compares with a daily average output of approximately 150,000 barrels daily a short while ago.

On the following day, the Cole committee heard testimony of two technical men, representing, respectively, the independent and major oil interests, who said that there is little imminent danger of exhaustion of the nation's petroleum reserve.

Stanley Gill, of Houston, consulting engineer for a number of independent operators, declared he was strongly in favor of conservation but decried some of the current proration and methods of controlling production on the ground that they were causing physical waste.

Wallace E. Pratt, Vice-President of the Humble Oil and Refining Co. and a geologist, favored control of production because of the need for conservation and the fact that potential supplies now exceed the current market demand. Mr. Pratt favored the inter-State compact plan, aided by Federal aid in controlling inter-State movements of crude, rather than complete Federal control of the industry.

Following the completion of the committee's hearings in Dallas, Friday members of the committee made a trip through gas and oil fields in Texas. Previous to leaving Dallas, Chairman Cole revealed terms of the "mystery" measure which has been rumored about in trade circles.

Written by Nathan R. Margold, the bill would give entire control of the oil industry to a board of seven selected and headed by Oil Administrator Ickes, from whose decisions no appeal could be made, it was disclosed. Jack Blalock, of Marshall, Texas, said that the bill was the reason why the Thomas-Disney measure was afforded such strong support by the industry at the last session of Congress, such support banishing immediately after Congress had adjourned.

Mr. Blalock, charging that the Interior Department had drafted the measure as a "big stick" said that "it scared the living daylights out of the captains of the oil industry and brought them into line to support the Thomas-Disney bill as a compromise."

Unofficial reports have indicated the Congressional subcommittee has been considerably puzzled by the marked swing among trade leaders toward the plan of utilizing inter-State compacts, backed by Federal legislation governing inter-State shipments of crude oil, rather than the broad control over the industry which would be instituted by the Federal Government should the Thomas-Disney measure be enacted. In marked contrast to trade sentiment in recent months favoring the Thomas-Disney, the industry, as indicated by the open stand taken by the American Petroleum Institute, is almost solidly in favor of the inter-State pact plan.

Appointment of two advisers by Governor-elect E. W. Marland, of Oklahoma was announced over the week-end as he furthered his plans to "sell" oil producing states on an inter-State compact for crude oil production control.

It was announced in Ponca City, Okla., by Mr. Marland that Patrick J. Hurley, former Republican Secretary of War, and Northeutt Ely, former attache of the Federal Oil Conservation Board, had agreed to draft the compact for him and to be at the conference scheduled for Dec. 3 at which governors of the oil producing states will discuss its merits.

The Attorney-General's office Thursday announced the filing of suits charging 30 oil units with violation of Texas oil laws in the Federal District courts in Texas. At the same time, it was disclosed that Federal Judge Hurst has enjoined W. C. Turnbow, his agents, employes and others from operating a by-pass in Gregg County and violating other Railroad Commission orders. The Acme Refining Co. of Gladewater, has been fined \$4,000 for receiving untendered oil and for failure to make the proper reports to the Commission.

A temporary restraining order forbidding the Deepwater Terminals, Inc., to move a cargo of 11,800 barrels of alleged "hot oil" in inter-State commerce under the provisions of the National Recovery Administration oil code forbidding the inter-state shipment of illegal oil has been obtained by the Department of Justice from Federal Judge Kennerly at Houston, Texas.

Hearings on this order and also on the action challenging the Federal Tender Board, the latter scheduled for Nov. 17 but postponed due to the absence of Federal Judge Bryant, will be held Nov. 24. Hearings in the McMurray Co. case also were postponed from Nov. 17 to Nov. 24.

Members of the Independent Petroleum Association of America will discuss a program of Federal legislation to control the production and movement of petroleum at the annual meeting at Fort Worth, Texas, on Dec. 7 and 8.

Officials stated that limitation of the supply of crude oil to the consumptive demand, including domestic production, imports and withdrawals from storage was the principal feature of the association's policy.

A 33,300 barrel slash in daily crude oil production was disclosed in December allowable orders issued by Oil Administrator Ickes, setting production for that month at a daily average of 2,307,000 barrels. Texas, cut 16,000 barrels, Oklahoma cut 7,700 barrels and California, cut 5,200 barrels, bore the brunt of the reduction, accounting for 28,900 barrels of the 33,300-total.

A rise of 36,450 barrels in daily average crude oil production last week brought the total for the United States to 2,411,000 barrels, compared with a Federal allowable of 2,340,300 barrels and actual production in the like 1933 week of 2,307,100 barrels, reports to the American Petroleum Institute disclosed. The A.P.I. report does not include "hot oil."

Despite a rise of 6,250 barrels, Texas output at 954,650 barrels was under its allowable of 957,300 barrels. Oklahoma production spurted 19,550 barrels, totalling 478,500 barrels, against an allowable of 459,300 barrels. California exceeded its 462,000-barrel allowable, output gaining 5,300 barrels to total 494,500 barrels.

A decline of 1,396,000 barrels in holdings of domestic and foreign crude oil stocks during the week ended Nov. 17 was reported by the Oil Administration, total holdings dipping to 327,676,000 barrels, against 329,072,000 barrels at the close of the previous week. In the week ended Nov. 10, stocks declined 2,804,000 barrels.

Last week's drop was due entirely to a break of 1,513,000 barrels in stocks of domestic crude, which offset an increase of 117,000 barrels in foreign crude stocks.

Price changes follow:

Nov. 23—The Panhandle Refining Co. posted a reduction of 19 cents a barrel in crude oil prices in North Texas, 40 gravity and over being posted at 84 cents a barrel.

Prices of Typical Crudes per Barrel at Wells  
(All gravities where A. P. I. degrees are now shown)

Bradford, Pa.	\$2.30	Eldorado, Ark., 40	\$1.00
Corning, Pa.	1.32	Rusk, ex., 40 and over	1.00
Illinois	1.13	Darst Creek	.87
Western Kentucky	1.08	Midland District, Mich.	1.02
Mid-Cont., Okla., 40 and above	1.08	Sunburst, Mont.	1.35
Hutchinson, Tex., 40 and over	.81	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over	1.34
Spindleton, Tex., 40 and over	1.03	Huntington, Calif., 26	1.01
Winkler, Tex.	.75	Petrolia, Canada	2.10
Smaekover, Ark., 24 and over	.70		

REFINED PRODUCTS—ADMINISTRATOR ICKES REITERATES OPPOSITION TO DISTRESS PURCHASE PLAN—RETAIL GASOLINE PRICES IRREGULAR—BULK PRICES EASE—MOTOR FUEL STOCKS DIP

Proponents of the distress gasoline purchasing plan suffered a further blow to hopes that it might be resumed when Administrator Ickes issued a statement in Washington Wednesday reiterating his opposition to the plan.

The statement did not amplify Mr. Ickes' original announcement, made in Texas a week ago, but its definite tone was interpreted as almost a death blow to any possible resumption of the plan. "I have yet to be convinced after the first experience that I should enter into another agreement for the purchase of distress gasoline," he said.

Members of the Planning and Co-ordination Committee have re-opened negotiations with the Oil Administration in an effort to draw up a plan for the resumption of purchases of distress gasoline stocks that will meet the approval of Administrator Ickes, it was disclosed Friday (yesterday).

The Committee has been informed by the Administrator that he will be willing to consider any "legal" program that they chose to submit but would not commit himself to approve it.

It is believed that the Department of Justice is keeping in close touch with the situation and will probably be the







in other quarters to fresh selling from this country and other sources. Prices during the week ranged from 6.650 cents to 6.975 cents, c.i.f.

October copper statistics of the Copper Institute, accounting for about 85% of the world's total production, revealed that output is still climbing. Production by the members of the group during October totaled 118,250 short tons, against 114,000 tons in September and 112,500 tons in August.

In January of the current year output totaled 91,300 tons. So-called consumption (deliveries) increased both in the United States and abroad, which served to offset the poor showing made in the preceding month.

Stocks of refined copper in North and South America decreased by about 13,000 tons, but a gain in the foreign surplus of 5,000 tons resulted in a net reduction in total stocks of 8,000 tons.

Stocks of copper in North and South America, owned by members of the Copper Institute, total about 375,000 tons. Virtually all of this is understood to be in the United States. In addition to this total, the report credits about 112,000 tons as being on hand at the plants of refineries owned by fabricators and other consumers.

An unofficial summary of the statistics follows:

Table with 3 columns: Category, Sept., Oct. Includes Production (United States mine, Foreign mine, Foreign scrap) and Shipments (United States, Foreign).

Effective Nov. 19, the American Brass Co. reduced its base prices for rolled and drawn brass products one-eighth to one-quarter cent per pound. Lower zinc prices were given as the reason for the decline.

Lead Reduced to 3.50 Cents

The week opened with business in lead dull. Sellers responded by announcing a reduction in the price of 5 points on Friday (Nov. 16) in both the New York and St. Louis markets. This reduction in the price resulted in a moderate increase in buying that soon dried up.

Effective Nov. 16, the American Smelting & Refining Co. established its settling basis for lead at 3.55 cents. This price held until Nov. 19, when a 3.50 cents settling basis was announced.

The refined-lead statistics for October seemed to disappoint most operators, in that stocks were lowered by only 360 tons. The statistics revealed however, that shipments to consumers have expanded in the last few months.

Zinc at 3.675 Cents

Price weakness of a progressive character developed early in the week in the zinc market. From a basis of 3.725 cents @ 3.75 cents, St. Louis, which prevailed last Thursday, (Nov. 15) the price of the metal fell to 3.675 cents on Nov. 21.

Fair Tin Trade

A fair volume of business was booked in tin on Monday and late yesterday. Compared with a week ago, prices underwent little change. The tin-plate price for the first quarter of 1935 was left unchanged, which seemed to impart a little better tone to the market.

Chinese tin, 99%, was quoted nominally as follows: Nov. 15th, 50.35 cents; 16th, 50.40 cents; 17th, 50.40 cents; 19th, 50.325 cents; 20th, 50.35 cents; 21st, 50.45 cents.

Upward Movement in Steel Demand Gains Impetus—Scrap Advances on Heavy Mill Purchases

The "Iron Age" of Nov. 22 stated that expansion of iron and steel demand, although still hesitant and irregular, is gathering momentum. Steel ingot output, despite recessions in several producing districts, has risen from 27 to 28 1/2% the highest rate since June.

At Chicago steel specifications have risen to the highest level in 21 weeks, with the farm equipment builders contributing a large part of the gain. Most producing centers, Chicago included, have received more support from the automobile industry, though the improvement in demand from that source is still gradual.

Business in heavy iron and steel products is still measured largely by Government expenditures. Cast iron pipe makers have been operating at a good rate on Public Works Administration work since September.

The Norfolk & Western has purchased 7,500 tons of rails from the Carnegie Steel Co. and 2,500 tons from the Bethlehem Steel Co.

The buoyancy of scrap is due in part to unusually heavy recent purchases by steel producers in various districts. These orders, believed to aggregate close to 100,000 tons, come with the approach of the year-end inventory period and, under normal conditions, would be regarded as a sure augury of better mill operations.

material to foreign countries casts doubt on the barometric value of the scrap market. Besides draining seaboard sections of scrap, exporters are drawing more and more material from inland points.

The filling of first quarter prices on pig iron and finished steel has disclosed no deviations from current quotations. The only important changes affecting the price structure are the discontinuance of quotations on stock tin plate and the final putting into effect of quantity extras on plates and shapes following a postponement of three months.

Reports of an impending labor truce in the steel industry are premature. An offer to recognize and deal with union leaders in their official capacity, without, however, agreeing to sign union contracts or deprive non-union employees of their own representation, has been rejected.

Steel ingot output has risen two points to 33% at Chicago, one point to 24% in the Philadelphia district, two points to 32% in the Valleys, five points to 37% in the Cleveland-Lorain area, and 14 points to 55% in the Wheeling district.

British steel mills are operating virtually at capacity. Representatives of English machine tool firms are now combing this country for good used machinery to supply a shortage in Great Britain, where demand is brisk.

The "Iron Age" composite prices for finished steel and pig iron are unchanged at 2.124c. a lb. and \$17.90 a ton.

THE "IRON AGE" COMPOSITE PRICES

Table for Finished Steel prices. Includes Nov. 20 1934 price (2.124c. a lb.) and historical data from 1934 to 1927.

Table for Pig Iron prices. Includes Nov. 20 1934 price (\$17.90 a Gross Ton) and historical data from 1934 to 1927.

Table for Steel Scrap prices. Includes Nov. 20 1934 price (\$10.33 a Gross Ton) and historical data from 1934 to 1927.

Table for Steel Scrap prices (continued). Includes Nov. 20 1934 price (\$9.79 a Gross Ton) and historical data from 1934 to 1927.

Table for Steel Scrap prices (continued). Includes Nov. 20 1934 price (\$9.83 a Gross Ton) and historical data from 1934 to 1927.

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The American Iron and Steel Institute on Nov. 19 announced that telegraphic reports which it had received indicated that the operating rate of steel companies having 98.7% of the steel capacity of the industry will be 27.6% of the capacity for the current week, compared with 27.3% last week, 23.9% one month ago, and 26.9% one year ago.

Table showing weekly rates of steel operations since Oct. 23 1933. Columns for 1933, 1934, 1934, and 1934 with percentages.

"Steel" of Cleveland, in its summary of the iron and steel markets on Nov. 19 stated:

Increasing activity in raw materials, with heavier steel works scrap purchases, and larger commitments for practically all finished steel products have generated a stronger sentiment in the markets.

Steelworks operations last week advanced 1/2 point to 28%. The sharpest rise was in the Wheeling district, up 15 points to 54%, due mainly to resumption of 18 sheet mills idle more than four months.

Specifications from automobile manufacturers are expanding moderately. There have been no suspensions of shipments previously released, such as intimated might develop from the President's suggestion to level out production.

An industrial truce of the type the President proposed recently appears near consummation in steel. Producers seem willing now, as in most instances in the past, to treat with representatives of their labor on a proportional basis.





plete draft of a proposed treaty providing for the international control of the manufacture of and traffic in arms. The treaty, which was the first ever suggested at Geneva by the United States on a problem directly related to armaments and the League of Nations, would provide for the establishment of a permanent disarmament commission to be financed through "a special chapter in the League's budget," and having as its major duty the administration of arms control. Hugh R. Wilson, United States Minister to Switzerland, in submitting the draft of the treaty, said that it would meet "an ever-growing demand that something be done, and done without delay, to regulate the manufacture and trade in arms."

The Steering Committee on Nov. 20 approved the treaty proposal in principle, and it will be communicated to all the Governments. Arthur Henderson, President of the Conference, instructed the appropriate committee to begin consideration of the treaty at Geneva after the Saar plebiscite of Jan. 13. A dispatch from Geneva to the New York "Times," Nov. 20, discussed the submission of the treaty draft in part as follows:

The bureau adopted the proposal of Arthur Henderson, President of the Conference, for keeping the Conference alive diplomatically as a Disarmament Conference, but practically reducing it indefinitely to the task of providing by separate treaty for both the subjects with which the American draft deals and for publicity for war budgets, which Mr. Wilson agreed to-day could be added to his treaty.

Before adjourning, subject to call by Mr. Henderson, the bureau authorized him to convoke three committees to deal with the three subjects in January after the Saar plebiscite and meanwhile to send the American draft treaty to all governments for study. The important tactical question as to whether the three subjects are to be made into one treaty, as the United States desires, or into two or three was left for the bureau to decide when the committees report next Spring.

The net practical result of all this is to assure that the Conference's attention henceforth will center on the American draft as hitherto it has centered on the British draft in the broader field of general disarmament.

#### Italy Records Opposition

The only outspoken opposition came from Italy, which had been foremost in support of the Hoover disarmament plan. Marchese di Soragna not only reaffirmed Italy's general reservation against doing anything in Germany's absence, but also specifically opposed any action to control arms manufacture which, he said, Italy could not even consider before "principles have been laid down in regard to qualitative and quantitative limitations of armaments." He also opposed supervision in general and the separate creation of a permanent disarmament commission in particular, saying Italy considered "supervision quite inseparable from a disarmament convention." He argued:

"Continuation of work might render acceptance harder rather than easier for certain States that are either bound by special treaties or are not now represented at Geneva.

#### Austria Asks Equality

As if to sharpen Italy's flatly negative position, Austria, whose Chancellor has just conferred with Premier Mussolini, made her first move to-day for the kind of equal rights Germany has been demanding. She said she would sign no other conventions until she received "equality in defense" and she urged action thereon through diplomatic channels without delay. Her argument boiled down to this—if you wish Austria to maintain her independence, give her more arms.

Great Britain and France were sympathetically non-committal toward the United States plan, and Russia, Spain and Sweden were favorable. Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet Foreign Commissar, renewed more mildly than had been expected his plea for his permanent peace conference, but was satisfied when Mr. Henderson kept his project alive by ruling it could be treated by the committee dealing with the Permanent Disarmament Commission.

#### United States Draft

In substance, the American draft treaty is composed of the arms catalogue of the 1925 treaty, of the control mechanism by national licensing proposed by the United States on June 15 as a chapter in a general disarmament convention and of the chapter dealing with a permanent disarmament commission in the British draft of a general convention as amended later by a committee to give the commission power to regularly to investigate enforcement in each signatory country.

All arms, from hand grenades up to naval ships, are covered in the proposed treaty. Five-year renewable licenses would be issued to private arms manufacturers and governments would be required to inform Geneva of all licenses and all arms items in export and import trade. Details concerning warships would have to be supplied to the permanent commission.

This commission, composed of one representative of each signatory power, could make a special investigation in any country if a violation were charged, in addition to its regular inspections.

The project involves no important new position by the United States in regard to any of these subjects. Mr. Wilson explain to the bureau:

"This text presents very little that is new. . . . The fundamentals of our draft have already been considered and considered favorably by various organs of the Conference. These sources while unchanged in principle have been altered or amended in detail only to fit in with the necessity of making an autonomous treaty without awaiting realization of a general disarmament convention."

What is new is that the United States now changes from a passive role of accepting certain things and a minor role of proposing one chapter in a big convention to an active major role of fathering all this together as an autonomous treaty and the main one under future discussion.

#### Meeting in Budapest of International Wheat Advisory Committee—Argentina Declines to Accept Agreement for Continuance of Acreage Reduction—Accepted by United States, Canada and Australia—France Demands Export Quota

At the meeting of the International Wheat Advisory Committee in Budapest on Nov. 22, Argentina is said to have declined to accept the proposed agreement to continue

in effect during 1935 reductions in wheat acreage made last year. Associated Press advices report that her decision, based on the contention that the present basis of acreage reduction is unfair, came after other members of wheat's "big four"—the United States, Canada and Australia—had accepted in principle the draft of the proposed agreement. The advices continued:

The basis adopted by the wheat commission was 15% deduction in comparison with the average of the last three years, but Argentina, represented by Rodolfo Garcia Arias, argued that the reductions should be calculated against the average since 1914.

The South American nation, the Associated Press was informed on highest authority after to-day's closed session, asserted Canada and Australia particularly have made their greatest increases in acreage in the last few years.

It was learned that the negotiations still are open, with other members of the big four still hoping to reach an agreement with Argentina.

Under the plan proposed, the United States would be required to make an abrupt about-face in the agricultural policies announced in August, which involved an increase of 5% in winter wheat sowing.

This increase, most of which already has been completed, would have to be eliminated either through corresponding reductions in spring planting or plowing up of wheat already sown or, perhaps, cutting of winter wheat for use as animal feed.

At the same time France is said to have demanded an export quota—no provision having been made for France in the commission's estimate of the world export demand of 600,000,000 bushels. Regarding the stand taken by France we quote the following (Associated Press) from Budapest Nov. 22:

It was understood France wants over 20,000,000 bushels as her quota, twice the amount the United States asked and twice the allotment suggested for Russia.

The French delegate, however, stated France was willing to accept quarterly quotas, which was designed to check dumping.

In return for the quota France offered to abandon her internal minimum price scheme and indicated she would cease exports after Aug. 1 1935.

Any quota allotted France would require corresponding sacrifices by overseas exporters, notably the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina.

The official statement on the French position follows in part:

The French Government is determined France shall resume her position as an importer, since it is to her best interests to do so. The French Government, therefore, has decided to abandon the internal minimum price system. The first result of this decision would be to narrow the difference which exists between the price given for French wheat and the world export price. The second result would be direct discouragement of excessive production.

While the long term effect of the policy would be wholly favorable to international trade, it was necessary for France to liquidate her existing surplus.

The French position in regard to exports is that for this one crop-year she will have to join the ranks of exporting countries and will readily agree to adopt such measures as are found necessary to minimize price depressing effects of her temporary appearance in the role of exporter.

A two-year extension of the world wheat pact which will expire next August was urged on Nov. 21 by the United States, Soviet Russia and most other countries represented at the meeting of the committee—final decision having been postponed on that date because Argentina and Canada declined to act pending the settlement of problems of export quotas and acreage reduction. Meanwhile the committee issued a statement Nov. 21 predicting that the annual world demand for exported wheat would remain at 600,000,000 bushels until at least August, 1936. The Committee said that there is no prospect of an increased demand by importing countries unless yields per acre prove to be of low average.

A review of the world wheat situation which was read at the opening session on Nov. 20 forecast increasingly adverse conditions for wheat during the next two years, with a possible crisis two years from now.

Associated Press advices from Budapest Nov. 21 quoted from the Commission's statement on that day in part as follows:

Owing to the present policy of some importing countries of protecting—almost regardless of cost—their wheat growers against foreign competition and a sharp upward trend of unit yields, the commission's statement continued, "there seems to be no good reason for anticipating in the next few years an annual European demand for imported wheat in excess of 450,000,000 bushels."

"As a result of Japan's policy to become self-sufficing," the statement said, "and of the great expansion of wheat growing in several European countries, it is improbable the annual imports by European countries will in the near future be more than about 150,000,000 bushels."

"The world demand for imported wheat in recent years has declined 20 to 25% below what was looked upon as normal prior to 1932."

The commission also took a rap at optimists who forecast improvement because of droughts, so that "during August suggestions were made that the effect of widespread drought would be to convert the position of over-production to one of relative scarcity and that as a result a substantial rise in wheat prices might be anticipated."

#### Australian Gold Output Reported Higher During Current Year

Production of gold in Australia has continued to increase during the current year, according to advices to the United States Commerce Department from Assistant Trade Commissioner W. C. Flake, Sydney. In an announcement issued Nov. 9 by the Commerce Department it was further said:

Official figures just issued show that during the first six months of 1934 the gold output of the Commonwealth amounted to 428,112 fine ounces, valued at £3,580,252, compared with 387,985 ounces, valued at £2,912,562 in the corresponding period of 1933. For the full year 1933, total production was 830,000 ounces, valued at £6,406,069, compared with 714,000 ounces, valued at £5,211,512, in 1932. In 1929, the yield was only 427,159 ounces, valued at £1,814,457, but in each succeeding year there has been a steady increase.

▶ A further Australian record price for gold, the report shows, was recently established in London, making the incentive for greater production increasingly stronger.

Over 75% of the Australian gold output, according to the report, is produced in West Australia.

### Increase Reported in Production of Gold in Ontario Province (Canada) During Current Year Compared With 1933

Production of gold in Ontario Province, Canada, has shown a marked increase during the current year compared with 1933, according to a report to the United States Commerce Department from Commercial Attache H. M. Bankhead, Ottawa. As announced on Oct. 31 by the Commerce Department the report states:

Gold production in the Province during the period January-September 1934, was valued at \$52,298,353 compared with \$37,047,850 in the corresponding period of last year. The mines from which this gold is produced are in the Porcupine and Kirkland Lake belts and in northwestern Ontario. ▶ Ontario's gold production during the month of September of the current year amounted to \$5,546,644, an increase of \$2,058,484 compared with September 1933, but a decline of \$512,306 compared with August.

### Pledge of Maintenance of Gold Standard Given by New Cabinet of Premier Theunis of Belgium—Report of \$25,000,000 Credit by Federal Reserve Banks Denied

A new coalition Cabinet headed by Col. George Theunis was pledged by him on Nov. 20 to maintenance of the gold standard. In Associated Press advices from Brussels Nov. 20 it was stated that financial circles welcomed his announcement, inasmuch as concern had been felt over the policies of the Government to succeed that headed by Count Charles de Broqueville, which withdrew last week because of internal disagreements.

Current this week have been reports of a \$25,000,000 credit granted to Belgium by the Federal Reserve Banks. The reports appeared to emanate in Chicago on Nov. 17, and in indicating that it had brought a denial from Belgium, a wireless message Nov. 20 to the New York "Times" said:

A denial that the United States Federal Reserve Board had lent \$25,000,000 to Belgium was made in a communique issued today by the Agence Belge. As the news agency has a semi-official standing, there can be no doubt that the communique came from official circles.

"The story published abroad according to which the American Government advanced during the course of last week \$25,000,000 to the Belgian Government with a view toward helping it to maintain the gold standard is devoid of all foundation," the communique reads.

"The story is all the more fantastic when it is realized that the gold coverage of the National Bank of Belgium amounts to 68.05%."

In the advices Nov. 17 from Chicago with reference to the reports of the so-called "loan" the New York "Times" said:

"Loan" is not a Loan

The "loan" is in reality no loan at all, but the purchase of \$25,000,000 Belgian gold for shipment to the United States, where it will be turned over by the Reserve banks to the Treasury. About half of the gold has already been shipped here, and the rest will reach American shores as fast as ships are available to carry it.

Whether additional Belgian gold will be bought on such "loan" arrangements if this transaction fails to stem the outward tide of gold from that country, Treasury and Reserve officials have not indicated.

In extending the \$25,000,000 credit to Belgium the New York Reserve Bank handled the transactions, but apportioned shares to each of the other eleven banks. Of the \$15,765,000 appearing in the reports up to last Wednesday the New York Reserve Bank took \$5,455,000, the Chicago Reserve Bank \$1,987,000, San Francisco \$1,119,000, Philadelphia \$1,640,000, Cleveland \$1,514,000, Boston \$1,135,000, Richmond \$599,000, Atlanta \$552,000, St. Louis \$520,000, Minneapolis \$362,000, Kansas City \$441,000 and Dallas \$441,000.

Under the law the Reserve banks are not permitted to hold gold. Therefore, as fast as the metal is received it will be turned over to the Treasury, the Reserve banks being paid off in cash.

The fact that the weekly gold statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (for the period from Nov. 15-21) shows an item of imports of \$5,471,000 from Belgium, prompts the following in the "Times" of Nov. 23:

The National Bank of Belgium found it unnecessary to make additional borrowings against gold from the Federal Reserve Banks for the support of the belga in the week ended on Wednesday, it was disclosed yesterday in the Reserve System's statement for that period. On the contrary, the outstanding loans on gold were reduced \$5,426,000 in the week, an amount which corresponds approximately with the \$5,471,000 gold imported from Belgium in the last few days.

The statement of the Reserve Banks showed "foreign loans on gold" amounting to \$10,339,000, compared with \$15,765,000 in last week's statement and \$2,247,000 two weeks ago, when the item first appeared. The loans, made against the security of gold en route here from the borrowing country, have arisen, in the opinion of local bankers, out of the necessity of Belgium to obtain dollar exchange to support its faltering currency without waiting the length of time that would have been required for gold shipments to be sent here and converted into dollars.

Loan's Reduction a Surprise

The indication given in this week's Reserve Bank report that Belgium had not borrowed additional amounts but had actually reduced the loan

was somewhat surprising to foreign exchange circles. The belga has been maintained at an apparently pegged price of 23.33 cents, substantially below its gold import point, for several days and it had been assumed that this steadiness could only have been achieved at some cost.

There was conjecture last night over the possibility that Belgium had made arrangements to get funds from the Bank of France, rather than from the Reserve Banks, with which to support its currency.

### Italy Acts to Hold Gold—Offers to Buy Coupons on Bonds to Get Foreign Currency

According to Associated Press accounts from Rome, Italy, Nov. 17, to the New York "Times" the Bank of Italy published an offer that day to buy interest coupons on Italian bonds issued abroad in foreign currencies. The advices continued:

The move was an effort to gather more foreign currency and stem the outward flow of gold, which has reduced gold holdings by more than 15% since February.

The bonds are principally dollar bonds, such as the \$100,000,000 Morgan loan. Holders of the bonds will receive lire in exchange for the dollar coupons.

### Offering of 2,000,000,000 Lire 4% Bonds by Italy Heavily Oversubscribed

A new 2,000,000,000-lire (approximately \$170,800,000) issue of nine-year 4% bonds by Italy was heavily oversubscribed Nov. 22, its second day on the market, according to Associated Press advices from Rome, Nov. 22.

The new issue was approved at a Cabinet Council meeting on Nov. 19 under the Chairmanship of Premier Mussolini, and it was indicated on that date that they would be offered to the public between Nov. 21 and 27. A wireless message from Rome to the New York "Times" had the following to say regarding the new issue:

The bonds will bear 4% interest and will in addition offer holders a chance to participate in the lottery which will be held in the first three years after the issue for money prizes amounting to 10,000,000 lire each year. They will be issued at par and will be redeemable at par after 9 years.

This issue of bonds is particularly interesting, as it is the first since the conversion operation in February of this year when interest on the Italian consolidated loan was cut down from 5 to 3.5%. The interest is the lowest offered on any Government loan in Italy since the war, the previous minimum rate being 4.5% on two small loans in February and June last year.

The new flotation will swell the Government's internal indebtedness to the hitherto unequalled figure of 105,000,000,000 lire.

### French Bank Reported Placed in Receivership—Cammass Bank Had Been Closed Since Nov. 1

Advices from Saint-Omer, France, Nov. 15, appearing in the Montreal "Gazette" of Nov. 16, had the following to say:

The Cammass Bank, capitalized at 20,000,000 francs (currently about \$1,320,000), went into receivership to-day. The bank, which had 20 branches in this region, had been closed since Nov. 1.

### Finland Files With Securities Exchange Commission Registration Statement for \$10,000,000 4% Notes To Be Used to Redeem Outstanding Dollar Bonds

The filing by Finland of a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission at Washington for \$10,000,000 serial 4% notes was made known in the following announcement of the Commission made public Nov. 20:

The Republic of Finland has filed with the Securities & Exchange Commission a registration statement for \$10,000,000 of serial 4% notes, marking the first time registration has been made under Schedule B of the Securities Act of 1933.

The new issue will mature annually Jan. 1 1936 to Jan. 1 1940, and the net proceeds will be used, with cash from Treasury, to redeem outstanding dollar bonds of the Republic. The issues to be redeemed are \$8,774,000 of 7% external loan sinking fund gold bonds dated March 2 1925, due March 1 1950, to be redeemed on March 1 1935. Of this issue \$1,248,500 is held by the Finnish Government. Also to be redeemed are \$13,450,600 of 5½% external loan sinking fund gold bonds dated Feb. 1 1928, due Feb. 1 1958, to be redeemed on Feb. 1 1935.

The price at which the securities will be sold to the public has not yet been determined but will be filed before the registration statement becomes effective.

The underwriters of the new issue are Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., Edward B. Smith & Co., Lee Higginson Corp. and the First Boston Corp., all of N. Y. City, and the Bank of Finland, Helsingfors, Finland. The issuer estimates that the total expenses exclusive of underwriting commission in connection with the sale of the securities to be offered will be about \$30,000 including the listing fee on the New York Stock Exchange, the printing of the New York Stock Exchange's listing application, the printing of definitive notes and qualification fees for State blue sky laws, a total expense of 3-10 of 1% of the gross value of the issue.

Noting that the action was taken in a formal application for registration filed by L. Astrom, Finnish Minister at Washington, acting as his Government's authorized agent. A Washington dispatch, Nov. 19, to the New York "Herald Tribune" added:

Not Barred by Johnson Act

With Finland's debt payments to the United States made regularly on dates of maturity, the Baltic Country finds itself unhindered by the provisions of the Johnson Act of the last Congress, prohibiting American flotation of issues of defaulting nations.

It is also observed that the Finnish application filed this week is the first proposal for sale of foreign government bonds received by the newly created Securities and Exchange Com-

mission. The proposed offering by Finland of foreign dollar bonds, under the Securities Exchange Act, was referred to in our issue of Nov. 10, page 2914.

**Finland to Again Meet Semi-Annual Installment on Debt to United States**

From Helsingfors, Finland, Nov. 21, a wireless message to the New York "Times" said:

Risto Ryti, Governor of the Bank of Finland, announced to-day that the Cabinet had decided to pay the full semi-annual debt instalment to the United States on Dec. 15.

The instalment totals \$228,538. The outstanding principal of the debt totals \$8,722,520.

It is noted in the "Times" that Finland is the only country among the war debtors of the United States that has paid its debt in full and has never missed an instalment. She has consistently lived up to the debt agreement signed in Washington in 1922.

**Total of \$154,729,976 Due United States Dec. 15 on Foreign War Indebtedness**

On Nov. 20 the United States Treasury made public figures showing a total of \$154,729,976 due to the United States on Dec. 15 on foreign war debts. Notices notifying the foreign governments of the amounts owed, were, it is reported, being issued to the debtor nations. The figures given out by the Treasury, follow:

*Indebtedness of Foreign Governments to The United States  
Amounts Payable Dec. 15 1934  
(Exclusive of amounts previously due and unpaid)*

Country	Under Original Funding Agreements		Under Moratorium Agreements	Total
	Principal	Interest		
Belgium		\$2,625,000.00	\$484,453.88	\$3,109,453.88
Czechoslovakia	\$1,500,000.00		182,812.78	1,682,812.78
Estonia	208,500.00	286,265.00	36,585.29	531,350.29
Finland	62,000.00	147,507.50	19,030.50	228,538.00
France		19,261,432.50	3,046,879.72	22,308,312.22
Great Britain	32,000,000.00	75,950,000.00	9,720,765.05	117,670,765.05
Hungary	12,800.00	33,185.07	4,225.58	50,210.65
Italy		1,245,437.50	896,155.88	2,141,593.38
Latvia	85,800.00	119,609.00	15,274.26	220,683.26
Lithuania		107,783.67	13,683.26	121,466.93
Poland	2,577,000.00	3,582,810.00	456,229.71	6,616,039.71
Rumania			48,750.08	48,750.08
Yugoslavia				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,446,100.00</b>	<b>\$103,359,030.24</b>	<b>\$14,924,845.99</b>	<b>\$154,729,976.23</b>

**Tokio Stock Exchange Said to Have Abandoned Negotiations for Loan from National Bank of Japan**

From Tokio, Japan, Nov. 22, United Press advices stated: Improvement on the Stock Exchange was reflected to-day in reports that negotiations for a loan of 50,000,000 yen (\$14,500,000) from the Industrial Bank of Japan to the Exchange had been dropped.

Announcement of the bank's willingness to grant the loan, it was said, was sufficient to stabilize the market, for which purpose the loan had been sought.

**Paper Money Plan Rejected in Brazil—Ministry of Finance Prefers to Launch Internal Loan to Cover Indebtedness**

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Rio de Janeiro Nov. 19:

The issuance of paper currency has been opposed by the Ministry of Finance, which prefers to launch an internal loan of an undetermined amount. . . . It was learned today that at a Cabinet meeting Saturday the majority favored the issuance of paper currency of a sufficient amount to cover present demands, but this was opposed by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry is planning to issue bonds of three to five years' maturity and the Legislature has been asked to grant executive authority to negotiate a blanket loan. According to the Constitution the President cannot ask blanket credits but the Legislature must authorize a loan for a stated amount.

This figure, according to signs, will be large, probably nearing 2,000,000 contos, sufficient to cover the deficit in the budget of more than 800,000 contos and large domestic obligations and foreign commitments. The gold balance derived from exports has reached about £7,000,000, but the Ministry is unwilling to use this for other purposes. Additional taxation also is opposed.

**Court Upholds Contention of Mexico that New York Is Without Jurisdiction in Case of Defaulted Bonds**

Litigation in behalf of owners of defaulted Republic of Mexico bonds to compel the International Committee of Bankers on Mexico to account to them for \$7,000,000 collected in the last few years from internal revenues brought a ruling on Nov. 20 by the Court of Appeals which, according to the New York "Times," upheld the contention of the Mexican Government that the Courts of this State had no jurisdiction over the case. From the "Times" we quote:

Jerome S. Hess of Hardin, Hess & Eder, counsel for Mexico, who was notified of the decision at Albany, said that the Court of Appeals had passed on the litigation for the first time and that as a result there is no further recourse open to the bondholders unless an effort is made to induce the United States Supreme Court to pass on it. The disposition of the fund will now await an understanding between the bankers' committee, headed by Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., and the Mexican Government, he said.

The fund was discussed by President Rodriguez of Mexico in his message to the Congress of that country on Sept. 1, when he accused the bankers' committee of retaining the funds "in an unjust and illegal manner," and said that if the break with the bankers' committee continued he would submit to the Congress a new program for redemption of the foreign debt.

The appeal to the highest Court of the State was taken from a decision by Supreme Court Justice Alfred Frankenthaler holding that the Mexican Government was a necessary party to the accounting action, and that because it refused to be a party to the suit and could not be compelled to do so, the principles of international law required the dismissal of the action.

The suit was brought by Silas Ezra of Chicago in behalf of himself and others, owners of \$148,000,000 of the \$509,000,000 of bonds held by the committee. His counsel urged that the bond owners had a right to an accounting of the funds due them, and to an injunction restraining the return of any of the \$7,000,000 to Mexico. It was argued that the dismissal of a previous suit brought by the owners of bonds not deposited with the committee was not decisive of the action by depositing bondholders.

In ruling that the same principles of international law apply to the case as brought about the dismissal of the previous suit, Justice Frankenthaler referred to the plea by Fernando Gonzales Roa, Mexican Ambassador to the United States, that the Mexican Government "is a necessary party without whose presence the subject matter of the action may not be passed upon by the Court." The Appellate Division upheld Justice Frankenthaler's decision.

**Two Committees for Protection of Holders of Colombian Dollar Bonds Unite as New Group—Will Exercise Concerted Action in Behalf of Bondholders**

The two Colombian bondholders' committees, which have been working independently, but with the same objective, have consolidated their organizations under the direction of an Executive Committee, which will maintain offices at 26 Broadway, New York City, according to an announcement Nov. 19 by Lawrence E. de S. Hoover, Secretary of the Executive Committee. The new group will include James Henry Haynes, of the Independent Bondholders' Committee for the Republic of Colombia, and Fred Lavis, of the Bondholders' Committee for Colombia Dollar Bonds. All detail work with respect to the deposit of the bonds will be carried on by Douglas Bradford, Secretary, at 120 Wall Street, New York City. The announcement added, in part:

The Bondholders' Committee for Republic of Colombia Dollar Bonds, of which Richard Washburn Child is Chairman, was announced on Nov. 1 1932, and the Independent Bondholders' Committee for Republic of Colombia, of which Robert L. Owen is Chairman, was announced two weeks later. At the date of the announcement, both Committees had the same end in view—the protection of the interests of the holders of defaulted bonds of the Departments and Municipalities of the Republic of Colombia.

On April 6 1933 the Bondholders' Committee for Republic of Colombia Dollar Bonds included within the scope of its activities the National Government and Mortgage Bank bonds.

These combined committees, now representing substantial deposits of bonds, consolidated their interests to ensure concerted action in behalf of the bondholders whom they represent and enable them to present a united front in any negotiations with the Colombian Government or any political entity thereof.

The Bondholders' Committee for Republic of Colombia comprises Richard Washburn Child, Chairman, Frederick E. Hasler and Fred Lavis. The Depository is the New York Trust Company, in New York; and the Sub-Depositories are the Whitney National Bank, New Orleans; the American Trust Company, San Francisco; Bank of Montreal, in Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Halifax, Vancouver, and Winnipeg.

The Independent Bondholders' Committee for Republic of Colombia comprises Robert L. Owen, Chairman, Frederick H. Bedford, Jr., Charles M. Bull, Jr., James Henry Hayes and Harrison K. McCann. The Depository is the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, in New York. The Sub-Depositories are the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Company, San Francisco, Calif.; and the First National Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Bradford on Nov. 21 officially notified holders of Colombian external dollar bonds of the consolidation of the two Protective Committees, and pointed out that in order to strengthen the position of bondholders in necessary negotiations the representation by the committees of the largest possible number of bonds is desirable. His communication urged all bondholders who have not already done so to deposit their bonds promptly with any of the depositories or subdepositories listed above.

**Brazil Remits Funds for Part Payment of Dec. 1 Coupons on Two Bond Issues**

Dillon, Read & Co., as special agent for United States of Brazil 20-year external loan 8% bonds, and United States of Brazil 30-year 7% bonds, announce that funds have been remitted for payment of the Dec. 1 coupons on both issues at the rate of 35% of the dollar face amount. The coupons, accordingly, will be paid in United States currency at this rate on and after Dec. 1 upon presentation to the New York office of Dillon, Read & Co., accompanied by letter of transmittal.

**Bonds of San Paulo 7% Coffee Realization Loan 1930 Purchased Towards Redemption Requirements for Year Ending March 31 1935, and Cancelled**

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation announced Nov. 22 that, in accordance with the terms of decree No. 23,829 issued by the Federal Government of Brazil on Feb. 5, 1934, bonds of the above loan for \$875,000 nominal of the U. S. A. dollar issue and £320,200 nominal

of the sterling issue have been purchased towards the redemption requirements for the year ending March 31 1935, and cancelled.

In accordance with the notice published on June 12 1934, the announcement of Nov. 22 said, a further adjustment of the stocks of pledged coffees has been made and such stocks are now as follows: 1,911,893 bags government coffee; 9,202,316 bags planters coffee. The notice of June 12 was given in our issue of June 16, page 4041.

#### Bonds and Coupons Due Dec. 1 of Hamburg-American Line First Mortgage 6½% Marine Equipment Series Gold Bonds to Be Paid

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation, as fiscal agents for \$3,500,000 Hamburg-American Line first mortgage 6½% marine equipment serial gold bonds, are announcing today (Nov. 24) that \$500,000 Series VII bonds due Dec. 1 1934, and the coupons due Dec. 1 1934 of all bonds now outstanding, will be paid, on and after that date, at either of their offices. Of the original issue of \$6,500,000 bonds, \$3,000,000 will remain outstanding after Dec. 1.

#### 10% of Dividend Loss of \$1,726,000,000 Sustained by Stockholders from March 1930 to June 1933 Restored to Oct. 31, According to Moody's Index

"Between the peak of March 1930 and the low point of June 1933 there was a shrinkage of \$1,726,000,000 in the annual rate of cash dividend payments on 600 common stocks," according to Moody's monthly weighted index. "These 600 stocks correspond in value to practically the entire stock capitalization on the New York Stock Exchange. Between the middle of 1933 and the end of last month \$172,000,000 or 10% of this lost income, has been restored to stockholders." Moody's continued:

There has been, however, a wide variation of results as between different industries. Thus, while mining companies (other than copper companies) represented in the index restored 57% of their dividend payments, and chemical companies 44%, railroads have restored only 7%, and steel companies only 1%. The public utility companies have not gained since the middle of last year, but have instead made further dividend reductions.

The following table, issued by Moody's, compared dividend changes between these three dates for industries showing large fluctuations:

ANNUAL RATES OF CASH DIVIDENDS BY GROUPS  
(In Millions of Dollars)

Industry	Peak	Low	Recent	Amount Lost	Amount Regained
Auto. and auto. accessory	\$251	\$46	\$81	\$205	\$ 35
Building	39	2	6	37	4
Chemical	86	47	64	39	17
Copper	181	0	14	181	14
Electrical equipment	64	12	18	52	6
Food	131	33	87	48	4
Mining (miscellaneous)	42	7	27	35	20
Petroleum	275	59	96	216	37
Retail	107	46	56	61	10
Steel	112	3	4	109	1
Theater	36	2	2	34	0
Theater	355	52	72	303	20
Rails	356	311	282	45	*
Utilities	136	81	87	55	6
Banks	41	20	21	21	1
Insurance	41	20	21	21	1
All 600 stocks	\$2,691	\$965	\$1,137	\$1,726	\$172

\* Nothing regained; additional decrease of \$29,000,000.

#### New York Stock Exchange Has Received 700 Replies to Questionnaire Asking for Suggestions

The New York Stock Exchange has received approximately 700 replies to a questionnaire sent by Richard Whitney, President of the Exchange, to non-member partners, branch office managers and correspondents throughout the country, covering the operations of securities markets generally and asking for suggestions. Letters containing a list of 12 questions on which information was desired were sent to about 9,000 persons. The "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 23 commented on the action to be taken on the replies as follows:

Within a week or two, the Exchange will begin to compile the information contained in the letters with the possibility of the data being made the basis of a report. The number of replies so far received is in line with expectations of Exchange officials. It had been originally estimated that about 10% or 900 replies were all that could be expected.

#### New York Stock Exchange Asks Banks for Information on 50 Stocks for Which They Are Transfer Agents—Again Considers Establishment of Central Depository

The New York Stock Exchange on Nov. 22 addressed a letter to the transfer departments of New York City banks asking for certain information on 50 active stocks, in order to determine the feasibility of establishing a central depository for securities. The letter, signed by Lawrence G. Payson, President of the Stock Clearing Corp., asked the banks to transmit the questionnaire to the corporations for which

they act, inquiring whether or not the data desired should be furnished. This procedure had been suggested by the Executive Committee of the New York Stock Transfer Association in reply to an earlier communication from Mr. Payson making a blanket request for information on all stocks for which the banks were transfer agents. The New York "Times" of Nov. 23 further outlined the scope of the inquiry as follows:

Three questions are asked in Mr. Payson's letter:

What is the daily average number of window tickets received six days prior to Dec. 14, 1934?

What is the daily average number of transfers made to New York Stock Exchange names?

What is the total amount of shares standing in New York Stock Exchange names as of Dec. 14, 1934?

The 50 corporations whose stocks are included in the survey are expected to authorize their transfer agents to supply the data inasmuch as the proposed central depository would obviate many unnecessary transfers for which the corporations pay fees. Under the plan considered the active stocks would be placed with the proposed Security Deposit Trust Co. and transferred to its name. Thereafter transfers between brokers would be accomplished by security checks without involving the actual transfer of the stock to another name except in cases of withdrawal of securities.

The central depository has been under consideration for approximately 10 years. The present inquiry is proceeding on an assumed basis of 1,000,000 shares daily average turnover on the Exchange. At this rate of activity the depository would operate at a loss, it is understood, and Exchange officials admit that they do not know definitely what daily turnover would be sufficient to make its operation profitable.

#### Re-organized Associated Stock Exchanges Includes All Major Markets in United States—W. W. Spaid Named President of New Organization

Reorganization of the Associated Stock Exchanges to include in the membership the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Curb Exchange, the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Boston Stock Exchange was announced on Nov. 22 at Washington. W. W. Spaid, who for 30 years has been with W. B. Hibbs & Co. of which he is a partner, has accepted the Presidency of the new group. Headquarters of the organization have been moved from Detroit to Washington. Clark E. Wickey of Detroit, Secretary of the association since its formation 15 years ago, has resigned, and a new post of Executive Vice President-Secretary-Treasurer will be filled by E. E. Thompson of Washington. A dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" Nov. 22 added the following regarding the new group:

Under the reorganization each exchange will have one vote, thus giving the smallest members equal rights with such large exchanges as those of New York and Chicago, Mr. Spaid explained. He added that it gave the smaller exchanges also an opportunity, long lacking, to take part more actively in meeting stock exchange problems.

"Headquarters have been moved to Washington in order that information pertaining to the nation's exchanges might be available if and when requested in connection with matters before the Securities and Exchange Commission," he said.

#### California Stock Exchange (Los Angeles) Suspends Trading Pending Registration with SEC—Withdraws Application for Exemption from Certain Provisions of Securities Exchange Act

An application for exemption from certain provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 was withdrawn on Nov. 22 by the Governors of the California Stock Exchange, Los Angeles. At the same time the Governors agreed to suspend trading operations until such time as a registration license is applied for and granted. In noting the foregoing, Los Angeles advices, Nov. 22, to the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Nov. 23, continued:

Trading suspended with the close of to-day's business, Louis P. Pink, general counsel for the Exchange, announced after the conclusion of the hearing before John S. Hurley, attorney-examiner for the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Pink stated the California Stock Exchange would immediately initiate a reorganization, with particular attention to meeting requirements for the reporting of condition by its listed companies.

The California Stock Exchange, the advices said, was established in Los Angeles on Jan. 15, 1930.

#### Richard Whitney to Address Annual Dinner Meeting of Chicago Association of Stock Exchange Firms Dec. 10

Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Chicago Association of Stock Exchange Firms Dec. 10, 1934, in the Grand Ball Room of the Palmer House, Chicago, it was announced Nov. 15 by Thaddeus R. Benson, Chairman of the Association.

#### Stock Transfer Department of Stock Clearing Corporation to Be Temporarily Discontinued After Dec. 1

Because of the continued lack of volume in stock transactions, the Stock Clearing Corporation will temporarily discontinue its transfer department on Dec. 1 1934, the New



York Stock Exchange announced Nov. 16. The Exchange stated:

This department started in 1923 and grew rapidly to its peak value in 1928 and 1929, when nearly 300 member firms found its services of great value. During those years there were a number of occasions when the number of shares offered for transfer exceeded 500,000 shares on a "closing" day. Now that the number of shares offered for transfer average 25,000 per day and the credit accommodations required by clearing members are considerably less than when the volume of trading averaged 4,000,000 shares a day, clearing member firms no longer require the services of this department.

The following announcement of the discontinuance of the transfer department was issued by L. G. Payson, President of the Stock Clearing Corporation:

STOCK CLEARING CORPORATION

Nov. 16 1934.

Effective Dec. 1 1934, Stock Clearing Corporation will temporarily discontinue its stock Transfer department. After that date, if a clearing member has emergency need of the services heretofore rendered by this department, application for transfer may be made to the Manager of the Day Branch and assistance will be given within reasonable limits.

Except in emergency no stock will be received for transfer by us after Nov. 22. Stock in transfer at that time will be delivered to clearing members before the department closes.

L. G. PAYSON, President.

### Hartford Stock Exchange Withdraws Application for Exemption From Securities Exchange Act

The following announcement was made available for publication, Nov. 16 by the Securities and Exchange Commission at Washington.

The Commission announced to-day that the application of the Hartford (Conn.) Stock Exchange for withdrawal of its application for exemption as a National securities exchange has been granted. The original application for exemption was made by the exchange in September 1934, and temporary exemption until Dec. 1 1934, was granted on Sept. 28, subject to the terms and conditions contained in Release No. 11 of that date. In accordance with the provisions of the release, a hearing upon the application to determine whether the exchange should be granted exemption for an extended period, and, if so, upon what conditions, was ordered for Nov. 15 1934. On Nov. 14 the Commission received from the President of the exchange telegraphic application for withdrawal of its original application for exemption from registration without prejudice.

From the Hartford "Courant" of Nov. 15 we take the following:

The Hartford Stock Exchange will continue to function as at present, acting under the exemption granted until Dec. 1.

In the meantime it will continue trading under over counter conditions. Formal regulations concerning over counter markets will probably be promulgated at an early date and after opportunity is had for studying these conditions the Hartford Stock Exchange will decide on its future course of action.

Members of the Hartford Stock Exchange are divided in their opinions as to better course for the local market to pursue. Representatives of the Securities Exchange Commission who were here some weeks ago urged upon members the desirability of having an exchange which would be operated on a regular trading basis. Opponents to the idea of daily trading sessions perceived disadvantages and possible damage to insurance companies arising through wide fluctuation in trading in company stocks.

Representatives of the Securities Exchange Commission in town Wednesday preparing for the hearing, included John Flynn, William Bouchie, Mark Dunham and Mill Wee, all of Washington.

### Boston Curb Exchange Closed After 30 Years Operation—SEC Investigation Results in Withdrawal of Application for Registration as National Securities Exchange

The Boston Curb Exchange, which had been in existence for almost 30 years, closed its doors on Nov. 16 after a special meeting at which it was decided to withdraw an application for registration as a national securities exchange. On the same day the Securities and Exchange Commission announced that the Curb Exchange had consented to the revocation of its temporary exemption from registration. John C. Hull, Director of the Securities Division of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, revealed on Nov. 17 that before stocks listed on the old Boston Curb Exchange can be offered for sale again in Massachusetts they must be approved by his division or listed on the Boston Stock Exchange. Mr. Hull added that closing of the Curb Exchange would mean the plugging of several loop holes in the "blue sky" law.

The following statement was issued Nov. 16 after a conference in Boston between John L. Flynn, Special Counsel of the SEC, and representatives of the office of the United States Attorney:

The Boston Curb Exchange this afternoon at a special meeting voted to withdraw finally and permanently their application for exemption of registration as a national securities exchange. This means it will cease to operate and will close for all time. At the same time the curb exchange voted to consent to an order of the securities and exchanges commission whereby any further operations of the Boston Curb Exchange will be a violation of the law and will subject it to heavy penalties consisting both of fines and imprisonment.

This was hailed in Washington by Judge John J. Burns of Boston, General Counsel of the Commission, as a step in the campaign that has been initiated all over America to protect the public in the investment of its money in securities. Judge Burns further indicated that this is but a forerunner of similar drives throughout the whole country.

The local investigation and presentation was carried on by John L. Flynn of New York, trial attorney of the Commission; Frank Millwee, Jr., assistant trial attorney; Francis J. W. Ford, United States attorney, and Charles W. Bartlett, assistant United States attorney.

The SEC statement regarding the Boston Curb Exchange, also made public on Nov. 16, read in part as follows:

The original application for permanent exemption was made by the exchange in September, 1934, and temporary exemption until Dec. 1, 1934, was granted on Sept. 28, subject to the terms and conditions contained in Release No. 11 of that date. In accordance with the provisions of the release, a hearing upon the application to determine whether the exchange should be granted exemption for an extended period, and, if so, upon what conditions, was ordered for Nov. 8, 1934. On November 7, the exchange made application for withdrawal of its application for exemption, and such application was granted on Nov. 8.

Hearings were held Nov. 8 and 9 in Boston to determine whether or not any violations of the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 had occurred, or were about to occur, in connection with business transacted on the Boston Curb Exchange. On Nov. 13, the Commission issued an order directed to the exchange ordering it to show cause why its temporary exemption from registration should not be revoked, and that order was set down for hearing before the Commission on Nov. 21.

The consent to revocation was received by the Commission to-day, together with the information that the membership of the exchange had voted to discontinue the transaction of business on the exchange.

Reference to the investigation of the Boston Curb was made in our issue of Nov. 10, page 2917.

### Commodity Exchange Inaugurates Trading in Straits Tin Futures—Unit of Trading Set at 11,200 Pounds.

Trading in Straits Tin Futures was inaugurated on Nov. 19 on the Commodity Exchange, Inc. The first delivery month was fixed as March 1935 and starting March 1 1935, and thereafter, trading will be conducted for delivery during the current month and the succeeding 11 calendar months. The unit of trading was fixed at 5 tons or 11,200 pounds and price fluctuations in multiples of 2½-100ths of 1 cent per pound. The same rule with reference to fluctuations, it was stated, will also apply to the Standard Tin Contract in which the price fluctuations have been in multiples of 5-100ths of 1 cent per pound. Each unit of fluctuation represents \$2.80 per contract. Hours for trading in the Straits Tin Contract are from 10.15 a. m. to 10.45 a. m. and from 2.20 p. m. to 2.50 p. m., except Saturdays, when the hours for trading are from 11.20 a. m. to 11.50 a. m.

Speaking of the inauguration of trading in Straits Tin Futures, Jerome Lewine, President of Commodity Exchange, said:

The Straits Tin Contract adopted by Commodity Exchange, Inc., represents an extension of the service of the Metal Division of the Exchange as well as an effort to adapt these facilities of the Exchange more closely to the needs of the trade. For a number of years the National Metal Exchange, which now forms an integral part of Commodity Exchange, Inc., has offered a futures contract in Standard Tin. However, the largest portion of tin shipped into this country is Straits Tin and the prevailing preference in this country among consumers is for Straits Tin. It is therefore, felt that hedging facilities provided by Commodity Exchange, Inc., in the new contract will be welcomed by the trade.

Deliverable tin under the Straits Tin Contract includes the product of Straits Trading Co. and (or) Eastern Smelting Co., the Exchange said. It is deliverable in the Port of New York from the dock or a warehouse licensed by the Exchange. Trades are cleared through the Commodity Exchange Metal Clearing Association, Inc., New York.

### Thomas W. Howell, Trader on Chicago Board of Trade Cited By Secretary of Agriculture Wallace For Alleged Violation of Grain Futures Act

Thomas W. Howell, one of the largest grain speculators on the Chicago Board of Trade, was cited in Washington on Nov. 16 by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace for alleged violation of the Grain Futures Act. The Chicago "Tribune" of Nov. 17 reporting this added in part:

The charge is an outgrowth of Howell's operations in the corn market on the Chicago board in 1931 when the government alleges that the speculator cornered the supply of cash corn through purchases of the July future for the purpose of manipulating the price.

Several of Howell's associates are also mentioned in the citation. They are his wife and daughter, Helen; R. N. Meyer and J. R. Meyer of Chicago, brothers of Mrs. Howell; H. F. Hall, Howell's secretary; Kelly Butler, Arthur de Cordova, and Frank Bliss, friends of the speculator; and J. P. Bickell of Toronto, Canada. The Barrington company, a Delaware corporation directed and controlled by Howell, is also named a defendant.

Howell and his attorney, Sidney S. Gorham, refused to comment on the Government action last night. Gorham said that the matter had just been brought to his attention and that no statement could be made at this time.

### Grain Futures Commission Bars Adrian Ettinger and Ewing W. Brand of Cleveland From Trading Privileges on Grain Exchanges For Period of Six Months

On Nov. 17 the Grain Futures Commission barred Adrian Ettinger and Ewing W. Brand from trading privileges for six months from Dec. 1. The following announcement was issued Nov. 17 by the Department of Agriculture regarding the action.

All grain exchanges in the United States that deal in futures have been ordered to refuse trading privileges to Adrian Ettinger and Ewing W. Brand

of Cleveland, Ohio, either as individuals or as partners for a period of six months from Dec. 1. Both are members of the Chicago Board of Trade. The order came after a hearing before the Grain Futures Act Commission, which consists of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Attorney General and the Secretary of Commerce. This is the first time that the Commission has denied trading privileges to any member of a grain exchange.

Both men admitted the essential charges of the original complaint, filed last January, which alleged that as members of the Chicago Board of Trade they violated the Grain Futures Act by failing to keep records, by concealing from the Grain Futures Administration the true facts as to transactions on the Chicago Board of Trade in May, June and July of 1933, by making false reports to the Administration and by giving the names of fictitious persons as being parties to the transactions in question.

Associated Press advices from Washington Nov. 17 said in part:

The Commission, in announcing the banishment of Ettinger and Brand from all United States markets, declared the light punishment was ordered because the two men were ignorant of the law and its regulations.

Both admitted, the Commission said, most of the essential charges of the original complaint, which alleged that they violated the Act by failing to keep records, by concealing transactions on the Chicago Board of Trade, by making false reports, and by giving the names of fictitious persons as parties to trading transactions.

The Commission said they also admitted carrying accounts of grain futures contracts under the names of fictitious persons on their books. They denied making false reports, but admitted such reports were made by an employee. The Commission ruled that employers are responsible under the Act for such actions of employees.

The final ruling of the Commission held that "the act was clearly violated," but because of "mitigating circumstances" the disbarment would apply only from Dec. 1 to May 31.

### Court Order Enjoins Rees, Scully & Forshay from Trading in Securities Pending Arguments for Permanent Injunction

A temporary order enjoining Louis J. Rees, John S. Scully and David Forshay, constituting the corporation of Rees, Scully & Forshay, Inc., from selling or dealing in any securities was issued by New York Surpeme Court Justice Callahan Nov. 21. Arguments for a permanent injunction against the stock brokers, charged with converting stocks and bonds having a market value of \$240,000, will be heard Nov. 28. The New York "Times" of Nov. 21 listed the charges in greater detail as follows:

The firm, founded in 1924 by three partners in the old banking house of Zimmermann & Forshay, is accused by the Bureau of Securities of the Attorney-General's office of fraudulent practices under the Martin Act. It is alleged that \$240,000 of securities deposited with it by customers were sold for its own account. Since Oct. 24 it has been in the hands of an assignee and its assets and liabilities are estimated at \$5,000 and \$300,000, respectively.

Joseph F. Ruggieri, Assistant Attorney-General, who with Harold Greenstein, Assistant Attorney-General, is handling the case, said the evidence was being turned over to the District Attorney for presentation to the grand jury.

### Application By Northern States Power Co. for Registration of Refunding Bonds Under Securities Act Approved By Securities and Exchange Commission

The approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission of the application of the Northern States Power Co. for the registration of \$10,000,000 refunding mortgage bonds was made known by the Commission on Nov. 21. The announcement by the Commission indicates that there was a difference of opinion among the Commissioners as to the disclosure attending and the treatment accorded certain items. It was, however, decided to grant the application, the registration to become effective Nov. 21. The Commission's announcement follows:

In re: Northern States Power Co. (Minnesota).

The company filed its registration statement Oct. 20 1934 covering \$10,000,000 refunding mortgage bonds, 5% series, due 1964. It filed amendments on November 7, 16, 19, and 20. Under Section 8 (a) of the Securities Act of 1933 the registration statement because of the amendments that have been made would in ordinary course become effective Dec. 10 1934. The company on Nov. 19 1934 applied to the Commission for an order making the registration effective Nov. 21 1934 when the company plans to begin the distribution of the bonds.

When the registration statement came before the Commission there was a difference of opinion among the Commissioners as to the disclosure attending, and the treatment accorded, certain items therein. Opinions expressing the views of the majority and the minority will shortly be made public. However, there had not been opportunity to write them by November 19 when the said application to shorten the time was filed, as it was not known to the Commission in advance that such an application would be filed.

In view of the feeling of the company that, despite this situation, it nevertheless greatly desired to have the statement made effective at once, the Commission decided to grant the application and accompany it with this statement. The registration will therefore become effective on Nov. 21 1934.

The circumstances giving rise to difference of opinion among the Commissioners were, speaking generally, as follows: In 1924 the company had on its books more than \$8,000,000 of unamortized bond discount and expense. In that year it wrote up its fixed capital and investment accounts approximately \$15,876,596 on the basis of an appraisal by an affiliate, crediting about \$7,784,949 thereof to a retirement reserve and about \$8,091,647 to a capital surplus account. Thereupon it charged off during 1924 and 1925 \$8,070,208 which was substantially all of its then unamortized bond discount and expense to the capital surplus account and thereafter to that extent made no annual charges against earnings or earned surplus for amortizing said discount and expense.

Three of the Commissioners thought that these circumstances were sufficiently disclosed in the registration statement and prospectus as

amended, while two thought that adequate disclosure and treatment required that the balance sheets, the earnings, the earned surplus accounts and statements of dividends paid should be restated and should be accompanied by a statement of the company's past accounting practices. A more detailed expression of the circumstances and of the views of the majority and minority will be filed and made public at an early date.

### Registration Under Securities Act of 1933 of Certificates of Deposit for 6% Preferred Stock of Republic Steel Corp. Effective

The registration of certificates of deposit for 6% cumulative convertible preferred stock of the Republic Steel Corp. under the Securities Act of 1933 became effective Nov. 21, it was announced Nov. 22 by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Commission further said:

The Corporation is calling 595,608 shares of these securities for deposit in connection with its program for acquisition of the Corrigan, McKinney Steel Co. and the Truscon Steel Co., and its program of revision of its own capital structure. The Corporation was the first to use the new form D-1A adopted by the Commission for use in cases where the deposit of securities is requested by the issuer, instead of by a third party, in connection with consolidation programs.

### Export-Import Bank Acts to Revive Foreign Trade—Through Texas Firm Sells \$100,000 Machinery to Brazil

The Government's Export-Import Bank recorded itself on Nov. 20 as having moved toward reviving American foreign trade, said Associated Press accounts from Washington, Nov. 20, which further reported:

Through the bank a Texas firm has sold \$100,000 in ginning machinery to Brazil. A number of other deals—involving millions—in Latin America and Europe are expected to follow.

Blocked exchange was the major obstacle to the Brazilian transaction. George N. Peek, President of the Export-Import Bank, said to-day that it had agreed to lend to the American firm the major part of the money due from the deal until the slow process of completing the currency exchange had been completed.

### Comptroller of Currency and Federal Reserve System Seek Data Showing Net Worth of Bank Directors—Survey Believed to Indicate Stricter Interpretation of Responsibility

The Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve System are conducting a survey designed to reveal the net worth of bank directors, according to newspaper accounts on Nov. 19. The purpose of the inquiry was said to determine the extent of financial responsibility exercised by bankers, on the theory that directors should actually function in a practical capacity. Directors are held personally liable in the event that a bank on whose board they sit has difficulties. The New York "Herald Tribune" of Nov. 20 commented on the investigation as follows:

In the rehabilitation of the banking system in the last year and a half bank directors have dug into their pockets for funds with which to build up bank capital. The contributions which some up-state banking directors made to the banks they were connected with was publicly praised in the report some months ago of the Joint Legislative Committee on Banks in this State.

But now the banking supervisory authorities are trying to find out exactly what bank directors are worth so that some idea can perhaps be obtained as to how much of a second line of defense in a bank's solvency they constitute. By gathering exact data on the net worth of bank directors it is believed that the Comptroller of the Currency and the Federal Reserve will be impressing on directors the nature of their position as a trustee of the deposits of the public.

In compliance with a provision of the Banking Act of 1933 the Federal Reserve has collected considerable information on the status of bank directors who are affiliated with private banking enterprises and brokerage houses. They were asked a year ago to supply the system with detailed facts and figures about their own business and that of the firms they belonged to.

### Federal Advisory Council Meets with Federal Reserve Board—Brief Statement by Governor Eccles

Following a meeting in Washington this week of the Federal Advisory Council with the Federal Reserve Board, Marriner S. Eccles, the new Governor of the Board, gave out on Nov. 20 a brief statement as follows:

The conference discussed business and banking conditions. The meetings were held under a condition of harmony and co-operation. So far as the new Governor of the Federal Reserve Board is concerned, he feels that he has the support and co-operation of this Council.

It was noted in Washington advices Nov. 20 to the New York "Times" that the conference attracted keen interest because on Sept. 18, when it last met here, the Council adopted resolutions criticizing some of the New Deal policies, and recommending budget balancing and monetary stability.

The fact that no such situation developed this week, it was added, was therefore being accepted generally as another accomplishment in the various efforts made to bring about close co-operation between the Administration, industry and the banks, in speeding the recovery program.

In the dispatch Nov. 20 to the "Times" it was also stated:

Such reports of the meeting as could be obtained indicated that there was a detailed discussion of steps under consideration to loosen credit extension to industry and to finance the needs of the Government until private capital again plays a more important part in the picture.

Recommendations adopted by the Council are understood to have had to do chiefly with suggestions on general Reserve Board policies, rather than the highly controversial topics of the attitude that the Administration should take in connection with relief expenditures and monetary questions.

While the recommendations were not made public, one of them is said to deal with regulations which the Board is preparing under authority of the Securities and Exchange Act on extension or maintenance of credit in securities transactions, which will supplement margin regulations issued later in September.

### Questionnaire Addressed to Leading Bankers by Senator Fletcher to Sound Out Views on Banking Questions, Including Central Bank, Gold, Currency, &c.

For the purpose of sounding out opinions on the various banking issues of the day, Senator Fletcher, of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee has addressed a questionnaire to a selected list of bankers and others—recognized authorities on banking. The question of a central bank, power wherein the issuance of currency should lodge, whether the currency be redeemable in gold, silver or both, whether a change be made in the rediscounting facilities of the Federal Reserve System, and the attitude on the subject of unified banking are among the subjects on which views are sought. The questionnaire follows:

#### I. Money

- Is the power over the issuance of currency to be vested in
  - a non-political authority on which both Government and private business are represented, (such as the Federal Reserve System was intended to be) or—
  - in the Secretary of the Treasury (as it now is) or
  - in a non-political privately owned but Government chartered Central Bank (Bank of England) or
  - in a Government-owned and operated Central Bank?
- Is the currency to be redeemable
  - in gold, or
  - in silver, or
  - in both, or a combination of both?
- If the currency is to be redeemable, is it to be redeemable
  - in coin, or
  - in bars of bullion, or
  - in bullion for export only?
- Is a fixed ratio to gold to be re-established, and, if so, under what conditions?
- If not, under what conditions and by whom is the ratio to gold to be changed from time to time?
- Should one uniform currency be established for the country in place of the various kinds now circulating, and, if so, what should it be?
- If the currency is to be irredeemable "managed" currency, upon what terms is it to be issued and how managed?

#### II. Re-Discount Bank

- Is the re-discount function of the Federal Reserve System to remain as it is, or to be changed? If changed, how?
- Is the ownership of the Federal Reserve Banks to remain where it is, or to be transferred? If transferred, to whom?
- Is the composition of the Federal Reserve Board to remain as it is or to be changed? If changed, how?
- Are any other changes to be made in the Federal Reserve System, such as, for instance, in its open-market operations? If so, what changes?

#### III. Banking

- Is there to be Government-owned and operated banking system? If so, what system?
- If not, what changes are to be made in the private banking system? For example?
  - Is there to be a unification of the 49 different banking systems that we now have? If so, is this to be accomplished
    - by actually merging the systems into one system, or
    - by compulsory membership of State banks in the Federal Reserve System, or
    - by making the laws of all the States conform to a uniform pattern? or
    - require all commercial banks to take out Federal charters?
  - Is there to be branch banking? If so, is it to be
    - nation-wide,
    - State-wide, or
    - regional?
  - What are to be the capital requirements of a bank in relation to its liabilities?
  - Are commercial banks to be allowed to take savings accounts? If so, on what basis?
  - Are commercial banks to be allowed to do a trust business? If so, on what basis?
  - Are commercial banks to be allowed to underwrite new securities which they are permitted by law to own?
  - Are savings banks to be compelled to mutualize?
  - Must savings banks belong to the Federal Reserve System? If not, may they belong to it?
  - Is there to be a plan of deposit insurance? If so, what plan? What banks are compelled to belong to it?
  - Can anyone become a bank officer? If not, what qualifications are to be demanded?

In the comments on the action of the Committee the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 19 said:

The immediate reaction of several of those who have received a copy of the questionnaire is one of disappointment that it was issued at all at this time. The feeling prevails among bankers that this is not the proper occasion for banking reform, and that the introduction of the subject at the coming session of Congress is likely to stimulate action on all kinds of radical and ill-considered proposals.

Therefore, both bankers and more conservative officials in the Administration are understood agreed that it would be well to withhold any attempt at comprehensive modification of the banking laws until business recovery shall have advanced further, and radical sentiment on this subject in Congress shall have abated.

The circulation of this questionnaire is taken to indicate that at least several members of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee are thinking in terms of active consideration of basic questions of banking organiza-

tion and policy. It is not clear as yet, of course, whether it is proposed to draft any legislation on the basis of the replies to the questionnaire.

### Code Committee of Investment Bankers' Association Formulates Procedure for Handling Trade Complaints

What is termed "prompt and effective methods" of handling complaints by investors and others against security dealers have been formulated by the Investment Bankers' Code Committee and were mailed on Nov. 19 by the Committee's office at Washington to the 17 regional code committees throughout the United States. The document, approved by the NRA and containing 13 articles with 32 sections in precise, legal phraseology, bears the heady title "Procedure for Handling Trade Complaints of the Code of Fair Competition for Investment Bankers." Divested of formal verbiage, the rules of procedure, it was explained, provide a direct and simple method by which investors or others may make complaints, regional code committees, under the Code Committee, may make investigations and conduct hearings, and penalties for malpractices in investment transactions may be evoked, either under authority of the Code or through local, state or Federal law enforcement bodies. Regarding the new rules, it is stated:

The procedure provides for formal and informal complaints, both as to registered and non-registered security dealers. Where a violation is in the class of an unintentional, technical inobservance of the Code, such as may arise from misunderstanding of the many Code rules by a reputable dealer, and no wilful or actual malpractice is involved, the procedure is informal and requires a pledge to the regional code committee that the infraction will not be repeated. The Code administration, it was pointed out, aims to be educational and corrective and, particularly, wishes to concentrate enforcement against wilful and harmful malpractices without cluttering up its activities with technical, unintentional violations that of themselves may be virtually harmless.

Where a wilful violation or malpractice is indicated, the procedure directs that regional committees give formal notice of complaint and require a written answer from the person or persons complained of. Regional committees are then required to make investigation and, under the Code Committee, may employ any necessary agency to examine the relevant accounts of the persons complained of. Regional committees report their findings and recommendations to the Code Committee in Washington, which shall then hold hearings at which respondents may appear in person and by counsel. The Code Committee may then, with approval of NRA, inflict penalties. Violations of the Code by registered dealers may be punished by a fine of \$500 for each offense or by suspension or expulsion from the list of registered dealers. The privilege of registration is valued among security dealers because non-registered dealers may not be allowed trade commissions or syndicate participations from registered dealers. The Code Committee may also, with consent of NRA, report to local, state or Federal officers such as district attorneys or securities commissioners, where it finds malpractices in investment transactions. It is provided that appeal from the Code Committee's decisions may be made to NRA.

The rules of procedure provide that regional committees also make investigation and report where complaint is made against unregistered dealers. The Code Committee may then recommend to NRA that court action be taken against an unregistered dealer. It was pointed out that the volume of securities handled by non-registered dealers was only a small fraction of the amount of security transactions.

The 17 regional code committees, which are the local enforcement bodies of the Investment Bankers Code Committee, are made up of 93 investment bankers, elected by the security dealers in their respective districts. A number of these committees, it was said, have established local offices with full-time, salaried executives to receive complaints and carry on code enforcement work, under the regional committees. Thus far, it was said, this activity has been of a pioneer nature because of the newness of the Code and the absence of uniform, prescribed procedure. For several months the Code Committee has been working on the procedure for handling complaints. Now that this work has been approved by NRA, it was pointed out that Code enforcement is expected to advance still more rapidly.

### \$208,855,000 in Tenders Received to Offering of \$75,000,000 or Thereabouts of 182-day Treasury Bills Dated Nov. 21 1934—\$75,168,000 Accepted—Average Rate 0.21%

Tenders to the offering of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts of 182-day Treasury bills, dated Nov. 21 1934, maturing May 22 1935, received at the Federal Reserve banks and the branches thereof, up to 2 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, Nov. 19, amounted to \$208,855,000. In making known on Nov. 19 the amount of tenders received, Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, said that bids of \$75,168,000 were accepted. The offering of bills was announced on Nov. 15 by Secretary Morgenthau; reference to the same was made in our issue of Nov. 17, page 3082.

The average price of the new bills, Secretary Morgenthau said on Nov. 19, is 99.895 and the average rate is about 0.21% per annum on a bank discount basis. This compares with previous rates at which recent offerings sold of 0.22% (bills dated Nov. 14); 0.21% (bills dated Nov. 7); 0.19% (bills dated Oct. 31), and 0.20% (bills dated Oct. 24). As to the accepted bids to the bills Secretary Morgenthau on Nov. 19 also said:

Except for four small tenders aggregating \$17,000, the accepted bids ranged in price from 99.909, equivalent to a rate of 0.18% per annum, to 99.890, equivalent to a rate of about 0.22% per annum, on a bank discount basis. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted.

**New Offering of 182-Day Treasury Bills in Amount of \$75,000,000 or Thereabouts—To Be Dated Nov. 28, 1934**

A new offering of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts of 182-day Treasury bills, to which tenders will be received at the Federal Reserve banks, or the branches thereof, up to 2 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday, Nov. 26, was announced on Nov. 22 by Acting Secretary of the Treasury Coolidge. The bills will be dated Nov. 28, 1934, and will mature May 29, 1935, and on the maturity date the face amount will be payable without interest. They will be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. The Acting Secretary pointed out that tenders to the bills will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington. The accepted bids to the new offering will represent an increase of that amount in the public debt as there is no maturity of bills at this time.

Acting Coolidge's announcement of Nov. 22 said they (the bills) will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000 (maturity value).

No tender for an amount less than \$1,000 will be considered. Each tender must be in multiples of \$1,000. The price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, e. g., 99.125. Fractions must not be used.

Tenders will be accepted without cash deposit from incorporated banks and trust companies and from responsible and recognized dealers in investment securities. Tenders from others must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the face amount of Treasury bills applied for, unless the tenders are accompanied by an express guaranty of payment by an incorporated bank or trust company.

Immediately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on Nov. 26, 1934, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve banks or branches thereof up to the closing hour will be opened and public announcement of the acceptable prices will follow as soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following morning. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or parts of tenders, and to allot less than the amount applied for, and his action in any such respect shall be final. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Payment at the price offered for Treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve banks in cash or other immediately available funds on Nov. 28, 1934.

The Treasury bills will be exempt, as to principal and interest, and any gain from the sale or other disposition thereof will also be exempt, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. No loss from the sale or other disposition of the Treasury bills shall be allowed as a deduction, or otherwise recognized, for the purposes of any tax now or hereafter imposed by the United States or any of its possessions.

**Hoarded Gold Amounting to \$686,095 Received During Week of Nov. 14—\$29,745 Coin and \$656,350 Certificates**

Receipts of gold coin and certificates during the week of Nov. 14 by the Federal Reserve banks and the Treasurer's office, according to figures issued by the Treasury Department on Nov. 19, amounted to \$686,094.92. Total receipts since Dec. 28 1933, the date of the issuance of the Executive Order requiring all gold to be returned to the Treasury, and up to Nov. 14, amount to \$108,064,351.80. Of the total received during the week of Nov. 14, the figures show, \$29,744.92 was gold coin and \$656,350 gold certificates. The total receipts are shown as follows:

	Gold Coin	Gold Certificates
Received by Federal Reserve Banks—		
Week ended Nov. 14.....	\$29,044.92	\$632,750.00
Received previously.....	29,359,444.88	75,925,050.00
<b>Total to Nov. 14 1934.....</b>	<b>\$29,388,489.80</b>	<b>\$76,557,800.00</b>
Received by Treasurer's Office—		
Week ended Nov. 14.....	\$700.00	\$23,600.00
Received previously.....	256,602.00	1,837,200.00
<b>Total to Nov. 14 1934.....</b>	<b>\$257,302.00</b>	<b>\$1,860,800.00</b>

Note—Gold bars deposited with the New York Assay Office to the amount of \$200,572.69 previously reported.

**Silver Transferred to United States Under Nationalization Order—Totalled 336,191 Fine Ounces During Week of Nov. 16**

Announcement was made by the Treasury Department on Nov. 19 that 336,191 fine ounces of silver were transferred to the United States during the week of Nov. 16 under the Executive Order of Aug. 9, nationalizing the metal. Total receipts since the order of Aug. 9 (given in our issue of Aug. 11, page 858) was issued amounted to 109,227,640 fine ounces. During the week of Nov. 16, the silver, according to the Treasury's statement, was received as follows by the various mints and assay offices:

	Fine Ounces
Philadelphia.....	21,690.00
New York.....	106,911.00
San Francisco.....	2,269.00
Denver.....	205,022.00
New Orleans.....	299.00
Seattle.....	.....

Total for week ended Nov. 16..... 336,191.00

Following are the weekly receipts since the order of Aug. 9 was issued:

Week Ended—	Fine Ounces	Week Ended—	Fine Ounces
Aug. 17 1934.....	33,465,091	Oct. 12 1934.....	2,883,948
Aug. 24 1934.....	26,088,019	Oct. 19 1934.....	1,044,127
Aug. 31 1934.....	12,301,731	Oct. 26 1934.....	746,469
Sept. 7 1934.....	4,144,157	Nov. 2 1934.....	7,157,273
Sept. 14 1934.....	3,984,363	Nov. 9 1934.....	3,665,239
Sept. 21 1934.....	8,435,920	Nov. 16 1934.....	336,191
Sept. 28 1934.....	2,550,303		
Oct. 5 1934.....	2,474,809	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>109,227,640</b>

**1,025,954.51 Fine Ounces of Silver Purchased During Week of Nov. 16 by Treasury Department**

In accordance with the President's proclamation of Dec. 21 1933, which authorized the Treasury Department to buy at least 24,000,000 ounces of silver annually, the Department during the week of Nov. 16 purchased 1,025,954.51 fine ounces of the metal. A statement issued by the Treasury on Nov. 19 showed that of the amount purchased during the week, 206,621.78 fine ounces were received at the Philadelphia Mint, 809,229.73 fine ounces at the San Francisco Mint, and 10,103 fine ounces at the Mint at Denver. During the previous week, ended Nov. 9, the purchases by the Treasury amounted to 359,428.05 fine ounces. The statement issued by the Treasury on Nov. 19 indicated that the total receipts of silver by the mints from the time of the issuance of the proclamation up to Nov. 16 were 18,024,000 fine ounces. Reference to the President's proclamation was made in our issue of Dec. 23 1933, page 4440. The weekly purchases are as follows (we omit the fractional part of the ounce):

Week Ended—	Ounces	Week Ended—	Ounces
Jan. 5.....	1,157	June 15.....	206,790
Jan. 12.....	547	June 22.....	380,532
Jan. 19.....	477	June 29.....	64,047
Jan. 26.....	94,921	July 6.....	*1,218,247
Feb. 2.....	117,554	July 13.....	230,491
Feb. 9.....	375,995	July 20.....	115,217
Feb. 16.....	232,630	July 27.....	292,719
Feb. 23.....	322,627	Aug. 3.....	118,307
Mar. 2.....	271,800	Aug. 10.....	254,458
Mar. 9.....	126,604	Aug. 17.....	649,757
Mar. 16.....	832,808	Aug. 24.....	376,504
Mar. 23.....	369,844	Aug. 31.....	11,574
Mar. 30.....	354,711	Sept. 7.....	264,307
Apr. 6.....	569,274	Sept. 14.....	353,004
Apr. 13.....	10,032	Sept. 21.....	103,041
Apr. 20.....	753,938	Sept. 28.....	1,054,287
Apr. 27.....	436,043	Oct. 5.....	620,638
May 4.....	647,224	Oct. 12.....	609,475
May 11.....	600,631	Oct. 19.....	712,206
May 18.....	503,309	Oct. 26.....	268,900
May 25.....	885,056	Nov. 2.....	826,342
June 1.....	295,511	Nov. 9.....	359,428
June 8.....	200,897	Nov. 16.....	1,025,954

\* Corrected figure

**United States Supreme Court to Hold Hearing Jan. 8 on Four Cases Involving Abrogation of Gold Clause—Accedes to Government Petition for Consolidation of Constitutional Issues**

The United States Supreme Court on Nov. 19 complied with a motion by Solicitor-General Biggs in ordering that all pending cases involving the gold clause and the constitutionality of dollar devaluation be heard together on Jan. 8. The Court thus consolidated four cases involving the abrogation of the gold clause in contracts. The Government, in asking the Supreme Court to rule on the constitutional question, stressed its contention that billions of dollars and perhaps "the financial stability of the National Government" depended upon the final decision. In all of the four cases the principal issues is whether governmental and private debts contracted before Feb. 1 1934 must be liquidated at the rate of \$1.69 for each dollar borrowed to offset the reduction in the gold content of the dollar. A Washington dispatch of Nov. 19 to the New York "Times" outlined the history of the cases in part as follows:

The two cases directly appealed to the Supreme Court and in which the Government has intervened involve bonds of the Baltimore & Ohio and the St. Louis Iron Mountain & Southern RRs.

Since deciding to review these cases over a month ago, the Court was called upon in two cases certified by the Court of Claims to determine the validity of the gold clause in governmental obligations in the face of devaluation.

In one of the latter cases, John M. Perry of New York, who owned \$10,000 of Liberty bonds called for redemption, demanded payment of \$16,921 in paper currency after \$10,000 in gold had been refused to him.

In the second case certified by the Court of Claims, F. Eugene Nortz, who held \$106,300 in gold certificates, sought \$170,634 in existing currency.

The question certified by the Court of Claims for answer by the Supreme Court asks whether an owner of a gold certificate of the United States, series of 1928, who on Jan. 17 1934, had surrendered his certificate to the Secretary of the Treasury under protest and received legal tender currency in an equivalent face amount, is entitled to receive a further sum inasmuch as the weight of the gold dollar was 25.8 grains, 9-10ths fine and the market at the time it was surrendered exceeded the currency received.

*Due Process Clause Cited*

The Supreme Court is further asked to decide whether the gold certificate gold clause is a contract of the United States which will enable its owner and holder to bring suit thereon in the Court of Claims and if the Banking Act of 1933 and the orders of the Secretary of the Treasury amount to taking property without due process.

The Court of Claims cases will not be referred to directly when the whole question is argued by Attorney-General Cummings before the Supreme Court on Jan. 8, but the issues involved are to be covered.

The suit against the Baltimore & Ohio was brought before the Court on an appeal by Norman C. Norman of New York City, holder of a \$1,000 bond of the road, from a decision by the New York State Supreme Court, which was upheld in turn by the Appellate Division of the Court of Appeals.

Carrying an interest rate of 4½%, the bond was presented by Mr. Norman on Feb. 1 1934, for collection of \$38.10 in interest instead of \$22.50, the nominal interest, when the company refused to pay in gold. The larger amount was claimed to compensate for the reduction in the gold content of the dollar subsequent to the time the obligation was contracted by the railroad.

Similar demands were involved in the suit brought against the Iron Mountain road by certain of its bondholders. The road is a subsidiary of the Missouri Pacific and both are in receivership.

Both the Baltimore & Ohio and the Iron Mountain are in debt to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The pending actions were referred to in these columns Nov. 10, page 2922.

**President Roosevelt Urged by National Grange to Maintain Gold at Price Which Will Bring Commodity Prices into Balance—Grange Also Adopts Resolutions for Promotion of Peace and More "Equitable" Taxes—Attitude Toward Old-Age Pensions—Louis J. Taber C. C. Davis, M. L. Wilson and W. I. Meyers Among Speakers at Convention**

In a resolution adopted at the concluding session on Nov. 22 of its annual convention at Hartford, Conn., the National Grange urged President Roosevelt to set and maintain "such a price for gold as may be necessary to bring the price of basic commodities back into balance with those inflexible prices which did not go down during the depression." In Associated Press advices from Hartford it was stated that while the organization refrained from asking for a specific increase in the price of gold, National Master Louis J. Taber said that "setting of the price of gold under present conditions would mean raising it." From the same advices we take the following:

In another resolution the Grange, referring to the public debt as a "burden to the American taxpayers," favored the issuance by the Government of \$3,000,000,000 of "non-interest bearing Treasury notes for the retirement of United States bonds or the payment of expenses incurred by the public relief program."

This resolution added, however, that the organization is "opposed to unlimited issuance of currency without adequate gold backing."

"We also are opposed," it said, "to issuance of bonds for Government expenses."

Dr. George F. Warren, monetary adviser to President Roosevelt, conferred for two hours with the committee which prepared the resolution after he addressed the convention on Monday.

The Grange also went on record as favoring the principle "that every able-bodied person receiving direct relief from society be required to render to society a dollar's worth of service for every dollar of relief received."

The organization asked that relief should be administered by local authorities as far as possible, declaring that the "Government owes no able-bodied person a living but only a chance to make a living," and called on the Public Works Administration to regulate wages and hours of labor to conform with those paid by private business in the same section.

The Grange opposed any old-age pension plan which would discourage thrift during a person's productive years, but favored a contributory system of old-age insurance.

It is also stated that the organization voted to oppose the child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution on the ground it provided no exemptions for certain industries.

Resolutions adopted Nov. 21 by the convention advocated a program which would promote peace and "take the profit out of war," as well as a taxation policy based on the principle of "equitable distribution" of the tax burden. One of the taxation resolutions adopted opposed a sales tax on the necessities of life, even for emergency financing, while the other proposed that the real estate tax be replaced principally by luxury, privileges and inheritance taxes. The resolution for the promotion of peace advocated American adherence to the World Court with "protective reservations," Government control of the manufacture of arms and munitions and an embargo on their shipment to other countries, conscription of wealth in time of war and an appropriation by Congress to aid the investigation of the munitions industry.

The text of a message from President Roosevelt to Louis J. Taber, Master of the National Grange, was given in our issue of Nov. 17, page 3086. Among the speakers at the convention were Chester C. Davis, Administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and W. I. Myers, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration. M. L. Wilson, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, who addressed the convention on Nov. 15, warned against too rapid retirement of submarginal lands to achieve a better balance in production, and said that many people who advocate "immediate and drastic action of this kind have given little or no thought as to what will be done with the families who occupy the submarginal land in case it is purchased and retired by the Government."

Mr. Taber, speaking on Nov. 14, advocated mobilization of the Nation's forces to end unemployment by "substituting patriotism for selfishness." Mr. Taber outlined a five-point program for promoting farm recovery. The Hartford "Courant" of Nov. 15 gave this program as follows:

1. Life Farm Prices—By adjustment of production to consumptive demands; by utilizing more fully the principles of co-operative marketing; by research and other methods, to find new uses for farm products; by the opening of foreign markets; and by keeping out the flood of competitive farm products that can be efficiently produced at home.

2. Reduce Farmer's Service Costs—By lowering interest rates; by lessening his tax burden; by holding down transportation costs, and by efficiency and low-cost production methods.

3. Honest Measure of Value—Fair to producer and consumer, debtor and creditor alike.

4. A Sound Land Policy—That recognizes the conservational and recreational, as well as the food-production, value of land; by stopping unnecessary irrigation and reclamation, and by retiring marginal land.

5. Organize the Farmer—By strengthening the Grange and rural organizations, so that they can properly serve the farmer in this age of progress.

**Report to President Roosevelt Contends Power Rates in New York State Are Almost Twice Those Justified—Survey Expected to Be Used in Pressing Ratification of St. Lawrence Treaty**

Residents of upper New York State are paying almost twice as much as they should for electric power, according to a report by the Power Authority of New York State which was made public at the White House on Nov. 12. Distribution costs in the State, the report to President Roosevelt said, warranted a rate schedule "of not more than 3½ cents per kwh. for a use of 50 kwh. a month, instead of the average of 6 cents which these customers are now paying." The report added that this would mean a reduction of the average monthly bill for electricity from \$3.00 to \$1.65. The survey was prepared principally as an estimate of the value of power development proposed as a part of the St. Lawrence River project, and was ordered by Mr. Roosevelt in 1931 when he was Governor of New York. It was believed that it would prove an important argument by the Administration in seeking ratification of the St. Lawrence treaty in the Senate of the next Congress.

Some of the principal features of the report are given below, as contained in a Washington dispatch of Nov. 12 to the New York "Times":

On the basis of findings from studies in 26 cities in 6 States, including 17 representative localities in New York, the Power Authority estimated that the St. Lawrence power project would afford an annual saving of \$194,000,000, or 27% of current charges, to users of electrical energy in New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New England.

A White House statement prepared after the Federal Power Commission had analyzed the report, said that it "establishes a yardstick on rates for the Northeastern area of the United States which can be applied to every city, town and rural community in connection with the development of the St. Lawrence River as a public power project."

It was added that the findings on distribution costs, "adopted as a basis for the marketing of 1,100,000 hp. of current from the St. Lawrence River," would "vitaly affect 7,000,000 customers for electricity throughout the Northeast."

The New York Authority's report was said to be "the first field survey and analysis ever undertaken and successfully completed on costs specifically segregated to cover distribution of electricity from the substation to the customers' meter." Production costs of electricity, it was stated, were already well known.

It was emphasized that the basic cost figures quoted, as well as a long list of even lower rates that would apply to consumers of larger quantities of electrical energy, "are for private operation of electric systems, including a 6% return on all useful fixed capital, and an additional 5½% to cover depreciation, taxes and insurance."

The municipalities in New York State selected as sites for studies of distribution costs included New York City, Albion, Amsterdam, Batavia, Binghamton, Canajoharie, Corning, Hudson, Malone, Olean, Oneonta, Plattsburg, Poughkeepsie, Utica, Watertown, Watkins Glen and White Plains.

It was found that the cost of distributing electrical energy in New York State averaged 2½ cents per kwh. for the users of 50 kwh. per month, and to this was added an additional cent to cover the cost of generating power plus other overhead expenses.

*Adjusting for Lower Rates*

"Under existing rate schedules in New York State such residential service is supplied at an average rate of approximately 6 cents per kwh.," the report stated. "The average charge ranges from 4 cents in the area immediately adjacent to Niagara Falls up to more than 9 cents in other areas."

"If schedules were adjusted to the cost of service established in this survey the saving of 2½ cents a kwh. would mean a total annual saving of \$33,680,483 on the 1,496,910,365 kwh. purchased by 2,970,000 residential customers."

**Federal Trade Commission Transmits to Senate, Report on Investigation of Power and Gas Utilities—Describes Progress Made in Inquiry**

The Federal Trade Commission on Nov. 15 transmitted to the Senate its 71st interim report showing the progress made in its investigation of power and gas utilities. Accompanying the report were the testimony and exhibits in connection with the hearings held during the preceding month. The Commission at these hearings investigated the affairs of the National Electric Light Association, the Electric Management and Engineering Corp., the Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp., and the appliance merchandising of the Standard Gas & Electric Co. The interim report read, in part, as follows:

Since the last interim report two reports on management companies and one on merchandising electricity and gas-using appliances by subsidiaries of a group were completed.

Field accounting examinations were continued on three operating companies, one electric holding and operating company, a natural gas transportation company, a holding and management company, a natural gas holding company and an investment company.

Work on the economic inquiry was handicapped by the necessary continued loan of personnel to the Textile inquiry, in compliance with an Executive Order of Sept. 26 1934, and the time of both the legal and economic staff has been largely taken up with the preparation of final reports and of material for them.

### President Roosevelt Advocates Ratification of Child Labor Amendment

Progress in eliminating child labor may best be maintained by ratifying the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution, President Roosevelt wrote in a letter to Courtenay Dinwiddie, General Secretary of the National Child Labor Committee. The letter, made public by Mr. Dinwiddie on Nov. 18, said that the President hoped ratification of the Amendment might be achieved. Mr. Dinwiddie predicted that the President's statement would strongly influence the 24 State Legislatures which are to consider the Amendment this winter. It has already been ratified by 20 States. The President's letter follows:

My dear Mr. Dinwiddie.

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One of the accomplishments under the National Recovery Act which has given me the greatest gratification is the outlawing of child labor. It shows how simply a long desired reform, which no individual or State could accomplish alone, may be brought about when people work together. It is my desire that the advances attained through the NRA be made permanent. In the child labor field the obvious method of maintaining the present gains is through ratification of the Child Labor Amendment. I hope this may be achieved. Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

### New York State Law Fixing Milk Prices Held Unconstitutional by Federal Court—Ruling Finds Legislation in Restraint of Inter-State Trade

The New York State law formulated to protect farmers of the State from the competition of outsiders in the sale of loose milk was declared unconstitutional in a ruling handed down Nov. 21 by a special Federal statutory court composed of Judges Learned Hand, William Bondy and Robert F. Patterson, who issued injunctions which removed from New York dairymen protection from being undersold by those in other States. The court's decision was based on the theory that the law is in restraint of inter-State commerce. The injunction applies to the sale of milk contained in "cans or in other original packages." The New York "Times" of Nov. 22 summarized the case in part as follows:

The decision resulted from an action brought by G. A. F. Seelig, Inc., against Kenneth F. Fee, director of the Division of Milk Control; Charles H. Baldwin, Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets; John J. Bennett Jr., Attorney General, and District Attorney William C. Dodge.

The plaintiff corporation sought an injunction to restrain Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Fee from refusing to grant a milk-selling license to it unless it agreed to abide by Section 258 of Article 21 of the Agricultural and Market Laws of the State.

The court granted the injunction so far as it applied to the selling of milk in "original packages," but denied a blanket order. The court also restrained the other defendant State officials from prosecuting the plaintiff for alleged violation of the law.

The plaintiff corporation purchases its milk in cans from the Seelig Creamery, a New York corporation, at its creamery in Fairhaven, Vt. The creamery company purchases about 450 40-quart cans of milk a day from about 120 farmers. About 200 cans of milk and twenty cans of cream are transported to New York daily. Only 10% of its milk, however, has been bottled here, the remainder having been sold to hotels, restaurants and clubs.

The court's opinion, written by Judge Hand, holds that the New York State law, which was enacted in April, 1934, did not forbid the importation of milk into New York, but forbade its sale here unless it had been purchased at a price not lower than the minimum fixed by the State for New York farmers.

### President Roosevelt Reveals Plans for Extension of Government Development of Power Resources—In Speeches at Tupelo, Miss., and Birmingham, Ala., He Describes Gains Attributed to TVA Project

Extension of Government development of natural resources was urged by President Roosevelt, in two speeches made on Nov. 18 after he had concluded his inspection of Federal projects under the control of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Speaking at Tupelo, Miss., and Birmingham, Ala., the President said that communities throughout the country should utilize their natural resources for their own benefit, and declared that he did not advocate either "federalization" of community life or "regimentation," but rather the expression of "rugged community individualism." Since March of this year, when TVA power was first used, the consumption of electricity at Tupelo for residential purposes has risen from 41,000 kilowatts to 89,000 kilowatts, an increase of 126%, the President pointed out. He said that while some groups are seeking "to delay this great national program," these individuals fail to reflect the views of the overwhelming majority of the people of the United States. Observers who were traveling with the President on his trip through the Tennessee Valley interpreted his speeches as an indication that the TVA program had been transformed from that of an experiment to a model for the nation. It was also believed that his remarks foreshadowed the early creation of similar authorities for other areas in the United States where power development could be joined with a plan for utilizing all available natural resources.

In his speech at Tupelo the President asserted that opposition to the Federal power program is fading, and that the Government is proving in the Tennessee Valley that "by using good business methods we can instruct a good many business men in the country." At Birmingham he appealed for the "whole-hearted support and co-operation" of all people in the TVA area, and declared that most business men are in accord with the regional planning being carried on by the Government.

The texts of the speeches made by the President at Tupelo and Birmingham are given below:

#### THE TUPELO SPEECH

Senator Harrison, Governor Connor, Mr. Mayor, My Friends: I would not make a speech to you to-day, because we are assembled on this glorious Sunday morning more as neighbors than as anything else.

I have had a very wonderful three days, and everywhere that I have gone the good people have come as neighbors to talk with me, and they have not come by the thousands—they have come literally by the acres.

This is the first time in my life that I have had the privilege of seeing this section of the State of Mississippi. Many, many years ago, when Pat Harrison and I were almost boys, I got acquainted with his stamping ground down on the Gulf. To-day I am especially glad to come into the northern part of the State.

Two years ago, in 1932, during the campaign, and again in January 1933, I came through Kentucky—through the Tennessee Valley—and what I saw on those trips, what I saw of human beings, made the tears come to my eyes. The great outstanding thing to me for these past three days has been the change in the looks on people's faces. It has not been only a physical thing. It has not been the contrast between what was actually a scarcity of raiment two years ago or a lack of food two years ago—the contrast between that and better clothing and more food to-day—but it is a something in people's faces, and I think you understand what I mean. There was not much hope in those days. People were wondering what was going to come to this country. And yet to-day I see not only hope but I see determination—knowledge that all is well with the country and that we are coming back.

#### TVA Progress Is Cited

I suppose that you good people know a great deal more of the efforts that we have been making in regard to the work of the TVA than I do, because you have seen its application in your own counties and your own towns and your own homes, and therefore it will be like carrying coals to Newcastle for me to tell you about what has been done.

But perhaps in referring to it I can use you as a text—a text that may be useful to many other parts of the nation, because people's eyes are upon you and because what you are doing here is going to be copied in every State of the Union before we get through.

We recognize that there will be a certain amount of—what shall I say?—rugged opposition to this development, but I think we recognize also that the opposition is fading as the weeks and the months go by, fading in the light of practical experience.

I cite certain figures for the benefit of the gentlemen of the press, who have come hither from many climes. I am told that from March of this year, when you started using TVA power, the consumption of power for residential purposes has risen from 41,000 kilowatts to 89,000 kilowatts—an increase of 126%. I understand that from the financial point of view, in spite of various fairy tales that have been spread in other parts of the country, your power system is still paying taxes to the municipality. That is worth remembering. Furthermore, that as a whole it is a remarkable business success.

I talk about those figures first, because it has been often wrongly alleged that this yardstick which we are using could not be applied to private businesses because a Government yardstick receives so many favors that it is let off from paying this and paying that and paying the other thing. Well, we are proving in this Tennessee Valley that by using good business methods we can instruct a good many business men in the country.

And there is another side of it. I have forgotten the exact figures and I can't find them in this voluminous report at this moment, but the number of new refrigerators that have been put in—that means something besides just plain dollars and cents. That means a greater human happiness. Electric cook stoves and all the other dozens of things which, when I was in the navy, we used to call "gadgets." We are making it possible, all of us working together, to improve human life through the introduction of things that aren't especially new so far as invention is concerned, but things which are becoming more and more necessities in our American life in every part of the country.

And I have been interested this morning in seeing these new home-steads—not just buildings, not just the land that they are on, not just the excellent landscaping of the trees among which those homes have been set, but especially the opportunities that those homes are giving to families to improve the standard of living.

And finally, my friends, there is one thing about all that you are doing here in Tupelo, that they are doing in Corinth, that they are doing in Athens and Norris and the various other places where accomplishment can be seen to-day—aye, the most important thing of all, I think, is that it is being done by the communities themselves. This is not coming from Washington—it is coming from you. You are not being federalized. We still believe in the community, and things are going to advance in this country exactly in proportion to the community effort. This is not regimentation—it is community rugged individualism. It means no longer the kind of rugged individualism that allows an individual to do this, that or the other thing that will hurt his neighbors. He is forbidden to do that from now on—and it is a mighty good thing. But he is going to be encouraged in every known way from the National Capitol and the State Capitol and the county seat to use his individualism in co-operating with his neighbor's individualism, so that he and his neighbors may improve their lot in life.

Yes, I have been thrilled by these three days—thrilled in the knowledge not only of practical accomplishment, but thrilled also in the belief—the deep-seated belief on my part—that the people of this nation understand what we are trying to do, are co-operating with what we are trying to do, and have made up their minds that we are going to do it.

And so, in saying "Good-bye" to you for a short time—because I am coming back—I ask all of you, throughout the length and breadth of the Tennessee Valley and those areas which form an economic portion of that valley—I ask you all to remember that the responsibility for success lies very largely with you—confident that you are going to give to the nation an example which will be a benefit not only to yourselves but to the whole 130,000,000 of Americans in every part of the land.

## THE PRESIDENT'S BIRMINGHAM SPEECH

My visit through the Tennessee Valley region would be incomplete without a stop in Birmingham, brief as that visit must be at this time. I remember with great pleasure another visit, necessarily brief, in January 1933, when as President-elect I had acquired some first-hand knowledge of the problems of Tennessee and of northern Alabama.

I speak of Birmingham as being in the Tennessee region because, while I appreciate that you are located south of the Tennessee watershed, there are many economic and social relationships between this city and the great territory which lies north of you.

I know something also of the many difficulties under which you have been laboring in recent years. I well understand the problem of the heavy industries, such as iron, steel and coal—industries upon which you so largely depend. They are matters of the keenest concern to the whole Administration.

The great program of public works now in full swing calls for vast quantities of the iron and steel and other capital goods which this area produces.

Definite improvement has already made its appearance as it has in the coal industry. The success of the National Recovery Administration coal code appears not only in the more orderly mining of coal, but also in the more steady employment and the bigger pay envelopes of the thousands of miners who were in sore straits before the Government acted.

But, of course, for you who live in the economic area of the Tennessee Valley, the Tennessee Valley Authority must continue to receive your growing interest as it receives the growing interest and approval of so many other communities.

The whole project can succeed fully only if it has the whole-hearted support and co-operation of the people of the area. I particularly bespeak of the people of Birmingham an active co-operation with the TVA.

I am aware, of course, that a few of your citizenry are leaving no stone unturned to block and harass and to delay this great national program. I am confident, however, that these obstructionists, few in number in comparison with the whole population, do not reflect the views of the overwhelming majority of the people of Birmingham or the other cities where they reside. I know, too, that the overwhelming majority of your business men, big and little, are in hearty accord with the great undertaking of regional planning now being carried forward. They and you stand shoulder to shoulder with TVA, eager to carry forward the development of this region in which Birmingham plays so important a part.

It is good to be with you again, and I am looking forward to a happy few weeks in my other home in the Southland.

After he had made his two speeches, on Nov. 18, the President continued his trip to Warm Springs, Ga., where he established a temporary White House, planning to remain there until Dec. 5. A dispatch to the New York "Times," on Nov. 18, described the President's trip through the Tennessee Valley, in part, as follows:

Mr. Roosevelt spoke at Tupelo after having spent the night aboard his train on a railroad siding near Corinth, Miss., about 30 miles distant.

At Corinth last night he made a platform speech to a welcoming crowd at the station in which he first hinted at the plan he described in flat language to-day. In last night's speech he complimented Alcorn County on being the first county in the country to undertake co-operative control of power distribution, and pointed to great reductions in rates that had been given customers throughout that county.

Alcorn County and Tupelo are examples of what the Administration considers ideal setups for distribution of power by communities themselves in lieu of utilities. Both formerly obtained their power supply from the Mississippi Power & Light Co., and each was the first unit of its kind to take advantage of power sold by the TVA at Wilson Dam.

The city of Tupelo has for a long time operated a municipal plant, which put it in an ideal position to become a customer of the TVA.

Alcorn County, on the other hand, "started from scratch." There, instead of direct governmental operation of the power distribution, a co-operative group was formed known as the Alcorn County Power & Light Association.

The Association broke the private company's power contract with customers in the county by purchasing the existing facilities. It now operates as a non-profit enterprise. President Roosevelt said last night that he had been informed that the Association had not only reduced rates drastically for all electricity users in the country, but that it was making a sufficient margin above operating costs and fixed charges to clear indebtedness incurred in the purchase of the old power company's facilities in 5½ years.

Following the Birmingham speech to-day, President Roosevelt retired to his private car to rest while the train sped toward Warm Springs.

### Reorganization of Marketing Research and Service Division Announced by United States Department of Commerce—New Indexes of Retail Sales Being Developed

More adequate and current information will be available to American business men because of a reorganization of the Marketing Research and Service Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, it was announced Nov. 12 by Claudius T. Murchison, Director. In making the announcement Director Murchison stated that the improved service is for the benefit of retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, and all other agencies engaged in the distribution of commodities. The actual reorganization is based on the recommendations of the recent report of the Committee on the Elimination of Waste in Distribution of the Business Advisory and Planning Council, which recommendations will be followed as closely as the present funds and personnel will permit, he added.

The statement by Director Murchison announcing this reorganization follows:

New indexes of retail sales are being developed which will be representative of country-wide conditions, and which are expected, when completed, to afford for the first time a dependable current measure of total consumer expenditures at retail in the United States. As soon as practicable companion indexes for the wholesale trade will be developed.

The Division also plans to expand its studies of marketing procedure, and will make available more frequently than hitherto reports on marketing

methods of representative agencies in the field of manufacturing and merchandising.

During the past few years, increasing attention has been given to costs of distribution as an important factor in the cost of living. In many quarters the belief has been expressed that our economic ills are largely the result of inefficient distributive methods, and that too large a part of the consumers' dollar was absorbed in the cost of the merchandising function. Data which will throw more light upon the true extent of distribution costs as a factor in economic maladjustment are sorely needed, and in its new set-up the Division will make every effort, within the limits of the present available funds and personnel, to supply this desired information.

A field which has had much less scientific consideration than is warranted by its significance is the field of consumer research. A beginning in this field will be made by the gathering of information on the per capita and per user consumption of consumer goods, and the location and attitudes of ultimate consumers; making this information readily available to the American business man.

The almost universal adoption of the code system of economic control, since the passage of the National Industrial Recovery Act, has led to a great increase in the number and importance of trade associations. These organizations are expected in the future to be clearing houses of valuable trade information, as well as agencies for the organization of improved business methods. The Bureau, through its reorganized Division of Marketing Research and Service, plans to co-operate more closely with trade associations in an attempt to bring about a more efficient marketing procedure.

In order to attain these objectives most effectively, the Division has been organized into seven sections, under which sections will come research in the fields of market data, wholesale trade, retail trade, consumer markets, marketing service, trade associations, and publication distribution. No change in present personnel of the Division is involved in this new sectional arrangement.

The Chief of the Division is Dr. Wilford L. White, nationally known expert in the field of marketing, and at the present time President of the National Association of Marketing Teachers. He was appointed Chief of this Division on June 29 1934, coming to the Department of Commerce from the faculty of the University of Texas, where since 1928, with the exception of two years with the Federal Trade Commission as Examiner in charge of Statistical Tabulations for the Chain Store Inquiry, he has been a member of the staff of the School of Business Administration.

Members of the Committee on the Elimination of Waste in Distribution of the Business Advisory and Planning Council of the Department of Commerce, whose recommendations were used as guide in the present reorganization, are:

Lew Hahn, Chairman of Committee, President of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, New York City.

Bruce Barton, Chairman of board, Batten-Barton, Durstine & Osborn, New York City.

Col. Robert G. Elbert, President, Oakburne Corporation, New York City.

Herbert J. Tily, President, Strawbridge & Clothier, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lionel J. Noah, President, American Woolen Co., New York City.

John A. Sweetzer, President, Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., New York City.

Paul H. Nystrom (Professor of Marketing), Columbia University, New York City.

Alexis Sommaripa, Executive Secretary of the Committee, Du Pont Rayon Co., New York City.

### State Unemployment Insurance Advocated by Ogden L. Mills—Former Secretary of Treasury Opposes Federal Centralization of Control—Would Divorce System from Emergency Relief

A plan for unemployment insurance under State control to meet "a just and legitimate aspiration" for greater economic security was advocated Nov. 15 by Ogden L. Mills, former Secretary of the Treasury, in a speech before the State Federation of Women's Clubs at Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Mills opposed proposals for Federal unemployment insurance, however, and said that in his opinion the centralization of authority has already gone too far. While warning that no system of unemployment insurance can overcome the losses incurred during the depression, Mr. Mills contended that such a plan would nevertheless constitute a valuable aid in an economic emergency, although it should be treated entirely distinct from the problem of emergency relief. In proposing the establishment of State unemployment insurance systems Mr. Mills said, in part:

Looking to the future, I am hopeful that modern knowledge, skill, technique, our amazing amount of current information, and our means of disseminating it widely and rapidly, if intelligently availed of through co-operative effort, may tend to minimize the momentum of these mass movements which produce alternately peaks of unhealthy expansion and the deep valleys of depression.

But until that day comes I believe that, after our present tragic experience, the people will demand more adequate provision in advance for meeting those relief needs, which because of the magnitude of a business recession exceed the ordinary resources of our private agencies, municipalities and States.

In this connection I suggest that as soon as recovery has advanced far enough to warrant it, our Legislature and municipal authorities make continuing appropriations; that the proceeds be placed in a special fund or funds until the funds reach an adequate size, and that the funds be invested in the bonds of the State and municipalities, respectively.

This would mean that public debt would be decreased during periods of plenty; the governments placed in possession of additional borrowing power for relief purposes in periods of scarcity, and the necessity of imposing new taxes, at a time when they are least bearable, avoided.

#### System a "First Line of Defense"

If, then, an unemployment reserve system must be distinguished from the problem of relief, and if it cannot provide for all phases of unemployment, what definite benefits may be derived from the establishment of such a system or systems? I believe that unemployment reserves will furnish a first line of defense to the unemployed worker; will make provision for casual and intermittent unemployment; will stimulate constructive efforts to stabilize employment, and, while not supplying absolute security, will,

within limits, give the worker greater security than he enjoys to-day, and satisfy, in part at least, a legitimate aspiration.

By providing unemployment income, for a stated period, to the worker as something he has earned by reason of his previous employment, unemployment benefits do much to give the worker a sense of security and to preserve his morale and self-respect. Instead of being compelled to apply for public help as a destitute person, the worker receives benefits as his right. They are an encouragement to thrift and steadiness, while relief is not. Relief frequently results in destroying self-respect in the individual. A system of unemployment reserves, on the other hand, built up and organized in advance, provides a planned and orderly method of assisting the worker, to which he may look forward with a feeling of assurance.

The first question that arises is whether an unemployment reserve system should more properly be set up by the Federal Government or by the States. I am convinced that the latter are the appropriate agency.

Looking at the matter from the standpoint of general public policy and fundamental principles of government, I am one of those who believe that the strength of our whole governmental structure depends upon the vigor and vitality of our State and local governments. This country of ours is too big, its interests too diversified, to be ruled from a single center. In a democracy the closer the Government to the people the better the Government. In spite of modern inventions that have done so much to reduce distance, Washington is still far off. Centralization, in my judgment, has already proceeded to the danger point. If we go much further our State governments will become mere shadows and the individual citizen will tend more and more, as, in fact, he is already doing, to look to Washington for the solution of all his problems.

I think it is generally agreed among all those who favor the establishment of a system or systems of unemployment reserves that they should be compulsory in character. While voluntary action by a number of industrial establishments has yielded satisfactory results, progress along this line would of necessity be slow. If the principle is sound, then the application should be general, and the only way to make it general is provide for it by law.

### Donald R. Richberg Says Administration Will Not Indulge in "Orgy of Inflation"—Warns Southern Business Men Private Enterprise Must Find Jobs for 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 Men—Government Has Obligation to Unemployed, He Asserts

The Administration does not intend to embark on an "orgy of inflation," Donald R. Richberg, Executive Director of the National Emergency Council declared in an address Nov. 19 before industrialists and business men in Atlanta, Ga. Speaking before members of the Southeastern Development Board, Mr. Richberg asserted that private enterprise must "bring about the re-employment of four or five million workers in the near future," and that unless this result is attained through private initiative, the Government must continue its large-scale relief activities. Referring to such Government agencies as the National Recovery Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Mr. Richberg said that they must be continued and improved. With reference to inflation, he said, in part:

We have made a great advance in 20 months, but there are still millions of unemployed, and it would be a suicidal folly now to abandon our new mechanisms of co-operation and to let nature take its ruthless course. It is a time for sober analysis of the gains and losses, and the strength and weakness of our co-operative efforts. We must continue them, and we must improve them. There is no patent medicine that will cure our economic ills. But of all quack remedies the worst that is offered to this nation in the cold gray dawn of recovery from the intoxicated follies of 1929 is to get drunk again in another orgy of inflation. It is not hope but despair that sings: "Oh, fill me with the old familiar juice—methinks I might revive a while."

To-day we have every reason for hope and confidence in our future. We have every reason to reject the counsels of despair.

Private enterprise in the United States, Mr. Richberg said, is still able to co-operate for the purpose of achieving "a great common gain." He added, however, that the guarantees of liberty in the Constitution must be construed as guarantees of opportunity to earn a living by honest labor. Discussing the obligations of Government in aiding business recovery, he said:

The freedom of a worker depends on having access to employments controlled by other men. The freedom of the householder depends on being able to command a continuing flow of services whereby food and light and water and such essentials are brought into the home from far away, through the labor of other men.

This freedom, which we all crave, must then be gathered to-day—not by letting people alone—but by making sure that they are so organized for co-operative action that the continuous interchange of necessary products and services will not break down and leave hosts of people theoretically free but practically deprived of freedom to earn a living, and left with only what may be called, in bitter irony, the liberty to starve.

To protect individual freedom in our industrial civilization is a far different problem from the one presented to those who wrote the Constitution of the United States "to secure the blessings of liberty" to themselves and to their posterity. But it is a problem which can be solved by a government establishment under that Constitution and through democratic measures of co-operation which are consistent with the traditions and ideals of America.

In the long run, who believes in the fundamental principles of our government, who are individualists, who have no faith in the theories of State societies, and who believes that State control of industry means the death of individual liberty—we believe that the willing workers of trade and industry should be able to rely upon private enterprise for their continuous support. We recognize the dangers that lie even in the temporary assumption of part of this responsibility by government.

But if we are sane and practical, we must recognize the obligation of government when private enterprise fails to provide this fundamental guarantee of liberty to masses of the working population. In such an emergency government must assume, first, the burden of providing relief and, second, the task of mobilizing private business to re-employ the idle. And ultimately, if unemployment is not steadily relieved, government

must undertake to provide somewhere that re-employment which can insure individual freedom and security.

### Postmaster-General Farley Pledges Administration to "Middle-of-Road" Course—Says President Roosevelt Will Not Swing to Left—Urges New Democratic Members of Congress to Maintain Independent Action

The present Administration will maintain a "middle-of-the-road" course and will not swing to the left in furthering legislative programs, Postmaster-General Farley declared Nov. 18 in a radio broadcast. Speaking on "Our Party's Responsibility," Mr. Farley said that President Roosevelt does not intend to "overturn the apple-cart," and added that he will continue to exercise "good old-fashioned horse sense." At the same time he urged newly-elected Democratic members of Congress not to pledge themselves to support legislation sponsored by any particular group, but to be independent in both thought and action. His speech was described, in part, as follows in the New York "Times" of Nov. 19.

Mr. Farley put the problem of further reducing unemployment squarely up to business, saying:

"Sooner or later industry must absorb the men and women now out of work and those who are temporarily employed in Government projects. Then, and not until then, will the burden of direct relief be lifted from the Government's shoulders."

Continuing along that line, a course apparently intended as an answer to those demanding budget-balancing at once, Mr. Farley said:

"We cannot, of course, permit people to starve. On the other hand, the Government cannot carry on indefinitely the support of such a multitude as is now on the relief rolls. How to get those people back into private employment is the problem of the industrialists even more than it is of the legislators. Business has shown its confidence in the President. Perhaps all that is needed now is that it should show confidence in itself."

Mr. Farley began his address with the declaration that what the Party had won at the last election was the opportunity for service. If the Party shows itself worthy of the trust, it will be continued in office indefinitely, he declared, adding:

"The unpardonable sin of an administration—any administration—is failure."

Recalling the "sweeping tribute of approval" given the Administration, he said: "Nevertheless, we are still on trial."

"Only in the sense that the majority voted under the Democratic emblem was it a Party victory," Mr. Farley said. He thanked the Democratic Party workers, but pointed out that except for the willingness of millions to subordinate Party loyalty to national welfare, the victory could not have been achieved.

The election, Mr. Farley declared, has not put an end to the campaign against the President's policies. Every day organizations, some conservative, some radical, are being formed to oppose those policies, he said, adding:

"It seems to me not improbable that both those groups are financed from the same source, for both are calculated to alarm the country, and to advance the idea that the Roosevelt Administration is aiming at the redistribution of wealth, the elimination of the profit motive in business, unbridled inflation of the currency, and Heaven only knows what other nightmare is being cited to shake the people's faith in their Chief Executive."

Those aiming at the restoration of the old system of privilege, he said, were masquerading as defenders of the Constitution, as protectors of liberty, while raising "ghosts to be added to the impressiveness of their Halloween pageant."

"Already the newly elected Congressmen are being solicited to sign pledges, more or less vague, which would enable these organizations to claim them in advance and so to make a showing before or at the coming session. 'O these Congressmen-elect, I would say that, in my opinion, a legislator who ties his own hands in regard to legislation on which he will vote is committing as great a wrong as a jurymen who goes into court pledged in advance to a particular verdict."

### W. L. Willkie Says President Roosevelt Was "Obviously Misinformed" in Citing Power Data in Speech at Tupelo, Miss.—Head of Commonwealth & Southern Corp. Declares Private Company Could Furnish Lower Rates if Operating Under Same Conditions as TVA

President Roosevelt was "obviously misinformed" when in his speech at Tupelo, Miss., on Nov. 18, he said that the cheap distribution of electricity by Tupelo's municipal system in conjunction with the Tennessee Valley Authority would "be copied in every State of the Union before we get through," Wendell L. Willkie, President of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp., declared in a statement issued Nov. 19. The President's speech, to which Mr. Willkie referred, is given elsewhere in these columns to-day. Mr. Willkie said that he was confident that as soon as the President obtained the "true facts" he would correct his statement. "The President is a fair-minded man with a pre-eminent sense of justice," he added. The New York "Herald Tribune" of Nov. 20 quoted from Mr. Willkie's statement, in part, as follows:

Mr. Willkie said that the President "of course is obviously misinformed." He listed the following as some of the facts that differentiate the private operation from the TVA operations:

1. The Muscle Shoals hydro and steam plants cost \$60,000,000 and are said to be put on the books of the TVA at \$25,000,000. The hydro plant was built in a low-cost period.

2. The TVA pays as its sole taxes, 5% of the wholesale price of electric energy which is about 4 mills per kilowatt hour. The power companies in the area are paying in taxes between 15% and 20% of the retail price of electric energy, or 15% to 20% on about 2c. a kilowatt hour.



3. The TVA is financed at low interest rates, based on all the income and all the property of every man, woman and child in the United States, for such is the lien of Federal borrowings.

4. The overhead expenses, interest during construction, &c., are not charged against the projects, and

5. Given the same subsidies we can put into effect rates materially below the TVA rates.

Mr. Willkie said that "in addition, the TVA franks all of its bills, letters, advertising matter, &c. All freight hauled for the building of the project is hauled at not to exceed 66 2/3% of the freight cost to a private company."

#### Sees Erroneous Advice

Commenting on the speech of the President at Tupelo, Miss., that the City of Tupelo was paying taxes, Mr. Willkie said that "the President, of course, would not intentionally make an incorrect statement, but was erroneously advised. The facts are that Tupelo for years has owned its municipal plant, on which it received a return prior to the entrance of the TVA into the situation. Its return on its plant investment since putting in TVA rates now is much below what it was before it put into effect those rates, despite the fact it is buying its power from the Federal subsidized generating plants at a ridiculously low price. The TVA is also supervising its operation without cost to the municipality. The city pays to itself no taxes—merely gets a small return on its property. It pays no Federal or State taxes."

Mr. Willkie stated that as to the Alcorn County (Miss.) Electric Power Association, "it was erroneously pictured to the President as a magnificent success. All of the generating, transmission and distribution systems in Alcorn County were, some months ago, bought by the TVA from the Mississippi Power Co. at a price which was forced, under the threat of the loan of Public Works Administration money to duplicate, if such sale was not made at a price determined by the Authority. After the TVA bought the property it retained all of the generating plants and main transmission lines and sold to Alcorn County merely the distribution lines at a practically nominal price. It then put into effect the TVA rates plus a surcharge, and supervises the operation without cost to the county. The President apparently was told that such plants will pay for themselves in 5½ years."

Mr. Willkie expressed surprise that it will take 5½ years to pay for the plant.

Mr. Willkie was highly pleased over the glowing tribute President Roosevelt paid to the extraordinary sale of electrical appliances under the TVA plan. He said: "We appreciate this statement very much, because over 90% of the appliances sold under that plan were sold by the operating units of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp."

#### Three-Cent Postage Rate Favored by Postmaster-General Farley

Retention of the three-cent postage rate on first-class mail will be recommended to the next Congress, Postmaster-General James A. Farley said Nov. 21, we learn from United Press advices from Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Farley, in a dedication address at the opening of an extension to the Charlotte post office told the audience that the difference of some \$75,000,000 would have to be made up from taxation if the postal rates were lowered. "I believe people will prefer to pay this extra penny on the letters they write than to place such a burden on the taxpayer," he said.

#### Government Control of International Arms Traffic Advocated by Lamont du Pont—Letter to Senator Nye Opposes Federal Monopoly of Munitions Manufacture—Urges Abolition of Excess War Profits

Strict Government control of international traffic in arms was advocated Nov. 17 by Lamont du Pont, President of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., in a memorandum submitted to the Senate Committee which has been investigating the munitions industry. At the same time Mr. du Pont expressed his opposition to a Government monopoly of the manufacture of munitions, but suggested that provisions be made for the elimination of excess war profits. His recommendations were transmitted at the request of Senator Nye, Chairman of the investigating committee, who declared on Nov. 18 that each Government should be its own munitions manufacturer.

Mr. du Pont in his letter said that the two chief considerations in a satisfactory national policy on munitions are that adequate national defense must be assured and the maintenance of peace must be encouraged. He asserted that it would be impracticable to make the manufacture of munitions a Government monopoly because of the broad scope of the problem. Such a policy, he contended, would "weaken, and if carried far enough cripple, our national defense." Three suggestions are offered in the memorandum; it is urged that the co-operation between the Government and industry for the defense of our country be continued; that a study of the problem by such agency as Congress may determine for the development of a plan of industrial mobilization for the national defense without excess profits to corporation or individual and finally the suggestion is made for the enactment of legislation permitting the export of arms from this country only after the vise of orders by a Federal Government.

The du Pont company's views on the questions involved, asset forth in this letter, are officially summarized, as follows:

In considering the subject there are two paramount aims: (1) Adequate national defense must be assured; (2) the maintenance of peace must be fostered.

The preparation for national defense must be thorough and effective. It would be inadequate if confined to Government monopoly, because all the resources of the country must be available for our protection. The supply of the United States Army and Navy in the World War called forth the production of ordinance, clothing, food, transportation equipment, and other necessary munitions by over 25,000 manufacturing plants, normally engaged in a variety of peace-time industries. Thus the defense of our country requires practically all manufacturers to become munition makers in time of need. It is estimated that in a major emergency the Government arsenals would be able to furnish only about 5% of the necessary ordinance. The expansion of arsenals to 20 times their present capacity, in addition to the multiplication of facilities for all other types of munitions, would be a colossal undertaking. Operation would be extremely difficult if not impractical. Yet we would court disaster if we waited until we are attacked before attempting to supply our means of defense. *First Suggestion*—The only wise solution of the problem is just what has already been undertaken, the preparation of plans of defense, the survey and charting of industrial resources, the provisional enlistment of industry, so as to be ready to marshal the entire plant and personnel of the country immediately when the hour of danger arrives. This co-operation between Government and industry for the defense of our country should in our opinion be continued.

The objections to continuation of private manufacture of munitions must be met.

We subscribe to the view that excess war profits should be eliminated. The popular demand is sound and just, that in such a crisis as a major war the entire capital and productive resources of our country should be subjected to the national need without extraordinary compensation. When the country's man power is being mobilized, its material resources should be mobilized also. A plan for carrying out this policy must be practical and sure to succeed. It must harness every effort and employ every motive to insure speed, conservation of materials, and saving of labor. Elimination of excessive earnings must apply to every business and every individual. The difficulties of formulating a comprehensive and practical plan must be recognized. The problem can only be solved by able and exhaustive study, to which should be applied the experienced judgment and expert opinion of business men, military experts and statesmen. The time to make this study is now, for it would be too late when hostilities are imminent. *Second Suggestion*—We recommend, therefore, that a thorough and detailed study of the problem be made by such agency as the Congress may determine with the view of developing a practical and effective plan of industrial mobilization for the national defense without excess profits to corporation or individual.

International trade in arms can be done away with only by agreement between all producing nations. If the United States alone were to forbid the export of munitions, our national defense would be impaired, as this policy of isolation might shut off in an emergency supplies of essential materials from abroad. Prohibition of the trade in arms might not be effective, and it would encourage illicit dealings. We feel that the international trade in arms should be subjected to strict Government control, preferably by international agreement. But the United States can immediately initiate its own policy. *Third Suggestion*—We suggest legislation permitting the export of arms from this country only after the vise of orders by a Federal Government Commission as the Congress may determine, shipment not to be permitted if objected to by the Commission. The requirements of this control would include complete report to the Commission of the amount and description of goods, their destination, and complete financial settlement.

#### 900 Treasury Employees to Be Dismissed Dec. 1, Under Approval of "Patronage Rider" by Comptroller General McCarl—Former Prohibition Bureau Investigators Must Pass Civil Service Tests

Approximately 900 employees of the Treasury Department who were formerly attached to the Prohibition Bureau will be dropped from the rayrolls on Dec. 1, it was announced Nov. 13 after Comptroller-General McCarl had upheld the so-called "patronage rider" to the Treasury Appropriation Act. The Treasury said that these employees had failed to pass a new test that was required of them under the rider. Most of the employees have been assigned as investigators to the alcoholic tax unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and were employed in various parts of the United States. The Washington "Post" of Nov. 14 described the action of the Treasury, in part, as follows:

While the rider was intended to oust about 700 former prohibition agents who, Senator McKellar (Democrat) of Tennessee, charged, were "Hoover Republicans," it actually is so broad that it affected several hundred employees whose service with the Federal Government has been continuous.

Mr. McCarl held that the legislation, however, does not affect the status of a large group of clerical and mechanical employees which Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings ruled would be included.

A controversy, leading to the Comptroller-General's decision, has been in progress for a year and a half, or ever since President Roosevelt signed the reorganization order abolishing several governmental divisions and consolidating others. The Prohibition Bureau was one of those abolished.

About 500 of the prohibition agents were transferred immediately to the Division of Investigation of the Justice Department, and subsequently 700 who had been previously dropped were hired by the same unit, which later shifted the investigators to the new alcoholic tax division of the Treasury.

A fight against the new employment was launched on Capitol Hill, and charges were hurled that only Republicans had been rehired.

The rider, which subsequently passed, prohibited payment of any Treasury funds after Dec. 1 to any employees dropped by the Justice Department between June 10 and Dec. 31 1933, and reappointed by the Treasury, until they had passed new tests.

Secretary Morgenthau, insisting that an efficient staff had been built up, asked for a ruling by the Attorney-General, who not only upheld the law but insisted that it covered several hundred other employees transferred from the Justice Department.

Subsequently, on an appeal from Secretary Morgenthau, Mr. Cummings held that all employees who had been transferred without a break in service would not have to take the examination.

Mr. McCarl, however, ruled that both classes of employees were affected and that the 500 who were transferred at once were automatically separated from the Federal service when the Prohibition Bureau was abolished.

### Less Government Regulation of Industry Advocated by Donald R. Richberg—Says Employers and Employees Must Agree on Own Working Hours—Would Grant Greater Freedom to Trade Associations

A minimum of Governmental control of industry was advocated Nov. 21 by Donald R. Richberg, Executive Director of the National Emergency Council, in an address before the Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America in New York City. Any permanent legislation designed to carry out the original aims of the National Industrial Recovery Act, he said, should provide for "flexibility of code making." Provisions for working hours and conditions, he remarked, are best stipulated by employers and employees working together, rather than by legislation. While declaring that dishonest business practices should be outlawed, he added that trade and industry should first establish their own standards of fairness before including mandatory requirements in codes.

The anti-trust laws were passed to preserve competition, Mr. Richberg said. Business associations, however, should have greater freedom, he contended, and suggested the creation of a new body to supervise the associations in a broad way. We quote further from his address, as given in part in the New York "Times" Nov. 22:

"It seems to me reasonable to provide that all trade associations should do business openly and furnish full information concerning their activities to a body which might combine some of the functions and authorities of the administration of the NRA and the Federal Trade Commission," he said.

"Certain activities could be legalized by statute and others forbidden, with provision that in the twilight zone of interpretation a National Code Administration would be empowered to authorize or to prohibit concerted action. Its decision should be reviewable—not only by an ordinary lawsuit, but by an appeal for a declaratory judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction."

He warned that the cartel method of business regulation would surely lead "to State control of industry." "A democratic people will not tolerate the idea of price fixing by private agreement," he said. "They will insist on either stopping the system or placing it under public control."

#### Denies Majority Rule of Labor

In a long discussion of Section 7a of the NRA, dealing with collective bargaining, Mr. Richberg said the recent Houde case decision apparently had led to a misunderstanding that "a voting unit of employes could be created without their approval, and that then the representatives selected by a majority of that voting unit must be accepted as the exclusive representation of all the employes thus compulsorily organized."

"No one has been given any authority under the law," Mr. Richberg asserted, "and I doubt whether any one could be given legally the authority, to herd all the employes or any number of employes into a voting unit and then to compel them to select their representatives by a majority vote."

"The right of self-organization certainly includes the right of each man to decide for himself with what man he desires to be associated."

Mr. Richberg did not refer directly to company unions. He said the provisions of Section 7a had been misinterpreted and misunderstood by both employer and labor.

### Establishment of 14 Railroad Systems Urged by E. J. Schlesinger—Offers Program Designed to Restore Carriers' Credit

The 149 class 1 railroads in the United States should be classified in 14 different systems, Edwin L. Schlesinger, investment and financial counsel of New York City, said in a statement on Nov. 21. Mr. Schlesinger included this recommendation in an 11-point program recently suggested in an effort to restore the credit of the railroad industry. He advocated the establishment of four systems running from New York to Chicago and South to Washington, one system for the New England States, two for the Northwest and Northern States to the Pacific Coast, one from Chicago to the Pacific Coast via Omaha and Salt Lake City, three from Chicago to the Pacific Coast and the Southwest, and one for the Mississippi Valley. Some of the other points in Mr. Schlesinger's program are given below:

Receiverships should be made unprofitable, so that there is no incentive to force roads into that predicament.

The railroad problem should be treated in the broadest possible way and in the interest of all the people in the United States. Inasmuch as insurance companies and savings banks are the largest holders of railroad securities, any losses incurred will affect directly the millions of policy holders and saving bank depositors.

Labor should be handled in such a way as to eliminate any feelings of resentment or suspicion that may exist against railroad management.

A study might well be made of railroad management with the end that it may be ascertained how men are selected for executive positions.

Considerable criticism has been directed toward the railroads because of their substantial borrowings from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. If conditions had been normal the chances are that the issuance of new and refunding securities during the same period would have exceeded many times the total sum borrowed from the RFC.

The Public Works Administration loans for the purchasing of new equipment and the rebuilding of old should result in strengthening greatly the financial position of the railroads. New locomotives will reduce the maintenance item greatly, and this should more than offset the interest on the PWA loans.

In appraising the present and future outlook for the railroads the volume of the largest industrial companies should be studied and compared. This will show that during the years of the heaviest shrinkage of railroad gross earnings the industrial companies did even worse.

Speeding up of passenger trains should regain much of the business lost. If coupled with faster passenger train service the rates were cut through-

out the country to two cents a mile much of the business lost to busses might readily be recovered. The increase of bus travel has been due largely, if not entirely, to the savings effected by traveling that way.

A closer relationship should be developed between management and Stockholders. (a) Stockholders, if they exercise their voting power, can control management. (b) Substantial freight and passenger business can be received from stockholders.

### Urges Greater Self-Regulation for Nation's Railroads—R. V. Fletcher Tells Kansas City Business Men Public Control Affecting Managerial Discretion Has Gone Far Enough

The Nation's railroads should be granted the opportunity to exercise self-regulation "to the widest possible extent," R. V. Fletcher, General Counsel of the Association of American Railroads, told a meeting of business men in Kansas City on Nov. 22. Public regulation affecting managerial discretion has proceeded far enough, he declared, urging that in matters which do not affect the public interest the carriers be allowed greater latitude to act in their own discretion. Mr. Fletcher denied that the capital structures of our railroads are in need of radical reorganization, and said that every dollar derived from borrowings "is now represented by property now in use and useful for the transportation needs of the country. Such being the state of affairs, what reason is there, particularly in the case of solvent railroads, for adopting a policy of repudiating debts?" With reference to regulation, Mr. Fletcher said in part:

The Federal Co-ordinator has, I think, convinced the country in his searching reports and his persuasive addresses that regulation essential to the proper co-ordination of all forms of transportation can be accomplished only if the task is committed to a single regulating body charged with responsibility for protecting the public interests.

I heartily endorse this view. And I do, fully realizing that it will be the policy of the regulating authority to foster and preserve every form of transportation that under equal conditions establishes its right to survive. Strong as is the railroad appeal on behalf of its employees and security-owners, important as it is as a purchaser of materials and as a contributor to the expense of government through the medium of taxes, I yet realize that the railroads cannot survive if they have been rendered obsolete by the progress of invention and the inexorable operation of economic law.

I am confident, however, that they will stand the test. I propose, therefore, that the American people put them to the test under fair conditions. Let the Congress with high Executive sanction solemnly declare that private ownership and operation of railroads and other forms of transportation under suitable regulation in the public interest is the declared policy of the Government; that legislative bodies, State and Federal, shall provide equality of treatment among transportation competitors in the matter of public regulation; that each one shall be made to pay its own way, and derive no sustenance from Government subsidies, either direct or indirect; that each shall make suitable contributions in the way of taxes to the support of the Government; and that each shall have the opportunity to exercise the right of self-regulation to the widest possible extent.

### Home Mortgages Held by Savings, Building and Loan Associations Totaled \$5,518,699,600 as of Jan. 1, H. F. Cellarius of United States Building and Loan League Reports

Savings, building and loan associations throughout the United States held home mortgages of \$5,518,699,600, as of the first of the year, according to complete statistics made known Nov. 10. In his annual report as Secretary-Treasurer of the United States Building and Loan League, H. F. Cellarius of Cincinnati, gives this figure, adding that three States have more than 90% of their total building and loan resources invested in home mortgages, while 14 others have between 80 and 90% so invested. Outstanding loans were made for home buying, building, remodeling, and refinancing of obligations formerly held by other types of mortgagees.

This year's five and a half billion outstanding mortgages are the unpaid balance, or 38.8%, of the \$14,443,000,000 loaned by the associations to home owners during the decade 1924-1933, the League Secretary said. By far the greater portion of the settling of these debts has been by the orderly monthly repayment method, characteristic of building and loan. By the first of the year not more than \$35,000,000 of mortgages had been transferred from the associations to the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, and the amount of real estate owned had increased only \$174,158,888 during the year, so that even in 1933, repayments according to contract, i.e., monthly instalments on principal and interest, continued to be the rule rather than the exception. Mr. Cellarius stated:

The indebtedness of the 2,000,000 home borrowers who constitute our mortgagor list has thus been partially resolved in a much more orderly fashion than is generally believed. Within the last two years we estimate that at least 75,000 of the borrowers from our institutions have paid off altogether the debt on their homes and gotten clear title to the property after 10 or 11 years perseverance in the monthly repayment program. Some recent figures from associations show for example one small institution in which four borrowers completed the repayment on loans amounting to \$17,550 on Sept. 14 of this year. We have numerous instances of these repayments which are distinctly encouraging at this time, and the third quarter of the year showed a notable improvement in collections.

With such a background of experience, with this evidence that we can trust the average home borrower to meet his obligation when economic

circumstances and the public psychology permit it, building and loan associations are preparing to make their largest lending record in years during 1935. It is a noteworthy fact that the loans which have been made by associations since late 1933 and in 1934 are as a rule causing no trouble as to repayments by the month, and are some of the best possible assets on the books of the institutions.

### Chairman Jones of RFC Calls Upon Regional Managers to Expand Efforts to Assist Prospective Borrowers of Industrial Loans—Says Corporation's Business Is to Reconstruct by Lending

On Nov. 19 Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation addressed a letter to the regional managers of the Corporation with regard to industrial loans, in which he said "our business is to reconstruct by lending, . . . and we want to continue the most friendly and sympathetic consideration of every application." Mr. Jones indicated that the letter was designed "to emphasize the necessity for greater effort, especially in assisting prospective borrowers with helpful suggestions." In making public the letter Chairman Jones said:

This letter is going to all of our Managers in keeping with our desire to be of the greatest possible assistance in getting people back to work, and is prompted in part by the small number of industrial loans that we have been able to authorize, as well as the relatively small number of applications that have been filed with us.

#### The letter follows:

"Because of the rather widespread impression that there is a great demand for industrial loans that are not being made, either by banks, the Federal Reserve, or the RFC, an extraordinary effort should be put forth to ascertain the extent to which this impression is true, and to correct it as far as possible where the loans can be made to qualify under the law, that is, as to purpose for which the loans are desired, adequacy of security, and the fact that they cannot be had at banks.

"Inasmuch as such a large percentage of applications do not, for one reason or another, qualify, you should have a review committee to consider every application that an individual examiner is unable to recommend, and recommendations of the review committee, whether adverse or favorable, should be considered by you and your Advisory Committee. Frequently by suggestions, the applicant can put his loan in such shape as to qualify.

"I am aware that generally you are doing this now, but want to emphasize the necessity for greater effort, especially in assisting prospective borrowers with helpful suggestions.

Your examiners, as our examiners, should report the facts as they find them, but it is your responsibility there, and that of the directors of the Corporation here, to finally determine whether an applicant is entitled to this loan.

Our business is to reconstruct by lending, as authorized by law, and we want to continue the most friendly and sympathetic consideration of every application. You should recommend every loan that appears to qualify as to purpose and security, even though the applicant has been operating at a loss during the past few years—which of course most of them have been, or they would not be coming to us.

A great many industries and businesses need to adjust their present debts on some fair basis of compromise, and while we do not wish to lend especially for the payment of existing debts, where an applicant can make an adjustment with his creditors, either with a straight out percentage settlement, or by paying something in cash, and the balance in stock of his corporation, or in any other way, so that he will be able to survive and again become a contributing factor in employment and business, a good purpose will have been served. The mere shifting of an impossible debt load from banks and other creditors to the Government will do the borrower no good.

It is assumed that every loan we make will either continue someone in employment, or provide employment for someone now out of work, and therefore applicants should have prompt consideration. There should be someone in authority to confer with applicants at all reasonable business hours, and after hours when it will be an accommodation to the applicant. We can, when necessary, temporarily shift examiners from one agency to another, and if you are unable to give prompt attention to applications for lack of competent help, that fact should be promptly made known to our Agency Division.

You are the directing head of a money lending institution, with ample resources, especially authorized by Congress to meet an emergency, and the spirit of every man in the organization should be in keeping with this purpose.

Sincerely yours,  
JESSE H. JONES, Chairman.

### Receiver Named for Central Republic Trust Company of Chicago—Follows Move by RFC to Collect \$14,000,000 Double Liability From Stockholders

The Central Republic Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill. (formerly the Central Republic Bank & Trust Co.) known as the Dawes bank, was closed on Nov. 20 for examination and adjustment by Edward J. Barrett, State Auditor of Illinois, the action having followed the filing of a suit on Nov. 19 in the Federal Court by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation seeking to collect \$14,000,000 double liability from stockholders of the institution. William L. O'Connell was on Nov. 21 appointed Receiver for the Company by State Auditor Barrett, who at the same time named as attorneys for the receiver Michael L. Igoe and William J. Flaherty.

From the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 22 we quote the following:

O'Connell is receiver for nearly all the closed banks in Illinois. His bond in this case was set at \$500,000 by Judge John Prystalski who approved the appointment.

A bill for dissolution of the Central Republic Trust Company was filed in circuit court here yesterday by Mr. Barrett immediately preceding the appointment of receiver.

Appointment of a receiver will not conflict with the stockholders double liability court proceedings begun by the RFC since those petitions asked appointment of a receiver not for the company but for any amounts which may be collected from stockholders.

The State receiver will have jurisdiction only over the trust department since all assets in other departments have been pledged against notes payable to the RFC and certain Chicago banks.

The RFC proposes to push its Federal court petitions, but to avoid any possible complications, has filed a bill in the Cook County circuit court asking appointment of a receiver there for any collections from stockholders.

The bill for dissolution listed the State Auditor's findings in the examination as follows: "Found: Bills payable totaling \$58,336,760; that assets carried on the books were and are erroneous and did not and do not correctly reflect the true value thereof; that the value of certain items of resources did not and do not equal the amounts respectively for which said resources were carried on the books."

It was also stated that the condition of the capital stock has become impaired, and that this impairment cannot be made good. It added:

"The bank was operating with insufficient portion of its assets in cash or readily convertible securities. The business was being conducted in an unsafe manner. The bank cannot be reorganized and should be liquidated through receivership."

Still another complaint against the Central Republic Trust was filed in the Circuit Court by the RFC attorney who explained that it was identical with that filed in the same court on the preceding day except that it mentioned appointment of a receiver. It is a move, he said, to assure the Government an air-tight case.

Regarding the proceedings for the collection of double liability from stockholders the Chicago "Tribune" of Nov. 21 said:

The RFC suit disclosed that the Central Republic still owes the RFC \$57,107,000 on the original loan which the RFC granted to that institution June 25 1934.

Representatives of the State Auditor entered the bank at 4:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon and took charge. William C. Freeman, vice-president, who has been in charge of the bank since the resignation of Joseph E. Otis Sr., several months ago, and other officers of the bank turned over their records to the Auditor's men.

#### The same account also said:

Meantime yesterday the RFC filed in the Circuit Court here a bill for collection against the holders of the Central Republic's 140,000 shares of \$100 par capital stock identical in all respects to the suit filed on Monday in the Federal Court. This move, it was understood, was purely a formality to cover the RFC in the State courts and probably will not be pushed, action being concentrated on the bill filed in the Federal Court.

Attorney Harold Rosenwald of the RFC's legal staff in Washington said yesterday that the stockholders have until Dec. 3 to file their answers to the bill in the Federal Court and that no additional steps would be taken in the meantime.

#### The present status of the Central Republic's finances is as follows:

Outstanding unpaid debts consist entirely of \$58,339,000, of which \$57,107,000 is owed to the RFC as the balance unpaid on the \$90,000,000 loan granted June 25, 1932, and \$1,232,000 is owed the Chicago loop banks that participated in a \$5,000,000 loan to the Central Republic on the same date.

The RFC loan is secured by \$76,200,000 worth of cash and collateral, the cash amounting to between \$500,000 and \$600,000, in addition to the bank's regular working fund. The \$1,232,000 owed to the loop banks is secured by foreign securities.

During the period from June 25 1932, to date the officials of the Central Republic, acting under strict supervision of the RFC and subject to its approval, have liquidated \$39,318,000 of collateral and paid with this money \$36,661,000 of principal and \$2,657,000 of interest on its combined debts to the RFC and the Chicago banks. Of the \$36,661,000 principal \$32,893,000 has been paid to the RFC and \$3,768,000 to the Chicago loop banks.

#### Loan Taken in Three Parts

The Central Republic on June 25 1932, accepted the full amount of the \$90,000,000 commitment from the RFC, but only drew down \$10,000,000 of it immediately. Another \$30,000,000 was taken out a few weeks later, and the balance, \$50,000,000, in October, 1932.

A Chicago despatch Nov. 20 to the New York "Times" had the following to say in part:

The move of the RFC in instituting the suit in the Federal Courts to collect from the stockholders under the double liability laws of Illinois, attorneys for the RFC explained, was not due to dissatisfaction with the policy of liquidation that has been under way for two years, but was made in line with the policy of the RFC to realize from every possible source of revenue.

Being in full possession of all the bank's assets, the RFC asked that a receiver be appointed only to collect any funds that might be forthcoming from the stockholders.

General Charles G. Dawes, former Chairman of the Central Republic and one of its stockholders, returned this afternoon from Hot Springs, Ark., where he had gone two days before. He refused to comment on the RFC suit. General Dawes was visiting at the home of Harvey Couch, a former director of the RFC, when news of the suit filed by the RFC reached him last night.

### General Food Corp. Announces Retirement Plan for Employees—Retirement Incomes Provided by Co-operative Insurance Payments

The General Foods Corp. has adopted a co-operative annuity plan that provides assurance of old-age retirement incomes, it was announced Nov. 18 by C. M. Chester, President. The plan, which affects workers in some 45 plants and 29 sales divisions and districts throughout the country, has been underwritten by the Prudential Insurance Co. of America and the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

General Foods Corp. will pay more than half the cost of the plan. Joint contributions of the corporation and employees will provide fixed monthly incomes for workers when they reach retirement eligibility, 60 years for women and 65 for men. The plan has been made effective as of Sept. 1 1934.

Mr. Chester said that while income payments start when the employees reach this age, retirement is not then obligatory. Employees may retire, the plan also provides, at any time within 10 years of the retirement age and receive income at a reduced rate, with the company's consent. Monthly income will depend on the length of service and the rate of earnings prior to retirement. As an illustration, the company announced that an employee 30 years old, earning \$35 a week would contribute toward the plan \$1.84 48 times a year, and his payment would be matched by General Foods. If he should remain in the same earning classification and should make the same weekly contribution until he is 65, his retirement income would be \$112 monthly. Actuarial studies show that the average man of 65 may expect to live 12 years more.

Mr. Chester's statement read in part:

For years we have been working on the development of a plan to eliminate old-age insecurity for our employees.

The system we are instituting has several unusual features.

All participating workers have the option if they should leave the corporation, first, having their contributions returned, or, second, leaving them with the insurance company as a paid-up annuity. But if they have participated for 15 consecutive years they can, by leaving their own deposits with the insurance companies, receive retirement income based on the corporation's contributions, as well as their own.

Upon retirement an employee may expect to enjoy an income equivalent to 2% of his average earnings for every year of his participation in the plan. For instance, an employee of 35 to-day, will on retirement, receive each month 60% of whatever his average monthly salary may be during the next 30 years.

If an employee wishes, he can arrange his policy so that payments in reduced amounts, will be continued during the lifetime of a designated dependent, should this dependent survive the retired employee's death. If such arrangement is not chosen the balance of the contributions not disbursed as retirement income is paid to a beneficiary named in the policy.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

Earnings Class	Range of Earnings					Monthly Retirement Income For Each Year as Contributor in Earnings Class	Contributions		
	Annually	Monthly	Semi-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly		Monthly	Semi-Monthly and Bi-Weekly (24 Times a Yr.)	Weekly (48 Times a Year)
1.....	\$780 and Less	\$65 and Less	\$32.50 and Less	\$30 and Less	\$15 and Less	\$1.20	\$2.76	\$1.38	\$0.69
2.....	\$780.01—\$900	\$65.01—\$75	\$32.51—\$37.50	\$30.01—\$34.60	\$15.01—17.30	1.40	3.22	1.61	.80
3.....	900.01—1,020	75.01— 85	37.51— 42.50	34.61— 39.22	17.31—19.61	1.60	3.68	1.84	.92
4.....	1,020.01—1,140	85.01— 95	42.51— 47.50	39.23— 43.84	19.62—21.92	1.80	4.14	2.07	1.03
5.....	1,140.01—1,260	95.01—105	47.51— 52.50	43.85— 48.46	21.93—24.23	2.00	4.60	2.30	1.15
6.....	1,260.01—1,380	105.01—115	52.51— 57.50	48.47— 53.08	24.24—26.54	2.20	5.06	2.53	1.26
7.....	1,380.01—1,500	115.01—125	57.51— 62.50	53.09— 57.68	26.55—28.84	2.40	5.52	2.76	1.38
8.....	1,500.01—1,620	125.01—135	62.51— 67.50	57.69— 62.30	28.85—31.15	2.60	5.98	2.99	1.49
9.....	1,620.01—1,800	135.01—150	67.51— 75.00	62.31— 69.22	31.16—34.61	2.80	6.44	3.22	1.61
10.....	1,800.01—2,040	150.01—170	75.01— 85.00	69.23— 78.46	34.62—39.23	3.20	7.36	3.68	1.84
11.....	2,040.01—2,280	170.01—190	85.01— 95.00	78.47— 87.68	39.24—43.84	3.60	8.28	4.14	2.07
12.....	2,280.01—2,520	190.01—210	95.01—105.00	87.69— 96.92	43.85—48.46	4.00	9.20	4.60	2.30
13.....	2,520.01—2,760	210.01—230	105.01—115.00	96.93—106.14	48.47—53.07	4.40	10.12	5.06	2.53
14.....	2,760.01—3,000	230.01—250	115.01—125.00	106.15—115.38	53.08—57.69	4.80	11.04	5.52	2.76
15.....	3,000.01—3,240	250.01—270	125.01—135.00	115.39—124.60	57.70—62.30	5.20	11.96	5.98	2.99
16.....	3,240.01—3,480	270.01—290	135.01—145.00	124.61—133.84	62.31—66.92	5.60	12.88	6.44	3.22
17.....	3,480.01—3,720	290.01—310	145.01—155.00	133.85—143.06	66.93—71.53	6.00	13.80	6.90	3.45
18.....	3,720.01—3,960	310.01—330	155.01—165.00	143.07—152.30	71.54—76.15	6.40	14.72	7.36	3.68
19.....	3,960.01—4,200	330.01—350	165.01—175.00	152.31—161.54	76.16—80.77	6.80	15.64	7.82	3.91
20.....	4,200.01—4,440	350.01—370	175.01—185.00	161.55—170.76	80.78—85.38	7.20	16.56	8.28	4.14
21.....	4,440.01—4,680	370.01—390	185.01—195.00	170.77—180.00	85.39—90.00	7.60	17.48	8.74	4.37
22.....	4,680.01—4,920	390.01—410	195.01—205.00	180.01—189.22	90.01—94.61	8.00	18.40	9.20	4.60
23.....	4,920.01—5,160	410.01—430	205.01—215.00	189.23—198.46	94.62—99.23	8.40	19.32	9.66	4.83

#### New York Democrats Likely to Seek Passage of Unemployment Insurance in Next Legislature—State Industrial Commissioner Says Legislation Would Not Affect Persons Now on Relief

Governor Lehman of New York and the Democratic Legislature are likely to seek passage of State unemployment insurance next winter, according to advices from Albany yesterday (Nov. 23). Governor Lehman recommended passage of such legislation in his last annual message, and the platform of the State Democratic party included this among desirable social reforms. Elmer S. Andrews, State Industrial Commissioner, has been stressing the advantages of unemployment insurance in various speeches during recent weeks, and in one recent statement declared that there is no intention to apply this insurance to the support of the millions now unemployed. Commissioner Andrews is quoted as saying:

Unemployment insurance, designed to protect persons now employed who may be thrown out of employment at some future date should not be confused with relief of those now unemployed. No responsible official has ever suggested that industry should be required, under an unemployment insurance law, to support the millions now unemployed. The relief burden, it is fair to point out, would have been much lighter and we would have escaped the extreme depths of depression if we had established an unemployment insurance fund ten years ago. An unemployment insurance law will promote industrial activity and investment by assuring manufacturers a more stable market among the wage earners who constitute the bulk of the consuming public.

#### More Adequate Reporting of Industrial Statistics Recommended by Business Advisory and Planning Council

In general, existing compilations of statistical data relating to business at quarterly, monthly, and more frequent intervals do not now provide a sufficiently well-balanced view of industrial operations for adequate analysis and interpretation of general business conditions by the public, in the opinion of the Committee on Statistical Reporting and Uniform Accounting for Industry of the Business Advisory and Planning Council. A report, dealing principally with the statistical activities of the Department of Commerce which relate to business, and outlining specific suggestions as to types of monthly data referring to manufacturing and mining industries which are felt to be needed, was made public on Nov. 12 by the Council Chairman, S. Clay Williams. The committee submitting the report consists of Walter S. Gifford, Chairman, Pierre S. du Pont, and William A. Harriman.

The letter of transmittal to Mr. Williams stated that "This report reflects the conclusions reached after several months of investigation as well as consultation with leading economists and statisticians in both the business and academic fields." The report has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Council.

It is understood that officials of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce are developing a program to aid in effectuating the committee's proposals. Regarding the recommendations an announcement by the Council said:

Asserting that the business community has a two-fold interest in matters of statistical compilation, since business concerns not only comprise one of the principal bodies of users of such data but also act as suppliers of much of the basic data from which the compilations are made, the Committee states that improvement of the available statistics in the field of business is dependent on co-operative effort, and urges that business men increasingly recognize the value of adequate statistics both for their own needs and for those of the public generally. In the opinion of the Committee, compiling authorities should recognize the restrictions placed upon securing additional information by the costs and burdens of supplying it. The compilation of detailed monthly statistics relating to a particular industry is held by the Committee to be properly a trade association function, while the activities of the Department of Commerce may best be directed toward making available to the general public such limited data as are needed for the appraising of current trends in business.

The Committee states that in the future, the Department's efforts "in bringing about more extensive reporting of industrial statistics should be centered primarily upon the encouragement and promotion of the statistical activities of the trade associations themselves. In the case of associations which have not yet undertaken to compile data for their industries, the Department might well urge the importance of a well-planned program for the collection of statistics and assist in acquainting the members of such industries with the advantages accruing to them through the availability of adequate statistical information." It is the Committee's belief also that the Department of Commerce can furnish advice and assistance in the formulation of methods and procedures for the collection of the data.

While stressing the productive field, the Committee recognizes the need for more adequate data regarding other phases of business activity and suggests the collection of needed basic information to supplement the new Censuses of Construction and Distribution. It praises the work of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in establishing new retail trade series and expresses the hope that this work will be continued and expanded.

In discussing the specific series of data for the manufacturing and mining field which it believes to be needed, the Committee states that "it has been the aim, not merely to list the series not now available whose compilation would seem to be desirable, but rather to re-survey the field as a whole with the object of setting up a standard against which to compare existing data and a goal toward which improvement should be directed." The types of measure suggested refer largely to production, shipments, and stocks of goods, the data which are felt to be most widely useful. Statistics on labor and on prices are excluded from consideration as they do not fall within the present scope of activities of the Department of Commerce. An appendix to the report shows the percentage of the value of the products in each of the principal census groups which the recommended products of industries represent. In another appendix brief suggestions are made with regard to the collection and publication of weekly data.

#### A. M. Best Co. to Continue Issuance of Insurance Ratings—In Advices to Committee of American Life Convention Contends Ratings Fairly Reflect Position of Such Companies

Alfred M. Best Company, publishers of insurance ratings and reports, will continue to issue their ratings despite opposition expressed last September by a Special Committee of the American Life Convention, the company informed the Committee in a letter dated Nov. 3. The letter, signed by Alfred M. Best, President of the company, pointed out that the original criticism of the ratings was that they were

so used as to undermine the confidence of the public in the business of life insurance. Mr. Best said that an investigation made since September showed that more than 98% of replies from those using the ratings were in favor of their continuance. "We recognize that low ratings, however well deserved, create a sales resistance for the companies receiving them," the letter said. "But we also know that such ratings fairly reflect the position of such companies, and that the well established rule of law and conduct that the general good must be the controlling consideration both justifies and requires the issuance of the ratings for the protection of the public."

#### Families of American Workers Protected by \$8,912,000,000 of Group Life Insurance, According to Report of National Industrial Conference Board

The families of nearly 5,000,000 American workers are protected by \$8,912,000,000 of group life insurance against the death of their wage-earning member, according to a report "Recent Developments in Industrial Group Insurance" published by the National Industrial Conference Board. This insurance is in effect through nearly 30,000 group life insurance contracts now existing under which employers and employees co-operate to protect the families of the employees against suffering and want when the family wage-earner dies. Continuing, an announcement issued Nov. 7 by the Conference Board, said:

In addition, more than 505,000 employees are protected to the extent of \$744,000,000 by group insurance against the liabilities of accidental death and dismemberment. Nearly 1,250,000 workers are protected against the hazards of sickness and accident to the extent of \$16,000,000 in weekly benefits. Nearly 200,000 workers are assured a steady income after they retire through more than 200 group annuity policies which provide for monthly incomes after retirement aggregating more than \$8,000,000.

According to information received by the Conference Board from eight leading American life insurance companies, who have sold a substantial proportion of all group insurance now in force, total group sales during 1933 amounted to \$344,000,000 of group life insurance; \$97,000,000 of group accidental death and dismemberment insurance; nearly \$2,000,000 of weekly benefits in group accident and health insurance, and \$1,700,000 of monthly income in group annuities and pensions.

The workers covered by group life insurance, numbering nearly 5,000,000, are insured for an average of \$1,828 each. Group accidental death and dismemberment insurance adds an average protection of \$1,473 per worker to 505,000 employees. The employees covered by group accident and health insurance, numbering 1,229,000, when sick or disabled, are entitled to an average of \$13 a week in benefits. The nearly 200,000 employees who are in group annuity plans will receive after they reach retirement age, an average income of \$43.53 every month until they die.

The increasing public interest in group insurance is shown in the Board's report by the fact that sales of group insurance during the first five months of 1934 were almost twice as much as sales in the same months of 1933. Sales of group annuities during 1933 were nearly 20% as much as the amount of all those policies in force at the end of the year, while sales of group health and accident insurance were nearly 12% of the aggregate amount of all such policies then in force.

#### J. P. Morgan Returns from Abroad—Views Proposed City Tax on Morgan Library in Conflict with State Law—Business Gaining in England—Thinks "We Might Have Little Less Excitement"

J. P. Morgan, who had been abroad since July, returned on Nov. 20 on the Cunard White Star liner Majestic. Mr. Morgan is reported as saying that in England business was "going along quietly and they are doing things without excitement. They have been cautious as to their expenditures and have been careful that the money which is spent is spent wisely." Mr. Morgan, questioned as to whether he implied over-excitement in the American program, jocosely remarked, "I think we might have had a little less excitement."

Regarding the city's proposal to tax the Morgan Library—among other institutions heretofore exempt from realty taxes—Mr. Morgan said:

The Morgan Library is a State educational institution. It was created under a State charter and it has always been my understanding, unless there has been new legislation, that State educational institutions are not subject to taxation. The library, as every one knows, is intended to add to liberal education for the higher students.

References to Mr. Morgan's trip abroad appeared in these columns July 14, page 215, and Aug. 4, page 693.

#### N. R. Margold Resigns as Head of Petroleum Administrative Board to Devote Full Time as Solicitor of Interior Department—Charles Fahy Succeeds Him

Nathan R. Margold has resigned as Chairman of the Petroleum Administrative Board, it was announced yesterday (Nov. 23) by Secretary of the Interior Ickes. Mr. Ickes said that Mr. Margold for a long time had "been desirous of being relieved from his duties as Chairman of the Petroleum Administrative Board so that he could devote all his time to other responsibilities" as Solicitor of the Department of the Interior. Charles Fahy, first Assistant

Solicitor of the Department, will become Chairman of the Board. Associated Press advices from Washington yesterday added the following regarding Mr. Margold's retirement:

Mr. Ickes said that in view of the "great improvement in the industry resulting from recent developments in the administration of the oil code" he had granted Margold's request reluctantly.

Charles Fahy, First Assistant Solicitor of the Department, will become Chairman of the Board. He has been Vice-Chairman.

The change, Mr. Ickes said, will permit Margold to give more attention to such important matters as organizing Indian municipal corporations under legislation asked by the last Congress and proposed additional measures affecting Indians.

Margold still will be available for consultation on important questions affecting the oil administration.

#### "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee" of United Hospital Fund for 1934 Being Formed Under Chairmanship of James Speyer—Appeal for Funds for Sick to Be Made Shortly

The "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee" for the 1934 collection of the United Hospital Fund is being formed with James Speyer as Chairman and the following Associate Chairmen representing various groups:

Banks. Jackson E. Reynolds, President, First National Bank.  
Curb Exchange. Morton F. Stern, of J. S. Bache & Co.  
Investment Bankers. Ralph T. Crane, of Brown Harriman & Co., Inc.  
Savings Banks. William L. DeBost, President, Union Dime Savings Bank.  
Stock Exchange. E. H. H. Simmons, of E. H. H. Simmons & Co.  
Trust Companies. William C. Potter, Chairman, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.  
Unlisted Security Dealers. J. Roy Prosser, of J. Roy Prosser & Co.

These gentlemen are inviting a number of bankers and brokers, all actively connected as Trustees with the management of our hospitals, to serve with them. The Committee will shortly make the usual appeal to "Wall Street" for funds so that the sick and poor of our city may be cared for in the New York hospitals, without regard to creed, color or nationality.

#### Robert E. Allen Elected President of Uptown Bankers Association

Robert E. Allen, Vice-President of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York City, has been elected President of the Uptown Bankers Association, the Association announced Nov. 16. James McC. Law, Assistant Treasurer of the New York Trust Co., was elected Secretary and Treasurer. Members of the executive committee were announced as follows:

James S. Alexander, Guaranty Trust Co.; Douglas B. Simonson, National City Bank; Richard H. Mansfield, Chase National Bank; Lowry J. Dale, Chemical Bank & Trust Co.; John W. Bloodgood, Bankers Trust Co., and Roger P. Kavanaugh, Bank of the Manhattan Co.

#### George W. Davison and Thomas J. Watson Re-Elected Directors of Federal Reserve Bank of New York

The member banks in Group 1 of the New York Reserve District have re-elected two directors to the board of the New York Federal Reserve Bank to serve for three years from Jan. 1 1935. George W. Davison, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co., New York City, was re-elected as a Class A director of the Bank, and Thomas J. Watson, President, International Business Machines Corp., New York City, was re-elected as a Class B director.

As summary of the careers of the two directors appeared in our issue of Nov. 3, page 2768 at which time we reported their renomination.

#### Boston Federal Reserve Bank Re-Elects Two Directors

In the regular election by banks in Group 2 of the Boston Federal Reserve District, to choose a Class A and a Class B director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Frederick S. Chamberlain and Edward S. French have been elected to succeed themselves as Class A and Class B director, respectively, for three year terms beginning Jan. 1 1935. Mr. French, who is from Springfield, Vt., is President of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and Mr. Chamberlain is President of the New Britain National Bank, New Britain, Vt.

#### Two Directors Re-Elected by Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

Frederick C. Stout, of John R. Evans & Co., Philadelphia, and John B. Henning, President of the Wyoming National Bank, Tunkhannock, Pa., were re-elected directors of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank according to the results shown in the election which ended Nov. 16. The directors, whose terms expire Dec. 31, were re-elected for terms of three years. Mr. Stout was unanimously re-elected as a Class B director by member banks in Group 1 of the Phila-

delphia District, while Mr. Henning was re-elected by a majority of the member banks in Group 3 as a Class A director. There were two candidates, in addition to Mr. Henning, for the Class A directorship.

#### Chicago Federal Reserve Bank Elects Two Directors

The election of Edward R. Estberg, Waukesha, Wis., as a Class A director to succeed himself, and Stanford T. Crapo of Detroit, Mich., as a Class B director for a term of three years, beginning Jan. 1 1935, was announced on Nov. 16 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Mr. Estberg, President of the Waukesha National Bank of Waukesha, was elected by the member banks in Group 2 of the Chicago District, and Mr. Crapo, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Huron Portland Cement Co., Detroit, by the member banks in Group 1.

#### New Director Elected by Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta—Also Re-Elects J. B. Hill

Announcement was made on Nov. 19 by Oscar Newton, Chairman of the Board of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, that W. D. Cook, Executive Vice-President of the First National Bank, of Meridian, Miss., has been elected a Class A director of the Reserve Bank by member banks in Group 2 of the Atlanta Reserve District. Member banks in Group 3 of the District, Mr. Newton said, re-elected J. B. Hill, President of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, Nashville, Tenn., as a Class B director. Each was chosen for a term of three years, beginning Jan. 1 1935.

#### Results of Election of Directors of Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

According to announcement of John S. Wood, Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, the results of the election of directors which ended Nov. 20 are as follows: F. Guy Hitt, President of the First National Bank, Ziegler, Ill., was re-elected by member banks in Group 3 as a Class A director of the bank, and W. B. Plunkett, President of Plunkett-Jarrell Grocer Co., Little Rock, Ark., was re-elected by member banks in Group 2 as a Class B director. Each was chosen to serve for three years from Jan. 1 1935.

#### George L. Grobe Appointed by President Roosevelt as United States Attorney for Western New York—Originated Phrase "New Deal"

George L. Grobe, Corporation Counsel for the City of Buffalo, N. Y., was appointed by President Roosevelt as United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, according to an announcement in Washington on Nov. 15. Mr. Grobe is said to be the man who originated the phrase "New Deal." He will succeed Richard H. Templeton as Federal Attorney, and is expected soon to announce his resignation as Buffalo Corporation Counsel. A dispatch from Buffalo to the New York "Herald Tribune" Nov. 15 outlined his career in part as follows:

The new appointee emerged from political obscurity in 1931 in a new Deal campaign, in which the Democrats captured control of the Common Council and the Board of Supervisors after banishment for more than a decade. Mr. Grobe became Secretary of the rejuvenated Democratic Party and was one of the leaders who succeeded in welding together a half dozen discordant elements within that Party. Subsequently, President Roosevelt borrowed the slogan, "New Deal" and used it successively in his 1932 campaign.

With the election of Mr. Zimmerman as Mayor, Mr. Grobe became Corporation Counsel and served in that capacity until the present time. He will succeed Richard H. Templeton in the Federal post.

#### W. H. Davis to Make Study of Compliance and Enforcement Problems for NIRB

The National Industrial Recovery Board announced Nov. 9 that William H. Davis, formerly National Compliance Director, has accepted an invitation to make a study of problems relating to compliance and enforcement. Mr. Davis, a native of Maine, is senior member of the law firm of Pennie, Davis, Marvin & Edmonds of New York City. In August 1933, Mr. Davis was appointed Deputy Administrator in the National Recovery Administration and in November of that year he was made National Compliance Director, in charge of the newly formed Compliance Division, serving in this capacity until June 1934.

#### Dr. Gustav Peck Appointed by NIRB as Assistant to Administrative Officer on Employment Problems

The National Industrial Recovery Board on Nov. 14 appointed Dr. Gustav Peck as assistant to the Administrative Office on employment problems in codes and their adminis-

tration. This appointment is in line with the Board's policy of allotting specific problems to personnel well versed in the subjects assigned them, said an announcement issued by the National Recovery Administration, which continued:

Dr. Peck was graduated from Columbia University and received a Ph.D. degree from Brookings Institution. He taught at the University of South Dakota, the College of the City of New York, and Hunter College. He collaborated with Dr. Leo Wolman in "Recent Social Trends." Since the summer of 1933, he has been executive director of the National Recovery Administration Labor Advisory Board.

#### Death of Carl Mayer, Former Secretary of "Old" Metal Exchange

Carl Mayer, one of the original members of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange and for 30 years Secretary of the "old" Metal Exchange, died on Nov. 20. He was 93 years old. Mr. Mayer was a member of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange from June 1883 until April 1892.

#### Death of Ex-Senator Broussard of Louisiana

Edwin Sidney Broussard, former United States Senator from Louisiana, died on Nov. 19 at his home in New Iberia, La., after several days' illness. He was 59 years old. Mr. Broussard was elected United States Senator in 1920, was re-elected in 1926, but was defeated in the primaries two years ago by Senator Overton, who was supported by the political organization of Senator Huey P. Long. Associated Press advices from New Iberia, Nov. 19, summarized his career as follows:

Mr. Broussard died of a sudden attack after several days of illness. He was 59 years old and a native of New Iberia Parish. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and served with the Taft Commission in the Philippine Islands at Manila from 1899 to 1901.

A graduate of the Tulane University law school, he was elected a United States Senator in 1920 and was re-elected in 1926. On his defeat in 1932 he filed charges with the Senate which brought about a prolonged Senate investigation of the Overton election. He charged corruption at the ballot boxes by the forces of Senator Long, and in the course of the investigations the enemies of the Long organization sought to oust both Senator Long and Senator Overton from the Senate. To date no action has been taken by the Senate against either.

#### New Customs House Dedicated in Philadelphia—Building Will House Five Governmental Departments and Three Independent Agencies

The new \$3,500,000 Federal Customs House in Philadelphia was dedicated at ceremonies on Nov. 11, celebrating the opening of the 17-story structure which will house the Philadelphia offices of five departments and three independent agencies, as well as the customs service. The dedicatory address was written by Stephen B. Gibbons, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Mayor Moore of Philadelphia also spoke. The various governmental offices to be housed in the new building are:

Treasury—Customs Service, Customs Agency Service, Public Health Service, Bureau of Internal Revenue (Alcohol tax unit) and Procurement Division.

Navy—Inspector of Naval Material, Recruiting, Hydrographic Office and Marine Recruiting.

Commerce—Bureau of Steamboat Inspection, Bureau of Lighthouses and Radio Inspection Bureau.

Labor—National Labor Board and Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization.

War—Recruiting, District Engineer, Ordnance, 305th Cavalry, Coast Artillery Reserve, 79th Division Headquarters.

Agriculture—Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Farm Extension Board, Bureau of Economics, Weather Bureau, Federal Grain Inspection, Bureau of Plant Quarantine, Bureau of Animal Industry and Food and Drug Administration.

Independent agencies include the Veterans' Administration, the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

#### Better "Price Balance" Termed Necessary to Normal Recovery—Dr. George F. Warren Cites Gains Resulting from Increase in Gold Price

A better balance in the price structure is necessary before business recovery can proceed in a normal manner, Dr. George F. Warren of Cornell University, monetary adviser to President Roosevelt, said on Nov. 19 before the convention of the National Grange at Hartford, Conn. Prosperity, Dr. Warren said, is neither the result of high or low prices, but rather develops from "a balance in the price structure." Since the United States abandoned the gold standard, he points out, sharpest price increases have been recorded by commodities that previously fell most rapidly, so that at present "the price structure is more nearly in balance and a vast number of individuals, business concerns and banks have become solvent by the increase in the value of their property." We quote further from his address, as given in United Press Hartford advices of Nov. 19:

Such actions, of course, delay recovery. While much has been accomplished, much more remains to be done. Many of the slow moving prices are as much as twice the world price levels in gold. Before business can proceed in a normal way, a better balance in the price structure is necessary.

This can be accomplished in three ways. The slow moving charges are services that must be reduced or these things that sell most must be further increased. If the latter procedure is followed, there are two ways to accomplish it. Either the prices in gold must rise throughout the world or the American price of gold must be increased.

It is possible that the world price level in gold ultimately will rise somewhat but this is likely to come as a result of world-wide recovery rather than as an aid to world-wide recovery. That is, gold hoarding and the panic to get gold are likely to be relieved some time after general recovery has occurred. This will probably require considerable time.

The supply of gold, he said, was the major factor in causing the great decline in prices from 1873 to 1896 and the greatest rise in prices from 1896 to 1914. While the weather was a prime factor in effecting changes from year to year, he said, gold brought about the principal changes over a period of years.

He asserted there are five factors "in the prices of wheat or any other commodity: Supply of wheat, demand for wheat, supply of gold, demand for gold, and the price of gold."

A number of other factors enter the picture, he said. "For example, if the estimate of the wheat crop is incorrect but is generally accepted, the error for a time has the same effect as if it were true. But, of course, only real supply can have a permanent effect."

#### Lack of Exchange Stability and Currency Values Regarded by Sir Robert Borden of Barclay's Bank as Aggregating Difficulty of Resuming International Trade

Economic nationalism and the insensate waste of war preparation were pictured as the chief obstacles to world recovery by Sir Robert Borden, President of Barclay's Bank (Canada), at the seventh annual general meeting of shareholders held in Montreal on Nov. 20. After reciting figures to demonstrate the progress of recovery in the Dominion, Sir Robert turned to conditions outside of Canada, noting encouraging indications in several countries, particularly the United States and Great Britain. In his comments he said:

All this is to the good, but lack of exchange stability and fluctuations of currency values continue to aggravate the difficulty of resuming international trade and co-operation. The fetish of economic nationalism still holds many nations in thrall. In the menas of intercourse, in every aspect of transmission and communication, progress at once wonderful and startling has brought the world's peoples into closer and closer neighborhood. In sinister contrast, tariff barriers, continually and systematically strengthened, keep them apart. This cannot endure; but such a system, although brief, is dangerous and may be destructive. Neither in the political nor in the economic domain is the status of a hermit nation either wholesome or ultimately possible.

The folly of attempts at economic isolation is paralleled, in a more dangerous and deadly aspect, by insensate waste in warlike preparation which retards cruelly and unnecessarily the world's recovery from chaotic conditions engendered by war. This waste, child of fear, suspicion and hatred, has spread like a creeping paralysis through the nations. Hitherto the League's efforts to abate it have been in vain, not through lack of most earnest and patient endeavor but by reason of humanity's imperfections.

The world still fails to enthrone right above force.

Return to conditions that resulted in the disaster of 1929 is neither possible nor desirable. But, although the malady is deep-seated, measurable recovery is within the grasp of the nations. It will be closely associated and concurrent with the stabilization of exchange and monetary values, the resumption of international trade, the return of confidence and the assurance of peace.

#### American Liberty League Non-Partisan, Jouett Shouse Declares—Denies It Is Anti-Roosevelt—Representative-Elect Hook Plans to Require Periodic Financial Accounting by League to Congress

The American Liberty League is not "anti-Roosevelt," although it intends to make its position on legislation known to the next session of Congress, Jouett Shouse, President of the League, told the New York Bond Club on Nov. 20. Denying that the group was formed in opposition to the New Deal or as a basis for a third political party, he said that so far as political alignment is concerned it will remain non-partisan. Analyzing Federal emergency legislation, he asserted that the National Recovery Administration has served a useful purpose, although it has many defects, including attempts at price-fixing. The Agricultural Adjustment Administration is unlikely to be successful in its attempts to control production, he said.

Frank E. Hook, Representative-Elect from Michigan, said on Nov. 20 that his first bill in Congress would be "to place the American Liberty League under the provisions of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act," in order to require the League to make periodic financial accounting to Congress. Mr. Shouse replied on Nov. 20 that the League intended to make a periodic accounting to Congress of money received and spent. We quote in part from Mr. Shouse's speech, as given in the New York "Times" on Nov. 21:

Mr. Shouse declared that the league "must approach the committees of Congress only with a desire to be helpful and in the knowledge that the legislative representatives of the Nation welcome from any responsible group useful suggestions in connection with proposed legislation."

*Sees Assurance to Capital*

Then he discussed recent assurances from the Administration that its plans contemplate the utilization, as far as possible, of private capital, as a basis for recovery. That, he said, must be taken "as an assurance to investors and to those who control the machinery of investment that maintenance of the rights of private property forms an integral part of the Administration's program."

Discussing the NRA, Mr. Shouse said that he approved of its broad social aims, even though he believed that in normal times such functions properly belonged to the States. But the NRA, he added, has "indulged in unwarranted excesses of attempted regulation."

"The American Liberty League believes in progress," Mr. Shouse continued. "Its attitude is in no sense static. On the other hand, it would advocate orderly progress as the only safe method by which to go forward."

*Against Socialization*

"It has frequently been referred to as a representative of conservative thought of the country. I do not object to the word 'conservative,' but I maintain that a better definition of the aims and purposes of the League is the assertion that it represents the constructive thought of the country. It believes in the value and necessity of social reform, but it draws the very definite line of distinction between objectives of a social nature and the theory of a socialized Government."

#### Refinancing of Farmers' Debts at Lower Interest Charges Providing Permanent Solution to Rural Credit Problem, According to Governor Myers of FCA

On over half a million mortgage loans made by the Farm Credit Administration primarily for the purpose of refinancing depression debts, farmers are paying 1½% less interest than previously, and making an additional saving of about 1% through elimination of renewal charges, according to a statement Nov. 17 to the American Country Life Association by W. I. Myers, Farm Credit Administration Governor. "Not only for the purpose of saving farms from foreclosure was the FCA created," Mr. Myers said, "but also to reduce the interest charges and to reduce the overhead indebtedness of the farmers refinanced, and of the agricultural industry in general." He continued:

The refinancing of farm debts has held the fort against the sweeping tide of foreclosures and at the same time made reductions in interest charges and in overhead indebtedness that will remain for the permanent benefit and well-being of farm business and rural life.

The hundreds of thousands of farmers refinanced by the FCA had been paying interest charges on their debts averaging 6.2% in respect to debts refinanced by the Land banks and 6.6% on indebtedness refinanced with loans by the Land Bank Commissioner. These farmers are now paying interest at the rate of 4½ or 5% on long-term amortized loans extending for periods of from 13 to 30-odd years, with no renewal charges. The expense of renewing mortgages every few years had been costing farmers on an average what amounted to at least 1%.

The annual interest saving to farmers under the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act and the refinancing program is over \$31,000,000 a year, and most of this will be a permanent saving. If the saving through elimination of renewal costs could be computed the figure would be larger by many millions of dollars.

Saving on interest is only a part of the picture. An excessive overhead indebtedness amounting to \$65,000,000 has been voluntarily written off the books by creditors in order to get farmers' debts down to a point where the FCA could refinance a reasonable indebtedness. Such reductions have been made in connection with about one loan in six, and where they took place the average scale-down was about 26 cents on the dollar.

Through low interest rates and the policy of making loans on the basis of normal values, the FCA anticipates a long-time program of saving on farm expenses which will benefit not only the farmers who obtain the loans, but also exert a strong influence to maintain interest rates at reasonable levels.

The purpose of the FCA is to provide, through a co-operative business-minded credit system, a permanent solution for the country's agricultural credit problems. To do this, credit advanced must be on a sound basis so as to attract investment in the bonds and debentures issued to secure loanable funds bearing a reasonable rate of interest.

#### National Dairy Federation Adopts Resolution Urging Government Program for Agriculture—Advocates Further Dollar Devaluation, Plans for Control of Production, and Expansion of Co-operatives

Adoption of a permanent program designed "to restore agriculture to a basis of economic equality with industry" was advocated by the National Co-operative Milk Producers Federation at the close of its annual convention in Syracuse, N. Y., on Nov. 14. The Federation indicated that it would seek the passage of legislation by the next Congress which would protect and expand the co-operatives, provide for the further reduction of the gold content of the dollar to raise commodity prices to the 1921-1929 level, adopt the Brandt plan for price and production control through the utilization of the equalization fee principle and operation of a surplus pool, and establish a system of marketing agreements and licenses correlated with the Brandt plan.

Congressman Jones of Texas, addressing the Federation, on Nov. 13, said that he plans to introduce a bill in the next Congress permitting the Farm Credit Administration to issue paper money against its farm loans so as to give the farmer a lower rate of interest. The Syracuse "Post" of Nov. 14 reported this speech as follows:

Declaring he was prouder of his sponsorship of the Farm Credit bill than of any other measure he ever has fathered, Congressman Jones, Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, said:

"I am anxious to have this administration given all the powers that are now extended to the Federal Reserve System, including the note-issuing privilege. This will enable all forms of agriculture to be furnished credit at a lower rate of interest."

He pointed out that the farm credit administration now finances its operations through selling debentures, or bonds, and consequently the farmer must shoulder the interest on these bonds.

The legislator advocated appropriation of additional funds to broaden the program for elimination of Bang's disease and other forms of disease among the dairy herds.

"The real problem now confronting all kinds of farm activity," he said, "is the problem of marketing and distribution. I believe I can safely say that the members of the new Congress and especially the members of the committee on agriculture will be anxious to help in any possible way to work out the issues in a practical manner."

Principal features of the resolution adopted by the convention were described as follows in the Syracuse "Post" of Nov. 15:

The resolution avoided open criticism of the administration of the AAA program, although calling for a number of amendments to the existing statutes, plainly designed to protect the co-operatives from official hostility.

This attitude was in the face of a number of vigorous attacks launched by speakers from the floor of the convention.

"We have no quarrel with the national administration nor with the AAA program," one delegate explained yesterday, "only with some of the individuals who are administering it, and who are unfriendly to the co-operatives."

In advancing its permanent program for agriculture, the Federation pointed out that the agricultural adjustment act was merely a temporary measure designed to serve for the duration of the emergency period.

Major feature of the program is the Brandt plan outlined to the convention Tuesday by John Brandt of Minneapolis, President of the Land O' Lakes Creameries, Inc., and first Vice-President of the federation.

#### *Indorse Brandt Plan*

"We feel that the principle of the equalization fee as originated by farm leaders," said the resolution, "as developed and carried out in the Brandt plan, offers a real solution to the problems of agriculture, and we heartily indorse the Brandt plan."

Correlated with this plan, the federation urged that marketing agreements and licenses be made available by the body administering the plan, to aid in solution of problems peculiar to such commodities as milk, citrus fruits, nuts, deciduous fruits and rice.

These agreements and licenses, it was provided, might be placed in the hands of co-operatives when requested by two-thirds of the producers in any local or regional market, with wide-spread powers of administration ranging from pooling, handling, processing and marketing, to price fixing.

Provision is also made for definite limitation on the number of units required to distribute any given commodity, aimed at cutting distribution costs and thus decreasing the price spread between producer and consumer. Reduction in the number of milk wagons was advocated earlier in the convention as a typical possibility.

#### *Seek Further Cut in Dollar*

The federation recommends to President Roosevelt that he take the necessary action to revalue the gold content of the dollar so as to boost commodity prices to the 1921-29 level, and that Congress pass as speedily as possible any necessary further legislation.

### **Farmer-Stockholders of Production Credit Associations to Elect Representatives to Serve on Boards of Directors of Federal Land Banks**

Six hundred and twenty-one production credit associations, representing over 100,000 farmer-stockholders, this month are selecting their representatives to serve on the boards of directors of the 12 Federal Land banks which are also ex-officio directors of the other Farm Credit Administration units, it was announced at Washington, D. C., Nov. 19 by S. M. Garwood, Production Credit Commissioner of the FCA. The announcement continued:

Nominations for the district board of directors have been made recently by the production credit associations in each district. The names of the 10 persons in each district who received the highest number of votes have been placed on the ballots that are being forwarded to the associations. The person receiving the highest number of votes will serve as a member of the board of directors of the district for three years beginning Jan. 1 1935.

The board of directors of each district is made up of seven members. In the past, three of the members of the board were elected by the National farm loan associations and three by the Farm Loan Board, the predecessor of the FCA, to serve the public interest; and the seventh, a director-at-large, was chosen by the Farm Loan Board from persons nominated by borrowers.

The Farm Credit Act of 1933 provides that the first director in each district whose term expires after June 16 1934 will be elected by the production credit associations, the second by the borrowers from the Banks for Co-operatives, and the third by the National farm loan associations. Thus all types of borrowers from the permanent credit institutions under the supervision of the FCA will be represented in the formation of local loan policies of these farmer-co-operative credit organizations. The representatives on the board of directors of each district that were formerly chosen by the Farm Loan Board are now appointed by the Governor of the FCA.

In issuing the announcement Mr. Garwood stated:

Since directors of the individual production credit association act for it in the election of a representative on the board of directors of the FCA district, and also are in charge of the management of the association, it is of extreme importance that farmer-borrowers attend the annual meeting of their association and use wise judgment in selecting their local directors.

### **Senator Borah Repeats Charges of Waste in Expenditure of Relief Funds—FERA Defends Economies of Distribution**

Distribution of Federal relief funds has been accompanied by such waste that in some cases it almost constituted a crime, Senator Borah declared in a radio address, Nov. 19. Repeating his earlier charges against the conduct of the Federal Emergency Relief Administration, Senator Borah said that in one State administrative charges alone amounted to \$2.68 for every \$5.47 spent for relief purposes. His earlier charges had resulted in a pledge by Harry L.

Hopkins, Relief Administrator, to investigate the entire situation, as was noted in our issue of Nov. 17, pages 3101-02. The FERA on Nov. 19 issued a statement in which it contended that only 11.6% of relief expenditures during August were used to pay administrative costs, as compared with 11.3% in July and 10.8% in May and June. Relief officials added that any percentage for this purpose below 14% should be regarded as "good administration." Senator Borah, in his radio address, said that in some cases relief administrative costs were as high as 20%, 25% and 50%, and in contrast said that the Red Cross used only about 6.5% for administering relief in the Mississippi flood in 1927 and the Florida and Puerto Rican hurricanes of 1928.

A Washington dispatch of Nov. 19 to the New York "Times" outlined some of the features of the Senator's speech as follows:

The Senator sought to make it clear that he did not charge criminal conduct in a technical sense.

"I was not willing to make such charges on unsworn testimony," he said, adding that he did not seek to impugn the personal integrity of Mr. Hopkins.

"But it is my deliberate conviction," he added, "after as thorough an investigation as one on the outside and without an investigating body can make, that if Mr. Hopkins can find the time to thoroughly investigate, he will find waste that will be as shocking to him as it is to the many people who have written me."

Much of the evidence, Mr. Borah said, would come from Mr. Hopkins's own files, as a good part of his own information came in the form of carbon copies of letters sent to the Administrator.

As to the difference between "graft and waste," he held that "when dealing with a relief fund, to my mind there is little moral difference."

Mr. Borah expressed an opinion that with the cost and expense now being incurred in administration relief, "there is going to be a breakdown." He held that even now, after the stupendous efforts of the Government, "there is great hunger and distress in this country."

#### *Blames Congress Primarily*

The Senator put the blame for the conditions he charged first upon Congress, which, he said, had not passed an efficient law that would clearly outline the method for dispensing and accounting for the funds.

Secondly, he mentioned a report of a hiatus in the relief organization. He said that his information indicated that States felt that the relief funds were strictly Federal money and that Federal agencies should be responsible for proper accounting, while Federal bureaus took the position that the States were the responsible distributing units.

"If I am correctly informed as to this, the result is a no-man's land in the matter of accounting and responsibility," he said. "This should be corrected by law."

The source of waste, he said, seemed to be in the field. He mentioned the case of a city of 200,000 population where an organization of 806 persons, with individual salaries running from \$200 to \$380 a month and a combined payroll of \$1,500,000 a year, was maintained to administer relief.

In another city of the Middle West, he said, 1,506 persons, with salaries and incidental expenses aggregating about \$2,000,000, were employed to handle the fund.

He said that figures "based upon an official report in another State" disclosed that for \$5.47 expended for relief, \$2.62 went for administration. Taking 100 counties in the State, he said, the report showed that it required \$5,100 to administer \$4,700. In another county, he charged, it took \$572 to administer \$4.

### **No NRA Code It Is Reported Planned for Packing Industry**

In the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 20 it was stated that the packing industry will not have an NRA code, Federal officials have decided, according to dispatches received in Chicago. The paper quoted also had the following to say in part:

This decision fits in with the industry's desires which were bitterly opposed to imposition of a separate code and embraced a wish to operate independently of code regulations.

It was felt in Washington circles that packers were operating satisfactorily under the Stockyards Act and were adhering to the labor provisions contained in the President's re-employment agreement. Average level of wages and salaries paid by packers currently tops the 1929 figure and is well above the Nation's wage average.

#### *AAA Tie-up Is Important*

However, the most important factor in decision to drop planned codification of the industry is its tie-up under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. One official explained that the NRA administration is powerless to impose a code as long as the industry continues to operate under the Packers and Stockyards Act, approved by the Secretary of Agriculture four years ago.

The decision was greeted in Chicago as a signal victory for the packers and a tribute to labor and wage conditions in the industry. Said one executive of a leading concern:

"While we are not convinced that the NRA Board has definitely abandoned hopes for codification of the packing industry, they at least are marking time. The fact that the AAA is definitely tied in with the packing situation and the absence of any legitimate complaint of violations of labor provisions, forms a strong barrier to keep the industry independent of the NRA."

### **H. R. Ray Re-elected President of St. Louis Live Stock Exchange—Others Elected**

H. R. Ray was re-elected President of the St. Louis Live Stock Exchange at the 49th annual meeting of the organization held Oct. 27, we learn from the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Oct. 28. Mr. Ray had completed his first year as President of the Exchange. Others elected were reported as follows:



J. W. Sanders was re-elected Vice-President; William J. McGinnis, R. M. Stewart and W. A. Long were named directors. The names of the directors remaining on the Board are W. C. Mackey, L. W. Daniels, W. R. Huitt, R. O. McPherson, J. S. Harrison and T. W. Finnigan.

A. P. Hensley, L. H. Milton and J. R. Wooten were appointed Committee on Appeals; C. A. Carter, Lee Rogers and Fred Leiner, Committee on Arbitration.

### **NRA Failure to Prosecute for Non-Compliance Often Due to Inherent Weakness of Codes Themselves, Lawyer Asserts—G. H. Montague Says Period of Legal Uncertainty Offers Business Opportunity to Experiment in Trade Regulation**

Failure of the National Recovery Administration to prosecute certain cases of non-compliance with codes is often due to its realization that court proceedings might result in upsetting the code itself, Gilbert H. Montague, Chairman of the Committee on NRA of the New York State Bar Association and head of a similar Committee of the Merchants Association of New York, said on Nov. 21 in an address before the New York Building Congress in New York City. Mr. Montague said that the blame for this condition rests more on industry than upon the NRA and that many codes must be overhauled before the defects can be cured. Two of the principal legal difficulties inherent in many codes, he pointed out, are the fact that the industry in question is not engaged in inter-State commerce and in the definition of "unfair methods of competition."

Despite the fact that the National Industrial Recovery Act requires that codes shall relate strictly to transactions "in or affecting inter-State commerce," Mr. Montague said, this has not deterred NRA from approving codes for a number of industries whose operations are essentially local. Similarly, he continued, NRA has approved for scores of industries hundreds of trade practice code provisions that transcend the definition of unfair competition given by the Supreme Court. Mr. Montague added, in part:

The fact that these uncertainties and debatable questions are likely to remain open until after June 16 1935, which is the present expiration date of NIRA, may actually be helpful to a legislative proposal for continuing the essentials of the NRA idea beyond that date, because there can now be rallied to its support so many factions whose desires and hopes are opposite and contradictory to one another.

Meanwhile this interim of legal uncertainty may not be inconvenient or wholly wasted, for in it American business may try out scores of experiments in trade regulation under NRA codes, and may discover for itself by actual experience unsuspected weaknesses and practical difficulties in hundreds of code provisions, whose unsoundness from the business standpoint might never have been discovered if this period of trial and error were prematurely cut short on purely legal grounds by Supreme Court decisions upsetting these codes and terminating these experiments before their economic lessons could be learned.

### **Sol A. Rosenblatt Named NRA Compliance Director—Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg Selected as Compliance Director for New York State—S. Clay Williams Believes Congress Will Revise NIRA**

S. Clay Williams, Chairman of the National Industrial Recovery Board, on Nov. 19 announced the appointment of Sol A. Rosenblatt as Director of National Recovery Administration compliance, where he will be in charge of co-ordinating all phases of code compliance and will co-operate with the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice. Mr. Rosenblatt, who was formerly Divisional Administrator in charge of the amusement code, succeeds A. R. Glancy in his new post. He will supervise the work of 48 State enforcement offices, 54 field offices and a personnel of 1,500 enforcement employees. His appointment was believed to foreshadow an intensive drive for code compliance and enforcement.

The NIRB on Nov. 19 also announced that Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg has been appointed NRA Compliance Director for New York State. She has been acting as State Compliance Director since the resignation of Nathan Straus Jr. in September.

A Washington dispatch of Nov. 19 to the New York "Times" said that Mr. Williams does not believe that the National Industrial Recovery Act will be renewed in its present form by the next Congress, although he hopes that gains made in wages, hours and re-employment will continue under any revised legislation. This dispatch reported a press conference with Mr. Williams as follows:

Mr. Williams began by saying that the Board was "making a great many studies of a great many problems."

Asked to state specifically what was being done on matters such as the service codes, he said that a more intensive study was under way and that no decision had been made.

"Will the number of service codes be cut down?"

"Not necessarily," he replied.

The question of how to obtain code compliance, said Mr. Williams, was "out front."

The Board was only "indirectly" considering the future of the Recovery Administration, he said in reply to another question. While he expected

the Recovery Act to be revised by Congress he could not say whether the various functions would be divided among the Labor Department, the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Commerce.

#### **As to Cutting Unemployment**

Did the Board see any way in which it could help lift the load of unemployment this winter?

Mr. Williams did not know how much the Board could contribute in this direction—"somewhat," he hoped.

Was there in the Board any policy trend to report with regard to price-fixing and production control?

The answer was the negative. The Board had taken no definite position.

### **Threatened Strike of Elevator Operators in New York City Averted Through Mediation of Committee Appointed by Mayor LaGuardia—Fear of Strike of Building Trades Workers Ended**

A threatened strike of elevator operators and service employees in New York City skyscrapers was averted on Nov. 21, after Mayor LaGuardia had personally intervened to prevent the walkout. The dispute was settled after a board of arbitration, appointed by the Mayor, had discussed the conflicting claims for 13 hours, and representatives of the real estate interests and the service employees' union signed an agreement drafted by the board. The principle point at issue was the closed shop. Representatives of the union had insisted that only union members be employed in the buildings affected, while the real estate owners refused to comply with this demand. The settlement provided that non-union members could continue to be employed, but that the union would be the representative of all employees in collective bargaining negotiations, and that whenever a union member was discharged he would be replaced only by a man who was also a member of the union. A committee of three arbiters will study standards of wages and hours in different types of buildings.

The agreement was in the form of a letter to Mayor LaGuardia, and was signed by the members of his board of arbitration—Raymond V. Ingersoll, Borough President of Brooklyn; William M. Chadbourne, attorney for the Real Estate Board, and Edward Maguire, attorney for the union—and was indorsed by James J. Bambrick, President of the Building Service Employees' International Union, Local 32-B, and Lawrence B. Cummings, Chairman of the Realty Advisors' Board on Labor Relations.

Fear of a strike in the building trades in New York City, which would have affected 154,000 workers, was also ended on Nov. 20 after a meeting of the Building Trades Council, representing 84 crafts. This agreement was noted as follows in the New York "Times" of Nov. 21:

Representatives of the various crafts voted to abide by their agreements which have recently been extended until April 30 1935. The agreement had expired last Dec. 1 and had been maintained on a month-to-month basis, but has now been extended until the end of April.

Because of the agreement concluded in the electrical industry providing for a 7-hour day at 8 hours' pay, employers in the building trades had declared they would resist the application of the new schedule to other crafts. At yesterday's meeting of the Building Trades Council it was expected that action might be taken looking toward the extension of the agreement to all other trades. Employers were pleasantly surprised, however, that no such action was taken, although it is considered likely that such a development may be expected later.

### **Final Arguments in Weirton Steel Co. Case to Be Heard Jan. 14 by Federal Court—Trial, in Which Government Sought to Prove Coercion in Employees' Representation Plan, Is Ended**

The trial of the Government's injunction suit against the Weirton Steel Co., charging violation of the collective bargaining provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act, was concluded before Federal Judge John P. Nields in Wilmington, Del., on Nov. 15. The Court fixed Jan. 14 as the date on which final arguments will be heard, and meanwhile counsel for both sides will have an opportunity to study the 5,700 pages of the transcript of testimony given during the trial, which lasted seven weeks. The Court allowed the Government until Dec. 15 to file its brief, and fixed Dec. 29 as the date for the filing of the company's brief, with the Government given until Jan. 10 to prepare and file its reply brief.

A long succession of witnesses testified for both sides, principally regarding the form of union organization maintained at the company's plants. The Government contended that this was a "company union" and that employers were coerced or intimidated into joining the organization. The company insisted, on the contrary, that membership in the union was purely voluntary, and that the majority of its employees preferred it to act as representative in collective bargaining negotiations.

Judge Nields advised Government counsel on Nov. 7 that testimony thus far presented failed to support the contention

that the employees' representation plan was forced upon the workers. A dispatch from Wilmington Nov. 15 to the New York "Sun," after noting the conclusion of the trial, said in part:

The decision of the Court is not expected until some time during the month of February at the earliest, and even then, it now appears, the Court may not be called upon to touch on the important constitutional questions that have lifted the case out of the humdrum of the usual injunction proceedings in labor disputes and elevated it to a position where it has commanded the attention of the whole Nation, because of the threat it holds over the head of the National recovery legislation and the entire New Deal program.

**Department of Justice to Bring Court Action Against Houde Engineering Corp., Accused of Violation of Collective Bargaining Principles of NIRA—Announcement by Francis Biddle, New Head of NLRB**

The Department of Justice plans to take speedy action in the Federal courts against the Houde Engineering Corp. of Buffalo, N. Y., it was announced on Nov. 20 by Francis Biddle, new Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, who assumed his new post on Nov. 19. It was reported from Washington that the Court action in the case, in which the company is accused of violating the collective bargaining provisions of the National Industrial Recovery Act, would probably be an injunction suit in the Northern District of New York, and that this suit might result in an eventual interpretation of collective bargaining and of majority rule in employee representation. Mr. Biddle's remarks were reported as follows in a Washington dispatch of Nov. 20 to the New York "Times":

He said that the Attorney-General's office had promised to turn over to him members of its research and trial staff.

From now on, according to the impression conveyed by Mr. Biddle, one or more lawyers will be assigned by the Attorney-General to co-operate with the NLRB to obtain compliance with labor provisions of the codes and enforce Section 7a of the NIRA.

"I am sure we have enough to go on in the Houde case," Mr. Biddle declared.

At the press conference Mr. Biddle gave his views on the work and policies of the NLRB.

He was asked what the Board's attitude would be on enforcement of Section 7a in uncoded industries, and promised an answer next week, indicating that he had already considered the issue, although he took office only yesterday.

*Declares "Case Is Law"*

"How do you feel about majority rule in industry as expressed in the Board's Houde decision?" he was asked.

"The Houde case is law and will be sustained," replied Mr. Biddle.

He declared that the decision was clear, that by collective bargaining was meant dealing with the spokesmen for the majority. He added that this did not exclude the minority from petitioning for general objects other than wages, hours and working conditions, but that the minority could not be recognized for purposes of collective bargaining.

"Has your NLRB any definite suggestion for legislation in connection with Section 7a of the NIRA?" he was asked.

"The NLRB definitely has a number of ideas to express. We are working on the matter now with a view to Congressional action."

References to the Houde case appeared in our issues of Sept. 22, page 1809; Oct. 6, page 2139, and Oct. 20, page 2460.

**NLRB Orders Reinstatement of 20 Employees Discharged by Brooklyn Manhattan Transit Co., Allegedly for Union Activity—Case One of Most Important Involving Section 7-A of NIRA**

The National Labor Relations Board on Nov. 22 issued an order calling upon the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Co. of New York City to re-instate 20 employees held to have been discharged for union activity. Issuance of this order followed the refusal of officials of the company on Nov. 15 to appear before the NLRB in Washington for a hearing on the case. The order provided that the men must be reinstated within 10 days, or the company's Blue Eagle would be withdrawn and the case referred to the Department of Justice for prosecution. The case is considered one of the most important that has arisen in connection with the collective bargaining clause in the National Industrial Recovery Act. The New York "Times" of Nov. 23 outlined the issues in part as follows:

In its refusal to appear before the NLRB or to recognize the authority of the Board, W. S. Menden, President of the B. M. T., in a letter to the Board, declared that the company considered itself bound by an agreement with its employees under an employee-representation plan and that it could not subscribe to any action that it regarded contrary to this agreement. The company thus drew the line between its so-called company union and any other labor organization that might seek to enroll the B. M. T. employees.

All the 20 men discharged were members of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The decision of the NLRB confirmed its tentative findings of Nov. 9, which in turn affirmed a finding by the Regional Labor Board here. Before defying the National board, the company had refused to recognize the jurisdiction of the Regional Board.

Throughout the proceedings both here and in Washington the company maintained that it was not subject to the provisions of the NIRA or to the transit code as filed at Albany under the Schackno Act, the law designated to promote enforcement of NIRA in this State. The company denied also that the discharged men in question were dismissed for union affiliation.

In its letter to the National Board the company suggested that the discharged men, all of whom were employees of the New York Rapid Transit Corp., a subsidiary of the B. M. T., should apply to the B. M. T. company union for any redress of grievances.

*Board Reviews Case*

According to yesterday's decision, a group of the B. M. T. employees at the Coney Island yard began organization under the Amalgamated last February. In July the superintendent of the New York Rapid Transit Corp. summoned to his office members of the union individually and questioned many regarding their union activities. Subsequently the company discharged 16 men. Later four others were discharged after they had sworn to affidavits submitted to the Regional Labor Board regarding interviews with the superintendent.

The NLRB said that all the men discharged had service records extending from 5 to 13 years. The reason given for their discharge in all cases but one was that a forced reduction in staff was necessary because of a 2% wage increase.

"No men were discharged in this lay-off except union members," the Board noted.

**Representatives of Home Work League Oppose NRA Ban on Home Work Designed to Support Women in Small Trades**

Opposition to proposals to forbid home work in the crafts in the pleating, stitching, bonnaz and hand-embroidery industry was expressed on Nov. 21 before the National Recovery Administration by representatives of the Home Work League of the United States, who appeared at a hearing being conducted by Oscar W. Rosenzweig, acting Assistant Deputy Administrator. The League's objections were presented by Dr. Anna W. Hochfelder, President of the Home Work Protective League, and her husband, Julius. Dr. Hochfelder testified that prohibition of home work could not succeed "without depriving thousands of women of a means of livelihood and making their condition worse than it is now." Other portions of her testimony were given as follows in a Washington dispatch of Nov. 21 to the New York "Herald Tribune":

Dr. Hochfelder suggested the probability that home work would be continued in some form or another regardless of any announced prohibition. She expressed the opinion that enforcement of the prohibition of home work, would be another "noble experiment," with results not unlike those that attended the attempted enforcement of the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.

Describing herself as a former school teacher in the lower East Side of New York, she told of her long experience as a social service worker and the long and careful studies she had made of home work. She contended that any woman has the right to work, even in the home, provided that she complies with the law and regulations. To deprive her of that right, Dr. Hochfelder insisted, would result in increased poverty and would not tend to improve economic conditions. She would have wage rates made commensurate with those paid in the factories.

**William Green Doubts Genuineness of Industry's Offer of Co-operation with Labor—Head of A. F. of L. Says U. S. Chamber of Commerce Must Pledge Adherence to Section 7-A of NIRA Before Labor Will Accept Sincerity**

Doubt that industry plans to give a "real degree of co-operation" to the Government in the development of the Administration's recovery program was expressed Nov. 19 by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor. Referring to the resolution adopted by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States pledging the efforts of business men to aid the New Deal policies, Mr. Green said that industry has persistently opposed labor's interpretation of the collective bargaining clause in the National Industrial Recovery Act and has "refused to recognize the partnership of labor in the national recovery program." The Chamber and the National Association of Manufacturers, he said, have refused to grant labor representation on the Code Authorities. He added that labor will not accept the Chamber's offer of co-operation unless the Chamber publicly announces its willingness to comply with Section 7-A of the NIRA. We quote, in part, from the text of Mr. Green's statement:

Business interests as represented by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States have discharged and discriminated against thousands of workers because they exercised their rights under Section 7-A to join a labor union.

In addition, the National Association of Manufacturers publicly declared their refusal to abide by the decisions of the National Labor Relations Board and called upon all members of the National Association of Manufacturers to refuse to comply with the decisions of the NLRB providing for majority representation.

The steel manufacturers have threatened to institute court proceedings in an effort to prevent the application of the decisions of the NLRB.

While announcing publicly the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce to co-operate with the Government in the effort to accelerate national recovery, it denounces labor as unreasonable in its attitude and unfair in its demands.

Before labor can accept the offer of the Chamber of Commerce to co-operate with the Government in the production of economic recovery as sincere and genuine, it must publicly announce its willingness to comply with Section 7-A of the NIRA as embodied in industrial codes of fair practice and its willingness to abide by the decisions of duly constituted authorities set up by Act of Congress for the purpose of promoting industrial peace, as represented by the NLRB, the National Steel Labor Relations Board, and other Boards of a similar character.

Section 7-A and these Boards are a part of the instrumentalities created by Act of Congress and established by the Administration for the purpose of promoting economic recovery, and labor and industry co-operation. There can be no co-operation on the part of any group until they are willing to recognize and accept the governmental instrumentalities through which co-operation can be extended.

We challenge the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers to meet this character of co-operation and to publicly announce their willingness to do so.

### Reopening of Closed Banks for Business and Lifting of Restrictions

Since the publication in our issue of Nov. 17 (page 3103) with regard to the banking situation in the various States, the following further action is recorded:

#### COLORADO

Restrictions placed on the Mercantile Bank & Trust Co. of Boulder, Col., a year ago were to be withdrawn on Nov. 19, according to an announcement by officials of the institution on Nov. 17, Associated Press advices from Boulder on Nov. 17, from which the above information is obtained, went on to say:

The restrictions were those permitted under the Presidential banking proclamation. Today's announcement said the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation will insure all accounts of the bank up to \$5,000 each.

The announcement also said interest will be paid on savings accounts and certificates of deposit during the time the bank was on a restricted basis.

#### MARYLAND

On Nov. 15, 18 depositors of the defunct Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Baltimore, Md., filed a petition in Circuit Court No. 2 asking that the Court reject a plan for reorganizing the institution, which was submitted to it last month. In addition, the depositors asked that the Court order the receiver of the company, John J. Ghingher, State Bank Commissioner, to enforce the statutory liability against those who were directors and stockholders of the company when it closed. The Baltimore "Sun," authority for the above, went on to say in part:

They charge the company's directors with breach of trust and gross negligence in using funds of the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. for the benefit of the Mortgage Guarantee Co., of which they also were directors.

The group of depositors presenting the petition include several members of a depositors' committee, headed by George Forbes, which raised objections to the proposed plan of reorganization when it was approved by Mr. Ghingher a month ago. It is represented by Isaac Lobe Straus, William Milnes Maloy and Ralph Robinson, attorneys. The group's deposits, the petition sets forth, total \$108,844.17.

John J. Ghingher, State Bank Commissioner of Maryland, announced Nov. 15 that he had approved a revised plan for the reorganization of the Thurmont Bank, Thurmont, Md. This bank has been operating under the provisions of Chapter 46 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1933, since the termination of the banking holiday. In noting this, the Baltimore "Sun" of Nov. 16, furthermore said:

The plan provides for the release of depositors of 50% of their deposit accounts, the cancellation of the present capital stock of the bank and the issuance of new capital in the reorganized bank of \$50,000 and \$25,000 surplus. Under the terms of the plan these capital funds will be raised by using 10% of each deposit account for the purchase of stock.

The remaining 40% of the respective deposit accounts will be issued to the various depositors in the form of certificates of beneficial interest through the medium of the Thurmont Holding Corp. This corporation was formed for the purpose of liquidating assets which will not be continued in the reorganized bank.

#### MASSACHUSETTS

John L. Delaney, receiver for the Webster National Bank of Webster, Mass., announced on Nov. 21 that a second dividend of 31% has been declared and will be sent to every depositor of the closed bank on Dec. 15. The Boston "Herald", authority for the above, continuing said:

The initial dividend was paid by the Webster bank on Oct. 19 1933, in the amount of 50%. Today's dividend brings the total up to 81%, which is the largest amount paid by any closed Massachusetts bank to all its depositors since the bank holiday. Five thousand, six hundred depositors will participate in the distribution of the dividend.

#### MICHIGAN

Regarding the affairs of the defunct First National Bank of Birmingham, Mich., a dispatch from that place on Nov. 15, printed in the Detroit "Free Press," had the following to say:

Application to the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington for a new loan on the bank's assets from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has been made by Thad F. Seeley, receiver for the defunct First National Bank of Birmingham, he announced Thursday (Nov. 15). It is hoped to declare another dividend if the application is approved, he said.

One payoff of 25% was made by the bank in July 1933. Since then the receiver has been attempting to liquidate further assets. A loan made by the Birmingham National Bank to the old bank on its best assets has been practically repaid, opening the way for the application for the RFC loan.

The Farmers' State Bank of Concord, Mich., celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding on Nov. 7, when it reopened for unrestricted business and made a 40% payment to depositors, we learn from the "Michigan Investor" of Nov. 10, which went on to say:

The bank was reorganized under the Michigan "54" plan. Frank N. Aldrich, who acted as conservator, is President; Alfred Folks and F. S. Tuthill, Vice-Presidents, and Dean G. Todd, Cashier.

Concerning the affairs of the State Bank of Fraser, Fraser, Mich., now, it is understood, being operated under a conservator, the "Michigan Investor" of Nov. 17 carried the following:

The reorganization of the State Bank of Fraser was approved by Judge James E. Spier in Circuit Court at Mt. Clemens. The sponsors of the bank are rushing plans to open it before Christmas, at which time \$226,000, or 40% of "frozen" deposits, will be paid out.

The Farmers' State Bank of Montague, Mich., reopened Nov. 3 for unrestricted business. It has been closed since the bank holiday of February 1933. Judge John Vanderwerp of Muskegon, Mich., is President and Adolph Anderson, Cashier, of the new organization, which is capitalized at \$25,000. In noting the above, the "Michigan Investor" of Nov. 10, added:

Forty per cent of the deposits will be released, amounting to about \$70,000. The remaining 60% or about \$105,000, will be impounded and certificates issued, to be paid as the bank liquidates its assets behind the fund.

We learn from the "Michigan Investor" of Nov. 17, that the following officers have been chosen for the Ortonville State Bank, Ortonville, Mich., preparatory to the opening of the institution, which replaces, we understand, the State Bank of Ortonville: Hugh Taylor, President; Herman Profock, Vice-President; John Waltz, Secretary, and William Narrin, Cashier.

#### NEW YORK

With the assistance of a loan of \$500,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, depositors and creditors of the Westchester Trust Co. of Yonkers, N. Y., in liquidation, are receiving \$586,257. Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks, announced Nov. 21. The payment, a 10% dividend, was authorized by the Supreme Court on Nov. 19. The New York "Herald Tribune" of Nov. 22, in noting this, continued:

With the payment of this dividend the depositors will have received 40% of their deposits, Mr. Broderick said. It is the second dividend, the first having been 30% paid July 19. The trust company was closed Jan. 2, with total liabilities at that time of \$8,900,000.

#### OHIO

The depositors' committee of the Union Trust Co. of Newark, Ohio, under restricted operation since the bank holiday, has announced that the required amount of stock for reorganizing has been subscribed by shareholders and depositors, according to a dispatch from that city, printed in "Money & Commerce" of Nov. 17, from which we also take the following:

More than half of the depositors have consented to reorganization plans which provide for a mortgage company, an Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan and immediate payment of 50% to depositors after the bank reopens.

#### PENNSYLVANIA

Concerning a new bank being organized in Harrisburg, Pa. as successor to the Commonwealth Trust Co. and Union Trust Co. of that city, advices from Harrisburg, printed in "Money & Commerce" of Nov. 17 contained the following:

The proposed new Capital Bank & Trust Co., which is to succeed the restricted Commonwealth Trust Co. and the Union Trust Co., is expected to open its doors for business before the end of the year. The sale of \$115,000 capital stock required to complete the organization plans, is expected to be completed before that time. Over 75% of stockholders and creditors have agreed to the plan.

Depositors of the Union and Commonwealth companies will receive 20% of their deposits when the Capital Bank & Trust Co. opens. They will receive another 15% in stock of the new bank and 65% in deposit liquidation certificates. These certificates will be cashed in as assets of the Commonwealth and Union are liquidated by the liquidating trustees of which the new bank is one. It will open with resources of \$1,690,483, composed of \$819,333.82 in cash and securities of \$462,820.73; with loans and other investments of \$408,328.49.

That the Pennsylvania Banking Department had approved the granting of a charter to the Littleton State Bank, Littleton, was reported in a dispatch from that place, appearing in "Money & Commerce" of Nov. 17. The bank, organized to succeed the Littleton Savings Institution, will be capitalized at \$50,000 with surplus of \$25,000 and an expense fund of \$2,500, the advices stated.

The following with reference to the affairs of the closed Pennsylvania Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., is taken from the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of Nov. 21:

A first payment of 13 9-10% to depositors of the closed Pennsylvania Trust Co. is to be made soon if the receiver for the bank, Frank W. Jackson, succeeds in obtaining a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This was revealed yesterday when Jackson and David Glick, Deputy State Attorney General, appeared before the City Council and outlined the plan.

Council took no action, but some members are known to look with favor upon the proposal and it is expected to be approved.

The city's approval of the deal was sought because it is a preferred creditor to the extent of \$1,046,000. At one time the city had on deposit in the bank, in violation of city ordinances, more than \$2,000,000, but this amount has been liquidated approximately \$1,000,000.

If the RFC deal goes through, the city will receive in cash at once \$309,663 as a preferred creditor. The bank, which has never opened since the national bank holiday Mar. 4, 1933, had total deposits of \$2,354,333.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Dividend checks amounting to \$29,000 will soon be distributed to depositors of the closed First National Bank of Canton, S. D., according to the "Commercial West" of Nov. 17, which also stated:

The bank closed following the President's edict after taking office in 1933 and this is the first payment, says G. B. McMahon, receiver.

## ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &amp;c.

A Chicago Board of Trade membership sold late Nov. 19 for \$6,000, or \$500 below the last previous sale.

The membership of Arthur O. Lohrke on the Commodity Exchange, Inc., was sold Nov. 19 to Harold L. Bache, for another, at \$2,150, an increase of \$150 over the last previous sale.

That depositors of the closed Cherry Valley National Bank of Cherry Valley, N. Y., are to receive a dividend in the near future was reported in a dispatch from East Springfield, N. Y., on Nov. 7, printed in the Utica "Daily Press." The dispatch said, in part:

Receiver Melvin C. Bunday has announced that a 30% dividend is forthcoming to depositors and that it is hoped that the depositors may receive it by Christmas. However, there is no certainty about time of payment.

The coming 30% dividend is to be paid on a basis of total deposits—that is, if a man had \$100 on deposit when the bank closed, he will receive \$30 in this second dividend. This will bring the total paid up to 75%, as a 45% dividend has already been paid.

Announcement was made on Nov. 21 by the trustees of the Union Dime Savings Bank, New York City, of the election of Ivor B. Clark as a trustee to succeed the late Abram C. De Graw. Mr. Clark is head of Ivor B. Clark, Inc., which does a general real estate and mortgage servicing business. Prior to the formation of this firm in, December 1929, he had been Vice-President of William A. White & Sons. Mr. Clark is a member and former Governor of the Real Estate Board of New York.

The Merchants' Bank of New York, New York City, has been granted authority by the New York State Banking Department to open a branch office at 434 Broadway.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of Bankers' Trust Co., New York, R. C. Morris was appointed an Assistant Vice-President.

Plans to reduce the capital stock of the State Exchange Bank of Holley, N. Y., from \$60,000 (par value \$100 a share) to \$30,000 (par value \$50 a share) were approved by the New York State Banking Department on Nov. 14.

The New York State Banking Department on Nov. 14 approved plans for the reduction of the capital stock of the Lewis County Trust Co., Lowville, N. Y., from \$200,000 at a par value of \$100 a share to \$100,000 at a par value of \$50 a share.

On Nov. 13 the New York State Banking Department approved a proposed reduction in the capital stock of the Green Island Bank, Green Island, N. Y., from \$150,000 at a par value of \$100 a share to \$75,000 at a par value of \$50 a share.

Effective Nov. 2, The Citizens' National Bank of Poultney, Vt., capitalized at \$50,000, went into voluntary liquidation. It was succeeded by the Poultney National Bank.

The Worcester County Trust Co., Worcester, Mass., was admitted to membership in the Federal Reserve System on Nov. 13.

Three Haverhill, Mass., banks—the Northern National Bank, capitalized at \$100,000; the Merrimac National Bank, with capital of \$240,000, and the Haverhill Trust Co., capitalized at \$100,000—were consolidated on Nov. 10 under the title of the Merrimack National Bank of Haverhill. The new organization is capitalized at \$300,000, with surplus of \$100,000. On the same date the enlarged bank was authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency to maintain a branch at 163 Merrimack Street, Haverhill.

Robert J. Brunner, Chairman of the Board of the Western Savings Fund Society of Philadelphia, Pa., died on Nov. 18 at his home in that city after a year's illness. Mr. Brunner's death terminated an association of 53 years with the banking institution which began as an assistant teller and con-

tinued through progressive stages to the office of President and Chairman of the Board of Managers. He was 78 years old.

From the Hartford "Courant" of Nov. 21 it is learned that Eugene G. Blackford has become Assistant to Nathaniel A. Knapp, President of the Greenwich Trust Co. of Greenwich, Conn., who recently announced his intention of retiring Jan. 1 next. The paper added:

It is expected that Mr. Blackford will be elected President to succeed Mr. Knapp. He comes from the Brooklyn Trust Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

A dividend totaling \$31,010 will be paid to depositors of the First National Bank of High Bridge, N. J., on Dec. 1, according to an announcement by trustees of the Depositors' Trust Fund. A dispatch from High Bridge to the Newark "News" on Nov. 16, from which this is learned, went on to say:

With this payment, 60% of the entire deposits of the former bank will have been made available in cash. The total amount of distributions, including this dividend, is \$487,328. Fifty per cent was paid at the re-opening of the bank Dec. 12 1932, and the first 10% dividend on the amount waived by the depositors was given out in July, 1933.

The December payment represents another 10% on the amount waived. The trustees still hold for liquidation a group of miscellaneous assets in notes, bonds and real estate which they are trying to convert into cash.

The Branch office of the Bank of Montclair, Montclair, N. J., at 129 Grove Street, that town, will be closed and its banking facilities consolidated with the main office at 141 Bloomfield Avenue after Dec. 15. We quote further in part from the Newark "News" of Nov. 16, from which the foregoing is learned:

The office had operated from March 7 1927 to Dec. 30 1933 as the Town Trust Co. until its merger with the Bank of Montclair.

The announcement was made to-day (Nov. 16) by John A. Barben, a Vice-President. He explained the action is in line with policy advocated by banking authorities to curtail the number of banking units for the purpose of improving the general financial situation.

Kenneth L. Ketchum, head of the branch office, will be transferred to the main office Dec. 17.

R. I. Yawger, Federal receiver for the Westside National Bank of Paterson, N. J., announced Nov. 17 the payment of the second dividend of 40% to depositors of the bank who have filed satisfactory proofs of claims. Advices from West Paterson, on Nov. 17, to the Newark "News," reporting the above, added:

All depositors have been urged to call at the bank promptly and present receiver's certificates for dividend checks. No check will be delivered without presentation of a certificate.

The Grange National Bank of Spartansburg, Pa., with capital of \$25,000, went into voluntary liquidation as of Nov. 13. The institution was taken over by the National Bank of Union City, Union City, Pa.

The Philadelphia "Inquirer" of Nov. 20 is authority for the statement that the sum of \$1,325,725 will shortly be available for distribution to depositors of the defunct Bankers' Trust Co. of Philadelphia, according to an accounting filed in the Court of Common Pleas the previous day by William R. Smith, deputy receiver in charge of the trust company's affairs. The paper continued:

Since the bank closed on Dec. 22 1930 depositors have received \$9,711,163.64, or somewhat more than one-third of the total deposit liability. The first payment of 20% was made Nov. 9 1931; a second of 10% on Sept. 30 1932, and a third of 5% on Oct. 18 1933.

The amount now on hand is in cash in bank. Other cash is also on hand amounting to \$65,415.

The accounting states that the receiver proposes to borrow \$4,200,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on the pledge of substantially all the assets of the institution now remaining. It has been estimated this will permit a dividend of approximately 25% to depositors.

The receiver points out, however, that the RFC may somewhat reduce the amount of the loan upon final examination of collateral security.

The assets of the receivership, as of Aug. 31 of this year, are appraised at \$12,080,090, consisting of unconverted assets of \$10,688,950 and cash on hand and in bank of \$1,391,140. On Dec. 22 1930 the appraised value of the assets was \$36,008,873. The receiver's report states that from Dec. 22 1930 to Aug. 31 1934 there was a net gain of \$49,549 in the conversion of assets.

Expenses of liquidation for the period covered by the second accounting, from Nov. 5 1931 to Aug. 31 1934, were \$528,078, or \$120,249 more than interest and dividends during that period.

The real estate income from rents amounted to \$246,949, leaving a net real estate expense of \$46,396. The total net expense for the period is given as \$166,645.

The account will come before Common Pleas Court No. 4 at a date to be fixed later. Objections to the accounting will then be presented to the court.

According to "Money and Commerce" of Nov. 17, the Butler County National Bank & Trust Co. of Butler, Pa., in order more fully to serve the community, has increased its capital structure by an issue of \$600,000 4% preferred stock, in addition to its former capital stock issue of \$600,000. The institution has surplus, undivided profits and reserves

of \$650,000, so that its capital structure is now \$1,850,000, the paper stated.

Of the 92 stockholders of the old First National Bank of Toledo, Ohio, against whom the double liability has been assessed, 64 have either paid in full or are paying on the partial payment plan, John W. Hackett, receiver of the institution, announced on Nov. 13. A total of \$136,425 of the \$500,000 double liability has been paid, Mr. Hackett said. The Toledo "Blade" of Nov. 13, from which this is learned, added:

The last payment, due Nov. 8, brought \$50,000. Another payment will be due Dec. 8, and final payment on all liability is due Jan. 8 1935. After that, it was indicated, suits will be instituted against those who have not paid their liability.

Advices by the Associated Press from Xenia, Ohio, on Nov. 14 stated that a fifth dividend of 15%, payable Nov. 26 and releasing \$38,355 to 2,000 general claimants, had been declared by the defunct Commercial & Savings Bank Co. of Xenia, which closed Feb. 29 1932. Dividends now total 80% of the claims, the dispatch said.

Consolidation of the Tippecanoe National Bank and the Citizens' National Bank of Tippecanoe City, Ohio, was approved recently at meetings of the respective stockholders of the institutions, we learn from Troy, Ohio, advices, appearing in "Money & Commerce" of Nov. 17. The name of the enlarged bank will be the Tippecanoe Citizens' National Bank and its Board of Directors will include the directors of both banks. The capital will be \$50,000 with surplus of like amount and undivided profits of \$10,000, it is understood.

The First National Bank of Greenwood, Ind., with capital of \$25,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Aug. 29. There is no successor institution.

Formal permission to organize a new National bank in the Woodlawn district of Chicago, Ill., under the title of the Southeast National Bank, was received on Nov. 15 from the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington by Joseph H. Grayson, Chairman of the organization committee and President of the Woodlawn Business Men's Association, according to the Chicago "Tribune" of Nov. 16, which also stated:

The new bank will have a capital structure of \$250,000. A substantial part of this sum has been subscribed, it was said, and hopes are held that the new institution will be open about Jan. 1. Its location is not settled, but it probably will occupy quarters formerly used by one of Woodlawn's three closed banks on 63rd Street—Washington Park National, National Bank of Woodlawn, and Woodlawn Trust & Savings Bank.

Clarence A. Beutel, a man with wide banking experience, is slated for the presidency. The probable Chairman of the Board is Dr. Garfield V. Cox, of the University of Chicago School of Business Faculty.

That payment of a 43% dividend to depositors of the closed Midland National Bank of Chicago, Ill., had been authorized by the Comptroller of the Currency was announced on Nov. 20 by W. J. Garvy, the receiver. The Chicago "News," in noting this, also said:

Previously a payment of 32% had been made. Checks are being distributed at the office of the receiver, 4184 Archer Avenue.

Harold N. Snapp, who since the founding of the American National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill., has been Assistant Cashier and Rail Officer, has been advanced to an Assistant Vice-President of the institution in charge of the rail and public relations, we learn from the Chicago "News" of Nov. 15, which also reported that three employees of the bank have been promoted to Assistant Cashiers, namely, Arthur W. Sottmann, Andrew F. Moeller and Byron C. Leming.

Benjamin F. Saylor of Ferndale (P. O. Detroit), Mich., a former Vice-President of the Bank of Detroit, has been appointed Manager of a branch bank that will be opened in Ferndale shortly by the Wabeek State Bank of Birmingham, Mich., according to an announcement on Nov. 15 by George B. Judson, President of the Birmingham institution, according to a Ferndale dispatch on Nov. 15 appearing in the Detroit "Free Press."

On Nov. 14 the First State Bank of Greenville, Greenville, Mich., was admitted to membership in the Federal Reserve System.

Milwaukee advices on Nov. 21 to the "Wall Street Journal" stated that the First Wisconsin National Bank of that city, parent of the Wisconsin Bankshares Corp., plans to convert six unit State banks in Milwaukee into branches of the parent bank and to consolidate three other State banks

into already existing branches. The plan has been submitted to Washington and approved, but formal approval has not yet been given by stockholders. The dispatch further said:

The move is designed to reduce overhead and an extension of the program to include many Bankshares units, located throughout Wisconsin, is under consideration.

Announcement has been made by F. R. Strain, State Superintendent of Banks for South Dakota, that dividends totaling \$72,293.64 were being paid to the creditors of seven closed South Dakota banking institutions. In noting this, the "Commercial West" of Nov. 10 named the banks and dividend amounts as follows:

People's State, Bradley, final dividend of 2.85%, representing a distribution of \$4,908.06, bringing to 17.85% the total amount paid to depositors.

State Bank & Trust Co., Watertown, dividend of 3%, representing a distribution of \$9,539.96, making a total of 15.5% paid to date.

Bank of Hot Springs, dividend of 5%, representing a distribution of \$25,629.71, making a total of 30% paid to date.

Case & Lathrop State Bank of Plankinton, first dividend of 5%, representing a distribution of \$9,777.43.

State Bank of Ortley, dividend of 6%, representing a distribution of \$3,697.42, making a total of 26% paid to date.

State Bank of Tulare, dividend of 10%, representing a distribution of \$8,408.58, making a total of 25% paid to date.

Farmers' State Bank of Rockham, dividend of 10%, representing a distribution of \$10,332.48, making a total of 21% paid to date.

Lincoln, Neb., advices by the Associated Press, on Nov. 8, reported that the State of Nebraska Receivership Division on that date had announced dividend payments to two closed banks, as follows:

Depositors of the Nebraska State Bank at Valpariso were paid an additional 6½% or \$5,679. They have had, to date, 26½%, or \$22,154.

A first payment to depositors of the Farmers' State Bank at Hemingford amounted to \$15,010, representing 10% of that due.

With reference to the affairs of the closed Dodge State Bank, Dodge, Neb., a dispatch from Fremont, Neb., Nov. 9, printed in the Omaha "Bee," contained the following:

Depositors of the Dodge State Bank of Dodge will receive a dividend of 5%, amounting to \$11,821.61, as the result of an order entered by Judge Fred L. Spear in the District Court upon request of E. H. Luikart, receiver.

Effective Nov. 8, the First National Bank in Hartford, Hartford, Ark., was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution, which was capitalized at \$25,000, was absorbed by the City National Bank of Fort Smith, Ark.

The Manufacturers' Bank & Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo., has issued a call for the retirement of its \$1,215,000 of 4% preferred stock, setting Dec. 14 as the retirement date and \$20.80 as the retirement price for each \$20 share. The retirement price includes dividends at 4% since issuance of the stock on Dec. 20 1933. The net amount to be made available to preferred shareholders, after deducting subscriptions for common stock, will be in excess of \$800,000. The above information is obtained from the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Nov. 9, which furthermore said:

The retirement notice was issued in furtherance of a recapitalization plan announced on Sept. 4, under which preferred shareholders owning five shares or more each were asked to subscribe for set amounts of common stock, payable from the prospective retirement proceeds of preferred.

The new capitalization will consist of \$600,000 common stock and \$400,000 paid-in surplus. The present capital is \$1,215,000 preferred, \$430,000 common and \$286,666 surplus. The bank will continue as a member of the Federal Reserve System and of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Gurney P. Hood, State Commissioner of Banks for North Carolina, on Nov. 12 announced that checks aggregating \$182,214 for 3,390 depositors of seven closed banks had been mailed to the liquidating agents. The institutions making payments were the Bank of Kelford, Kelford; Bank of Lewiston, Lewiston; Champion Bank & Trust Co. of Canton; Citizens' Bank of Edenton, People's Bank of Murfreesboro, Bank of Badin, Badin, and the People's Bank of Gastonia. The Raleigh "News and Observer" of Nov. 13, from which we quote, supplied the following further information:

The Lewiston and Kelford banks already had paid their depositors in full, and the checks represent extra dividends for them. The People's Bank of Gastonia payment was the fifth and final disbursement by this institution.

The largest payment was the 30% dividend to 1,192 depositors of the Champion Bank & Trust Co. of Canton. Checks to these depositors amounted to \$121,237 and represented the first payment of this class since the bank was closed on June 9 1933. In addition to this disbursement, the bank has paid preferred creditors \$3,975.10 and secured creditors \$59,038.98.

Depositors of the Kelford institution had received \$39,891.66, 100% of their claims. Checks for a 7.5% extra dividend, or interest payment on their claims, amounted to \$1,234.61 to 242 depositors and other creditors. Placed in liquidation on Feb. 1 1930, the bank also has paid preferred creditors \$11,993.70 and secured creditors \$5,621.54.

The extra dividend or interest payment to the 231 depositors of the Lewiston bank amounted to \$2,102.38, or 9%. Previously, full payments totaled \$23,365.69. Placed in liquidation on Feb. 21 1933, the bank also has paid preferred creditors \$2,302.62 and secured creditors \$15,545.82.

The final dividend payment of 20% to 291 depositors of the People's Bank of Gastonia amounted to \$9,689.41 and brought the total paid these depositors to \$26,677.92, or 55%, since the bank was placed in liquidation on Dec. 15 1930. In addition to this class of payments, the bank has paid preferred creditors \$1,323.04 and secured creditors \$7,500.

A 10% dividend, amounting to \$26,682.76, brought the total paid 1,009 depositors and other creditors by the Citizens' Bank of Edenton to \$186,509.73, or 70%. The bank was placed in liquidation on Dec. 26 1930, and paid preferred creditors \$22,225.75 and secured creditors \$91,899.49.

The People's Bank of Murfreesboro also paid a 10% dividend to its 676 depositors, who received \$16,605.80, bringing the total paid them to \$116,237, or 70%. The Bank was placed in liquidation on Jan. 11 1932, and preferred creditors have since received \$15,316.14, while secured creditors have been paid \$16,410.08.

The Bank of Badin's 10% dividend, amounting to \$4,661.81 for 289 depositors, brought the amount paid by the bank, which closed on May 17 1932, to \$37,394.10, or 80%. It also has paid \$1,708.20 to preferred creditors and \$9,245.66 to secured creditors.

The State Bank Commissioner (according to the same paper) also announced completion of liquidation of the Bank of Ayden, Ayden; the Bank of Conetoe, Conetoe; the North Carolina Industrial Bank of Greensboro, and the Carolina Bank & Trust Co. of Red Springs. Of these banks, the Greensboro institution paid its depositors 100%. The paper continued:

The Bank of Ayden had listed assets of \$479,858.16, but of this, only \$175,316.28 was collected. Depositors were paid \$63,917.96 in dividends and offsets, representing 36% of their money. The net cost of liquidation of the bank, which closed Nov. 30 1927, was \$9,473.47.

Depositors of the Bank of Conetoe received only 28%, or \$11,361.96, of their money. The bank's reported assets were \$123,402.86, but only 33%, or \$41,021.39, was collected. The net cost of liquidation was \$3,417.40. The bank was closed on March 8 1929.

The Red Springs institution paid its depositors \$105,481.43, or 80%. Assets of the bank were reported as \$280,812.08, and \$203,985.06, or 72.5%, was collected after the bank was placed in liquidation on Nov. 15 1927. The cost of liquidation amounted to \$15,282.11.

The Greensboro bank collected only 84% of its \$287,637.69 assets, but paid its depositors in full in the amount of \$12,313.17. No creditors sustained losses in connection with the failure. The net expense of liquidation was \$1,412.69.

Announcement was made in Fayetteville, N. C., on Nov. 21, that the First & Citizens' Bank & Trust Co. of Smithfield, N. C., has acquired approximately 90% of the stock of the Caledonian Savings & Trust Co. of Fayetteville, and the latter will become a branch of the Smithfield institution about Jan. 1. The foregoing information is obtained from Fayetteville advices on the date named, printed in the Raleigh "News and Observer," from which we also take the following:

Present officers and directors of the Caledonian will remain in charge until the merger is consummated. J. M. Wilson is the President and A. E. Dixon, Active Vice-President.

R. P. Holding, Smithfield, President of the First & Citizens', stated that no material changes in the present administrative personnel of the local bank might be expected under the reorganization.

The First & Citizens' Bank, with resources of \$10,000,000, has banking houses in Smithfield, Beaufort, Benson, Clinton, Dunn, Franklinton, Kinston, Louisburg, Morehead City, New Bern and Roseboro, and is planning to open a branch at Burgaw in the immediate future and in Fayetteville and Raleigh the first of the year.

Several important changes in the personnel of the Banque Canadienne Nationale, head office Montreal, Canada, were announced by the directors on Nov. 19, we learn from the Montreal "Gazette" of Nov. 20. J. M. Wilson has resigned the presidency of the institution owing to ill health and has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors, while Beaudry Leman, heretofore Vice-President and General Manager, has been appointed President and Managing Director. Charles Laurendeau, K. C., former Justice of the Superior Court, and a member of the Board since 1923, has been appointed Vice-President, Sir George Garneau being the other Vice-President, and Ernest Guimont, K. C., who joined the bank in 1915 and has been Assistant General Manager since 1924, has been promoted to General Manager to succeed Mr. Leman.

### THE CURB EXCHANGE

There has been little change apparent on the New York Curb Exchange during the present week. Price movements have, for the most part, been within a narrow range and the trend generally downward. There have been occasional exceptions where special interest developed in some particular issue and prices in that group have shown moderate improvement, but the market, on the whole, has shown no special activity. Public utilities were weak during the first half of the week but were slightly improved on Wednesday. Oils were sluggish and there were spasmodic movements among the miscellaneous specialties, but nothing of special importance.

Curb market movements were generally toward lower levels and the dealings were extremely quiet on Saturday, due largely to the usual week-end adjustments. Public utilities were under pressure and oil shares were freely

offered during the initial hour, but the latter steadied to some extent later in the day. Miscellaneous specialties were fractionally lower and mining stocks were, as a rule, below the preceding close. Among the prominent shares closing on the side of the decline were such active market leaders as American Gas & Electric com., Glen Alden Coal Co., International Petroleum, Newmont Mining, Swift International and Hiram Walker.

Weakness in the public utility group was again the feature of the trading on Monday, and while declines were apparent in other sections of the list there were a number of exceptions, particularly in the miscellaneous specialties, in which some good gains were recorded. As the market closed, many of the leading shares were off on the day. Prominent among the stocks closing on the down-side were General Aviation Corp., Ford Motor of Canada class A, American Cyanamid B, American Light & Traction, Glen Alden Coal Co., Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting, Pioneer Gold Mines, Teck Hughes, Hiram Walker and Wright Hargreaves.

Narrow price changes with a moderate downward trend were the characteristic features of the dealings on the New York Curb Exchange on Tuesday. In a few instances there were small gains, but these were usually among the less active stocks in which the turnover is small. Public utilities sold lower in the early trading, but recovered most of their losses before the close and in some cases showed a modest gain. General Tire & Rubber was one of the strong stocks of the day and soared  $8\frac{1}{4}$  points to 71. Mining and metal stocks were generally off on the day and the alcohol issues were without noteworthy change. The principal movements of the day were toward lower levels, the losses including among others such market favorites as Aluminum Co. of America, Greyhound Corp., International Petroleum, Lake Shore Mines, Ltd., and Swift International.

Prices on the Curb Exchange were only slightly changed on Wednesday, and while the market movements had a slight upward tendency the advances were mostly in small fractions. Celluloid pref. showed a modest gain, but the common stock slipped back. General Tire & Rubber pref. A was a conspicuous feature as it bounded forward 10 points to 85, but the common dipped  $1\frac{1}{2}$  points to 69. Other prominent shares showing losses were Atlas Corp., Creole Petroleum, Glen Alden Coal Co., Greyhound Corp., Gulf Oil of Pennsylvania, International Petroleum, Pioneer Gold Mines and Swift International.

Small price changes, without definite trend, were again the rule on Thursday. The transfers were light, and while there was a slightly firmer tone in the public utilities, there were no changes of importance. Mining and metal stocks were quiet and the changes irregular. Miscellaneous specialties moved within a small range and most of the oil stocks closed on the side of the decline.

Curb stocks were firmer on Friday, and while the dealings were along a fairly broad list of active issues, the gains were not especially noteworthy. Oil shares made little change and the mining and metal stocks were idle, with the possible exception of Aluminum Co. of America, which attracted some trading interest. Alcohol shares moved within a narrow range and the Swift issues registered slight improvement. As compared with Friday of last week, several of the market leaders showed losses, American Cyanamid B closing at  $17\frac{1}{8}$  against  $17\frac{1}{4}$  on Friday of last week, American Gas & Electric at 18 against  $18\frac{1}{8}$ ; Atlas Corp. at  $8\frac{3}{4}$  against 9; Creole Petroleum at  $13\frac{1}{8}$  against  $13\frac{3}{8}$ ; Electric Bond & Share at 8 against  $8\frac{1}{4}$ ; Glen Alden Coal Co. at  $23\frac{1}{4}$  against  $24\frac{1}{2}$ ; Pennroad Corp. at  $1\frac{1}{8}$  against 2, and Wright Hargreaves at  $8\frac{1}{8}$  against  $8\frac{5}{8}$ .

### DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE

Week Ended Nov. 23 1934	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			Total.
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	
Saturday	77,865	\$1,685,000	\$78,000	\$55,000	\$1,818,000
Monday	176,725	3,536,000	72,000	104,000	3,712,000
Tuesday	169,730	3,667,000	33,000	84,000	3,784,000
Wednesday	174,260	3,232,000	127,000	25,000	3,384,000
Thursday	171,070	3,318,000	77,000	116,000	3,511,000
Friday	185,121	3,637,000	226,000	45,000	3,908,000
Total	954,771	\$19,075,000	\$429,000	\$613,000	\$20,117,000

  

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended Nov. 23		Jan. 1 to Nov. 23	
	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.
Stocks—No. of shares.	964,771	1,178,117	54,617,835	93,592,207
Bonds				
Domestic	\$19,075,000	\$14,988,000	\$857,823,000	\$792,513,000
Foreign government	429,000	831,000	32,474,000	38,410,000
Foreign corporate	613,000	892,000	23,539,000	37,261,000
Total	\$20,117,000	\$16,711,000	\$913,836,000	\$868,184,000

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**Annual Address of President of Association, George W. Bovenizer—Needs for Capital by Private Enterprise Beyond Powers of Government to Supply, Once Uncertainties Are Dispelled—Declares Capital Will Respond with Assurance of Productive Employment—Cites Imperfections in Securities Act and Code**

The assertion that "given definite assurance of opportunity for productive employment, capital will respond instantly, and our problems of employment, relief and taxation will steadily diminish" was made by George W. Bovenizer, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York, in his address as President of the Investment Bankers Association of America, at the opening session of the Association's twenty-third annual convention at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on Oct. 29. President Bovenizer declared that the needs for capital by the private enterprises of this country, once the uncertainties are dispelled, and the future assured, "are far beyond the powers of government to supply." "But," he went on to say, "capital is cautious and takes thought of the morrow." "There is not, and has not been," he said, "a strike of capital." "Capital hesitates," Mr. Bovenizer observed, "seeking a more definite assurance of the future."

The workings of the Securities Act of 1933 and the investment bankers' code were alluded to by Mr. Bovenizer in his address; at its inception, a year ago, he noted, the Securities Act "was an unworkable law"; "to-day, through its amendments," he stated, "the Securities Act has become a much more workable instrument, more equitable toward honest enterprise." Referring to the investment bankers' code and the Securities Act as "complementary," Mr. Bovenizer said:

Neither is perfect. Both are still too new for anyone to be sure how they will work in full and practical operation. Very plainly, a growing experience shows, there are imperfections in both for which remedies need to be developed.

President Bovenizer observed that "there are now nearly 3,000 investment bankers registered under the investment bankers' code. "Thus," he went on to say, "the investment banking business has acknowledged its responsibility under the code." Stating that the Association "has no part in the administration of the code," he added: "The principle involved is, as I understand it, that the industry shall govern itself, through the Code Committee, with the National Recovery Administration acting chiefly to prevent inequities and as a court of appeals." In his concluding remarks President Bovenizer said: "We must assume our full share of the responsibility for the sound development and enforcement of our code and the various laws affecting our business. Co-operation with our own enforcement agencies and with the governmental authorities is essential. Criticism must be informed and constructive, not merely destructive. In this way alone, I believe, can we face and solve our problems." In full, President Bovenizer's address follows:

The honor of being President of the Investment Bankers Association of America has come to me through sorrowful circumstances, the untimely death of Robert E. Christie Jr. I was thus called upon to take up, as best I might, the duties of our friend, Bob Christie, who gave a whole-hearted and untiring devotion to the interest of this Association during his all-too-brief tenure of office as your President. His record as President is one of service and high purpose rarely equaled. In life we gave him our affection and our trust. In death we honor his memory.

In opening the annual convention of our Association, it is customary for your President to lay before you in a general way important developments of the past year affecting the investment banking business. Much that I have to say is introductory to the more specific reports and discussions that will make up this twenty-third annual convention. A great deal that is constructive and encouraging has come out of the trying circumstances of the past year. I refer especially to the Securities Act amendments and to the investment bankers' code. For this advance we owe a lasting debt to the constant efforts of Bob Christie and those who worked with him.

A year ago the Securities Act, admirable in its intent and purpose, was an unworkable law, an unintentional, but nevertheless a direct and powerful restriction on honest business; also a year ago the investment bankers' code was just beginning to take form. To-day, through its amendments, the Securities Act has become a much more workable instrument, more equitable toward honest enterprise. The fair practice provisions of the investment bankers' code are, I believe, the greatest step forward that has ever been taken by any business toward eradicating unfair practices and establishing high standards.

The code and the Securities Act are complementary. Neither is perfect. Both are still too new for anyone to be sure how they will work in full and practical operation. Very plainly, a growing experience shows, there are imperfections in both for which remedies need to be developed. But I venture to say that this team of laws, the code and the Act, given unbiased and fair-minded co-operation between Government officials and investment bankers, will become one of the most effective instruments possible against fraud, illegitimate and unfair practices.

The amendments to the Securities Act, while not covering some modifications which many of us feel are necessary in the public interest, are a very definite step forward and a substantial tribute to the earnest efforts of the law's administrators and to Congress. Of these improvements I would mention first the further protection against liability for unintentional and unforeseeable mistakes which the amendments give to officers and directors of corporations which may register securities under the Act, and to underwriters of such securities. Formerly officers, directors and underwriters were probably required, for full protection, to make independent investigation even of matters covered by reports of accountants, engineers or other experts. Under the amendments such liability will not exist if due care and diligence have been exercised in the selection of such experts, and the officers, directors or underwriter does not know of the mistake or omission. Moreover, the standard of reasonable investigation is now that of a prudent man in the management of his own property, not that of a fiduciary.

This protection to honest officers and directors is of primary importance because originally the law deterred many corporations from undertaking new financing that would have been a great help to business recovery and would have increased employment. Investment bankers cannot underwrite new financing if officers and directors of corporations are afraid to assume the risk of issuing securities. There are still, however, uncertainties and ambiguities connected with the civil liability provision of the Act. This, I think, is natural, for it is a long and arduous process to set up a law that places responsibility where it belongs and allows no evasion of proper liability and at the same time does not penalize those who are careful and honest.

The amendment that permits a court to require a bond for costs, including counsel fees, and assess such costs against either the plaintiff or the defendant as justice may seem to demand, is a noteworthy improvement. Originally the law was an invitation to unscrupulous persons, with little risk or expense to themselves, to file suits that might be little short of racketeering or blackmailing efforts. Such attempts could have been directed at the issuer of a security, its officers and directors, or at underwriters or security dealers. Now that a bond may be required and the plaintiff in an action which the court deems without merit may be responsible for the costs of the suit, including defendant's counsel fees, the risk of "strike" suits is considerably decreased.

The maximum time limit for filing suits has been reduced from 10 to three years, and the liability of a sub-underwriter has been reduced to the amount of his participation. This last modification was most essential, since none of us could afford to assume even a remote liability for \$10,000,000 of securities on a participation of \$100,000.

As I have said, a new Securities Act is a tremendously difficult thing to perfect for at least two reasons. First, there is the fact that all new laws are ventures into uncertainty. No one can tell just how they may work, what unintentional injustice they may cause. They may or may not be drafted by those having practical experience in the matters to which the law relates. Even if they are, no one can foresee all contingencies. That is why honest men of understanding in every calling are always gravely

concerned by any new law that affects their vocation, no matter how well intentioned.

Second, a Securities Act deals with one of the most complicated commodities in the entire field of business. Securities, stocks and bonds are outwardly small pieces of paper bearing a few engraved paragraphs. Actually, each security constitutes a bundle of rights that may be far-reaching and intricate in the extreme. Many of you realize from actual experience the difficulties in building an adequate securities law. Some of you gave your best efforts to the Denison Bill 12 or 13 years ago when we urged on Congress the need of a national securities law. Some of you helped in working out another proposed Securities Act that was known as the Volstead bill. Others of you were active in the support of a subsequent measure, the Capper bill. When these successively failed of adoption still others of you submitted to the Government specific plans whereby the Postal Fraud Act could be applied as quite an effective National Securities Act. Practically all of you have taken a substantial part in developing the securities laws of your different States.

Now we have three national securities laws: (1) The Securities Act itself; (2) the Securities Exchange Act, and (3) the code, which puts into effect principles and practices and enforcement machinery impossible or impracticable to include in a statutory law. Forty-seven of the 48 States have Securities Acts of various kinds. There are a number of agencies, such as the Better Business Bureau, that give a continuous service to the protection of investors. With all this, if we cannot reduce malpractice in investment transactions to the smallest practical minimum, I propose that the fault shall not be laid at the door of the investment banker. I believe all of you will agree that in support of that statement it should be our responsibility to investors, to the Government, and to our own business that we give our full co-operation to making the code and the Acts effective in every just sense. The administrators of these laws have a very difficult job. That fact is inherent in the very nature of the laws. In addition, the hardships of a depression unavoidably create animosities and problems which would seem unimportant in other times. What the country needs and must have for business recovery is not laws growing out of animosity, but laws that spring from and are developed from fair and honest thinking and experience. The administrators of the code, the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act deserve, because of their earnest and able efforts to solve their many problems for the best interests of all concerned, our active appreciation and co-operation.

Among these various problems is the important matter of simplification and integration. As I have said, the Securities Act deals with as complicated a commodity as exists in any industry. The law, therefore, naturally tends to be complicated also. Hard, earnest work is necessary to weed out ambiguities and uncertainties. The character and volume of the information required for registration statements and prospectuses present a difficult question. In some cases I appreciate that the law could scarcely demand too much information. In many instances, however, the large amount of information that must be assembled and organized will impose inordinate expense, or may be even prohibitory, without any benefit to the investor. It has also been said that the large amount of information required may confuse rather than enlighten the investor. That may well be. Certainly no amount of statistical information can give to any individual the expert knowledge that will make him a judge of values.

It is a rather frequent criticism that the law does not stop the crook while it does deter honest enterprise. It is, of course, true that the unscrupulous and the irresponsible will always take a chance regardless of the law, and anyone may go into the securities business in one way or another. Here, however, is one of a number of places where the Act's complement, the code, steps in. I refer to the registration and enforcement provisions of the code, which provide a direct policing power within the industry itself.

There are now nearly 3,000 investment bankers registered under the investment bankers' code. No doubt all of you here to-day have so registered. Thus the investment banking business has acknowledged its responsibility under the code. The Investment Bankers Association has no part in the administration of the code. The principle involved is, as I understand it, that the industry shall govern itself, through the Code Committee, with the National Recovery Administration acting chiefly to prevent inequities and as a court of appeals. In the beginning the Investment Bankers Association was called upon to submit a code, and then, pending the organization of the Code Committee, we undertook the preliminary work of drafting the more extensive and difficult amendment known as the fair practice provisions. The preliminary draft of these provisions was prepared by a special national committee of your Association composed of 21 members, representing the entire industry and under the able leadership of Colonel Allan M. Pope, Chairman, and Frank L. Scheffey, Vice-Chairman.

The problems of our code are quite different from those of the Securities Act. The code is not wholly a new thing, while the Act is based on an entirely different theory from that of the various State laws which are our only basis of experience in this type of legislation. The investment bankers' code has, in effect, been in the making almost since the origination of the Investment Bankers Association 22 years ago. The many years of work by the Association contributed a body of knowledge and experience that was of immeasurable value to the industry in formulating the fair practice provisions.

The great contribution of the code is that, through its system of registration, backed by the Government's authority, it provides the power of self-enforcement of sound principles and practices in our business. The task of developing practical, nation-wide procedure in enforcement is the code's particular problem. Your Association, as a voluntary organization, never had, and was never intended to have, police power over its members. When members were cited for flagrant violations of the principles of the Association, they simply resigned, as they had a right to do, before a hearing could be held. Still less could the Association police the many securities dealers who did not choose to be or could not be members of the organization. I need not point out to you how certain elements of this unorganized group could and did prevent many reforms in the industry.

The code in no way supplants the Association. Rather, it makes the Association still more valuable, more necessary to the industry. Who was responsible for the co-ordinated knowledge and experience that makes the investment bankers' code outstanding among all codes? You can symbolize the answer in three familiar letters—I. B. A.

Our business is not static, but constantly faces new problems and the need for new application of principles and practices. The I. B. A. has existed because there was urgent need for a bureau of standards in this very technical and universal industry. Now that the code provides the authority to enforce and maintain standards, shall we say that principles and practices, as determined to-day, will not change? Will there not be need for new standards, for changes, for improvement and for the most efficient bureau of standards that the industry can provide? The code enters the field of only two of your standing committees, the Business Conduct Committee and the Subcommittee on Distribution, but it does not

supplant these committees. None of the other committees is directly affected, and, to my mind, there will be a continuing and growing need for their services. There is evidence of a general realization of this fact in our industry, for, during the last 12 months, 171 new member houses have been admitted to the Association, and 26 additional applicants have just been approved for membership by the Board of Governors.

I will not attempt to give an account of the committee work of the Association during the past year. That will be presented to you in the specialized meetings and forums. In fact, the nation-wide work of a single committee, your Municipal Securities Committee, will require at least one entire afternoon to present an adequate report of the activities in its important field. That assertion also applies to other committees, among them the Government and Farm Loan, the State Legislation, the Education and the Taxation Committees. Touching the work of the Association's office, I may say that the last year and a half has been largely a period of seven days of work a week. During the drafting of the fair practice provisions the services of a large part of the office were donated to the Drafting Committee. Until the Code Committee established its office last May all of the Committee's huge volume of correspondence and clerical and record work was carried on by your Association's office.

I must for lack of time omit reference to many important matters of concern to our business. New laws, in addition to the Securities Act, have been enacted which affect investment banking in greater or less degree. When the Securities Exchange bill was first introduced, Mr. Christie, who was then your President, presented a statement to Congress, pointing out inequities in the proposed measure, particularly in connection with transactions in securities off the exchanges. This law has too recently become effective to enable us to judge its operation. During the last year we have seen the administrators of the Securities Act and the code give careful and conscientious study to their difficult problems. The Securities Exchange Act also has problems of equal difficulty, and I know that they are receiving the same earnest consideration.

Our business continues at a low ebb. While there have been a number of improvements throughout the general field of business and definite signs from time to time that the turning point has been reached, there has not as yet been any steady or sustained recovery. Uncertainty persists in the minds of many. Capital hesitates, seeking a more definite assurance of the future. There is not and has not been a strike of capital. The frequent statement that capital is on strike is as erroneous as it is harmful. Capital has rarely been so eager to find sound and productive employment. A minute's honest thought will convince any doubter of that fact, for idle capital tends to destroy itself through the impact of taxation and other economic forces. In no way can capital preserve itself except through its employment in active production. In no other way can it thrive and grow. In no other way can it meet the large demands of taxation.

The needs for capital by the private enterprises of this country, once the uncertainties are dispelled and the future assured, are far beyond the powers of government to supply. But capital is cautious and takes thought of the morrow. It needs assurance, for, although you may control men's actions by law, you cannot legislate confidence into the minds of men nor legislate fear out of their minds. Given definite assurance of opportunity for productive employment, capital will respond instantly, and our problems of employment, relief and taxation will steadily diminish.

As to our own business, our course is plain. We must continue to serve our customers to the best of our ability while awaiting a more assured future. And equally we must assume our full share of the responsibility for the sound development and enforcement of our code and of the various laws affecting our business. Co-operation with our own enforcement agencies and with the governmental authorities is essential. Criticism must be informed and constructive, not merely destructive. In this way alone, I believe, can we face and solve our problems.

#### Professor Kemmerer on "Investors' Problems Under Current Conditions"—At I. B. A. Convention Warned Against Financing Governmental Expenditures Through Inflation—Advocates Nation-Wide Opposition to Latter, Which Will Result in Repeal of Monetary Legislation

Before a forum at the recent annual convention of the Investment Bankers Association of America, at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Edwin Walter Kemmerer, Walker Professor of International Finance at Princeton University, stated that in his judgment the prospect in the United States for the immediate future is "continued low profits due largely to radical governmental policies, higher interest rates and rapidly rising prices." Professor Kemmerer pointed out that when prices rise under the stimulus of inflationary forces the costs of government likewise advance, and the Government therefore needs continually increasing revenue. "The pressure 'upon both Congress and the Executive to resort increasingly to inflation rather than to heavier taxation' for the obtaining of additional revenue was pointed out by Dr. Kemmerer, who told his hearers that financing through inflation 'tends to become progressively the line of least political resistance, and this policy, therefore, is continued until it terminates in disaster.'" Dr. Kemmerer, in the course of his remarks, stated that "the sad irony of our financing extravagant governmental expenditures through the mechanism of inflation is this fact: that in a subtle way the Government is financing itself largely out of the endowments of the nation's public welfare institutions and out of the life insurance policies and savings of the poor." Nation-wide opposition to further inflationary measures is regarded by Dr. Kemmerer as our only hope to avoid such a catastrophe—an opposition, he said, "which will result in the prompt repeal of the radical monetary legislation now upon our statute books." Dr. Kemmerer's address was an informal one, given in a closed session, and was not, therefore, available in full. We give



herewith the following excerpts from his address which were made public:

The investor's problem is always the three-fold one of safety, income and liquidity. Under existing conditions in the United States, investors are finding it difficult to realize any of these postulates.

Yields in general are low and extremely uncertain. The national income fell from about \$83,000,000,000 in 1929 to \$39,000,000,000 in 1932. In the three years, 1930, 1931 and 1932, the proprietors of our principal business concerns paid out over \$23,000,000,000 in excess of what they received. High taxes are pressing heavily upon industry. Competition in business on the part of the Government is being increasingly felt in many fields. Wages are being regulated upward, hours or labor downward, and many prices are being artificially held down by governmental action. Governmentally imposed moratoria on debts and governmental suspension of specific contractual obligations are common.

Liquidity is being continually jeopardized. Increasing, uncertain and often arbitrary regulations of our great markets, quotas, exchange regulations and similar restrictions on our foreign trade are all decreasing the liquidity of investments.

In these days of instability and uncertainty, however, the outstanding consideration for most investors is safety of principal. In the conservation of the principal of most investments there are three important general factors, all of which are to-day in a state of great uncertainty:

(1) The income, actual and prospective, that will be capitalized to constitute the *corpus* of the investment;

(2) The current rate of interest at which the income will be capitalized; and

(3) The value or purchasing power of the dollar in which the obligation will be paid.

No matter what the original cost of a plant, and no matter what its reproduction cost, the value of the concern, as represented by its outstanding bonds and stocks, cannot long exceed its actual and prospective net income, broadly interpreted, capitalized at the current market rate of interest. If the depression continues and if the Government persists in restraining or destroying reasonable industrial profits by competition, taxation and unreasonable regulations, the *corpus* of private investments will be further greatly impaired or destroyed because of the impairment or destruction of their income-yielding power.

As you all know, the lower the prevailing interest rate, the higher the capitalized value of a given income. What will be the interest rate during the years immediately ahead? At the present time interest rates on safe investments are exceedingly low, short-time rates on the highest grade investments being almost at the vanishing point and these abnormally low short-time rates are tending to push down long-time rates. Cheap money and lots of it for a time, at least, are spelling low short-time interest rates. However, as soon as this redundancy of money becomes thoroughly effective in pushing up the price level, as it sooner or later will, rising prices will create an artificially stimulated prosperity, increase the demand for capital and push up nominal interest rates.

This, in my judgment, is the prospect in the United States for the immediate future, i. e., continued low profits due largely to radical governmental policies, higher interest rates, and rapidly rising prices.

Both prices and interest rates will tend strongly upward. From this it follows that the cautious investor, instead of lending money now through the purchase of bonds, should use his money for the purchase of durable commodities, real estate and corporate equities. Carefully chosen common stocks now, as an investment category, are preferable to bonds, and well distributed second- and third-grade bonds are preferable to first-grade bonds. The securities of those corporations that are the least liable to Government regulation and price control, and least liable to consumers' strikes and to the labor troubles that are increasingly common in times of rising cost of living and lagging wages, should in general be chosen in preference to the securities of railroad corporations, public utilities and the producers of other so-called necessities of life.

Of course, here as everywhere, the principle of compensation applies. The shift away from high-grade bonds to equities and to lower-grade bonds tends to push down the prices of the high-grade bonds and to push up the prices of the equities and the lower-grade bonds. This movement may be carried so far as to overshoot the mark. The more the public realize what is likely to happen, the more the future is anticipated and discounted.

The man who best protects the *corpus* of his investments is the man of intelligence, foresight and courage—intelligence to understand the fundamental principles at work and correctly to interpret the dominant political forces; foresight to see the time and the direction in which things are moving, and courage to act quickly.

When prices rise under the stimulus of inflationary forces the costs of government likewise advance, and the Government, therefore, needs continually increasing revenue; but rising cost of living, with the usual lag in wage advances, makes the public increasingly resistant to increased taxes. For the obtaining of the additional revenue required to meet such situations the pressure is, therefore, strong upon both Congress and the Executive to resort increasingly to inflation rather than to heavier taxation. Inflation is subtle and insidious in its workings, and the public are much slower in realizing the costs of Government financing effected through inflation than they are in feeling the burden of increased taxes. Financing through inflation, accordingly, tends to become progressively the line of least political resistance, and this policy, therefore, is continued until it terminates in disaster. There have been many cases in history, including the notorious assignats of France at the time of the French Revolution; the bank note inflation of England a few years later, and the World War-time inflation of the German mark, in which for substantial periods of time—in some cases running into years—inflation was moderately well controlled; but never, so far as I know, has a Government-controlled inconvertible paper money inflation been an enduring success. Sooner or later it has always broken down, and usually with disastrous results. Certainly political conditions in our own country are extremely unfavorable for the success of such an experiment.

To those who believe that our economic problems can be solved by increasing the supply of money, let me ask you to think over for a moment a few facts concerning the post-war inflation in Germany, an inflation which was caused chiefly by the German Government's desire to obtain revenue in a much larger volume than it could obtain it from ordinary taxes or from the sale of its bonds to *bona fide* investors. I hold in my hand a German Reichsbank note which, after the German stabilization in 1924, was worth two gold marks, or approximately a half a dollar in American money of that date. It is a two-trillion-mark note. At parity in terms of our present American dollar it would be worth \$800,000,000,000. It would pay off about 30 times over the entire United States National Government debt, or it would pay twice over all debts in America, public and private, and leave a margin sufficient to pay 20 times over all of the war debts due to us by the Allies. Up to practically the time when this money was retired from

circulation at a gold rate of one trillion paper marks to one gold mark, and when prices in Germany averaged hundreds of billions of times higher than they had prior to the inflation, there were still widespread complaints that there was not enough money in circulation in Germany. Furthermore, while this money was going down the toboggan at this terrific rate, it was backed almost mark for mark by German Government bonds, and these bonds, during most of the time, were selling at near par in the German markets. The German Central Bank issued the notes to buy the bonds from the Government. The notes were secured by the bonds, and the bonds were payable in the notes. The sky was the limit, and the total issue of these notes at one time was about 497 quintillion marks. The gold reserves of the German Central Bank, which were held primarily against these notes, at the end of December 1922 were worth, at current exchange rates in Berlin on New York, nearly eight times as much as the total volume of paper money in circulation at the time. These reserves had practically no effect upon the value of the notes because they were not used. The notes were not convertible.

By cheapening the value of the dollar in which all debts are payable, inflation obviously tends to help debtors at the expense of creditors. There are certainly many worthy debtors in the United States who are suffering hardships from the rise in the value of the dollar which has taken place since 1929—a rise which I believe even without artificial inflationary measures would have been but temporary. With the granting to hard-pressed and worthy debtors of temporary assistance through governmental agencies and otherwise to enable them to meet such an emergency, we should all sympathize. This, however, is a very different thing from a permanent writing down of all debts by a policy of drastic inflation. The greatest debtors in the United States on long-time account are not the farmers, with their  $8\frac{1}{2}$  billion dollars of farm mortgages, but the stockholders of our corporations with their \$36 billion of bonded indebtedness, and the greatest creditors are the people who own these bonds. A large part of our bonds and mortgages is owned by insurance companies, savings banks and other banks, universities and colleges, scientific, charitable, benevolent, religious and other welfare institutions in their endowment funds, and by other beneficiaries of funds held in trust. A heavy inflation would take funds from the creditor and give them to the debtor. Although helping certain classes like farmers, home buyers with mortgages on their properties, and others who are really suffering under the burden of long-time debts during this temporary period of abnormally low commodity prices, any inflation resulting in a heavy depreciation of the dollar would cause much injustice to a large proportion of the country's most worthy people.

For the last fiscal year the deficit of the Government was over four billion dollars. During the first few months of the present fiscal year it has run much heavier than during the corresponding months of last year. If these heavy Government expenditures, many of which are extravagant and excessive, were being financed entirely or chiefly out of taxation, the situation would soon correct itself, for the high taxes would prove to be so politically unpopular that the electorate would rise in vigorous protest against them. The situation, however, will be very different if these extravagant expenditures are financed chiefly through the sale of Government securities to the banks, as they are being financed to-day, and if the loans to the Government are made by the banks by means of currency and credit expansion. Under such circumstances serious inflation is the ultimate result. Then the value of the Government's bonds is largely wiped out, as well as the value of all other bonds, through the reduction in the value of the dollar in which they are payable. Under such circumstances the expenditures would be met, as were the colossal Government expenditures after the World War under the inflation regimes of France, Germany and Austria, largely out of the endowments of the country's great public welfare institutions, the savings deposits of the poor, and the life insurance policies of the foresighted and thrifty. Our many privately-endowed educational institutions, which have their endowments invested chiefly in bonds and mortgages, will have these endowments greatly depleted if we have a serious inflation. The sad irony of our financing extravagant governmental expenditures through the mechanism of inflation is this fact, that in a subtle way the Government is financing itself largely out of the endowments of the nation's public welfare institutions and out of the life insurance policies and savings of the poor.

Our only hope at the present time to avoid such a catastrophe is a nationwide ground swell of opposition to further inflationary measures, an opposition which will result in the prompt repeal of the radical monetary legislation now upon our statute books, and a right-about face in all matters affecting fundamentally the monetary standard from a Government of executive fiat to a Government of statutory law.

#### F. R. Dick, at I. B. A. Convention, on Basic Principles Underlying Restoration of Railroad Credit—Railroad Earning Power Near Lowest Ebb—Only Practicable Way of Increasing Margin of Profits Is by Increasing Rates—Purposes of Association of American Railroads

Conducting the forum on railroads at the annual convention of the Investment Bankers Association, at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on Oct. 27, Fairman R. Dick, of Dick & Merle-Smith, New York, pointed out that "at the present time there can be no denial of the fact that the railroads as a whole are in a state of financial collapse, alleviated by loans of Government money." Mr. Dick added that "failing a restoration of earnings and credit, this assistance must become more or less permanent, and that means some form of Government ownership." Reference was made by Mr. Dick to the fact that in many quarters statements are made to the effect that the proper way to restore credit to relieve the railroads of "their unbearable burden of debt" is by a general scaling down of charges. Indicating that, in his mind, there is no doubt that a general scaling of charges "would have a most disastrous effect on the minds of investors—that is, credit," Mr. Dick pointed out "that even if charges were in fact scaled to-day the margin of net is so unsafe that investors could feel little confidence as to the future." While stating that "it would seem that the only feasible means for decreasing expenses to-day lies in decreasing payments to labor," Mr. Dick continued, in part:

Savings here can be made either by reducing wages or discharging men. Discharging men through co-ordination is now prohibited by the Emergency Transportation Act of 1933. Mr. Eastman has recommended that this provision be repealed, but to-day it is the law.

Likewise, in regard to reducing wages, the situation is unfavorable. An agreement was made during the year by the carriers to increase wages \$150,000,000. It would seem, therefore, that the only practicable way of increasing the margin of profit is by increasing rates. An application for an increase totaling \$170,000,000 is now before the Commission. The traffic experts believe that this increase can be made effective in spite of competing agencies. The situation requires, as you can see, a greater increase, but such was not found to be practicable. This increase can be made larger, however, if the bill to regulate trucks and waterways is passed in the next Congress.

If the bill to regulate the trucks and waterways passes, and the whole problem is placed in the hands of the Commission, it is hoped that the railroads, acting as a unit through their new association, can, together with experts in the Commission, devise a scientific rate structure which will provide for the railroads an adequate and safe margin of profit.

In his opening remarks Mr. Dick alluded to the inability of John J. Pelley, President of the Association of American Railroads, to be present, and stated that in Mr. Pelley's absence he would undertake to describe the aims and purposes of the Association. In full, Mr. Dick's address follows:

*Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:* I very much regret that I must open the railroad forum with a piece of bad news. At the last minute Mr. Pelley found that he was not able to be present. As you know, he was recently elected President of the Association of American Railroads, and as of Nov. 1 he retires from the New Haven and assumes his new position. In the meantime, he is, I am glad to say, organizing his staff, and his work, combined with winding up his affairs with the New Haven, has occupied so much of his time that he finds himself unable to leave. When I first approached him, two weeks ago, in regard to the matter, he told me that he did not think he would be able to come here. On explaining to him, however, that this was an opportunity for making his first address to the men on whom he must rely for the financing of his railroads, he reversed his decision and said he would be present. As it turned out, however, the pressure on him prevented him from getting away, and he has asked me to present to you his sincere apologies and his hopes that when he does address this group, who are in fact the active agents in financing the railroads, that he will at that time be able to tell you, not only of his plans for the future, but also of a number of important things that he has already accomplished. In his absence I will describe to you as well as I can the aims and purposes of the Association of American Railroads.

The subject of this forum is, "The Railroads—Their Present Economic and Financial Position." You will note from the program that I have endeavored to limit the discussion to basic facts and principles of the industry. I have had in mind, above all things, to present to you the problem in its simplest aspects.

At the present time there can be no denial of the fact that the railroads as a whole are in a state of financial collapse, alleviated by loans of Government money. Failing a restoration of earnings and credit, this assistance must become more or less permanent, and that means some form of Government ownership.

There is no dissension as to the necessity of restoring credit. Mr. Eastman well points out in his first report that a continuous inflow of capital funds is essential to a healthy railroad system, even assuming a lack of traffic growth.

In my program I have endeavored to cover the basic principles underlying a restoration of credit. On account of the shortness of time I have intentionally omitted many aspects of the situation which in my opinion are not fundamental. Nevertheless, I must proceed with the greatest haste in order to cover the subject even thus simplified. Some years ago I was passing through Rome and could only spare one day there. I asked a guide to show me Rome in one day, and the guide answered: "Mr. Dick, you cannot see Rome in one day; it takes two days to see Rome!" My problem is to show you Rome in one day.

As the basic framework for this discussion I will now attempt to give you the situation as to earnings and credit as it is to-day.

In discussing earnings I confine myself to the net operating income of the carriers and disregard their other income which comes, as you know, from outside investments and other sources. In 1932 the railroads earned 326 million, and in 1933, 474 million. Traffic, meanwhile, has remained approximately the same. The estimate for 1934 is about 400 million, but this does not reflect the true earning power of the roads under present conditions as the 10% wage increase does not go into full effect until April of next year. The total increase in expenses due to this and to rising costs of materials is approximately \$293,000,000. For the purposes of this discussion, I wish to use the indicated earning power of the roads at the present level of traffic rather than the actual estimate for this year. In view of the failure of traffic to increase and the certainty of these increased expenses, I feel it is accurate for the purpose of this discussion to estimate the earning power of the railroads, under present conditions, at not over 300 million, which is approximately what the railroads earned in 1932. It is this figure which I will use as a basis for earning power in my discussion.

The situation in regard to railroad credit is more difficult to analyze. Credit is a state of mind; it is the state of mind of investors in regard to the financial strength of a borrower, and it is necessary in measuring credit to-day to distinguish between the state of mind of investors in regard to the industry, and the state of mind of investors in regard to specific bonds. In view of the present uncertainty as to whether the railroads will continue under private operation or be taken over by the Government, the investor must consider both possibilities. In regard to junior obligations and debentures, the future of the industry is of the utmost importance. On the other hand, in regard to individual underlying bonds, outstanding at extremely conservative rates on essential property, the future of the industry may be of minor importance to the investor. This is because where the property is sufficiently valuable and the mortgage sufficiently conservative, no doubt can exist as to complete protection under Government ownership. As a matter of fact, the placing of Government credit behind bonds such as these may provide a measure of safety superior to any thought possible in a normal restoration of credit under private ownership.

It is for these reasons that in measuring the credit of the industry I take as a yard-stick the junior bonds and obligations and eliminate underlying issues of unquestioned security. Measuring the credit of the industry to-day, we find that, with extremely few exceptions, the railroads are unable to borrow money on their note, or even on junior mortgage bonds, although in

the last year the sale by the Pennsylvania RR. of general mortgage bonds is an indication of a turn for the better. However, if we look further into the picture we see only a few roads that have shared the improved credit of the Pennsylvania. Baltimore & Ohio refunding bonds are up slightly, although the road's convertible unsecured bonds are unchanged. New York Central refunding bonds are unchanged, while Southern Pacific debentures and Erie refundings are slightly better. In regard to the junior bonds of some of the Western lines, such as the St. Paul and the Chicago & North Western, prices are substantially lower.

If we measure credit by the financial strength of the borrower as reflected by the prices of railroad stocks, we see that the situation is materially worse. Most railroad stocks are selling from 10% to 30% lower than a year ago. This decline in railroad stock, however, may have been due to other factors, and for the purpose of this discussion I eliminate this evidence as proving declining railroad credit.

During the last year, however, when railroad credit has been improving but slightly, if at all, there has been a decided increase in the price of selected bonds of the type where there could be no doubt of their protection under Government ownership. I refer to bonds like Nickel Plate 4s, which are outstanding at approximately 50% of the amount spent for improving the property in the last 10 years. These have advanced from 82 to par. Big Four generals have advanced from 77 to 94, and Baltimore & Ohio first mortgage 4s from 90 to par. Probably, however, the most convincing evidence that the rise in the price of bonds such as these has not indicated an improvement in railroad credit is shown by the market action of Pacific RR. of Missouri first 4s. A year ago these bonds were selling in the low 80's; to-day they are at par. This is in spite of the fact that the Missouri Pacific is in receivership and that interest payments on this issue are at times delayed. This bond is outstanding at \$7,000,000 as compared with \$14,000,000 spent on additions and betterments in the last 15 years. We see this bond advancing to par at a time when the position of the Missouri Pacific, as judged by the price of its refunding mortgage bonds, is showing no improvement whatsoever.

I believe that a study of these facts demonstrates that the earning power of the railroads is now at the low point of the depression, and, if we eliminate the hysterical periods in 1932 that railroad credit is at or near its lowest ebb. This is all the more apparent when the decline in interest rates and the consequent rise in all types of safe investments is taken into consideration.

We hear from many quarters statements that the trouble with the railroads to-day is their unbearable burden of debt, and that the proper way to restore credit is to relieve the roads of this unbearable burden of debt by a general scaling of charges. Proponents of this policy point to the restoration of credit that took place in the nineties following drastic reorganizations, and they now recommend a similar course. The subject is of vital importance as, if it is not true that a drastic scaling of charges will restore credit to-day, the shock to the financial community of such a procedure might be so severe as to render hopeless any restoration of credit whatsoever.

So far in this discussion I have, I believe, demonstrated that railroad earning power and credit is at or near its lowest ebb. This, however, was recognized by most of you as a fact long before this. What I will attempt to do now is to give you certain causes underlying this collapse of earning power and credit as a means of demonstrating the correct steps to be taken to effect a cure. It seems to me that the easiest method of demonstrating both the right and the wrong methods is to compare the present situation with that existing in the nineties. It is for that reason that I have chosen this comparison as the next point on my program.

The facts as to the radical differences between these two periods are obvious and simple, but I find it difficult to give you a clear picture in simple terms. To help me in this respect I have prepared a chart showing the gross and net earnings, taxes, expenses and interest charges of all Class I railroads in 1894 and to-day. You will note that in 1894 the roads had, roughly, gross revenues of \$1,000,000,000, of which they saved \$300,000,000 for net, whereas in this depression, with a gross of \$3,000,000,000 the net was approximately the same as in 1894. In other words, in relation to gross the net to-day is one-third of what it was in the nineties. You will also note that the \$300,000,000 of net in the nineties compared with \$37,000,000 in taxes, which to-day amount to \$275,000,000. You will note, also, that this \$300,000,000 net compared with \$446,000,000 in payments to labor, which to-day amount to \$1,500,000,000.

Everybody has been, of course, familiar in a general way with this large increase in expenses and taxes, but I have not found many people who realized that the burden of interest charges to-day, in relation to gross revenues, is far below what it was in the nineties. In the former period charges consumed approximately 34% of the gross, and to-day, 22%.

A reduction of all these factors to their simplest form may be made by stating that the net in the nineties was 28% of the gross earnings, which was a safe margin. The net to-day is 10% of the gross earnings, which is an unsafe margin. With a sufficient margin, credit can be restored by a reduction of charges; with an insufficient margin, no reduction of charges can restore credit.

It may make the situation somewhat clearer if I take the gross of our railroads to-day and readjust the taxes, expenses, interest and net in accordance with the proportions prevailing in the nineties. The following is the result: I reduce my taxes from \$275,000,000 to \$106,000,000, and likewise reduce my compensation to labor by \$200,000,000. By these savings, together with some savings in other expenses, I increase my net to \$888,000,000. Therefore, a net to-day of \$888,000,000 is comparable with a net of \$300,000,000 in the nineties. Similarly, the interest charges to-day of \$690,000,000 should be increased to over \$1,000,000,000 to agree with the proportion prevailing in the nineties. The point I am trying to bring out is that if to-day the railroads had \$888,000,000 net, taxes of \$106,000,000, and interest charges of \$1,000,000,000, credit could be restored by scaling, but with actual earnings of \$300,000,000, taxes of \$275,000,000, and interest charges of \$700,000,000, such a procedure cannot be followed with success.

If an attempt were made to restore credit to-day by a general scaling of interest charges, the success or failure of such a procedure would depend on the state of mind of investors. In this connection I would point out that a scaling to-day so that interest charges would conform with the net earnings of 40 years ago would mean a scaling that would disregard all return on the large increases in traffic, in investment and in efficiency that have taken place since that time. During this period property investment has increased from \$9,000,000,000 to \$25,000,000,000, revenue ton-miles have increased from 80,000,000,000 to 233,000,000,000, and efficiency, as measured by tons per train, has risen from 180 to 596.

There is no doubt in my mind that in view of these facts a general scaling of charges to-day would have a most disastrous effect on the minds of investors—that is, credit; and I wish to point out further that even if charges were in fact scaled to-day the margin of net is so unsafe that investors could feel little confidence as to the future.

To illustrate further this point, I wish to point out that if in 1932 we reduce our gross 10% and make no reduction in taxes or expenses, net is completely eliminated. If in 1894 gross had been reduced 10%, and there had likewise been no reduction in expenses, the net would have been reduced one-third.

The situation can be further emphasized by examining a road, the credit of which was restored by reorganization in the nineties. For this illustration I have chosen the Northern Pacific, and here, likewise for the sake of clarity, I have prepared a chart. You will note that in 1893 the Northern Pacific had a gross of \$24,000,000 and a net of \$9,000,000. In 1932 the Northern Pacific had a gross of \$47,000,000 and a net of less than \$2,000,000. The margin of profit in 1894 was 37%, which was safe. The margin of profit in 1932 was only 4%, which was unsafe.

You will likewise note that taxes in 1893 were \$462,000, compared with taxes of \$6,600,000 in 1932. You will see that interest charges in 1893 consumed 50% of the gross, and in 1932 consumed 30% of the gross. This latter figure is reduced to 17% if we exclude the bonds issued to buy Burlington stock. It takes but a cursory inspection of these facts to see how easy it was to restore the credit of the Northern Pacific in 1893 by a scaling of charges, and how, to-day, if we assume a continuance of a net of \$2,000,000 and taxes of \$6,500,000, the problem is insoluble by a scaling of charges, assuming other factors unchanged.

It might be pointed out that on certain roads to-day there is an adequate margin of profit, and that cases can be found where credit can be restored by scaling charges. On the other hand, with an average margin of profit for the country of 10% there are many essential roads with a distinctly less favorable margin. Time permits discussing only a few.

Let us take the St. Paul and the Chicago & North Western, with a combined property investment of \$1,300,000,000. If we look back to 1894 we see that the present charges on their underlying bonds was earned at that time with a substantial margin. The margin of profit was 35%. To-day, with two or three times the traffic and investment, earning power is insufficient even to pay this underlying interest, and the margin of profit has been reduced almost to extinction.

Take the Alton. In 1894 the present fixed charges were earned with a substantial margin. The gross has more than doubled since that date, and to-day these charges are only earned 25%. The margin of profit has declined from 42% to a bare 3%.

Let us take two roads where the margin of profit has been completely extinguished—the "Monon" and the Mobile & Ohio. Both of these roads earned their present underlying interest in the depression of the nineties. With increases in traffic and in plant of from 200% to 300%, to-day they are unable to earn their taxes. The "Monon" has a property investment of over \$50,000,000, its first mortgage is outstanding at \$15,000,000 and is selling at 25. To restore the credit of this road by a scaling of charges a witch-doctor is required, not a financial expert.

I wish to point out, also, that this variation in the margin of profit is not merely a matter of efficient operation; it depends on many other things, of which the most important, in my opinion, is the rate structure and divisions in the particular territory. The variation in earning power in different sections of the country, due to the rate structure, is far too comprehensive a subject to take up in this discussion. I merely wish to say that it has been definitely proven that the low margin of profit of some of our most important roads in certain sections of the country cannot be traced, in the slightest degree, to a lack of efficiency in operation.

I now come to Section B of my program, namely, the solution of the problem of restoring railroad credit to-day. I hope that my previous explanation has shown that to restore credit it is necessary for the railroads to attain again a safe margin of profit and that, without a safe margin of profit, credit for the industry cannot be restored.

I have outlined in my program three ways by which this margin can be increased. The first is increased traffic. You are all familiar with the decline that takes place in the operating ratio when traffic increases. A recovery in traffic to what might be called normal would be very helpful.

Unfortunately, however, no means have yet been discovered for automatically increasing traffic, and if we accept the present volume of traffic as likely to continue for some time we must turn, as a means of increasing the margin of profit, either to decreasing expenses or increasing rates. Developments along these lines during the past year have not been favorable. The railroads obviously cannot purchase less materials and supplies than at present—even under any conceivable system of co-ordination or consolidation—and, unfortunately, the cost of these supplies has advanced materially in the past year. Under present conditions reducing taxes cannot even be discussed. Therefore, it is seen that the only feasible means for decreasing expenses to-day lies in decreasing payments to labor. Savings here can be made either by reducing wages or discharging men. Discharging men through co-ordination is now prohibited by the Emergency Transportation Act of 1933. Mr. Eastman has recommended that this provision be repealed, but to-day it is the law. Likewise, in regard to reducing wages the situation is unfavorable. An agreement was made during the year by the carriers to increase wages \$150,000,000. It would seem, therefore, that the only practicable way of increasing the margin of profit is by increasing rates. An application for an increase totaling \$170,000,000 is now before the Commission. The traffic experts believe that this increase can be made effective in spite of competing agencies. The situation requires, as you can see, a greater increase, but such was not found to be practicable.

This increase can be made larger, however, if the bill to regulate trucks and waterways is passed in the next Congress. Mr. Eastman has already drawn the bill, and if it becomes law it should prove possible to pass on to the shipping public whatever burden seems necessary in order to restore a safe margin of profit.

This question of increasing the margin of profit by increasing rates is a problem of the greatest complexity. Mr. Eastman, in the Co-ordinator's report, points out that the present structure is based on principles which cannot with advantage be applied in the face of competition by other transportation agencies. If the bill to regulate the trucks and waterways passes and the whole problem is placed in the hands of the Commission, it is hoped that the railroads, acting as a unit through their new Association, can, together with the experts in the Commission, devise a scientific rate structure which will provide for the railroads an adequate and safe margin of profit.

I am sorry that time permits me to touch but briefly on the Co-ordinator's report, but I should like to say that in my opinion it is the ablest analysis of the railroad industry that has ever been made, and also, that it is extremely conservative in its viewpoint. Everybody interested in the railroad situation should read it carefully.

I am sorry to say that very many of those who have read it have apparently read it hastily and have looked at it from an antagonistic viewpoint. You have probably all heard it stated that the report is an argument for Government ownership. I did not read it as such at all, and I cannot understand how anyone could put such an interpretation upon it. Mr. Eastman does not recommend any radical action at the present time, and states

that there is no general demand for Government ownership. The report, as a whole, is a masterful exposition of the means by which credit can be restored and private ownership continued.

In my program I have outlined three of the constructive and conservative statements by Mr. Eastman. He dismisses the bugaboo of overcapitalization by showing that by every yard-stick which the Commission has found practicable, railroad capitalization is well below value. He further points out the necessity of restoring earnings to a higher figure than has been thought necessary in the past, and he points out that investors invest in railroad securities only if the situation is to their liking. He further points out that the situation must be made attractive even to railroad stockholders, as without the sale of stock in substantial amounts bond issues cannot be kept safe and attractive to investors.

The third point which I wish to comment on is Mr. Eastman's discussion of the management of the industry as a whole, in regard to the rate structure, circuitous routing, competitive practices, and other matters affecting earning power. You, of course, are all familiar with the weaknesses in the railroad industry that have arisen due to its competitive nature, and the difficulties that the railroads have had in co-ordinating their policies for the benefit to the industry as a whole. Mr. Eastman points out that such co-ordination must be brought about if the earning power of the industry is to be restored. It is a recognition by the railroads of the necessity for progress along these lines that has brought about the formation of the Association of American Railroads, of which Mr. Pelley, who was to have addressed you to-day, is the head.

This Association is a union of all our major roads, with a Board of 15 Directors, comprising the Presidents of our most important lines. Mr. Pelley has left the New Haven and is devoting his whole time to the job. He is assisted by an Executive Committee composed of six members, chosen from the Board of Directors, who are to devote whatever time is necessary to assisting him. This Association takes over the activities formerly carried on by various committees and associations such as the American Railway Association and the Association of Railway Executives. In this organization we now have, for the first time, adequate machinery for the organized leadership of the industry. This unified control applies not only to relations with the Government and collective policies involving such things as rates and labor, but also to research, competitive practices and all other aspects of the industry which affect it as a whole.

I am hopeful that this Association, working along the principles which I have outlined, and with the co-operation of the Administration, will be able to restore the investors' confidence in railroad securities.

It is, of course, a disappointment to me as well as to you that Mr. Pelley is not here to-day to talk to you in person about his problems and his plans. In his absence I will endeavor to answer questions as to this and the subject matter of the forum, to the best of my ability.

#### Report of Railroad Securities Committee of I. B. A.— Hope Expressed that Congress Will Consider Legislation Urgently Needed in Transportation Field

The statement that "it is not unreasonable to look for a marked broadening in the demand for railroad securities when and if traffic revives and Congress deals justly with the railroad carriers" is made in the report of the Railroad Securities Committee, presented at the annual convention of the Investment Bankers Association. The committee, under the chairmanship of Pierpont V. Davis, of Brown, Harriman & Co., stated that "the crippling of railway earning power is due principally to the magnitude and duration of the depression," but, the report added, "railroads are faced with difficulties beyond those due to the depression, and the quotations in the market reflect these facts." The report notes that "it has been estimated that if the wage increase, the higher costs of material and supplies, and the pension law had been in effect throughout the entire year 1934, the deficit after charges of the Class I roads would be \$280,000,000 instead of the forecasted deficit of \$73,000,000." According to the report, "the greatest weakness in railroad policies in the past has been inability of the many separate companies to agree upon unified action." Referring to the new organization, the Association of American Railroads, formed through the consolidation of the American Railway Association and the Association of Railway Executives, which (to quote from the report) "will deal authoritatively with matters of interest to the railroads," the Committee said:

If the new organization is to accomplish its aims it must receive the whole-hearted support and co-operation of boards of directors and executive managements of all the railroads. Railroad problems must be dealt with in a national, not a parochial, spirit. The times call for statesmanship in the industry and those directing the Association of American Railroads have a great opportunity if their policies are broad and their action courageous.

"Fair-minded men," says the report, "do not seek special favors for railroads, but they do ask that all forms of transportation be placed on the basis of economic parity. This means equality of treatment in respect to regulation, taxation and financial aid." In conclusion, the Committee said: "In view of the greatly increased difficulties under which the railroads are laboring, your Committee hopes the incoming Congress will promptly undertake consideration of legislation so urgently needed in the field of transportation." The report follows in full:

The great depression was heralded by the stock market crash which occurred five years ago this month. At the beginning of this report, therefore, it seems appropriate to review briefly the effects of five years of hard times on the railroad industry.

The principal items of the income accounts of the Class I railroads for this period illustrate the gravity of their situation:



values, on the theory that the depression is temporary and earnings will be much higher in the future.

"The possible effect of dollar depreciation would also enter in. It is likely that tribunals, including the courts, would give considerable weight to such arguments. But there is more than usual uncertainty as to the future, so that much greater weight might be given to this element than the facts would eventually justify.

"The result of Government acquisition of the railroads under present conditions might, therefore, be to increase the fixed charges which operation must bear, and to an extent inconsistent even with the future earning capacity of the properties, having in mind especially the competition from other transportation agencies which they now face and other changes in economic conditions. The economies attainable from unified operation might cure this situation in time, but in view of the difficulty of securing these economies speedily, owing to the need of dealing fairly with labor, and bringing the new organization into smoothly running operation, the immediate burden upon the public finances might be great. This danger is the more serious because of the impaired economic condition of the nation at the present time."

#### Application for Rate Increase

Faced by large increases in operating expenses wholly beyond the control of management, the railroads have made application to the ICC for an increase in freight rates on certain commodities calculated to add \$172,000,000 to their revenues. The Commission is now taking testimony in this case. The Executive Committee of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, representing most of the large shippers of the State, has adopted a resolution committing the organization in support of the railroads' petition. The Chicago Association of Commerce is also supporting the railroads' application.

#### The Association of American Railroads

At a meeting held Sept. 21 1934, the railroad executives of the country approved a plan for the improvement of the general railroad situation, and for the consolidation of the American Railway Association and the Association of Railway Executives into one national railroad organization which will deal authoritatively with matters of interest to the railroads of the United States. This new organization will be known as the Association of American Railroads. John J. Pelley has resigned as President of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. Co. to accept the Presidency of the new association. The general supervision and control of the affairs of the association shall be committed to a board of 15 directors, five from Eastern territory, six from Western territory, three from Southern territory, and the President of the Association. The plan provides five departments, each to be administered under the supervision of a Vice-President. The departments are: (1) Law, (2) Operations and Maintenance, (3) Traffic, (4) Financial, Accounting, Taxation, and Valuation, and (5) Planning and Research.

The greatest weakness in railroad policies in the past has been inability of the many separate companies to agree upon unified action. The formation of the new association may, therefore, prove to be one of the most important events in railroad history, for the preamble to the Articles of Association states:

"In order to promote trade and commerce in the public interest, further improve railroad service and maintain the integrity and credit of the industry, the railroad companies of the United States do hereby establish an authoritative national organization which shall be adequately qualified and empowered in every lawful way to accomplish said ends where concert of policy and action are required."

If the new organization is to accomplish its aims, it must receive the whole-hearted support and co-operation of boards of directors and executive managements of all the railroads. Railroad problems must be dealt with in a national, not a parochial, spirit. The times call for statesmanship in the industry, and those directing the Association of American Railroads have a great opportunity if their policies are broad and their action courageous.

#### The National Railroad Policy

The Railroad Securities Committee last year stated that "the Transportation Act of 1920 has failed as a basis of railroad policy, and we believe it has failed because it is based upon an idea now clearly outmoded—the idea that the railroad occupies a monopoly position in the furnishing of transportation service." However, in its early years the Act did restore confidence in railroad securities, because it imposed a duty upon the ICC to adjust rates so that a fair return would be earned upon the value of the railroad property. It is, of course, well known that the rate of return actually received fell far short of the statutory requirement. The point we wish to make here is that if Congress will enact legislation aimed to correct the injustices from which the railroads have suffered in recent years, railroad earnings may increase to an extent permitting a sound revival of railroad credit—always assuming that general business conditions concurrently move upward. If railroad earnings do not improve under such conditions, the conclusion may then perhaps be warranted that the industry is to a serious degree outgrown.

Railroad regulation dates from 1887, when the Interstate Commerce Act was passed, and for many years regulation seemed directed largely to the protection of the shipper from the suspected rapacity of the railroad; but with the disappearance of the monopolistic nature of rail transportation, the problem has changed fundamentally. Recognition of the change has not been embodied in the Federal laws. Fair-minded men do not seek special favors for railroads, but they do ask that all forms of transportation be placed on the basis of economic parity. This means equality of treatment in respect to regulation, taxation and financial aid.

Dealing with various types of transportation are the ICC, the Department of Commerce, the Post Office Department, the Corps of Engineers of the War Department, the United States Shipping Board, and other Federal agencies, together with State commissions. It is not remarkable that a confusion of policies grows out of such diversity of authority.

Railroads compete to-day with waterways, all the capital costs and maintenance charges of which are assumed by the unwitting taxpayer. Competing highway transportation is subject to State regulation and taxation varying widely in different States. Whether motor carriers pay taxes commensurate with those borne by railroads is vigorously debated.

Dr. H. G. Moulton summarizes the situation well:

"The confusion and the issue arise chiefly in connection with registration fees and gasoline taxes, which are usually designated as 'special motor vehicle taxes.' These so-called 'taxes' are not, strictly speaking, taxes at all, as is readily revealed by comparison with railroad taxation. The railroad company covers the cost of its right-of-way and the maintenance thereof from revenues derived from freight and passenger rates. That portion of the revenues which is assigned to cover capital charges is called interest or dividends, and that which goes for maintenance is a part of the cost of operation. If the contributions of highway users in the form of gasoline taxes and license fees are sufficient merely to cover capital costs and maintenance charges incurred by the State, they represent only the equivalent of interest and maintenance charges among the items of railroad expense. After meeting interest and maintenance charges, the railroads must, however, pay taxes on their physical properties for the general support of government. Not until the proceeds of gasoline taxes and license fees exceed the capital and maintenance charges on the highways borne by the State will they be contributing anything to the general support of government; and not until they do contribute something for the general support of government an such levies be properly regarded as taxes."

The Federal Co-ordinator of Transportation has published an exhaustive study of the water and highway carrier, and has recommended that water lines and trucks and buses should be brought under a greater degree of

regulation to the end that a well-knit national transportation system be sought in which each form of transportation should play its appropriate part with a minimum of waste and duplication. To achieve this, Federal regulation should be co-ordinated in the hands of the Interstate Commerce Commission. Bills embodying the Co-ordinator's recommendations for the regulation of motor and water carriers were introduced in the last session of Congress, and their enactment into law urged as "imperatively necessary under present conditions" by the Commission. The bills, however, were not reported out of committee.

In view of the greatly increased difficulties under which the railroads are laboring, your Committee hopes the incoming Congress will promptly undertake consideration of legislation so urgently needed in the field of transportation.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### J. Reuben Clark, Before Investment Bankers Association on Work of Foreign Bondholders Protective Council—Nearly \$2,000,000,000 Foreign Bonds in Default

The present and future work of the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council, Inc., was described by the President of Council by J. Reuben Clark, of Salt Lake City. The organization is a private one, and Mr. Clark explained that "our work consists in getting in touch with foreign governments in default, and then in trying to persuade these governments to make an offer of service which seems to us the best that they can make." Mr. Clark stated that "it has been estimated that perhaps from 1921 on there were perhaps \$10,000,000,000 of foreign bonds sold in this country." He went on to say that "there is perhaps now outstanding between \$5,500,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000 of that foreign investment; "there is perhaps nearly \$2,000,000,000 of that foreign investment in default and nearly \$200,000,000 of interest past due and payable." Until the organization of the Council, said Mr. Clark, "nobody was charged with the responsibility of trying to see that that tremendous investment was safe." Mr. Clark's address dealt with the Brazilian debt settlement, and the efforts made to secure an adjustment with Germany. He stated that since our Government is making trade agreements "it is quite obvious that where the question is one of exchange we face the possibility in the immediate future of less exchange for our foreign bonds than would otherwise be available if we had no trade agreements. Ultimately I believe the trade agreement will work to our advantage—immediately it is not likely to." Mr. Clark's address follows:

*Mr. President and gentlemen:* I am very grateful to you for giving the Council the opportunity of saying something to this body regarding itself and its work. I am also very grateful to Mr. Crane—likewise is the Council grateful to him—for the great assistance which the issuing houses have rendered in making the beginning of our work an easier task. We have never called on them for any help which has not been forthcoming, and I wish here to thank Mr. Crane and those who have been associated with him for that assistance.

I suppose that perhaps I might do like the expert witness does—give some qualifications of my own for this job which I have. You will discover them before I get through, but I want you to know that I understand the qualifications that I have, too. I remember years ago in New York there was a story went the rounds of the street that Mr. McRoberts who was editing the news letter for the National City Bank, which at that time was one, and may still be—that is, the letter—one of the great economic pamphlets of the country, and that he said his chief qualification for editing an economic journal was that he had never in his life taken a course in economics or read a book on economics. I am not a financier, and I am not a banker. (Some say there is a distinction between them.) I never bought a bond, I never owned a bond, and I regret to say I was never a member of one of these preferential lists in bond holding issuances. So what I do not know about bonds is all that you gentlemen do know.

But there are certain phases perhaps connected with this mopping-up process which the Council is engaged in that are not strictly matters relating to bonds. If I might recall to your mind some things that you already know merely as a basis for what I may further say, you will appreciate that our foreign investments are of various kinds. We have large investments in what I might call exploitation of foreign countries, by which I mean the investments which are made in mines, oil fields, timber, and things of that sort. Whenever those investments are made they are under the supervision of the best talent that you can find to take care of them. You waste no pains and spare no means in getting the best possible people to go into the foreign countries and look after these investments.

There is another kind of investment, the development investment, and those are the investments that you make in street railways, telegraphs and telegraph lines, those that you make in the electric light and power companies, railroads, and so on, and here again the best men that can be found are sent abroad to take care of those investments. They are constantly watching the tendency of the foreign governments as to their legislative action, it is constantly under surveillance, and every effort is made to guard and protect the interests. I do not know the amount of the investment in these two classes, but it is very large.

And then there is the third class to which I wish to refer, and that is the class that you are interested in, what I will call, financing, and the financing itself is of several kinds. There is the financing of the current business. There is the financing of congealed credit by which I mean the current business that has gone a little bit sour. There is the financing of the short-time credits which you bankers make yourself to foreign governments. And then there is long-term credit, or long-term financing—the foreign bonds which are sold.

Now, as you know, it has been estimated that perhaps from 1921 on there were perhaps \$10,000,000,000 of foreign bonds sold in this country. It was nobody's business to look after that huge investment. There is perhaps now

outstanding between \$5,500,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000 of that foreign investment. There is perhaps nearly \$2,000,000,000 of that foreign investment in default, and nearly \$200,000,000 of interest past due and payable. I repeat, at least until the organization of this Council, which has undertaken to try to look after that investment as best it may, there was in this country nobody charged with the responsibility of trying to see that that tremendous investment was safe, and that the people who had invested their money in the bonds, got their interest and their amortizations.

Now, there has been a very popular notion in this country among bondholders, as we in the Council know because of the letters which we get, that some how or other the Government of the United States ought to look after that investment, and very bitter denunciations, come to us from bondholders against the Government for not protecting it. These same denunciations may come to you, and in order that you may know somewhat, if you do not already know, of the practice of nations in such matters, I want to spend just a minute or two telling you about it.

There are, generally, two classes of claims against foreign governments; the tort claims, those which have to do with injuries, to property and person; and the contract claims, those which arise out of concessions and contracts.

I may say that there is some dispute in the Latin-American countries against the contention that a bond claim is a contract claim, but assuming that it is for the present, it is a rule of international law, and it is a part of the custom of nations that whereas a government may intervene or interpose its good offices in a tort claim, that is for a personal injury or a property injury, they may not interpose their good offices on behalf of a contract claim unless and until that claim has been taken into the courts and the legal remedies available to the claimant exhausted, and then as a result of that resort to the courts there shall have been what is called a "denial of justice." Now, it would be possible to go on and talk to you for a long period about what a "denial of justice" is, but I shall merely say that it is some kind of a mal-administration of justice, and it is not the mere proposition that you lose your case. Now, I say that there is some dispute as to whether or not a bond claim belongs to a contract claim—whether or not it is not lower than a contract claim.

I want so say to you here, that in accordance with the custom of nations, and with the law as I understand it, if you were to list the various causes for which one government might intervene as against another government, and listed them in the order of their importance, you would find a bond claim down at the very foot of the list. Now, that has been more or less the settled practice of the nations since about 1848 at the time when Lord Palmerston, Prime Minister of England, issued the famous Palmerston circular. In the same year, as a matter of fact, Secretary Buchanan announced virtually the same principles in the United States, and it is rather curious the philosophy that lay behind it, which was that Britishers and Americans should keep their money at their own respective homes, and that if anybody was so foolish as to invest his money abroad, and particularly so foolish as to buy a foreign bond, he deserved to be left to fight his battles alone. There are sometimes instances given as exceptions to this rule, or as proving the contrary. The two most noted of those instances have to do with the occupation of Mexican territory by the European allies in the 60's, and the action of the European powers against Venezuela in 1902-03.

I wish to say to you for I have not time to go into the details, that a careful examination of the record shows that those were not exceptions to the general rule as I have stated it, but, that on the contrary, the intervention in those cases was, primarily in Mexico, on the part of France for political purposes, and on the part of Great Britain and Spain—Spain quickly retiring, Great Britain a little later—because of the many other claims which they had, the bond claims being almost microscopic in their importance, and in the matter of Venezuela, there likewise the bond claims involved were very small and insignificant; and in neither case, may I say, that in so far as the bond claims were concerned was there any collection of any money for the bondholders. All that happened was a sort of refinancing operation—another promise to pay.

Now, the European countries met that international law situation in a certain way. For over 60 years there has existed in Great Britain the Foreign Bond-Holders Corporation, a private corporation organized, it is true, under an Act of Parliament but nevertheless a private corporation, and it has been the business of that corporation to look after the interests of the British holders of foreign bonds, and may I say here, incidentally, an infinitely easier task in Britain than the same task will be here, because in Great Britain the bonds apparently are held in large blocks by insurance and other securities, whereas as you know here in America, they are held by the public.

Now, the Foreign Bond-Holders Council of Great Britain operates directly in representation of the bondholders with the foreign government, but the British Government has gone a good deal farther in helping them than our Government has so far been willing to do in helping the Council. How that shall develop with the future years, I do not know. But, for example, in Great Britain, it not infrequently happens that the British Government will permit the Foreign Council to delegate or constitute as its agent the Minister of Great Britain in the defaulting country, and, if not the Minister, then Consul-General. Where the Minister is delegated, the Minister of Great Britain, when he goes to call upon the Minister of Foreign Affairs to make representations about the bonds, of course the Minister of Foreign Affairs is never quite sure in what capacity he comes, whether he comes as the Minister of Great Britain, or whether he comes as the agent of the bondholders, and he never dare give himself the benefit of the doubt so he always treats the situation as if it were a Minister of Great Britain calling, and not the agent of the bondholders. That is a distinct advantage which we have not yet accomplished but maybe we shall in the course of time.

Similar organization exist in other European countries that operate in a similar way. The business of such organizations, I repeat, being to look after this tremendous investment which those countries have in foreign bonds.

The attitude of the United States, which has always been as it is to-day—"hands off"—has brought to the attention of the people who were thinking about such things, the necessity of organizing a similar organization. In the latter days of President Hoover's administration some gentlemen were called to Washington by the State Department, and were rather urged to begin the formation of such a Council as would be able to protect foreign bondholders. Nothing came of that movement.

The new Administration came in. The private persons in the first rather retired, and then there was agitation in Congress with the result, as you know, that Title II of the Securities Act provided for the creation of a National or Federal governmental agency which should take on this work which is done in Europe as I have indicated. I do not know the reasons why the President declined to go forward in that, but I assume perhaps that it was some such reason as I have suggested to you, because quite obviously no matter how much such a governmental organization might be hedged about with a statement that it did not speak for the Government and that it could not commit the Government, and so on and so forth, nevertheless, in spite of itself it would find itself where it was actually understood to be speaking for the Government.

Perhaps I should mention here one additional element as a reason why you cannot have a governmental organization and must have a private one, shall I say, particularly in dealing with Latin America. In 1902-03 when action was taken by the powers of Europe, armed action against Venezuela, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Argentina sent out a circular letter to all of the Argentinian missions in the world in which he announced a certain principle known from that time on as the Drago Doctrine, and that doctrine was to the effect that armed force should not be used to collect governmental debts. That doctrine has stood from then until now as the policy and the point of view of Latin America.

But the general feeling has gone beyond that in Latin America and has come to the point where they repudiate the right of any government to intervene upon behalf of the foreign holders of their bonds.

I shall say in a few minutes a little more about "will to pay," but unless you have a sanction, as we speak of it in international law, by which we mean in the last analysis, unless you have behind an action real force, and in international action in the last analysis that means occupation of the country and collection of the revenues, if you are speaking of bond enforcement and payment—unless you have that there is nothing that you can trade on except the good will of the government to pay its obligations. Now, quite truly, the force may take various shapes, it may take the form of landing of troops and occupying the custom houses. It may take the form of discriminatory tariffs. It may take the form also of compulsory clearances which is set up in Europe. But all of these are coercive measures, measures of force taken against the will of the debtor country.

Now, I repeat, the President decided that he did not want to set up the Commission authorized by the Securities Act, and the result was that he asked a number of gentlemen to come to Washington, that is, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission joined in a letter inviting a number of men to come to Washington, and as a result of the conference, held pursuant to the invitation, the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council, Inc. was set up. It is a purely private corporation. It is a non-stock corporation; a membership corporation, and a non-profit corporation.

The Council has no desire or intention of accumulating any great resources except sufficient to tide it over in time of want, and our time of want will be your time of plenty. Only two of the officers of the corporation draw any salaries, the President and the Secretary, and they have been fixed at very moderate sums. A very small office force is kept simply sufficient to do the work, and that office force is only enlarged as the work absolutely requires it.

There were many alluring vistas opened up to us when we began, but we have tried to stick to our knitting and not to go off on to side tracks, however happy they seemed to be.

Our work consists in getting in touch with foreign governments in default, and then in trying to persuade those governments to make an offer of service which seems to us the best that they can make having in mind their own circumstances, and all holders of bonds must appreciate that the first consideration of every government must be its own maintenance, because obviously if you do not have a government there is no earthly chance of securing anything from a government. Now, how much of their revenues are necessary to conduct a government is a matter about which you will always have a dispute, but in the last analysis, and speaking generally, you must permit a government to decide what it shall spend in order to maintain itself.

Then the bondholders have found themselves in a position and we as representing them, of facing other credits to which I have already referred and all of which are necessary for the general welfare of the country. The current business must go on, and nowadays since our Government is making these trade agreements with the intention of selling more goods that we make, it is quite obvious that where the question is one of exchange, we face the possibility in the immediate future of less exchange for our foreign bonds than would otherwise be available if we had no trade agreements. Ultimately I believe the trade agreement will work to our advantage—immediately, it is not likely to.

Then we have the congealed credits which you must look for. And please think of all these questions with reference to the amount of exchange available to pay other fund obligations. And following your congealed credits you have your short-term credits. And, lastly, the long-term credits, and the long-term credits are usually at the foot of the list in actual practice, because, do what we will, we cannot persuade them that they should pay the bondholders instead of buying more goods, and our own Government would hardly tolerate that. We can't ask them to cease entirely paying their congealed credits upon which current business simply depends in the United States. Some of you gentlemen are interested in the short-term credit itself and you know that you do not want those cut off.

And so we are faced with a proposition of more or less following up and taking what is left. But we get in touch with the governments, we take up negotiations with them, and we have them raise their service to the highest point that we find it possible to induce them to make.

Now, we have had three experiences. In the Brazilian experience we found ourselves in this situation; a British financier had been invited to go to Brazil and make a study of the finances of Brazil. He made the study, and he made a recommendation with reference to the servicing of the bonds. He classified the bonds into various classes. The Government of the United States learned nothing of this plan until it was about to be issued as a decree. It then interposed, said it did not seem quite fair to American bondholders, and asked for time. In the meanwhile they were urging us to get organized so we could take over the work. Then, as I had been one of those asked to help form the Council, and as I was asked by the Government and sent by the Government as one of the delegates to the Montevideo Conference, they asked me to stop in Rio to see what I could do. We had not had much time to study the plan, but we made a few requests that are usual. We stopped in Rio one day. I saw the Minister of Finance, talked it over with him and he agreed that he would do everything I asked him to do, and he said he would send me a note that evening telling me that it was all right. So at 12 o'clock a note came aboard ship and was delivered to me. I found it written in the very best English, perfect English idiom, denying everything that I had been promised. I made some inquiries. I learned that the man representing the British interests was a close friend of the Minister of Finance, and that in addition he was the confidential advisor of the Minister of Finance; he lives in Brazil all the time; he is half Brazilian; he has wide family connections; he is as much at home in London as he is at Rio, and in Rio as he is in London, and he is all the time watching out for the interests of the British bondholders. We had nobody, absolutely nobody that I found who was taking any interest or cared about the American bondholders. Again I say, it was nobody's business. It had been nobody's business. I am blaming nobody. I am just stating the fact.

So I called on my way back from Rio as per instructions. Some of you have heard about the Brazilian settlement, probably none of you like it; neither do I. But in trying to get somewhere, to get such adjustments as I did get for the Council, I had to buck all of Europe, all working together and hanging together, because what I was trying to do, and what we measure-

ably did do was to pull some of the service away from some of the upper categories and put it where the bulk of the European obligations were, and bring it down below where the bulk of the American obligations were.

We went to Germany. We did not get very far in Germany, but I do not suppose you will hold that against us. We got some promises, and we are trying to follow through to see if we can get the scrip registered. I do not know that we can blame Germany for the registration of the scrip. I think we will have to lay the blame for that closer home.

And then we negotiated at the request of both governments, both the United States and the Dominican Government, the adjustment that has been made or is to be made on the Dominican debt.

We have been financed by voluntary contributions. We have adopted the policy of trying to get from foreign governments, on the theory that the debtor should pay the cost of adjustment, some contribution. We have succeeded with reference to the Dominican Government and with reference to Brazil. We hope to do something with Germany.

We expect, after we have made some sort of an adjustment that is satisfactory, to ask the bondholders to make a modest contribution towards not only our expenses but towards the building of this reserve of which I have spoken. How ample will be the response of the bondholders who are under no obligation at all to pay us anything, I do not know.

We are not a governmental institution. We get no financial support whatsoever from the Government, and have had none. Some of you gentlemen by your generous contributions have enabled us to go forward. We are not always going to please all of you, and perhaps most of the time we will please none of you, but our intentions are good. We are trying to look after the interests of the bondholders.

I repeat, I am grateful to you for the support you have given us, and we hope we may continue to receive that support during the balance of our life, which we hope will be rather prolonged.

### Report of Foreign Securities Committee, I. B. A.— Regards Foreign Debtors as Giving More Serious Consideration to Problem of Readjusting External Obligations—German Moratorium Principal Ad- verse Development in 1934

"The fact that 61.1% of the total foreign loans outstanding in the United States are being serviced promptly and in full," said the report of the Foreign Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association, "is a clear indication that some foreign loans can be considered as a safe form of investment." The report of the Committee (under the chairmanship of Ralph T. Crane, of Brown, Harriman & Co.) was presented at the annual convention of the Association, at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., Oct. 30. According to the Committee, "there is reason for expressing the hope that the year marks the beginning of a new phase in the history of American investment in foreign securities." Stating that "in the year 1933 alone new defaults occurred on foreign dollar bonds of an aggregate principal amount of \$1,145,500,000," the report notes that "recent improvements in world economic conditions appear to have checked this adverse development, and during the first eight months of 1934 new defaults amounted to only \$63,500,000." The Committee points to the German moratorium on external debt service put into effect on June 14 1934 as "the principal adverse development affecting American holders of foreign bonds during the current year." It is also stated that "recent developments in Cuba have also adversely affected American bondholders." The organization of the Foreign Bondholders' Protective Council is referred to in the report as "an outstanding development in the field of foreign securities during the year." In full, the report follows:

During the past year your Committee has devoted its attention primarily to the problem of defaults, and is glad to report that the gradual improvement in business conditions which has taken place in a number of countries has had its effect on the status of the foreign bonds outstanding in the United States. This improvement has made it possible in several instances for debtors to make temporary settlements or to increase the amounts paid to bondholders in some cases where only partial payment was being made.

There is reason for expressing the hope that the year 1934 marks the beginning of a new phase in the history of American investment in foreign securities. During the last few years defaults by foreign governments, political subdivisions and corporations have followed each other in rapid succession, and in the year 1933 alone new defaults occurred on foreign dollar bonds of an aggregate principal amount of \$1,145,500,000. However, the recent improvement in world economic conditions appears to have checked this adverse development, and during the first eight months of 1934 new defaults amounted to only about \$63,500,000. Furthermore, and perhaps even more significant, the economic upturn enabled many foreign debtors to give more serious consideration to the problem of readjusting their external obligations and restoring their credit standing abroad.

Definite steps in this direction have been taken by several foreign governments. On Feb. 5 1934 the Brazilian Government enacted a law which provided for the temporary readjustment of that country's external indebtedness. While this settlement is unsatisfactory in certain respects, and has been subjected to considerable criticism, it must be regarded as a move in the right direction. It has to some extent benefited the American holders of many of the Brazilian State and municipal issues who for several years have received no interest but who are now receiving partial payments. Similarly, several of the Argentine provinces and municipalities in default on their dollar bonds have adopted temporary debt readjustment plans which provide for the partial payment of interest during the next few years. On Aug. 16 1934 the Dominican Government, which had previously suspended sinking fund payments on two loans issued in this country, concluded an agreement with the Foreign Bondholders' Protective Council, Inc., which provided for the resumption of amortization payments on a readjusted basis and for the restoration of the customs receivership. In Europe there has been some improvement in the status of those loans floated under the auspices of the League of Nations which are now in partial default. Greece, Bulgaria and Hungary have been transferring into foreign currencies a part of the funds required for interest payments on their League loans,

and they have recently increased the percentage of these payments. A summary of debt settlements improving the position of foreign dollar bonds is presented in Appendix II.

These developments afford convincing evidence that most foreign governments which have borrowed in the United States respect their obligations to American bondholders and will honor their debts to the best of their ability. The best proof of this contention is afforded by the Argentine Republic. In spite of the great economic and financial difficulties which have confronted the nation, and in spite of the agitation for default on the part of certain political elements, the present Administration has strictly adhered to the terms of its contractual obligations and has met its external debt service in full. This policy has so enhanced the credit standing of the Argentine Government that it was recently able to successfully refund in London several 5% bond issues with annual amortization at the rate of 1% into a 4½% bond with annual amortization of ½ of 1%. Similarly, Argentina has been able to refund its short-term debt outstanding in the United States at a lower coupon rate.

In a number of countries the defaults occurred only when the shrinkage in foreign trade, the decline in governmental revenues and the depletion of gold and foreign exchange reserves left no alternative. There are, of course, certain foreign borrowers whose attitude toward their foreign debts does not conform to the highest standards of good faith, but, on the whole, it is reasonable to believe that most foreign debtors in default will sooner or later take advantage of any pronounced improvement in economic conditions to effect readjustments with foreign bondholders.

The principal adverse development affecting American holders of foreign bonds during the current year was the German moratorium on external debt service put into effect on June 14 1934. Previous regulations of the Reichsbank had affected only the non-Reich (except for suspension of sinking fund payments on the German Government international loan of 1930—Young loan) external long-term debt and had permitted payment of interest, partly in cash and partly in scrip. The latest regulations provide for complete suspension of cash payments on the non-Reich external medium and long-term debt for a period of six months from July 1 1934; and, in addition, the transfer of debt service on both of the Reich foreign long-term loans (Dawes and Young loans) was suspended until further notice.

The governments as well as the bondholders' protective associations of the principal creditor countries have vigorously protested against the action of the German authorities, and particularly against the treatment of the Dawes and Young loans. Several countries, by virtue of their adverse trade balance with Germany, have been able to conclude clearing arrangements whereby interest due on the Dawes and Young bonds held by their nationals will be paid out of the excess of their imports from Germany over their exports to that country. However, since the United States has a favorable trade balance with Germany, it is impossible to make any such arrangement for the benefit of bondholders in this country. The United States Government, through diplomatic channels, has insisted that the German Government permit no discrimination against American bondholders, but so far no definite assurance has been given that investors in this country will receive equal treatment. A full discussion of the German external debt situation can be found in a bulletin dated Sept. 4 1934, issued by the Institute of International Finance.

Recent developments in Cuba have also adversely affected American bondholders. On Dec. 31 1933 the Cuban Government defaulted on interest due on the Public Works loans, and on April 11 1934 sinking fund payments on the entire Cuban external debt were suspended.

During recent years many deprecatory statements have been made regarding the merits of foreign bonds, and even in responsible quarters such securities have been referred to as "worthless." The inaccuracy of such statements was clearly revealed by a compilation made by the Institute of International Finance, which showed that on March 1 1934 the debt service was being paid in full on 62.4% of all the outstanding foreign dollar bonds, and that payments were being made in some form (cash, scrip or funding bonds) on 44.5% of all the bonds in default as to interest. Revision of these figures to Aug. 31 1934 shows that on this date debt service was being paid in full on 61.1% of the foreign dollar bonds outstanding, and that some form of interest payment was being made on 52.3% of the defaulted bonds. Detailed data on the status of outstanding foreign dollar bonds are presented in Appendix III.

Although many investors in foreign securities have incurred losses as a result of defaults and declines in market prices, others have profited substantially by the adherence of a number of borrowers to the gold clause in loan contracts. Thus, the holders of dollar bonds of the French Government, municipalities and railways, of the Swiss Government, and of the Dutch East Indies have been able to obtain payment of interest at approximately the par of exchange prevailing before the United States abandoned the gold standard. This currently amounts to about 69% more than the face amount of the interest coupons. The Dutch East Indies loans and the unconverted portion of the Swiss issue have since been called for redemption on terms which enabled the bondholders to obtain payment on a gold basis. Furthermore, since the depreciation of the dollar, holders of a number of foreign issues containing the so-called "multiple currency clause" have been able to collect their interest coupons in foreign gold currencies and obtain a large premium upon converting these currencies into dollars.

An outstanding development in the field of foreign securities during the past year was the organization of the Foreign Bondholders' Protective Council, Inc. As far back as 1919 the Foreign Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association recognized the need for an organization to protect the interests of American investors in foreign securities and, whenever necessary, to negotiate debt settlements with foreign borrowers in default. This Committee not only recommended the creation of such a body in previous reports, but took an active interest in the efforts to accomplish this purpose.

Since the depression set in, and particularly since defaults on foreign securities became more numerous in the United States, a great deal of agitation has been aroused by the discussion on the wisdom and merits of foreign lending by this country. Now that there is an indication of an improvement in business conditions in a number of countries, it is possible, without bias and without prejudice, to analyze the effect of foreign loans on the national economy of this country. Foreign loans, it is now more generally recognized, tend to stimulate exports, particularly of durable or capital goods. Contrary to the popular belief, the proceeds of foreign loans are not taken out in the form of money but chiefly in the form of commodities. It is, therefore, not surprising that the peak of our foreign lending was accompanied by a large volume of exports from this country. The decline in foreign lending immediately reduced the amount of dollar exchange available in foreign countries and of necessity resulted in a decline in foreign trade.

The importance of foreign lending has been recognized by the highest officials of the Government, and the Administration has taken steps to provide facilities for the flow of capital from the country, the principal measures adopted being the establishment of the First and Second Export-Import





STATUS OF ALL PUBLICLY OFFERED FOREIGN DOLLAR BONDS AS OF AUG. 31 1934

Country	Interest Being Paid in Cash and Scrip or Funding Bonds	Interest Being Paid in Part in Cash	Interest Being Paid in Scrip or Funding Bonds	Funds for Debt Service Being Deposited in Local Currency	No Provision Being Made for Interest Payments	Total Amount in Default as to Interest
<i>Latin America—</i>						
Argentina. <b>b</b>	\$72,289,900	\$18,302,000	-----	-----	\$1,752,000	\$92,343,900
Bolivia	-----	-----	-----	-----	59,422,000	59,422,000
Brazil	-----	233,438,800	\$95,817,000	-----	1,980,000	331,235,800
Chile	-----	-----	-----	\$2,175,500	309,097,000	311,272,500
Colombia	-----	-----	61,963,000	1,780,400	94,203,500	157,946,900
Costa Rica	-----	-----	8,781,000	-----	-----	8,781,000
Cuba	-----	-----	-----	-----	73,800,700	73,800,700
El Salvador	-----	12,619,300	-----	-----	-----	12,619,300
Guatemala	2,214,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,214,000
Mexico	-----	-----	-----	-----	302,072,800	302,072,800
Panama	11,356,000	-----	-----	-----	3,097,500	14,453,500
Peru	-----	-----	-----	-----	91,286,000	91,286,000
Uruguay	-----	52,947,500	-----	-----	10,420,000	63,367,500
<b>Total Latin America</b>	<b>\$85,859,900</b>	<b>\$317,307,600</b>	<b>\$166,561,000</b>	<b>\$3,955,900</b>	<b>\$947,131,500</b>	<b>\$1,520,815,900</b>
<i>Europe—</i>						
Austria	-----	\$16,984,500	-----	a\$56,429,600	-----	\$56,429,600
Bulgaria	-----	1,141,000	-----	-----	-----	1,141,000
Czechoslovakia	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$995,000	995,000
Denmark. <b>b</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	29,545,500	\$91,145,800
Germany	-----	16,926,500	\$844,673,800	-----	-----	26,942,500
Greece	-----	26,942,500	-----	-----	-----	62,134,500
Hungary	-----	6,578,600	-----	a50,493,900	5,062,000	10,938,000
Rumania	-----	10,938,000	-----	-----	75,000,000	75,000,000
Russia	-----	-----	-----	-----	86,673,900	86,673,900
Sweden. <b>b</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	53,774,500
Yugoslavia	\$53,774,500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>Total Europe</b>	<b>\$53,774,500</b>	<b>\$79,511,100</b>	<b>\$844,673,800</b>	<b>\$106,923,500</b>	<b>\$197,276,400</b>	<b>\$1,282,159,300</b>
<i>Far East—</i>						
China	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$5,500,000	\$5,500,000
<b>Total Far East</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	<b>\$5,500,000</b>	<b>\$5,500,000</b>
<i>North America—</i>						
Canada	-----	-----	-----	-----	\$137,396,900	\$137,396,900
<b>Total North America</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	<b>\$137,396,900</b>	<b>\$137,396,900</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>\$139,634,400</b>	<b>\$396,818,700</b>	<b>\$1,011,234,800</b>	<b>\$110,879,400</b>	<b>\$1,287,304,800</b>	<b>\$2,945,872,100</b>

Note—The amounts given in this table are the principal amounts outstanding as of Jan. 1 1934.

a Bondholders may obtain payment of coupons in local "blocked" currencies provided obligor has deposited funds. b National Government not in default.

and, by utilizing the balance remaining in the reserve fund, the Jan. 1 1934 coupon on the 7s due 1937 was paid 50% in cash. A new offer regarding the service of these loans was announced by the League Loans Committee on April 20 1934. This offer provides for the transfer in foreign currencies of 32½% of the coupons due during the next two years. Such payments are to constitute full satisfaction of the coupons. The May 15 1934 coupons on the 7½s and the July 1 1934 coupons on the 7s were paid at 32½% of their face value. In addition to these partial payments, the Bulgarian Government has offered to redeem in foreign currencies at 10% of their nominal value the blocked leva accumulated in respect to the untransferred service of the two League loans from April 1932 to April 1934 inclusive. This redemption is to be made in four half-yearly instalments beginning in October 1934.

*Dominican Republic*—In October 1931 the Dominican Government enacted an emergency law suspending sinking fund payments on its two dollar loans and modifying the Convention of 1924 governing the collection and application of customs revenues. Subsequently the Government entered into negotiations with the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council and on Aug. 16 1934 it was announced that an agreement had been concluded providing for resumption of amortization payments on a readjusted basis and for full restoration of the 1924 Convention. By the terms of the agreement the maturity of the 1922 loan is extended by 20 years and that of the 1926 loan is extended by 30 years.

*Germany*—The North German Lloyd has proposed a plan of readjustment dated Dec. 4 1933 for its 6% dollar bonds due 1947. The plan provides for the payment of interest at the fixed rate of 4% to and including 1938, with payment of the remaining 2% contingent upon earnings. Such payments are not to be subject to any transfer restrictions of the German Government. The plan was declared operative on June 22 1934.

*Greece*—After a previous offer had been rejected by the League Loans Committee, the Greek Government on Nov. 17 1933 offered to transfer 27½% of the interest due on its two League loans during the financial year 1933-34 and 35% during the year 1934-35. The untransferred balance is to be deposited in drachmae and lent against non-interest-bearing Treasury bills. On July 19 1934 funds were made available for payment of the last three coupons on each of the two loans in accordance with the terms of this offer.

#### Report of Municipal Securities Committee I. B. A.—Material Improvement in Many State and Local Government Units—Application Under Municipal Debt Adjustment Law Filed by Only 10 Municipalities—Purchases by RFC—Progress Made in Correcting Default Trend—Unemployment Relief

"A material and gratifying improvement in the financial condition of many State and local government units," is indicated in the report of the Municipal and Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association, which states that this "has been reflected during the last 12 months by sharp advances in their obligations." The report also devotes attention to defaults and debt settlements, and indicates what has been accomplished in the process of readjustment. According to the Committee "to date only 10 municipalities have filed application for action under the Municipal Debt Adjustment Law"; it states that "the fact that the law is on the statute book has served the purpose of eliminating a large amount of obstructive tactics on the part of unreasonable minority creditors." The observation is made that "the negligible amount of applications which have been filed may be used in some quarters as an argument for modification of the law;" the Committee adds, however, that "we should direct our attention to com-

bating any such views." Included in the matters to which the report alludes is the problem of unemployment relief, which it says "from the beginning has been treated as a temporary crisis." "Our cities have gained the knowledge from the experience of the last five years, however," continues the report, "that they are faced with the necessity of a permanent plan for adequate relief." It refers to long-term bond issues for this purpose as "uneconomic and unsatisfactory," and regards "a pay-as-you-go" program "as preferable."

In a report of a sub-committee of the Municipal Securities Committee, detailed recommendations designed to safeguard the issuance of municipal bonds through preventing forgery, counterfeiting and alteration are given. The most common types of fraud incident to municipal securities, the survey said, include the actual counterfeiting or fraudulent duplication of a genuine security, the alteration of some details on genuine securities, the issuance of securities in excess of the authorized amount, and the issuance of securities without proper authority. Further reference to the sub-committee's report is made by the Municipal Securities Committee; the report of the latter was presented at the Convention of the I. B. A. as follows, by its Chairman, E. Fleetwood Dunstan, of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York:

A material and gratifying improvement in the financial condition of many State and local government units has been reflected during the last 12 months by sharp price advances in their obligations. Much remains to be accomplished in the elevation of Government finances to a sound and impregnable basis, but it remains true that an excellent start has been made, partly through the reorganization of debt structures and partly by other and more normal methods.

In general the trend of tax collections has become favorable, available statistics indicating that both current and delinquent taxes are being paid more readily. Temporary indebtedness of many of our cities has been lowered and in some instances funded debt likewise has decreased, while taxpayers have found some relief in curtailed costs of operation. The amount of State and city obligations in default has been reduced rapidly. Such encouraging factors are offset in part by the uncertainties of general business and by demands for unsound local legislation, but in an extensive survey it appears that favorable items predominate and the market steadily has reflected the increasing optimism. From the long-range point of view, much importance would seem to attach to the growing public demand for elimination of outworn types of government and the consolidation of political subdivisions. Greater thoughtfulness among electorates is apparent regarding the authorization of new bond issues. States and municipalities necessarily will continue their borrowing for indispensable functions, but a more intelligent analysis of specific issues by taxpayers probably will forestall much unsound borrowing.

During the past year the major attention of your Committee has been directed to those matters which are recorded in this Report and in the Interim Report submitted in May. It will be of interest, therefore, to present first herein the current status of one of the subjects previously enumerated, namely, the relation of municipal credit to the activities of the Federal Government.

#### Activities of the Federal Government

*Public Works Administration*—Many municipalities which contracted to sell their 4% bonds to the Public Works Administration have requested a release. This has been due to an improvement in the market for tax-exempt bonds, subsequent to the agreement with the PWA. It is reported that \$35,000,000 has been released through this method to other projects.

Over 300 such loans have been canceled, and a large part of them have been financed through the customary channels of trade.

Of the total PWA money, States and municipalities have been allocated approximately \$750,000,000 in the form of loans and grants for various public works. As of Sept. 25, however, less than \$120,000,000 has been advanced. Approximately 3,950 different projects of local communities are being financed in whole or in part.

As the original \$3,300,000,000 public works fund was quickly depleted, Congress provided additional money through legislation in June. The President was authorized at his discretion to transfer \$500,000,000 in the aggregate of savings or unobligated balances in funds of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the purposes of the PWA. Through this action, the fund was increased to \$3,700,000,000. The same law also created a revolving fund of \$250,000,000 in the RFC to purchase and sell marketable securities owned by the PWA. Money thus obtained by the Administration is available for making additional loans, but not grants.

*Reconstruction Finance Corporation*—The RFC has been quick to take advantage of the improvement in the market for tax-exempt bonds. Under its \$250,000,000 revolving fund it has made purchases from the PWA and resold these bonds in the amount of \$10,906,470 par value, representing the bonds of two States, 30 municipalities and one bridge commission. This has involved three separate competitive bidding sales. The first was on Aug. 20 at which \$3,484,370 various State and municipal bonds were purchased by dealers. A good premium was paid for each issue. On Sept. 12 another sale was equally as successful except that three blocks of bonds totaling \$501,000 were not awarded. No bids were submitted for one item and in the judgment of the RFC the two discount bids for the others were too low. It is interesting to note, however, that a discount of two points was accepted on one issue. The total par value of bonds sold was \$4,070,100 for which a premium of \$57,000 was received. At the third and last sale \$3,352,000 were sold for a premium of \$105,652.

Another recent activity of the RFC of interest to bond dealers is its loan of money to municipalities for the payment of school teachers' salaries. Congress has authorized these loans upon full and adequate security for salaries due prior to June 1 1934. The authority expires Jan. 31 1935; and the aggregate amount of such loans outstanding at one time shall not exceed \$75,000,000.

#### Summers Bill

To date only 10 municipalities have filed application for action under the Municipal Debt Adjustment Law. They are one small county in Florida, one reclamation and three irrigation districts in California, four small districts in Texas and one irrigation district in Arizona. It already has become apparent that the stigma of default is something virtually all communities will avoid if it is at all possible; and actual recourse to the Summers Law is anticipated chiefly on the part of a number of drainage, reclamation, irrigation and levee districts and by a small scattering of other types of municipal units. While the legislation was pending in Congress, predictions were made of a flood of defaults by local governments, but your Committee opposed these views, as we were convinced that action under the measure would be taken only by communities which really have no alternative. Moreover, one of the outstanding benefits of the Act is its latent usefulness. The fact that the law is on the statute book has served the purpose of eliminating a large amount of obstructive tactics on the part of unreasonable minority creditors.

The essential features of this law were outlined in our Interim Report. As soon as it was signed by the President, your Committee requested Paul V. Keyser to prepare a detailed analysis. His explanatory memorandum and the law itself were published in a pamphlet distributed on July 12 to our entire membership.

While machinery is established by which the debtor and the creditor can make proper adjustments, no opportunity is provided for repudiation. A warning to this effect has been issued to municipalities repeatedly by your Committee and by other members of the Association through the press in various sections of the country. This procedure has been conducted efficiently with the aid of our Educational Director. It is important to continue these efforts toward a clear understanding by municipal officials that this legislation holds out no comfort or relief for the community seeking to evade just debts within its ability to pay. The Federal Court is not open to them until a majority of their creditors agree that they are entitled to a debt readjustment. Even then, if these creditors agree to the filing of a petition, a Federal Court must also be convinced of the equity of the plan; and finally the approval of creditors holding three-fourths of the debts must be procured.

The negligible amount of applications which have been filed may be used, in some quarters, as an argument for modification of the law. We should direct our attention toward combating any such views. Vital amendments undoubtedly would encourage ill-advised governments to attempt unjustified reorganization. The legislation is worthy of protection from injurious moderation and should be guarded with unabated vigor.

#### Irregular Bonds

A studious view of new municipal financing will focus attention on the number and growing frequency of irregular types. The commonplace State or municipal bond is one for which the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power are pledged. Whether the State bond was issued for highways or for a bonus to soldiers, it usually represented the standard design. The same may be said with even greater accuracy for municipal bonds. The abnormal city issue was very rare. Recently, however, much confusion has arisen due in some cases to revised law and in others to special pledges of security.

A few of our States have bonds outstanding which are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes and others payable within a limit. Moreover, specific revenues may be the only source of payment for certain issues, while there are outstanding other bonds of the same State which are general obligations unrestricted as to means of liquidation. These variable classes are the outgrowth of agitation for tax limits, a subject covered elsewhere in this report.

Bonds issued by our political subdivisions are becoming even more deranged. An illustration is that of the city which has all the following types of bonds in the hands of investors: (1) locally tax-exempt; (2) locally taxable; (3) callable; (4) non-callable; (5) payable from unlimited taxes; (6) payable from specific millage limitation; (7) payable from another specific millage limitation. Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 may be arranged in various combinations with 5, 6 and 7. Similar maturities and coupon rates for the different classes add to the clutter. Another city may have issued bonds payable from utility revenues only, with first, second and third, &c., liens on that income. At the same time it has unlimited tax obligations. Another has given a plant mortgage as security for some of its water bonds, while its other borrowings for water are represented by the ordinary straight city obligations. Still another has some singular pledge or method of payment for almost every separate issue outstanding. These examples can be developed considerably further, but they suffice to illustrate. Many bonds purchased by agencies of the Federal Government represent new types and they are now coming into the channels of trade.

Moreover, an old as well as a new source of public securities is the Tax Districts and Authorities. These are political corporations with a strictly limited function and usually a single purpose, such as education, sanitation or bridge operation. The Tax District derives its revenue almost exclusively from taxes which it levies, while the "Authority" is supported by its revenue from fees or prices charged for the service it renders. Though unusual, in some cases the "Authority" may have recourse to the taxing power if regular fees or toll revenues fall short of requirements. Of the 309 cities with a population of 30,000 or more, covered by the last report of the United States Census Bureau, more than 60% are overlapped with Tax Districts or Authorities. Approximately one-quarter of the total amount of local government debt is the obligation of these units. They are usually created in order to avoid the existing debt limitation or to supply services to two or more municipalities. The trend seems to be toward an increased use of the "Authority" device.

This multiplication of issues with diverse methods of payment and pledge of security will create many new problems of serious importance to the taxpayers, the investors and the dealers in State and municipal securities. It is especially disturbing to the analyst and trader. Sources of reference are limited. There are no manuals to which one can turn for guidance.

Many, if not all, of these abnormal bonds are known to the municipal specialists, but it is unfortunate that there is no consolidated record of them. To date, the information is passed along more or less the same as folk-lore. It is timely therefore to call the attention of our membership to the growing disorder and to suggest the need for a compilation of all irregular types, supplemented currently with new issues.

#### Wording of Legal Opinions

The Memorandum of Understanding which your Committee promulgated among the leading municipal bond attorneys will be of unquestionable value to those who wish to ascertain the character of the security behind the State or municipal obligation. The memorandum was published in the Committee's Interim Report of May 1934.

To date 33 firms of municipal bond attorneys have assented to the agreement, and we have observed that the new opinions conform to its provisions.

#### Depository for Legal Opinions and Transcripts

The Association's official depository for legal opinions and transcripts has submitted its yearly statement, which is most encouraging. Receipts are showing continued improvement. In fact 1934 has been the depository's best year both in the number of new legal opinions and transcripts filed and in the amount of revenues received. For the first time an operating profit, although very small, has been realized. The official statement is appended hereto.

#### Counterfeiting and Forgery

One of the most important undertakings of your Committee has been the study of counterfeiting and forgery of municipal bonds. Although there is no accurate record of all counterfeiting and other fraudulent practices, the material at hand was examined carefully and the many sources of information as to proper protection were exhausted. The work was pursued by a sub-committee, consisting of John S. Linen, Chairman; Rollin G. Andrews and Howard H. Fitch. To them our Association is indebted for a very comprehensive report of their findings and recommendations. A copy is attached.

This committee had the benefit of suggestions from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, D. C., the PWA, a number of banking institutions specializing in the preparation and certification of municipal obligations, some of the representative municipal bond attorneys, and the Association of Bank Note Companies, which includes in its membership practically all of the bank note companies engaged in producing certificates acceptable to all the stock exchanges of the country. Among the cases studied were the Denver Water Bond forgery a few years ago and the more recent scandal caused by the discovery of a large number of fraudulently issued municipal obligations in the State of Kansas.

The following recommendation have been made:

1—In order to impress upon State and municipal officials the importance of exercising due care in the preparation of certificates, dealers should inquire, in advance of proposed bond sales, whether or not the certificates are being issued in accordance with proper practices.

2—In the preparation of new issues:

a—Bonds should be prepared by a responsible banknote company, which will certify that the forms used have not been, or will not be, purchasable in blank by any one and that all plates and damaged or surplus stock are accounted for daily and handled with the same care as currency.

b—Bond borders and vignettes as well as backgrounds of coupons should be steel engraved.

c—Steel engraved under tint should underline all or a part of the backs, which may be printed or engraved.

d—Bond number on bond and coupon should be printed on steel-engraved background, preferably using some system of numerals designed to make alteration difficult.

e—Name of the engraving company should appear on each bond and coupon.

3—A specimen bond of each issue should be on file with the Paying Agent.

4—So far as practical, dealers, as opportunity affords, should supply State and municipal officials with information as to the dangers of counterfeiting and forgery and as to the desirable safeguards in the preparation of bonds.

5—Greater diligence should be exercised by dealers in ascertaining the exact source of any security brought in to them for bids.

This Committee also calls attention to the number of refunding programs involving large amounts of bonds, which recently have been and will be declared operative. It is urged that bondholders' committees, or any others having jurisdiction over the preparation of the new refunding bonds, make a thorough study of the various factors covered in the report.

#### Defaults and Debt Settlements

In its report of October 1932, the Municipal Securities Committee presented the status of municipal defaults as of that date. Since then "The Bond Buyer" has been engaged in a more extensive compilation of default records. These are maintained as nearly up-to-date as possible and present an interesting comparison with the record of two years ago. Defaults grew steadily in number subsequent to the Committee's study. Eleven cities and six overlapping school districts (of the 309 cities of 30,000 or more population) were reported in default in October 1932 with a gross bonded debt estimated at \$153,000,000. Last winter the record for the same classification was 35 cities and 8 school districts whose gross bonded debt totaled \$3,245,000,000, or about 38% of the gross bonded debt of all cities and school districts in the group. No State had failed to pay its obligations on time up to October 1932, whereas a few months later in 1933 one State defaulted outright and two others were given help to carry over a short embarrassing period. The latter two cases were adjusted quickly.

During the past few months laudable progress has been made in correcting the trend of the default line. The one State in default has now worked out its problems with its creditors. Nine of the 35 cities have been removed from the default class. Others are now in the process of readjustment. Outstanding among these are Detroit, Mich.; Miami, Fla.; Greensboro, N. C., and Knoxville, Tenn. Each of these cities has resumed

debt-service payments in amounts which reflect very little loss to the investor. If their gross debt together with that of the 9 cities mentioned above is deducted from the total shown for the 35 cities, we arrive at a figure of \$450,000,000. This represents the gross bonded debt of 22 cities and 8 overlapping school districts now in default, or approximately 5% of the gross debt of all cities of 30,000 or more population.

The latest summary places 1,983 municipal corporations in default on general obligations and 648 on special assessment issues. These are scattered through 40 States. A further analysis shows the total of municipal corporations in default on general obligations to be made up of 366 counties, 820 cities and towns, 608 school districts and 189 other districts. The 648 in default on special assessments are divided into 467 irrigation, levee, drainage and reclamation districts and 181 other special assessment districts. The grand total of 2,631 units in the insolvent classification represents a percentage of less than 1% of the total number of municipal corporations and taxing districts in the country.

Of the total outstanding State and municipal indebtedness, approximately 10% is owed by the communities in default. It is acknowledged that this estimate is based on incomplete statistics, but certainly there are no sizable items omitted which would materially affect the conclusion. Another deduction made from the record at hand is that the actual amount of past due principal and interest only slightly exceeds 1% of the total State and municipal debt.

Although distinct progress has been made toward correcting the major State and city defaults of the country, certain difficult situations remain to be faced in many communities. The precedents thus far established should be of great influence in subsequent adjustments. In those large refunding operations which are now in the process of completion, the chief underlying principle has been the extension of maturities with interest continued at the initial rate. Moreover, the bondholders have been receiving large proportions of the interest due them in recent months, while the negotiations were in progress. There are no major losses to investors under such arrangements.

#### "Pay-Your-Taxes" Campaign

The inability of municipalities to collect the taxes levied was chiefly responsible for the immediate failure of some of them to meet debt payments and current operating costs. Realizing the vital necessity of maintaining municipal credit through better methods of collection, a group of interested investors, governmental workers and others organized the "Pay-Your-Taxes" campaign. This group has been active in its endeavor to establish the principle that every citizen able to pay his local taxes should do so, voluntarily if possible, under compulsion if necessary. Many citizens and governmental officials, under this sponsorship, have been impressed with the conviction that the collection of taxes is a job to which business-like methods are applicable and that only by their adoption can satisfactory results be obtained.

Among many contributing factors, such as the activities of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, the "Pay-Your-Taxes" campaign has been exceptionally effective in bringing about the substantial improvement in the collection of current and delinquent taxes during the past year. A recent study in 46 cities, selected at random, shows that more than one-half of them had an increase in tax collections over the previous year. This is in bold contrast to the 1933 record when 95% of these cities showed a comparable decrease. The conclusion seems justified that the campaign has been a constructive force in protecting municipal credit and starting tax collections back to a healthy level.

Although the financial position and credit of many communities have been improved, several elements remain which constitute a danger. The most obvious of these is the fact that the record already noted is not universal. Many cities still show a downward delinquency trend with current collections unsatisfactory. Moreover, the disposition in some sections to enact tax-limit laws and the pressure to remit penalties and interest charges or to compromise the amount of delinquent taxes are continuing. Particularly dangerous is the fact that, if used properly, subject to certain important restrictions, the reduction of penalty and interest charges may be a highly useful means of stimulating delinquent collections. The success of a few carefully hedged devices, however, is made the excuse for their wide adoption in loose and obnoxious form.

During the coming year part of the program of the "Pay-Your-Taxes" movement will be to make public those trends in tax collection policy which are not in the best interest of municipal credit. Other services which have been and will continue to be performed are co-operation with local government officials in drives for better collections and instruction to the taxpayers in the fiscal affairs of Government, through publicity as to the disposition of all revenues and their relation to the vital needs of the community. This work commends itself to anyone interested either in procuring business-like collection methods in his own community or in protecting municipal credit in general. It is therefore deserving of support by the members of our Association.

#### Relation of Municipal, State and Federal Functions

**Overlapping**—At the Municipal Finance Conference held in Chicago about a year ago under the auspices of the Public Administration Clearing House, the United States Conference of Mayors, the American Municipal Association, the Municipal Finance Officers' Association and the University of Chicago a resolution was adopted, recommending that a Federal Commission be created to examine the existing structure of National, State and local taxes and to suggest such re-arrangements and reasonable interrelations of the functions and taxes as the facts of the day demand. This conference was attended by many prominent public officials, governmental researchers, bankers and other experts in public finance and taxation. Some of the members of your Committee also participated. The resolution was adopted after careful consideration and three days' discussion. Your Committee believes it timely to keep the subject alive, as the recommended action has been ignored to date.

**Relief of the Unemployed**—The increasing social problems of government focus attention on the necessity for complete co-operation between the Federal Government, the State and the municipality. Up to 1931 relief from the distress of unemployment was assumed primarily by private initiative and local government. In that year various State governments began to carry part of the load. Human needs quickly grew to such large requirements, the Federal Government in 1932 began to unite in the common purpose to combat suffering. The combined efforts of all paid a total public unemployment relief bill, exclusive of Civil Works Administration, from the beginning of 1933 to the middle of 1934 amounting to \$1,340,000,000. State and local governments supplied \$500,000,000 of this amount. Local public funds were raised by using up accumulated surpluses, by cutting employees, salaries, by diverting funds to relief from purposes for which they were originally intended, by tax levies, and by bond issues. Therefore, in spite of drastic economies made by both the States and municipalities in the cost of carrying on their manifold normal functions, the welfare relief load has strained their resources. And now, the Federal Relief Administrator has recently announced that States and cities will have to bear an even larger share of this relief burden. It seems inevitable that new sources of revenue will have to be tapped. Many cities are can-

vasing the possibilities, and our largest city has enacted an income tax measure, placing income earned therein subject to taxation by the Federal Government, the State and the city. Such overlapping of taxation illustrates the necessity for a complete study of interrelationships.

The problem of unemployment from the beginning has been treated as a temporary crisis. Our cities have gained the knowledge from the experience of the last five years, however, that they are faced with the necessity of a permanent plan for adequate relief. Long-term bond issues for this purpose are uneconomic and unsatisfactory. A great burden is placed upon future years when other emergencies may have to be met. It is costly and may be said to be justifiable in only those communities with moderate debt burdens and properly balanced current budgets. Furthermore, in these exceptional cases, the life of the bonds should be as short as feasible. A "pay-as-you-go" program is preferable; and your Committee desires to commend the policy of those States and cities who are obtaining their relief funds from current revenues.

#### Tax Receivership Laws

Hard pressed for revenues, Illinois, New Jersey and Ohio have taken stern measures to insure collection of past due local taxes. The Skarda Act in Illinois permits the county tax collector to apply to the courts for his appointment as receiver of properties, in arrears for more than six months, for the purpose of collecting and satisfying out of rents or other income the taxes upon such properties. The Tax Receivership Acts in New Jersey and Ohio provide for the creation of similar receiverships in the case of income-producing properties, taxes upon which have been delinquent for more than six months, but real estate entirely used by the owner as his residence is specifically exempted.

While the Illinois and New Jersey laws grant to the authorities the option of applying for receiverships, they fortunately have been successfully administered. The weakness of permissive legislation, however, is that it allows favoritism and discrimination for political reasons. The Ohio law is mandatory. There the county treasurer is required to apply to the common pleas court to be appointed as receiver. This is preferable because it relieves the tax-collecting official of political pressure, and he cannot be reproached for performing his duty when receivership proceedings are compulsory.

The value of these measures is in the separation of those who can pay from those who are unable to pay. As homes are exempted, the drive is against the owner of the apartment house, the office building and other forms of property still producing revenue. It is generally recognized that many owners of income-producing real estate deliberately let taxes accumulate, believing that they can use the money elsewhere more profitably. By this type of legislation, a municipality may enforce the current payment of taxes without injustice and without waiting for the three or four years which the law usually allows as a period of grace before a forced sale.

To date these laws have been effective. They have brought gratifying results and should commend themselves to the study of other State legislatures.

#### Tax-limit Legislation

Legislation which possibly is the most damaging to municipal credit is the tax-limit law. Every Municipal Securities Committee of the Association has struggled with some local movement for it. At this time the subject is being promoted actively in all of our States by a National association. This campaign for real estate tax relief fits in with the universal desire for less taxation, but it seems to be based on an incorrect understanding of what a limit will accomplish.

Limitation on the power to levy ad valorem taxes forces the adoption of new and hastily devised revenue systems, some of which are most undesirable. It encourages resort to borrowing and juggling with assessments. Moreover, investors are placed on immediate guard, thereby causing lower credit ratings. This seriously jeopardizes the ability of the community to borrow for future necessary purposes.

Your Committee suggests that efforts toward limiting the authority of municipalities to pay their debts should be vigorously opposed. This is of vital concern to the local taxpayers, individual investors and to the vast army of those whose savings are entrusted to financial institutions which invest a large part of their funds in State and municipal securities.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### Report of Federal Taxation Committee, I. B. A.— Disturbing Feature of 1934 Revenue Act Is Joining of Capital Stock Tax and Excess Profits Tax— Encroachment by Federal Government on State Tax Yields

The encroachment more and more by the Federal Government on tax yields previously used only by the State—as for example the estate tax and the gasoline tax—was referred to in the report of the Federal Taxation Committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America, submitted at the annual convention of the Association at White Sulphur Springs, Oct. 29. "On the other hand," the Committee observed, "as some of our States and cities have needed more revenue they have entered the field of the Federal Government." "Such an unscientific method," says the Committee, "is likely to lead . . . to overburdening with taxation those sources which, if properly taxed, will bring in a regular and dependable income to the taxing body." According to the Committee, "permanent relief from the heavy and increased taxation which seems to be ahead will come," in its judgment, "only by the Government using every method to increase the confidence of business and to assist it in every manner to take over into its employ those who are now relying on the Federal, State and local governments to provide them with the means of livelihood." "Such a course,"

the Committee adds, "will lead to a decrease in the need of tax revenue, and an automatic increase in the revenue of private business which can be taxed, thus enabling a reduction in the rate of taxation to be made." The report comments on the changes made in the Revenue Act of 1934, and among other things states that "one of the disturbing features of the 1934 Act applying to corporations is the joining together of the capital stock tax and the excess profits tax." Under this section, the Committee points out, a corporation is forced "to guess as nearly as possible what its earning power will be and declare as a value for capital stock returns eight times that amount." "It would seem," says the Committee, "that both from the standpoint of the corporation and the Government some form of taxation which is more definite for both should take the place of such an anomalous tax." The report of the Committee, under the chairmanship of Orrin G. Wood, of Estabrook & Co. of Boston, was presented as follows:

Many important changes have been made in the Federal Revenue Act of 1934. As regards the income tax section, in general, where the income is earned, as from salaries, the tax for a single man will be greater under the 1934 Act than under the 1932 Act after an income of \$20,000 has been reached, and after an income of \$25,000 in the case of a married man. Where income is partially earned and partially received from investments, the tax under the 1934 Act increases more quickly, and under these circumstances both a single and married man will find an increase in tax in brackets under \$8,000 if half his income is received from sources other than earned income.

A radical change has been made in the capital gains and losses section of the Act. In the 1934 Act, capital gains and losses are grouped into five classifications, depending upon the period of time during which the property has been held. Gains on sales of property held for one year or less must be included in the taxpayer's income at 100%. This is reduced until the gain on sales from property held for more than 10 years must be included at only 30%. Losses on capital assets may only be offset by capital gains, except that, if losses exceed gains, an amount not exceeding \$2,000 may be deducted by a taxpayer from his other income. The present law also prevents members of families from purchasing and selling to each other for the purpose of establishing losses.

In regard to the business of an investment dealer, a distinction is made under which losses taken in securities held for resale in the ordinary course of business may be deducted from the taxpayer's income, but losses on securities which are held for investment come under the capital gains and losses section of the Act.

As regards banks, another exception is made. If a bank buys a bond at a premium above par and later sells such bond at a price below par, the premium is subject to the capital gains and losses section of the Act, but the loss below par may be charged against the bank's other income.

The 1934 estate taxes are largely increased, the maximum under the 1934 Act being 60% as against the maximum of 45% under the 1932 Act. Gift taxes also have been largely increased, and under the 1934 Act after Jan. 1 1935 will reach a maximum of 45%.

One of the disturbing features of the 1934 Act applying to corporations is the joining together of the capital stock tax and the excess profits tax. Under the law as now written, a corporation pays a tax of \$1 per \$1,000 of capital as declared by it in its return to the Government. If its earnings exceed 12½% on its capital value as declared to the Government, it is subject to an excess profits tax of 5%. Under this section a corporation is forced, therefore, to guess as nearly as possible what its earning power will be and declare as a value for capital stock tax returns eight times that amount. It would seem that both from the standpoint of the corporation and the Government some form of taxation which is more definite for both should take the place of such an anomalous tax.

For many years the Revenue Acts have provided for the levying of a penalty tax on corporations accumulating undue surpluses for the purpose of evading surtaxes which might be imposed upon their stockholders if such surplus were distributed. Such a section exists in the 1934 Revenue Act. Attempts to levy a tax on such surpluses accumulated in the ordinary course of business and designed to strengthen the corporation in time of economic distress might well lead to disastrous results in many cases. An attempt by the taxing authorities to determine what is or is not a proper accumulation of surplus, setting their own judgment against that of the management, would be a very disturbing business factor. This is especially true in a period following a depression, when the demands of increased business and increased prices may well lead to the use of such surpluses in the ordinary course of a corporation's business.

Under the 1934 Revenue Act certain excise taxes have been removed, and that on checks is to be removed Jan. 1 1935. Rates on certain others have been changed, but in general the Act makes no great changes in this division.

Processing taxes under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, to be used to compensate producers for a decrease in the production of agricultural commodities, are being levied in many lines, including wheat, rye, barley, corn, rice, hogs, and tobacco. It is assumed that these taxes are to be passed on to the consumer in increased prices, and as such they are in effect a sales tax covering many of the necessities of life.

It is hoped by the Administration that the Revenue Act of 1934, together with the increased receipts from the so-called liquor taxes, will result in greatly increased revenue to the Government.

#### Receipts and Disbursements of Federal Government and Debt Statement

Receipts of the Federal Government for the year ended June 30 1934 were \$3,115,554,049.53—the largest since the year ended June 30 1931. Expenditures, however, reached a total of \$7,105,050,084.95, causing a gross deficit for the year of \$3,989,496,035.42, and a net deficit of \$3,629,631,942.52, after deducting bonds retired by sinking funds. The accumulated deficit since June 30 1930—the last year in which the Federal Government had a balanced budget—was in excess of \$9,400,000,000.

On June 30 the Government gross debt was \$27,053,141,414.48, an increase for the year of \$4,514,468,854.33, from which, as of that date, should be deducted an increase in the general fund balance of \$908,341,262.34, exclusive of the gold increment fund, and exceeded the peak of the gross war debt by over \$450,000,000. The increase in the Federal debt during the last four years has been approximately 40% of the entire debt contracted by our Federal Government during the World War. In addition, the Government is contingently liable as guarantor on \$692,000,000 par value of securities, which amount is liable to considerable increase either

by conversion or by further issuance of Home Owners' Loan Corporation bonds. It is fair to point out, however, that against the increased debt the Government has accumulated certain assets, which, exclusive of the gold increment, are given as of June 30 1934 at a value of \$4,168,000,000. These include the investments of the Government in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Federal Land banks, Home Owners' Loan Corporation, Commodity Credit Corporation, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Public Works Administration, and several others. It is difficult to believe, however, that funds invested in such large amounts during such a short period by organizations in many cases hurriedly set up will realize their face value when ultimately liquidated.

As to the coming year, it is reasonable to expect some increase in the receipts of the Government. In fact, for the three months ended Sept. 30 1934 such receipts were substantially in excess of the corresponding period of last year. With the new revenue law and no recession in business, it is possible that this rate of increase may be exceeded. On the expenditure side, however, the picture is not so bright. In his speech of Aug. 28, Secretary Morgenthau stated that the President estimated a deficit of \$8,000,000,000 for the 18 months' period from Jan. 1 1934 to June 30 1935, and Mr. Morgenthau stated that approximately \$3,000,000,000 of this deficit occurred during the first six months. This, therefore, would mean a deficit of \$5,000,000,000 for the year ended June 30 1934 plus \$525,000,000 subsequently appropriated for drought relief, provided that all these appropriations are expended, and provided also that the Government's estimate of increase in tax receipts is correct. It should be stated, however, that if the coming Congress makes further appropriations the deficit may be thereby increased. At the best, another large increase in the Federal Government debt must be expected, and a probable increase in taxes.

#### General Discussion

A study is now being made at the direction of the President looking not only to the need for further revenue but for a more scientific basis of taxation. We hope that the new taxes may be of such a nature as to provide a more stable income to the Government than is possible under our present taxes. One feature of the tax situation which is now being studied certainly is advisable not only from the standpoint of the taxpayer, but also for the protection of various political subdivisions from a revenue standpoint. The Federal Government has encroached more and more on tax yields previously used only by the State, such for example as the estate tax and the gasoline tax. On the other hand, as some of our States and cities have needed more revenue they have entered the field of the Federal Government. Needless to say, in a time of stress, when all political bodies are in need of more revenue, it is natural for all to tax the source which is most likely to be productive. Such an unscientific method, however, is likely to lead, in the long run, to overburdening with taxation those sources which, if properly taxed, will bring in a regular and dependable income to the taxing body.

Permanent relief from the heavy and increased taxation which seems to be ahead will come, in the judgment of your Committee, only by the Government using every method to increase the confidence of business and to assist it in every manner to take over into its employ those who are now relying on the Federal, State and local governments to provide them with the means of livelihood. Such a course will lead to a decrease in the need of tax revenue, and an automatic increase in the revenue of private business which can be taxed, thus enabling a reduction in the rate of taxation to be made. The present tendency of the Federal Government to take over from the States and local governments the relief of needy citizens is a step in the wrong direction. This is shown by the working of the Federal Emergency Relief. This organization was originally planned to give relief only in conjunction with equal relief to be provided by the States. The contributions of the States have gradually grown less as the Federal Government has shown its willingness to appropriate large sums of money. During the first quarter of 1934, 16 States procured over 90% of their relief funds from the Federal Government. During the second quarter, the number of those States receiving 90% increased to 22. Those receiving less than 50% of their relief money from the Federal Government during the first quarter of 1934 was 13; during the second quarter, only three.

Relief problems can be more efficiently handled, and the money better expended, if the money is both raised and expended under local auspices, where the local officials are more conversant with the situation, and also stand in closer relationship with the taxpayer who must pay the bills.

Respectfully submitted,

ORRIN G. WOOD, *Chairman.*

#### Report of State Legislation Committee, I. B. A. Amendments to Securities Laws Enacted by Six States—Steps Taken by State Commissioners to Give Legal Status to Code—State NRA Laws

But six States enacted amendments to their securities laws during the year, it was indicated in the report of the State Legislation Committee of the Investment Bankers Association. The report likewise states that "steps have been taken by some State Securities Commissioners which give a certain legal status to the fair practice provisions of the Investment Bankers' Code in those States. The report of the Committee headed by Edward B. Hall, of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, is given herewith:

Although 36 State legislatures have been in session since the date of the last annual report—nine regular and 27 special sessions—only six States enacted amendments to their securities laws. These States are: Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, New York and Virginia. A brief summary of such amendments, by States, is appended. A number of bills were introduced, however, which were not enacted. Most of the extra sessions of legislatures were called for specific purposes, such as taxation, unemployment relief, debt adjustment, &c., which may largely account for the comparatively small amount of securities legislation offered with so many legislatures in session.

An unusually large number of bills, directly or indirectly related to the investment banking business, on subjects such as taxation, relief (involving public financing), moratorium and other debt adjustment measures, utility regulation, &c., were introduced, which are left for report by other committees specifically dealing with those subjects.

#### The Code as Related to State Legislation

Steps have been taken by some State Securities Commissioners which give a certain legal status to the fair practice provisions of the Investment Bankers' Code in those States.

In Wisconsin the Securities Commission has announced that "the code has become a law and it is the Commission's duty to require strict compliance therewith on the part of all those who are licensed as dealers or agents under authority of the Wisconsin law. Failure to comply with any provision of the code must be regarded as evidence of unlawful, unjust and inequitable business methods and will constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of the dealer's or agent's license."

In Illinois, the Secretary of State, who is the Securities Commissioner, on June 21 last, announced rules and regulations rescinding all prior rules and regulations respecting fair practices and in lieu thereof adopted the fair practice provisions of the code, so far as applicable and consistent with the law, as rules and regulations under the securities law.

Other States have adopted the practice of including in the interrogatories to be answered by an applicant for registration or license as a dealer or broker an interrogatory requiring the applicant to state that he is conforming to or agrees to conform to the fair practice provisions of the code.

At this time a collective study is being made to determine the most practical method, consistent with the securities laws of the several States, of incorporating the fair practice provisions into the State requirements as an aid in effectuating the purpose of the securities laws as well as an aid in the enforcement of the code. It is a difficult problem requiring careful consideration, but there is evidence that constructive results may be expected.

*State NRA Laws*

Twenty States have enacted laws supplementing the National Industrial Recovery Act, as follows:

California	Mississippi	Ohio	Virginia
Colorado	Missouri	Oregon	Washington
Illinois	New Jersey	South Carolina	West Virginia
Kansas	New Mexico	Texas	Wisconsin
Massachusetts	New York	Utah	Wyoming

There are three different types of such State laws:

1. Enabling Act, wherein the State government applies the Federal law in intra-State commerce, such as is provided for in New York State, for example.

2. A law providing for State codes, usually identical with the NRA codes but applicable to intra-State commerce. Where no State code has been enacted within the State the NRA codes are not enforceable in intra-State commerce. The New Jersey statute is an example of this.

3. A third type, exemplified by the Texas statute, which simply suspends anti-trust laws. Several States have confined their legislation to a broadening of their State Labor law, such as has been done in Massachusetts.

Because of the fair practice provisions of the Investment Bankers' Code, these laws are somewhat material in some of those States which have adopted such laws whereby the code provisions have the status of State law and are subject to the jurisdiction of the State courts.

*Unethical Practices Continue*

Notwithstanding the numerous laws of the land designed to prevent fraud and deceit in the sale of securities, and in spite of the broad education on the subject of financial risk which the public has had in recent years, there still come reports that deceitful security operations are rather widely successful. Certainly experience justifies the belief that existing laws are not faulty per se but that the penalty and preventive provisions of such laws have not been effectively applied.

Bucketeers, although not so numerous as once they were, still are all too much in evidence. In the past the inter-State character of their pseudo transactions made it most difficult for State laws alone to cope with them effectively.

The sell and switch method by use of the telephone at great distances and without any thought of "consent to call" continues to be a vehicle of gigantic frauds usually upon the investor of small means.

The tipster sheet more recently in the nature of "investment counselor" or "investment service sheet" is not without its full measure of victims among the uninformed who are unable to distinguish between the legitimate and the spurious investment advice. These, with some other less noticeable schemes, are still to be found all too frequently with harmful consequences not only to the direct victims of such schemes but also greatly to the detriment of public confidence, to industrial financing and to economic recovery.

*Application of the Federal Securities Act*

Section 17 of the Federal Securities Act makes it unlawful for any person in the sale of any security by the use of any means or instruments of transportation or communication in inter-State commerce, or by use of the mails, directly or indirectly, to employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud or obtain money or property by means of any untrue statement of a material fact or any omission to state a material fact . . . or to engage in any transaction, practice or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the purchaser.

Section 20 of the Act provides that whenever it shall appear to the Commission that any person is engaged or about to engage in any acts or practices which constitute or will constitute a violation of the provisions of this title (including any violations of Section 17 above) or of any rule or regulation prescribed under authority thereof, it may in its discretion bring action in a District Court of the United States . . . to enjoin such acts or practices, and upon a proper showing a permanent or temporary injunction or restraining order shall be granted without bonds.

This law does not stop with requiring full disclosure of all material facts through a registration statement to be filed and relating to a new issue of securities to be offered to the public. It is, as well, a national anti-fraud and deceit Act applicable to the sale of any security, whether old or new, made through the instrumentalities of inter-State commerce or the use of the mails.

Of recent date the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission has caused to be filed and prosecuted certain injunction proceedings under Section 20 of the Securities law. The actions complained of in such suits involve some of the practices outlined hereinabove. Actions of the courts, in some instances at least, have been wholesome and are said to have effectively stopped some alleged flagrant violations of Section 17. There are prospects that if this method of procedure is pursued in other appropriate cases, such will be a strong deterrent to the employment of inter-State transactions as a means of immunity against effective enforcement of State laws and will aid in the restoration of public confidence in legitimate industrial issues.

There are now 47 State laws, a national postal fraud law, the Federal securities law, the Federal stock exchange law, a provision of the Federal Trade Commission Act, and the Investment Bankers' Code of Fair Practices relating specifically to the prevention of fraud in the sale or distribution of securities, to say nothing of the many State laws against fraud and deceit, obtaining money under false pretenses, using schemes to defraud, &c. Assuredly under this state of multiple legislation any continued acts of fraud or fraudulent practices in the sale of securities cannot be laid to the lack of legislation. It probably remains, however, for the activity in the enforcement of these several laws to be so co-ordinated as to allow no refuge to those of fraudulent intent by dogging from one jurisdiction to another. Effective enforcement of any one of these laws, save for the inability of the State law to reach inter-State transactions, should be quite sufficient to maintain for the business of investment banking a high standard of good

repute and all the protection for investors that is capable of being rendered by governmental bodies.

There is ample reason to believe that the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission fully intends to make the Federal Securities Act as well as the Stock Exchange Act effective against malicious practices in the investment banking business.

We hope that facilities for applying the penalty and preventive provisions of this Act to definitely known or ascertainable fraudulent situations with promptness and vigor will not be subordinated to other purposes of the law from whatsoever cause.

To the end of obtaining proper correlation and co-ordination of activities under the existing laws to the effective curtailment of fraudulent practices in the sale of securities, and to the end of obtaining the maximum results with the minimum expenditures, we venture to suggest the possibility and advisability of a conference between representatives of the enforcement agencies of these respective enactments and other interested entities to consider (a) prevailing improper practices, and particularly of fraudulent character, and (b) ways and methods of applying the penalty or injunctive provisions of the respective laws to the protection of the public as intended by and possible under them.

*Looking Forward*

During the year 1935, 44 State legislatures will be in regular session; likewise the National Congress. Whether much or no legislation will be offered during the year in these several legislative bodies respecting the sale of securities cannot be foretold. There remains some dissatisfaction in certain jurisdictions respecting the exemption in the State securities laws for foreign governmental securities and for securities registered on designated stock exchanges. As to the former, it would seem that the requirement for registration of foreign securities under the Federal Securities law requiring the filing of a registration statement and giving all material information respecting such securities should be quite sufficient. As to the latter, it would seem that the very comprehensive Federal Stock Exchange Act does or soon will render all necessary safeguard against improper practices in the dealing of securities through stock exchanges. The rules and regulations thus far prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission indicate that such will be so.

Of recent date it has been frequently suggested that the several State securities laws might now provide an exemption for all securities which have been registered under the Federal Securities law. In giving consideration to this question we are reminded that the Federal Securities law and the State securities laws are of a different type and are constructed on a different basis or theory. While the Federal Securities law contemplates a free sale of securities upon full disclosure of all material facts, most State laws contemplate some affirmative action on the part of a State official to the end of finding that such securities would not be inequitable and unfair, as well as would not work or tend to work a fraud upon the public. Even though a security may be registered under the Federal Securities law there remains the power in State administrative officials to determine whether the full disclosure of facts contemplated by the Federal law will still justify the sale of that security within a given State under the provisions of the State law.

It seems reasonable to believe, however, that as there is greater uniformity of procedure and closer co-ordination, with a full measure of possible cooperation by the respective agencies under these laws, it will be found possible to fulfill the purposes and intent of all such laws without the necessity of further legislation or of more stringent provisions. On the contrary, some modifications of the harsher provisions of existing laws might be made without losing any of the effects and purposes intended by the laws.

*Summary, by States, of Amendments to State Securities Laws During 1934*

**Iowa**—The securities law of Iowa was amended in the following particulars:

- (a) The exemption as to foreign securities was repealed.
- (b) The exemption as to securities listed on certain named stock exchanges was amended by providing that any exchange, securities listed on which are exempted, is subject to approval by the Secretary of State, on application by such exchange. Provision is made for notice and hearing before any order of refusal may be entered. The Secretary of State is given power at any time to withdraw approval of any such exchange after notice, a statement of grounds for proposed withdrawal and a hearing; also to withdraw the exemption of any security listed on an approved exchange, after like notice and hearing, if in the opinion of the Secretary of State, the further sale of such security would work a fraud.
- (c) The exempted transaction as to exchange of securities in connection with consolidations or mergers is subjected to the approval of the Secretary of State as to proposed plan of consolidation or merger.
- (d) The provision for registration of securities by "notification" was repealed. All securities, of whatsoever class, are now registerable under the same requirements.
- (e) A section was added giving the Secretary of State power to limit the price at which securities may be sold and to fix expenses of such sales, including commissions at not to exceed 20% of the sale price.
- (f) A provision was added that every dealer may be required to file a statement concerning any security sold or offered for sale, showing the name and principal office of the issuer, the name of its managing officers or partners, its assets, liabilities and issued capital stock, at the close of its last fiscal year or a later date; its gross income, expenses and fixed charges, and the approximate price at which the dealer has sold or proposes to sell such security, together with other information of which the dealer has knowledge and as the Secretary of State may require.
- (g) A provision was added requiring a dealer to segregate any and all "trust funds" from his general funds or personal account.
- (h) The Secretary of State is given access to and may compel the production of books and records of a registered (licensed) dealer during the period of any suspension of such registration and pending a hearing, and may require a balance sheet, &c.
- (i) A section was added providing that the Secretary of State may compel every licensed dealer to make a report not later than the tenth of each month of all securities purchased and sold during the preceding month, and that the books of all dealers shall at all times be open to examination and inspection. If it is found the dealer is insolvent, the Secretary of State may ask the appointment of a receiver to safeguard the interest of the public.

There is also a prohibition against any broker who is insolvent accepting or receiving from a customer, ignorant of such insolvency, any money or security otherwise than in liquidation of or as security for existing indebtedness.

A provision was added making it unlawful for a broker to hypothecate the securities of a customer without his consent.

(j) The bond provision was amended by allowing the Secretary of State to approve the surety instead of requiring all sureties to be surety company.

**Kansas**—The bond provision of the law was amended by requiring a bond in the fixed sum of \$5,000 in lieu of a sum not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$50,000. The administration of the Act was transferred from "Banking Commissioner" to "Corporation Commission."

**Kentucky**—The Kentucky securities law has been amended with respect to the bond to be given by a dealer upon application for registration. The changes are as follows.

- (a) Prior to the amendment, the Act provided for a bond "in such form as the Commissioner may designate and conditioned upon the faithful compliance with the provisions of the Act by said dealer and by all salesmen registered by him." As amended, there is incorporated in the law a statutory form of the bond to be given which is conditioned "that if the said principal herein named shall well and truly comply with the provisions of the Act . . . and existing amendments thereto" then the obligation to be null and void, &c.
- (b) Prior to amendment the Commissioner had approved a form for bond with a continuation clause permitting the bond to be renewed annually

during the entire period of registration by affixing a continuation certificate by the surety. The amendments, however, provide that "all bonds executed under this Act shall expire upon the last day of each year in which same are executed and approved." This will require a new and separate bond for each fiscal year.

(c) The amendments further provide that "in lieu of said bond, the dealer applying for registration may, with the approval and consent of the Commissioner, deposit with the Commissioner \$5,000 in cash or bona fide securities, approved by the Commissioner, of the value of \$5,000."

Since the bonds now expire at the end of each year and since the period of limitation of any suits on such bond is two years from the date of sale, and since a sale for which liability under the bond might be claimed might be made on the last day a given bond is in force, any such bond may be regarded as being in force for three years. Should a cash or security deposit be made in lieu of the bond, which deposit could not be taken down during the period of possible liability, such would result in having \$15,000 cash or security on deposit at the beginning of the third year and continuously thereafter.

(d) The most important amendment, however, is that "in no event shall the maximum liability hereunder of the surety be more than \$5,000, regardless of the number of acts or omissions or commission in violation of the beforementioned Act, which may be committed either by the principal and (or) the salesmen." This definitely fixes total liability of surety and probably avoids difficulty in obtaining surety company bonds.

**Mississippi**—Three bills amending the Mississippi Securities law in as many particulars, were enacted and sent to the Governor, but under certain rules cannot become law until the next legislative session. They are:

Senate Bill No. 337, which provides that the Secretary of State "in his discretion and with the approval of the Attorney-General, may accept money, stocks, bonds or other securities, to secure investment companies and (or) dealer's Blue Sky bonds, in lieu of surety company bonds as are now required by the law."

Senate Bill No. 338. This bill provides, in substance, that any security to be sold within the State under the exemption provisions of the law shall be registered in the office of the Secretary of State. It is not clear just what is meant by "registered" but inferentially means that of giving notice to the Secretary of State of the security intended to be sold under any exemption, by whom to be sold, the amount, &c. A fee of \$1 is to be paid for each such registration.

Senate Bill No. 339. This bill undertakes to provide a period of limitation in which actions may be brought under any bond filed or deposit made as surety in the sale of registered or qualified securities or given by a dealer upon being registered as such. This provision is that the Secretary of State, with the approval of the Attorney-General, may cancel any bond filed where the person giving such bond has completed the sale of the security under its permit and has ceased to sell such security and the permit therefor has been canceled and against which there has been no complaint registered with the Secretary of State during a period of three years from date of cancellation that has not been satisfactorily adjusted. It is further provided that similarly and on request the principal under such bond may be released from all liability after it shall have been established by investigation that the principal has complied with the law.

**New York**—The Martin Fraud Act was amended in two minor particulars, which provide (a) that if any principal, officer, director or branch manager "shall make a change in the location of his principal office or discontinue or change the location of any branch office," such dealer shall not sell or offer for sale securities within the State unless and until a supplemental dealer's statement is filed; and (b) a minor change providing that the Attorney-General may prosecute every person charged with the commission of a "criminal" offense instead of an "indictable" offense.

**Virginia**—Two bills were passed by the Virginia Legislature. They were: Senate Bill No. 331, which broadens the provisions respecting non-resident persons required to appoint the Secretary of State as agent upon whom service of process or notice may be had, to include those "dealing in or handling securities on commission or otherwise."

House Bill No. 277. This bill amends the securities law in the following particular:

To bring within the law securities issued by any holding company, collateral trust securities, or insurance or indemnity benefit contracts where the issuer has not qualified under the insurance laws.

The exemption applicable to utility securities by the amendments is limited to securities of companies subject to regulation and supervision both as to rates and charges, and as to the issuance of their securities, by a Commission or a Board of the United States or of the State of Virginia. An exemption is provided for all securities issued and sold under actual regulation and supervision of the United States or any department or agency thereof or of the State of Virginia, provided "that mere registration of a security with the Federal Trade Commission or otherwise as the Securities Act of 1933 may be amended, shall not constitute nor be construed to constitute an exemption within the meaning of this subdivision."

The stock exchange exemption was amended by adding to the list of stock exchanges subject to approval for exemption purposes the Boston Stock Exchange, New York Curb Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade. This provision, however, is further amended by providing that this exemption shall apply "only to sales for execution on the exchange on which such security is fully listed" and "shall not apply to securities merely admitted to trading privileges."

Under certain conditions the Commission may, in its discretion, accept (require) a bond of a registered dealer with satisfactory surety and with such penalties as the Commission may determine in lieu of or in supplement to evidence of reasonable financial responsibility of such dealer.

The maximum fee to be charged upon the registration of a security is reduced from \$500 to \$250.

### Report of Real Estate Securities Committee, I. B. A.— Recovery in Real Estate Values Dependent on Modification of Tax Burden—Amendment to National Bankruptcy Act Viewed as Tending to Facilitate Reorganization Problems

In the report of the Real Estate Securities Committee of the Investment Bankers Association it was stated: "Real estate values have not yet stabilized to a point where a true appraisal of them for a reasonable time into the future can be made." While expressing the belief that "there has been some slight improvement in general values during the past year," the report said that "it may be predicted that no true recovery in those values can be had until the taxation burden has been materially modified." "Although," says the report, "it may be too soon to venture an opinion, we believe that one of the most important Acts which has been passed for assistance in such rearrangements (reorganizations of companies whose bonds are in default) is Section 77-B of the National Bankruptcy Act." The report goes on to say that "its crowning importance is, of course, its setting up of machinery whereby under court approval a two-thirds majority of creditors can effect reorganization without being obliged to raise money with which to pay off non-assenting or non-depositing bondholders." The report notes that judicial constructions of the terms of the Act are few (it became effective in June this year) "but it is believed . . . that the section is workable and will facilitate basic reor-

ganization problems enormously." The statement is made in the report that "the experience in the past few years in the field of real estate securities has been dear," and the hope is expressed that "it will prove to be equally valuable." "Certain types of such securities once popular, such as the leasehold bond," the report states, "will probably not again be issued." The further statement is made that "the importance of incorporating in future indentures provisions with reference to readjustments in the event of default . . . has been brought home to us." The report, as presented by Charles B. Crouse, of Crouse & Co., Detroit, follows:

Just as real estate values inevitably lag behind upturns and downturns of general industry, so reorganizations of real estate securities are deferred until general industrial securities themselves have been set right. So little has been accomplished in the reorganization of real estate securities in the last year that your Committee deems it needless to make any sort of a definite report but instead contents itself with general comment merely.

Real estate values have not yet stabilized to a point where a true appraisal of them for a reasonable time into the future can be made. Generally speaking, we believe that there has been some slight improvement in general values during the past year. In most communities, however, taxation burdens have militated against any very rapid rise in values, and, in fact, it may be predicted that no true recovery in those values can be had until the taxation burden has been materially modified. Due to tax overhead and depreciated rentals, revenues from real estate are still generally far from adequate to carry interest and charges on funded indebtedness, to say nothing of yielding the owner a proper return upon the reasonable value of his investment. It is hoped that the downward trend has been halted and that in the near future real estate will command again sufficient revenue to permit rearrangement upon a sound basis of the many issues which are presently hopelessly in default.

Different problems arise in different communities. The laws of the States vary materially. Nevertheless, during the past year some constructive steps have been taken which should materially assist in the reorganization, rearranging and readjustment of real estate issues. There have been certain fundamental difficulties which heretofore have not only delayed but in many instances made impossible this readjustment. In a measure these difficulties have been modified by increasing co-operation between debtor and creditor, by sincere study of the fundamental problems which have created difficulties, and by the resultant legislation.

We believe it of real importance in cases involving the working out of reorganizations of companies where bonds are in default and where difficulties are met in obtaining information necessary to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission, to invite the attention of members to the fact that they probably can, in many cases, after consultation with the Commission, adopt a procedure under a Federal or State court. This action may remove the reorganization from the necessity of filing with the Commission; and, at the same time place the Reorganization Committee in a position to obtain mutual co-operation of bondholders looking to a speedy and fair reorganization under court approval in the shortest possible time and at minimum cost.

Although it may be too soon to venture an opinion, we believe that one of the most important Acts which has been passed for assistance in such rearrangements is Section 77-B of the National Bankruptcy Act. Its crowning importance is, of course, its setting up of machinery whereby under court approval a two-thirds majority of creditors can effect reorganization without being obliged to raise money with which to pay off non-assenting or non-depositing bondholders. The "hold out" is no longer in a position to force a settlement on a cash basis at the expense of draining available cash from the reorganization committee. Since the Act only became effective in June of this year, there has been, so far as the Committee knows, no completed reorganizations under it. Judicial constructions of the terms of the Act are few, but it is believed by most persons giving it study that the section is workable and will facilitate basic reorganization problems enormously.

Similarly, during the past year some States have passed statutes permitting, under individual procedures therein set forth, an equitable manner of dealing with non-assenting bondholders. The constitutionality of various of these statutes has been questioned, but if their validity is upheld they, too, will assist materially in the consummation of security readjustments.

The Securities Act of 1933 has been amended in important particulars. By virtue of these amendments, certain new securities, the registration of which was theretofore necessary, are now exempt. Regulations promulgated by the Securities Division of the Federal Trade Commission have exempted within limits the registration of certain small issues. These exemptions are helpful in that the expense and delay incident to the registration of securities issued on reorganization will in many instances be obviated.

There have been and still are inefficiencies and even abuses in the activities of bondholders' protective committees. These abuses are now the subject of Congressional investigation. In the past there has been too often a justifiable lack of confidence by bondholders in committees with a consequent refusal to deposit bonds and refusal to co-operate with committees in their reorganization plans. To obtain unity of action, committees are still essential in effecting reorganizations. Lack of confidence in committees not only increases the number of bondholders who refuse to deposit their bonds and refuse to co-operate in proper reorganization, but offers a fertile field for those who from selfish motives attempt to defeat the consummation of reorganization plans. We think that there has been some restoration of confidence in committees by reason of supervisory powers exercised over them by various State commissions. But whatever the statutory supervision, fundamentally the committees can best be improved by the appointment thereto of men familiar with the problems which they will encounter—men who will sincerely and diligently work for the consummation of a plan which is equitable and fair under the circumstances of a particular case.

Lack of funds for expenditures necessary to the consummation of a committee organization and subsequent reorganization of securities has always been and still is a major difficulty. Both Federal and private agencies are alleviating this difficulty. In many instances, careful curtailment of fees and expenditures has resulted in a sharp reduction of the total cash required, so that the projected loan thereof is sound and repayment of it within a reasonable time assured. It is hoped that during the coming year additional funds will be made available for these purposes by the various lending agencies.

Many properties which secure real estate bond issues—and we think that this condition is markedly true in the Middle Western States—are still incapable of producing a sufficient income to make a present reorganization possible. Some issues are called to mind which have been readjusted

within the past two or three years and which now face, by reason of decreased earnings, further readjustments. While the problems raised by this type of case are, of course, individual, obviously it is unwise to issue securities in reorganization which shortly thereafter go to a default. The first effect is to undermine public confidence in reorganization plans, and perhaps the small number of real estate security reorganizations that have been attempted are attributable to the uncertainty in the minds of committees as to whether or not the bottom has been reached or at least facts crystallized upon which a sound value can be determined. The future alone can determine the time and manner of readjustment even though that adjustment be contemplated upon a stock basis.

The experience in the past few years in the field of real estate securities has been dear. We hope that it will prove to be equally valuable. Certain types of such securities once popular, such as the leasehold bond, will probably not again be issued. The importance of incorporating in future indentures provisions with reference to readjustments in the event of default, with reference to making available ready sources of accurate information to the bondholder, has been brought home to us. Surely this experience should enable us to offer in the future real estate securities on sound income producing properties adequately secured.

### Criticism of W. L. Willkie of Federal Government's Entrance into Competition With Private Business Before Convention of I. B. A.—TVA Taxes Cited at 5%, Compared with Payment of Ten Times as Much by Electric Utilities in Same Territory

In a forum of the convention of the Investment Bankers Association at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on Oct. 30, Wendell L. Willkie, President of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp., criticized the Federal Government's entrance into the competition with private enterprise, his comments having particular reference to what he termed "the most widely advertised of the Government's project, viz., the Tennessee Valley Authority development." The only official account as to what Mr. Willkie had to say is contained in the following "press release":

In response to public demand, the Administration recommended and Congress passed last year, the National Securities Act, which is generally accepted by bankers and investors alike as salutary. The Act, I believe all will agree, is being intelligently and fairly administered. The Act is based upon the theory that the prospective purchaser shall be furnished complete and detailed information concerning all matters which affect the value of the securities which he may desire to buy.

In its administration, the Federal Trade Commission requires that application be filed containing an elaborate and searching questionnaire; presumably the prospective purchaser of securities, from an examination of the answers to these questions, will be able to determine whether or not it is wise to buy a particular security.

In view of the theory and practice under the Act, we, however, have a strange anomaly in regard to the issuance of securities of electric utility operating companies. I think that any investment banker present at this meeting, with or without the benefit of the answers to this questionnaire, would readily say that the senior securities of 90% of the electric utility operating companies of this country are to-day sound investments, provided the one vital question which is not contained or referred to in the questionnaire, could be answered in the negative, namely—"Will the Federal Government continue to build or finance the buildings of duplicate electric generation, transmission and distribution system?"

What makes this situation doubly anomalous, is that the most electric utility operating companies are selling electric energy at lower rates to-day, taking into account the same factors, than the most widely advertised of the Government's projects, namely—the TVA development.

The TVA pays as its total taxes, 5% of the wholesale price of electric energy at the bus bar. The electric utilities operating in the same territory pay taxes equal to ten times this amount.

Municipalities desiring to purchase wholesale electric energy from TVA are given, from the Federal taxpayers' money, 30% of the cost to them of building transmission and distribution systems.

The Muscle Shoals hydro and steam generating plants cost the Federal taxpayers \$60,000,000 and are to be placed on the books of the TVA at \$25,000,000 or on a subsidized basis of 60%.

All who work for the TVA travel on the railroads at a reduced rate and all freight for this Government project is hauled at not to exceed 66 2/3% of the freight rate paid by you or a private power company, while the Government is using the taxpayers' money in supporting the railroads in their financial difficulties.

Every letter, circular or advertising dodger, bill for service, &c., which this governmental agency sends out is franked, while the postal department operates at a deficit which is supplied by the taxpayers.

In addition, the TVA is financed at low interest rates on the credit of all the property and all the earnings of every man, woman and child in the country, for such is the lien of Federal borrowing.

Apply these differentials to electric operating companies and you will find their rates much below the TVA rates.

The reason for this startling situation is not difficult to find. The public has, through a few conspicuous failures and ex parte investigations, where the utilities have not been given an adequate opportunity to present their views, been led to believe that utility companies' capital structures are filled with water and isolated instances of irregularities common practice. Little as it may be believed in view of the almost continuous propaganda to the contrary over the last several years, the utility industry contains less capitalization of earnings and so called "water" than almost any other major industry in the United States. The most extravagant claim that I have ever read concerning claimed "write-ups" in the utility business, is that in 1929 such write-ups amounted to \$1,000,000,000. The capital structures of the utilities of this country equal about \$14,000,000,000—in other words, it is claimed that there were write-ups or water, in the utility business, of about 7%. Accepting this as true, it has been washed out several times in the market deflation since 1929.

In addition, such write-ups have absolutely no connection with the rates charged for electric energy which, under the law, are solely based on the physical value of the property devoted to the public use.

The present wasteful governmental duplication of facilities, if continued, will eventually cost the public many multiples of these so called claimed "write-ups."

How to get over this simple and true story to the public is to-day the major problem of the electric utility business.

WENDELL L. WILLKIE

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.  
Oct. 30 1934

### Report of Public Service Securities Committee, I. B. A.—Entrance of Government Into Competition with Private Companies Viewed as Challenge to Leadership of Industry—TVA Making History Which Will Importantly Influence Future of Government Competition—PWA Loans

Reference to the entrance of the United States into business in competition with private companies, "threatening duplication of facilities and creation of surplus power capacity" is made in the report of the Public Service Securities Committee, presented at the annual Convention of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, by the Chairman of the Committee, Daniel W. Myers, of Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland. The report observes that "the event that we sought to avoid has happened, and whether we like it or not Government operation is to be tried out on an experimental basis on a scale which the industry has never had to meet before." The report went on to say "the challenge is to the leadership of the industry itself, and that leadership which has demonstrated the highest efficiency in its extraordinary development of the business and in dealing with its operating problems cannot fail to meet the test." A statement by David Lilienthal, of the Tennessee Valley Authority, is quoted in the report, this being to the effect that the TVA must see to it that consumers of Muscle Shoals power pay all items of cost which they would have to pay in buying from a privately-owned company, such as taxes, interest and depreciation, &c. In quoting this statement the report says "let us take whatever encouragement there may be in evidences of fairness and sincerity of purpose on the part of the Government authority. They are by no means lacking." "While some of the problems of holding company finance are definitely of the past" says the report, "holding companies remain." "In years past," continues the report, "the Association has repeatedly taken a position in opposition to the regulation of holding companies." Adding that "in 1931, such regulation was still opposed except as a last resort" the report continues: "While the case may not now appear crystal clear as it did three years ago, it is to be doubted whether the Association by present action or discussion could make any contribution of constructive value, let alone control or influence the course of events." The Committee makes the statement that "in our judgment least menacing of the varied Government activities are PWA loans and subsidies to municipal plants." Incidentally it draws attention to a decision of the U. S. District Court in Missouri, which held that PWA is without constitutional power to make loans and grants to municipalities. "Until reviewed by the higher courts" says the report, "it is for the lawyers to say how important this decision may be." The report also says:

While fear of Government competition in its manifold phases has been uppermost in the thoughts of the industry and the investment banker and given rise to nine-tenths of the publicity, we venture the opinion that the actual threat to the integrity of public utility investments from this source is exaggerated and that the welfare of the utilities for many years to come will continue to be determined instead by legislative and judicial control of rates through the commissions and the courts.

#### The report follows in full:

The last extensive report of the Public Service Securities Committee was made to the Board of Governors in the fall of 1931 by the Committee headed by Mr. Francis E. Frothingham. If subsequent committees and this Committee have failed to deal adequately with that important part of the investment field there may be found sufficient reasons for their neglect in that the investment banking business, itself, has been engaged in a struggle to exist and, perhaps of even more importance, in that controversies aroused by developments in the electric light and power industry have been so great and so bitter that even now it may not be possible to speak calmly and judicially of the problems involved, let alone to express final conclusions. This break with the past, measured not so much by the lapse of time as by events, leaves your Committee without precedent to guide its activities. The task of first importance is not to write a report or to attempt an outline of Association policy but to determine how the Committee can best serve the Association in the future and, more particularly, to what extent changed conditions may render advisable change in the field of study, and the character of the reports of this and certain other of our committees. We address the problem from the viewpoint of the inquiring layman rather than that of the expert and limit our comment to very general considerations growing out of developments in the utility field, endeavoring at the same time to relate the present situation to the past.

The thought may well suggest itself that in a period when so much has happened, a more chronological record of events relating to the industry might constitute in itself a report of some interest. Even if time available to the Committee had permitted the compilation, such a record of action taken by Government and governmental bodies, by municipalities, by commissions, courts and legislative bodies would be too voluminous to serve our purpose and, unless accompanied by a critical appraisal, would be of little value. In fact confusion arises from the sheer bulk of material available for study. To deal adequately with the matters at issue would require employment of a permanent staff by the Committee, commanding the most expert engineering, accounting and legal assistance. Again it is evident that the Committee might discharge its obligation in a formal sense with a report limiting itself to the statistics of the business, the volume of new financing, comparative statements of earnings, the course of markets, and so on. The figures are readily available and for that matter so generally

known to our members that marshalling them in an annual report would serve no purpose except to fill space in the Association's year book. More properly the report of the Public Service Securities Committee might, as frequently in past, devote space to analysis of the factors supporting the strong investment position of public utility issues. And, that reiteration is not without value, it may be suggested in passing that there is a general tendency among investment bankers to exaggerate the adverse effect of governmental dispositions, whether in the matter of competition, taxes or rates, and to underestimate favorable elements which depend no more on the character of the industry than on the extraordinary efficiency, ability and resourceful leadership of its operating heads.

While depression has accentuated the difficulties of the business with rising costs and increased taxation, without possibility of early recoupment through increased charges, and while operating results necessarily follow the ups and downs of business activity, the statistics and fundamental facts of the industry are relatively satisfactory when compared with those affecting any other category of the corporate investment list. In an important degree the industry suffers by reason of its comparative success.

Except for the purpose of defining the problem, reference to these more or less mechanical resorts is unnecessary. Certainly reports of the Committee over the years came more and more to deal with fundamental principles and policies arising out of the relationship of the industry to Government, to the public and to the investor and reached their acme in that admirable report of 1931, so comprehensive that nothing need now be added and so sane and just that it has to-day the authority of gospel. In the light of what has happened a review of these reports cannot fail to bring some sense of futility and to prompt the question whether the inculcation of sound principle has been worth while or has accomplished any good purpose in the result. Whatever the answer, present difficulty in part arises from the fact that the time for exposition and protest has passed; we are confronted by a condition and not a theory.

We shall endeavor to illustrate and elaborate the argument. In past statements of Association policy, protest was concentrated on two principal points: First, against speculative operations in the industry and, secondly, against the increasing threat of Government competition. Of course the two things were directly related as cause and effect. The reference of "speculative operations" was particularly directed to flagrant instances of holding company finance; indeed in the better sense of the term it may be regretted if the day of the enterpriser in the further development and extension of the business is over. The trend, however, is in that direction. In any event the evils complained of are definitely of the past, not so much because of the opposition of right-minded people or Government attack but rather because the utterly unsound practices arrived at their inevitable result. Perhaps that very fact is the best protection against repetition of abuses rather than the accumulation of legislative and judicial restrictions. How effective judicial restraint may be appears in decision after decision of the courts to which later reference will be made and it may be doubted whether the recent whole legislative program of the governor of one of our most important States made any effective addition to established law.

While some of the problems of holding company finance are definitely of the past, holding companies remain. They will continue permanently as an essential economic device for the control and management of large properties and there is even perceptible in some official quarters growing recognition of the reason for their existence from the standpoint of public interest. In years past the Association has repeatedly taken a position in opposition to the regulation of holding companies. In 1931 such regulation was still opposed except as a last resort, with vehement objection to interference in the light and power business of Federal authority. While the case may not now appear so crystal clear as it did three years ago, it is to be doubted whether the Association by present action or discussion could make any contribution of constructive value, let alone control or influence the course of events. In January 1934, there was presented for public hearing a code of fair competition for the electric light and power business of such constructive nature and statesman-like quality that it might well have succeeded in bringing order out of chaos and assuring adequate control by the industry itself without prejudice to public interest. It was successfully opposed by the Federal Power Commission as in conflict with the jurisdiction and regulatory authority of that body. The question takes new form in the active movement to require Federal incorporation or licensing of holding companies and legislation to that end may be presented in the next Congressional session.

What then of Government competition? The threats of three years ago have become overt acts. Fundamental principles are by way of being tested and fallacious theories must be refuted not by argument but by actual experience. In our judgment, least menacing of the varied Government activities are PWA loans and subsidies to municipal plants, which, however harmful, are of limited extent and a temporary manifestation of the depression period. In estimating possible loss to private enterprise it should be borne in mind that as of Dec. 31 1932 investment in privately operated light and power companies exceeded \$12,125,000,000, as against an investment of approximately \$540,000,000 in publicly operated properties. There are a number of favorable considerations. In a general summary of November elections in 1933 the "United States Investor" concluded that "The outcome of the elections so far as the vote on municipal ownership of public utilities was concerned indicates quite plainly that a large percentage of the American public is not yet prepared to follow the Administration on its more drastic proposals involving abandonment of private initiative." It has been increasingly evident in the last year that limitations of municipal credit will greatly restrict wide expansion of municipal undertakings. The industry and the investment banker can look forward to some expansion of municipal activity with at least a degree of equanimity. In Cleveland a municipal plant has existed for many years and it is probably fair to say that it has not detracted in any important measure from the investment value of securities of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., whether bonds or stocks. Efficiency of private operation can overcome many handicaps and examples of municipal operation are not altogether to be condemned if only that they tend to prove the soundness of the generally accepted policy which prefers private initiative and private capital to Government ownership and operation. The United States District Court in Missouri, in a decision not available at this writing, has held that PWA is without constitutional power to make loans and grants to municipalities. Until reviewed by the higher courts it is for the lawyers to say how important this decision may be. Because earlier in the year some concern was aroused by liberalization of the New York laws with respect to municipal operations, it should be emphasized again in closing this reference to them that such operations involve a question of policy to be decided by the public and not of right or wrong. The grant of power cannot be rightfully withheld.

Entrance of the United States Government into business in competition with private companies, threatening duplication of facilities and creation of surplus power capacity, presents a different and much blacker picture. The event that we sought to avoid has happened and, whether we like it or not, Government operation is to be tried out on an experimental basis on a scale which the industry has never had to meet before. Limitation and confinement of the experiment must depend more upon the actual results

than upon argument or protest. The challenge is to the leadership of the industry itself, and that leadership which has demonstrated the highest efficiency in its extraordinary development of the business and in dealing with its operating problems cannot fail to meet the test. Divided counsels would be disastrous. The investment banker may contribute to the establishment and understanding of the rules under which the experiment is to be made if the results are to be properly judged but his role will be confined largely to watching and studying the developments. cursory examination of these developments to date is by no means altogether disheartening to the proponents of private operation. In connection with the rules by which "yardstick" operations and rates are to be tested it seems important that Mr. Lillenthal of the TVA at an early day made this statement:

First of all, we kept in mind that the consumers of Muscle Shoals power must pay all the costs. In short, the power program of the Authority is not to be subsidized by the taxpayer. And in the second place, to carry out the President's plan for a "yardstick," all costs of a comparable privately-owned company were considered, as accurately as possible. This included direct operating expenses and administrative overheads, interest, depreciation and taxes.

The items of taxes in public power operations has been the subject of confusion and misinformation and I would like to discuss it for a moment. The principle, as I see it, can be worded in this way: A public power system should bear the burden of taxes which it would pay if it were privately owned. A public power system should contribute its share of taxes to the general fund.

Suffice it to say that a careful effort was made to consider all items of expense of comparable private operations and to treat the entire project as a self-supporting project and not as a taxpayer's subsidy.

Let us take whatever encouragement there may be in evidences of fairness and sincerity of purpose on the part of Government authority. They are by no means lacking.

While no extended account of the development is to be undertaken at this time, it should be reported that TVA concluded a contract in January 1934, with four operating company affiliates of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp., which will terminate upon completion of the Norris Dam, about three years hence. The contract provided, in brief, that TVA purchase \$3,000,000 of property of the private companies. That private company facilities in the area covered be sold to municipalities, that rates of Tennessee Electric Power Co. be reduced to the level of those set by Georgia Power Co. and that each party to the contract respect the territorial integrity of the other within defined areas. Arrangements were made for interchange of power and the private companies were allotted 20,000 kw., constituting nearly 20% of the present firm capacity of the TVA plant and given a call on all surplus power at satisfactory rates. In Knoxville, which is the headquarters of TVA and the only city of considerable size which has approved the wholesale purchase of Muscle Shoals power, duplication of facilities and direct competition were avoided by sale in July 1934, to TVA of electric distribution and transmission facilities of Tennessee Public Service Co. for \$6,088,000, excluding the Waterville-Kingsport transmission line, which was purchased by American Gas & Electric for \$1,292,000, making a total of \$7,380,000 for the property sold. The price paid was equal to rate base of the property at Dec. 31 1933 as determined by the Tennessee Railroad and Utilities Commission less \$700,000 for property no longer used or usable. Proceeds of sale were sufficient to pay \$780,000 underlying bonds at 100 and \$7,000,000 first and refunding 5s at 96½, leaving the company with its traction property free of debt, representing a rate base of \$4,000,000 and cash assets of approximately \$1,500,000. Objection in the case of both transactions lies rather to the hardship and injustice of the forced relinquishment of property rather than to fairness of the terms of settlement.

While fear of Government competition in its manifold phases has been uppermost in the thoughts of the industry and the investment banker and given rise to nine-tenths of the publicity, we venture the opinion that the actual threat to the integrity of public utility investments from this source is exaggerated and that the welfare of the utilities for many years to come will continue to be determined instead by legislative and judicial control of rates through the commissions and the courts. From the standpoint of the banker, security depends on earnings and earnings of a regulated industry affected by a public interest depend on rates. While a part of the every-day life of the operator and his lawyers, it is doubted whether members of this Association generally realize the overwhelming importance of this rate foundation on which the whole utility structure rests. If emphasis is needed it may be pointed out that in an important sense TVA and Federal Power Commission have their origin in the problem of rates.

While the Johnson Act passed at the last session of Congress limits initial jurisdiction in rate cases to State courts, final review continues to rest with the Supreme Court of the United States, which decides the question whether rates fixed are confiscatory—on the basis, it is true, of facts as determined by the State tribunals. In 1933 and 1934 the Supreme Court handed down a number of significant opinions which show a changing trend in determination of rates of vital interest to industry and investor alike. Rather to suggest the importance of the study than to express any opinion of legal consequence, we venture more particular comment. The factors involved are simple enough, requiring determination of (1) property value; (2) fair rate of return; and (3) earnings. The basis of calculation in the Supreme Court is unchanged and unchanging. It is "a fair return upon the reasonable value of the property at the time it is being used by the public." However, with respect to none of the elements involved will the court be bound by any artificial rule or formula, recognizing the necessity of molding the law to conform to changing economic and social conditions. Essentially, the change of judicial attitude in recent decisions is away from strict construction and toward a restoration of wider commission discretion. (1) As to property valuation, while historical cost and cost of reproduction are both relevant facts to be considered, neither is any conclusive or final test. Baldly stated, recent decisions tend to emphasize historical cost as against cost of reproduction. Going concern value at least in the sense of a specific percentage of the rate base is tending to disappear. (2) Fair rate of return: The old rule in the Bluefield case judged return by two tests, whether sufficient to attract capital and whether equal to earnings of comparable business. In the prewar period 6% was regarded as a reasonable return. Thereafter a 7½% and 8% return was generally held necessary to avoid confiscation. The present tendency is illustrated in the Illinois Bell Telephone case, in which the company was held entitled to 7¼% in the years 1923 to 1927, 7% in 1928 to 1930, 6¼% in 1931 and 5¼% in 1932. That we are coming back to the prewar rate of 6% is confirmed in many directions, including recent action of the Pennsylvania Commission. The New York law seeking to impose 5% on an emergency basis irrespective of fairness was vicious and properly subject to legal attack as unconstitutional. (3) Earnings: Determination of net revenues, involving determination of operating expenses properly deductible, assumes increasing importance under the decisions and presents difficulties which may well exceed any heretofore involved in property valuation. Elimination of \$1,000,000 from operating expenses in a given case, resulting in a like increase in net revenues, would be equivalent to reduction of property valuation in the amount of 16 2-3 millions of dollars with fair return figured at 6%. To illustrate the point we cite a few instances of the exercise of this control: In the Dayton Power & Light case, price of 45c. per 1,000 cubic feet of gas required to be paid under contract with an affiliate was



reduced to 39c.; notwithstanding that such affiliate was not a party to the rate proceeding, the court holding that prices fixed in intercompany transactions between affiliates was of no concern to the consumer unless kept within bounds of reason; in the Illinois Bell Telephone case there was eliminated from operating expenses of the Illinois Co. a 10% increase in prices made by the Western Electric Co.; in the same case license payments to the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. in the amount of about \$500,000 annually were disallowed as exceeding cost of service in certain years, while in other years such cost was found to exceed license payments and adjustment made accordingly. Instances could be multiplied of inquiry into the reasonableness of holding company charges and their elimination where found excessive.

Consideration of depreciation charges included in operating expense is of more critical interest. The whole problem is expressed in the following quotation from the opinion of the court in the Illinois Bell Telephone case:

If the amounts charged to operating expenses and credited to the account for depreciation reserve are excessive, to that extent subscribers for the telephone service are required to provide in effect capital contributions, not to make good losses incurred by the utility in the service rendered and thus to keep its investment unimpaired, but to secure additional plant and equipment upon which the utility expects a return.

With confiscation the issue, the company had the burden of making a convincing showing that annual charges to depreciation had not been excessive. In view of an existing depreciation of property shown to be about \$15,000,000 at the time in question and with a depreciation reserve of about \$48,000,000 on the books, the court found that the company had not sustained that burden; that the depreciation reserve to a large extent represented provision for capital additions over and above the amount required to cover capital consumption; and that the excess in the balance of the reserve account had been built up by excessive annual allowance for depreciation charged to expenses.

In the beginning, regulation was intended to restrain excessive charges. The present trend is toward service at cost, which is a rather different thing; how different may not be fully appreciated by operators who refer to their business as being on a cost plus basis. While strengthening the investment position of the security holder with promise of a guaranteed return, it certainly detracts from the incentive to private initiative. It has been generally recognized that regulation should not invade the function of management or, as stated in our 1931 report, that Commission judgment should not be substituted for company judgment in operating matters. While commissions and courts may not come to fix depreciation charges specifically, when they hold that a company has failed to sustain the burden of proof that depreciation charges fixed by management have been properly deducted from operating expense, judgment of the operators is certainly definitely restrained and controlled. We merely suggest the difficulty of the problem, which may ultimately require the establishment of new principles governing relations of operator and public, to the end that rights and obligations of both parties may not be subject to uncertain and capricious changes.

Commission control of rates results in slow and time-consuming proceedings. In recent years the utilities have suffered with industry generally but with this sharp distinction, that they have not been able to adjust their rates and prices to reflect the increased cost. In fact, rising costs of operation and increased taxation have been accompanied by the demand for, and frequent enforcement of, rate reductions. That the necessary adjustments may be made in a fair and practical manner appears from newspaper accounts of the contract between Minneapolis Gas & Light Co. and the city, providing for a flexible schedule that may be raised or lowered to insure a constant return in dollars. As bearing on the question of fair return the company is allowed \$1,250,000 net earnings plus 6½% on the cost of additions and betterments. The contract defines what deductions may be made for operating and other expenses before arriving at the net earnings figure, which means that determination must have been made with respect to depreciation, depletion and items of similar sort. A grant to Union Gas & Electric Co. and Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., made earlier in the year, provides for an adjustment of rates whenever charges on account of taxes, coal, wages or hours of employment by reason of new regulations imposed or repealed are affected upward or downward in the amount of \$200,000 for a 12-month period. Current discussions of profit sharing arrangements are symptomatic of the same search for relief from oppressive conditions.

Your Committee hesitates to suggest change in the long-established custom of the Association with respect to committee reports and recognize that the last year may have been exceptional in absorbing time and attention of committee members with matters outside the routine of normal business activities. However, the public utility field is wide, including subdivisions of light and power, gas, street railway and telephone which this report has made no effort even to name; and the problems are so multiplied that it is doubtful whether a committee of experts without unreasonable demand upon its time could cover the ground except in a most fragmentary way. Whether this is so or not, it is the whole intent and purpose of this report to suggest that the Association might be better served if subsequent reports from year to year were devoted to some one part of the field or to some one problem of the industry. TVA is making history and that history will importantly influence the whole future of Government competition. Operating figures of the Authority and of the cities using Authority power would be particularly significant. The examination of the project in all its bearings would certainly develop an interesting and valuable report. Similarly, a separate report might deal with the Federal Power Commission, its national survey of power supply, its studies looking forward to rate determination and the general question of future Government control of private companies. Especially pertinent and timely might be an authoritative study of rate regulation in the light of the ever-changing positions of the legislative and judicial branches, with particular reference to solutions or proposed solutions affording protection to operators against rapidly changing costs. Any of these important questions are commended to successor committees for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL W. MYERS, Chairman.

### Report of Commercial Credits Committee, I. B. A.— Commercial Paper Business Improving—Latest Figures Show New Peak Since 1931

Reporting the commercial paper business as improving, the Commercial Credits Committee of the Investment Bankers Association of America stated in its annual report that "on Aug. 31 1934 the last figures of outstandings available, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, show a new peak since October 1931." "This volume," the report adds, "has been reached by an almost steady month-by-month increase, and marks a point more than 300% over the all-time low of May

1933." The report of the Committee, under the chairmanship of J. Norrish Thorne, of Goldman, Sachs & Co., as presented at the Association's annual convention, follows, in full:

For the past few years the Commercial Credits Committee has had little of interest to report to you. During that time its labors have not been burdensome. The last year, however, as with all your committees, has been an active one. Codes, laws, lawyers and legislators have kept us alert. The object of your Committee has been to protect the interests of dealer houses and their clients and to clarify their relations and activities under the new codes and regulations, and we feel that much has been accomplished in keeping dealer houses posted. Such efforts for the common good have served to bring us together and a spirit of mutual respect and hearty co-operation has steadily grown. Real help and guidance have been given generously by officers of the Association and by other committees. For this we wish to express again our sincere thanks and appreciation.

The styles in bank investments have always moved in cycles, and it is indicated now that those who had faith in the position which commercial paper should and would hold in the investment world are on the way to seeing their judgment vindicated. The commercial paper business is improving. On Aug. 31 1934 the last figures of outstandings available, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank, show a new peak since October 1931. This volume has been reached by an almost steady month-by-month increase and marks a point more than 300% over the all-time low of May 1933. This tendency, at a time when bank loans are also showing growth, is indicative of improving general business.

The reason for the improvement in demand for commercial paper is obvious. It is only natural that, after what the banks of the country have experienced and with the conditions as they are to-day, they should eagerly seek this form of liquid short-time investment, which has proved both safe and remunerative. Commercial paper has proved itself; even during the last five years the losses suffered by banks through their portfolios of open market paper have been infinitesimal and less than through their over-the-counter loans. They have seen the return of their principal with a fair rate of interest.

Among the members of the Investment Bankers Association there are many men who are serving upon boards of financial, industrial, manufacturing and mercantile companies. Because of their knowledge and training, they are constantly appealed to for advice on matters relating to the finances of such companies. With the idea of calling their attention to the possibilities and advantages of the use of commercial paper in most types of business, we would like to describe briefly how commercial paper serves both the banker and the industrialist.

Commercial paper is the negotiable note of a firm or corporation. It is drawn normally for a maturity approximately six months from the date of making for funds required by the borrower in the ordinary course of his business. It is a prime short-term investment for banks and is sold to banks throughout the country by commercial paper houses.

The dealer in commercial paper came into existence some time prior to the Civil War, and since that date his record has been a most enviable one through all the depressions the country has suffered, including this one.

To the banks he offers a medium for the employment of funds for a short period of time in obligations, which would otherwise not be available to him because in the great majority of cases he has no direct or indirect connection with the borrower. The purchaser expects that the paper will be paid at maturity and buys it with that in mind, and with the knowledge that he will be under no compulsion to renew the note. He can count on these maturities as a secondary reserve and be assured that the funds will be available to him by payment on due date. If he desires money in anticipation of that date, he can get it by rediscounting his holdings with other banks or at the Federal Reserve Bank.

The history of commercial paper has reflected the honesty and ability of the country's industries. During the life of the business, the paper market has given the banks a source of investment that has caused them less loss than almost any other channel. The banks holding well-spaced maturities of commercial paper in their portfolios have this return flow of funds to count upon, usually without loss of interest or principal. (Roy A. Foulke, of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., estimates that the loss suffered by banks through the purchase of commercial paper in the five-year period ending Dec. 31 1933 was 1/10 of 1% of the average amount of paper outstanding.) Even before the establishment of the Federal Reserve Bank, commercial paper was a prime security for rediscount or collateral at other banks. The Federal Reserve Act recognizes its liquidity by permitting its rediscount under certain conditions and by permitting it to be used to support certain currency issues.

The borrower uses this method of obtaining funds for several reasons. With the country-wide distribution which the dealer can give him he is able to tap the sections of the country where, due to seasonal conditions, surplus funds are available at the time of borrowing and the rates are correspondingly low. This broad distribution of paper also has advertising value and establishes credit standing of the highest character. In fact, only names of such character can successfully use the market. Upon the Board of each bank sit men representing mercantile and industrial enterprises of the community. When the bank's investments in paper are read to them and they see the figures and information upon which the officer has based his purchase they learn of the products and the financial standing of the makers. Much business has been known to develop from this advertising. The consistent use of the open market establishes a demand for a company's paper by many banks other than its own depository institutions. This is of value to the maker, for his own banker, conscious of this, usually regards that customer with more favor and as a result may quote him lower interest rates. Do not forget that if such a company desires to make capital adjustments these short-term borrowings have paved the way to an informed and willing channel for permanent financing.

The dealer is also able to render more service to his client than just the marketing of his paper. From bankers he learns their attitude toward different industries and special conditions and he is able to suggest to his client steps that prove wise to take to fortify the borrower's financing. Through his contact with other clients in the industrial field he is able to glean ideas which are of aid to the borrower and often to indicate trends in the mercantile and the money market.

The Commercial Credits Committee is, as you know, made up of representatives of commercial paper houses, which are members of your organization and are located in the largest cities of the country. Any member of this Committee would be delighted to meet and discuss with any of you such problems as may arise from time to time, where his practical knowledge of commercial paper may be of help.

Respectfully submitted,

J. NORRISH THORNE, Chairman,  
HERBERT F. BOYNTON,  
BARNABY CONRAD,

A. W. FARGO,  
C. PALMER JAFFRAY,  
HOWELL W. MURRAY.

### Report of Investment Companies Committee, I. B. A.—Renews Recommendation of Efforts Toward Simplification of Capital Structures

In line with its recommendations of last year, the Investment Companies Committee of the Investment Bankers Association states, in its report submitted at the recent convention, that it feels "that continued efforts should be directed toward the simplification of capital structures, frequently complicated through the acquisition of other companies by the larger units." The report, presented by the Chairman, Sydney P. Clark, of E. W. Clark & Co., Philadelphia, follows:

The past year has been one of slow, quiet progress in the investment company field and there have been no outstanding developments of major importance. Most companies have devoted the time to earnest analysis with a view to readjusting their portfolios to present conditions and to strengthening their positions in protection of interest and dividends on senior securities when such are outstanding.

In its report last year your Committee called attention to the possibilities of underwriting participation along the lines generally practiced by British Trusts for many years. It is encouraging to note that investment company managements in this country are giving serious attention to the opportunities presented in this field and some companies have already participated in underwritings in cases where it has been possible for them to take a strict underwriting risk without incurring the responsibilities now placed on underwriters by the terms of the Securities Act. It is, of course, unlikely that any material progress will be made in the general underwriting of corporate securities by investment companies until the restrictions of that Act are materially modified so as to obviate the liabilities which would otherwise fall upon the officers, directors and stockholders of such companies.

Perhaps the most important development of the past year has been the continued growth and distribution of companies of the semi-management open-end type. Your Committee feels that the future success and public acceptance of such securities will call for the greatest frankness on the part of sponsors and counsellors concerning management features, especially as to expenses and loading charges. Otherwise, the experience of the past may well be repeated.

Progress has also been made in the matter of standardizing accounting practices so that the public may make reasonable comparisons between statements issued by comparative managements. Uniform nomenclature for various accounts is undoubtedly desirable in the interest of clarity, but the process is necessarily a slow one because of differences of opinion between accountants and changing conditions within individual companies. The tendency is, however, clearly in the right direction both as to uniform methods and frequency of complete statements.

In line with its recommendation of last year, your Committee feels that continued efforts should be directed toward the simplification of capital structures, frequently complicated through the acquisition of other companies by the larger units. Due to the stagnation of markets during the past year, steps to accomplish such a result have naturally been handicapped, but the good of the business and the need for clarification in the public mind demand that opportunities for such accomplishment be taken whenever they arise.

Your Committee also desires to reiterate its oft-mentioned recommendation that a constant effort be made to present investment company characteristics to the public in their true light by the use of accurate descriptive titles in the newspapers, in circulars, in advertisements or by word of mouth. Such questions as whether the company is actively a "management" company, whether it is in effect a "holding" company, whether it is truly a "fixed" or "semi-fixed" trust, or whether it is a "trust" at all in the legally sound use of the word are all pertinent in the public view and are questions which should be answered in the title under which the company or trust is presented.

Respectfully submitted,  
 INVESTMENT COMPANIES COMMITTEE  
 Sydney P. Clark, *Chairman*  
 James C. Ames      Edgar T. Kongsberg  
 A. Edgar Aub      Collis Mitchum  
 Herman Duhme      Francis F. Randolph  
 Paul C. Harper      Lester Watson  
                                  Don C. Wheaton

### Report of Membership Committee, I. B. A.—180 Applications Handled During Year—Minimum Capital Requirement of \$50,000 Temporarily Waived

The fact that there were 180 applications for membership in the Investment Bankers Association of America during the past year is indicated in the annual report of the Membership Committee of the Association, presented at its recent annual convention at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. From the report, presented by the Chairman, Robert A. Gardner, of Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Chicago, we quote, in part, as follows:

The Membership Committee has handled 180 applications for membership during the past fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31 1934. This is the greatest number of applications considered in any one year by the Membership Committee since the days of the Association's organization. The following table shows the manner in which these applications were treated:

Applications approved.....	155
Applications not approved.....	4
Applications pending.....	21
	180

Sixteen of the 21 pending applications were approved (as of Sept. 1) by the mail ballot of the Board of Governors, and were admitted to membership shortly thereafter.

There were, no doubt, three reasons principally responsible for the unusually large number of applications received:

First, the large amount of work done on many important matters and in initiating the Investment Bankers' Code, brought the Association directly before all the dealers of the country.

Second, the cost of new memberships was substantially reduced. At the Board meeting at the time of the convention in October, 1933, the membership (initiation) fee was reduced from \$500 to \$300. At a special Board meeting on Dec. 10 1933 the membership fee was waived entirely as to all applicants approved between Dec. 10 1933 and May 23 1934. Again in May 1934 the Board waived the membership fee entirely up to Oct. 31 1934. It was also provided that the dues for the balance of the last fiscal year for new members approved after Dec. 10 1933 should be \$100. This

was later changed to \$50 for applicants approved on and after May 21 1934, for the short remaining portion of our year.

Third, the Board temporarily waived its standing resolution as to a minimum capital requirement of \$50,000 on the part of applicants. The Executive Committee of the Groups were requested to check and satisfy themselves that the capital employed in the business of any applicant approved by them should, in their opinion, be ample for the character of business conducted by the applicant. It was, however, impressed upon your committee and the Group Executive Committees that the character and good standing of all applicants recommended to the Board for approval was of fundamental importance.

Approval of applications by the Board during the last fiscal year was given on the following dates:

Oct. 28 1933.....	8
Feb. 10 1934.....	83
May 21 1934.....	64
	155
Aug. 25 1934 (as of Sept. 1 1934).....	16
	171

On Aug. 31 1934 there were 495 members and 558 registered branch offices. Since that date 16 new members have been admitted and four old members have resigned. As of the date of this report the membership stands at 507 members, with 556 registered branch offices.

Those serving with Mr. Gardner on the Committee were A. C. Potter, Alvin F. Sortwell and Hearn W. Streat.

### Resolution Adopted by Government and Farm Loan Bonds Committee of I. B. A. Suggests FCA Supply Detailed Figures of Condition of Joint Stock Land Banks

At the annual convention, at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on Oct. 31, of the Investment Bankers Association of America, the following resolution was adopted by the Government and Farm Loan Bonds Committee:

Whereas, Your Committee understands that the Farm Credit Administration has available at its office in Washington, D. C., monthly statements of the individual banks in minute detail, and

Whereas, Individual Joint Stock Land banks have not published this detailed information for the benefit of its bond holders,

Be it resolved, That it is the expression of the I. B. A. of America that the FCA in publishing statements of conditions of the Joint Stock Land banks should supplement these with detailed figures or schedules to enable bondholders to determine the exact condition of the banks in which they are financially interested and further, to enable the investors to judge whether or not market quotations for the bonds are warranted.

### Tribute in Memory of Former President Robert E. Christie, Jr., Adopted at Annual Convention of I. B. A.

The following tribute in memory of Robert Erskine Christie, Jr., President of the Investment Bankers Association of America from Nov. 1 1933 to June 25 1934, was unanimously adopted at the 23rd Annual Convention of the Association at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., on Oct. 29:

No greater tribute can be paid to any man than to say truly that he was just to all with whom he came in contact, that he was loyal to his friends, and that he gave his utmost in fulfilling his obligations to his family, his business and his country. We, the members of the Investment Bankers Association of America, pay that tribute in love and in sorrow to Robert E. Christie, Jr.

As President of the Association and as a member of its Board of Governors, he gave constant effort and untiring devotion to serve the interests of its members. For this, he held their high regard, but greater still, he won the deep and enduring affection of the many who were privileged to know him.

Investment banking, his chosen vocation, has lost a leader with rare capabilities, a man in whom creative force, justice and understanding were equally joined. The country has lost a citizen of high patriotism. The loss to his family is immeasurable.

Fully conscious of the inadequacy of words to express our sorrow, we have inscribed this memorial to Robert E. Christie, Jr., upon the permanent records of the Association as a constant acknowledgment to his family and to his firm of our debt of gratitude.

### Ralph T. Crane Elected President of the Investment Bankers Association of America—To Name Committee to Co-operate with Governmental Agencies in Bringing About Recovery—Big Problem Is to Open Up Capital Market

Ralph T. Crane, of Brown Harriman & Co., New York, who was elected President of the Investment Bankers Association of America at the final session Oct. 31 of the annual convention of the Association at White Sulphur Springs, had the following to say upon assuming the duties of his new office:

I do not think anyone who has been elected to the office of President of this Association can fail to appreciate the honor. Certainly anyone who has been active in the affairs of the Association must know that no greater honor can be given by this Association. I will do my best to carry on the good work of my predecessors, but I cannot do it alone. It must be with your help. I can assure you that I am going to do my full part in carrying on our essential operations.

Looking forward to next year, I have just three things in mind. Of course, there will be many that will develop as we go along, but there are three things toward which we must definitely work.

The first is the code. That is serious. It needs the co-operation and assistance of every house and of every salesman. The code is not perfect, but it is so much better than anything we have had before that we must support it; we must carry it through; we must be prepared for June 16 1935 when the National Recovery Act may go out of existence, to see that our code is continued.

The second point is National legislation. We have the Securities Act of 1933, amended in 1934. It is not perfect. We do not expect it to be perfect. It was legislation that came at a period of heat, but it is workable to-day. It is our job to co-operate with the governmental agencies in

making it more workable than it has been in the past. We must do our part, as we always have done, in working out the problems which confront us, and the one big problem we have ahead of us is to open up the capital issue market. We are selfish in that as well as in our desire to see prosperity return.

The third thing is publicity. I think we are all anxious to make certain that if there is any question in the minds of the public as to the standing of this organization, as to its ethics, the public shall have complete understanding. I am not suggesting that we carry on propaganda, but during this year we must look toward an intelligent and practical educational program with our own members and the public.

There is one other matter of which I would like to speak. If it has your approval, it is my intent to appoint a committee to co-operate with the governmental agencies in bringing about recovery, and I think we can do much. This Association has always stood behind its Government, its President, and the governmental agencies, and it does to-day. It is my intent to appoint a committee that will be a contact committee to assist in any governmental functions in which we may be asked to co-operate.

**Officers Elected at Annual Convention of I. B. A. of America**

At the closing session, on Oct. 31, of the annual convention of the Investment Bankers Association of America, the following officers were elected:

President, Ralph T. Crane, Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., New York.  
Executive Vice-President, Alden H. Little, 33 South Clark Street, Chicago.

Vice-Presidents: Earle Baillie, J. & W. Seligman & Co., New York; Robert A. Gardner, Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Chicago; Edward Hopkinson, Jr., Drexel & Co., Philadelphia; Francis Moulton, R. H. Moulton & Co., Los Angeles; and Daniel W. Myers, Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland.  
Treasurer, Edward B. Hall, Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.  
Secretary, C. Longford Felske, 33 South Clark Street, Chicago.

Governors: One Year Term expiring in 1935: Sidney J. Weinberg, Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York (to fill the unexpired term of Daniel W. Myers, who has been elected a Vice-President).

Two Year Term expiring in 1936: E. Fleetwood Dunstan, Bankers Trust Co., New York (to succeed himself to fill an unexpired term ending in 1936); Roy L. Shurtleff, Blyth & Co., Inc., San Francisco (to succeed himself to fill an unexpired term ending in 1936); Sigmund Stern, Stern Brothers & Co., Kansas City (to succeed himself to fill an unexpired term ending in 1936); and Marlon H. Woody, Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, Cincinnati (to fill the unexpired term of Ralph T. Crane, who has been elected President).

Three Year Term expiring in 1937: George N. Lindsay, Speyer & Co., New York; T. Weller Kimball, Field, Glore & Co., Chicago; Cloud Wampler, Lawrence, Stern & Co., Chicago; Rudolph J. Eichler, Bateman, Eichler & Co., Los Angeles; William H. Burg, Smith, Moore & Co., St. Louis; James J. Minot, Jr., Jackson & Curtis, Boston; Jean C. Witter, Dean Witter & Co., San Francisco; Charles E. Abbs, A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., Toronto; Claude G. Rives, Jr., Whitney National Bank of New Orleans, New Orleans; and E. Warren Willard, Boettcher & Co., Inc., Denver.

Chairmen of the standing committees for the new year were announced as follows:

Business Conduct, Francis Moulton, R. H. Moulton & Co., Los Angeles.  
Business Problems, Pierpont V. Davis, Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., New York.

Commercial Credits, J. Norrish Thorne, Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York.

Constitution and By-Laws, T. Stockton Matthews, Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore.

Education, Cloud Wampler, Lawrence Stern & Co., Chicago.  
Federal Taxation, Orrin G. Wood, Estabrook & Co., Boston.

Finance, William T. Bacon, Bacon, Whipple & Co., Chicago.  
Foreign Securities, Burnett Walker, Edward B. Smith & Co., New York.

Government and Farm Loan Bonds, F. Seymour Barr, Barr Brothers & Co., Inc., New York.

Group Chairmen's, John C. Legg, Jr., Mackubin, Legg & Co., Baltimore.  
Industrial Securities, Sidney J. Weinberg, Goldman, Sachs & Co., New York.

Investment Companies, James J. Minot, Jr., Jackson & Curtis, Boston.  
Membership, Robert A. Gardner, Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Chicago.

Municipal Securities, D. T. Richardson, Kelly, Richardson & Co., Chicago.

Public Service Securities, Daniel W. Myers, Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland.

Railroad Securities, Fairman R. Dick, Dick & Merle-Smith, New York.  
Real Estate Securities, Jean Witter, Dean Witter & Co., San Francisco.

State & Local Taxation, Joseph M. Scribner, Singer, Deane & Scribner, Inc., Pittsburgh.

State Legislation, Edward B. Hall, Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

**Action Taken by Board of Governors of I. B. A. Toward Establishment of New Municipal Securities Department in Office of Association**

The Investment Bankers Association announces that at the meeting of the Board of Governors, held on Oct. 27-28 1934, a special committee, appointed last May by the President of the Association, submitted a report recommending the establishment of a Municipal Securities Department in the Office of the Association, to be headed by a full-time man of executive ability and broad experience in the municipal bond business. The Association further says:

The special committee also recommended that the Municipal Securities Committee of the Association be organized each year so as to include at least one member from each of the groups of the Association in the United States, except that in the case of the New York, Central States and Southern groups, there should be two members. The committee further recommended that such 19 members of the Municipal Securities Committee be selected by the Executive Committees of the pertinent groups in such manner as each such Executive Committee may determine; and those selected shall in all instances be individuals who are recognized as municipal bond men. The committee also recommended that the Chairman of the Municipal Securities Committee be appointed each year, as usual, by the President of the Association, who will also appoint five additional members of the Committee; thus making a total personnel of 25 members on that Committee.

After full consideration and discussion, all of the recommendations made by the special committee were adopted by the Board. The special committee consisted of Francis Moulton, R. H. Moulton & Co., Los Angeles, Chairman; E. Fleetwood Dunstan, Bankers Trust Co., New York; W. Hubert Kennedy, Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis; Charles W. McNear, C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago; and John Nuveen, Jr., John Nuveen & Co., Chicago. As soon as the new department has been established, a further announcement will be made.

**Report of Official Acts and Proceedings of Executive Council of American Bankers Association—Typographical Error in Original Transcript**

With reference to the report of the official Acts and Proceedings of the Executive Council of the American Bankers Association, presented at the recent Convention of the Association, and given on page 29 of our American Bankers Convention Section issued Nov. 17, the following advices have come to us from the Association under date of Nov. 21.

In this article, due to typographical error in the transcript originally sent you, there is an error in the thirteenth paragraph in that "savings Division" is omitted in the fifth line of this paragraph, where it should appear after "National Bank Division." This paragraph should read as follows:

"The Administrative Committee shall consist of four members of the Executive Council who shall reside in different Federal Reserve Districts; of the President, First and Second Vice-President and the three last living ex-Presidents of the Association; the Treasurer of the Association; and of the Presidents of the National Bank Division, Savings Division, State Bank Division, Trust Division, and of the American Institute of Banking Section, and State Secretaries Section."

The report was that of J. Raymond Dunkerley and the above relates to the amendments recommended to the Constitution, which, as indicated, were adopted.

**CURRENT NOTICES**

—A. M. Kidder & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announced the establishment of a department specializing in Consultation on Corporate Matters of Finance, which will be under the direction of H. Griffith Parker Jr., who for the past several years has been an officer of the National Bank of New Jersey, New Brunswick, one of the oldest banking institutions in that State. The services which Mr. Parker Jr. will render for the Kidder & Co. firm will be similar to those which he has been rendering for the National Bank of New Jersey, which has been making a special effort to reorganize going businesses and to keep them existent, rather than following the more usual practice of liquidating them. Prior to joining the National Bank of New Jersey, Mr. Parker Jr. served as a bank examiner in New York State, and as New Jersey representative of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co.

—The interests of the estate of Franklin I. Mallory and George M. Pynchon in the firm of Mallory, Pynchon & Eisemann have been acquired by Alexander Eisemann and the business of that firm will be continued under the name of Alexander Eisemann & Co. The firm will hold memberships on the New York Stock Exchange, New York Curb Exchange, New York Curb Exchange (Associate), Chicago Board of Trade, and other exchanges. The main office will be at 120 Broadway. The firm will also maintain branch offices at 499 Seventh Ave., New York, and 176 Montague St., Brooklyn. Mr. Pynchon will make his office at Alexander Eisemann & Co. for the time being.

—Tyler, Buttrick & Co., Inc., 75 Federal St., Boston, have issued the fifth edition of their booklet, giving up-to-date financial statistics of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, its counties, cities, towns, and districts. The statistics given show population, assessed valuation, gross and net debt, net debt ratio and per capita, tax levy, tax collections, tax titles, and comparison of tax rates.

**COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS**

Bank clearings this week will show a decrease as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, Nov. 24) bank exchanges for all cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 1.8% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$4,568,355,204, against \$4,652,296,799 for the same week in 1933. At this center there is a loss for the week ended Friday of 15.4%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph Week Ending Nov. 24	1934	1933	Per Cent
New York	\$2,149,663,501	\$2,541,153,804	-15.4
Chicago	183,919,984	161,311,616	+14.0
Philadelphia	240,000,000	199,000,000	+20.6
Boston	176,000,000	162,000,000	+8.6
Kansas City	60,567,520	50,532,306	+19.9
St. Louis	60,000,000	52,000,000	+15.4
San Francisco	99,700,000	83,431,000	+19.5
Pittsburgh	79,242,495	61,631,457	+28.6
Detroit	57,713,615	47,350,510	+21.9
Cleveland	47,866,787	44,228,513	+8.2
Baltimore	41,797,108	33,933,113	+23.2
New Orleans	32,161,000	22,721,000	+41.5
Twelve cities, 5 days	\$3,228,632,010	\$3,459,293,319	-6.7
Other cities, 5 days	578,330,660	477,761,700	+21.1
Total all cities, 5 days	\$3,806,962,670	\$3,937,055,019	-3.3
All cities, 1 day	761,392,534	715,241,780	+6.5
Total all cities for week	\$4,568,355,204	\$4,652,296,799	-1.8

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday), and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week in all cases has to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended Nov. 17. For that week there is a decrease of 13.0%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$4,406,533,699, against \$5,063,297,158 in the same week in 1933.

Outside of this city there is a decrease of 13.0%, the bank clearings at this center having recorded a loss of 19.2%. We group the cities according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, the totals show a loss of 18.7%...

In the following we furnish a summary of Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS

Table with 6 columns: Week Ended Nov. 17 1934, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts, 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc.

We now add our stated statement showing last week's figures for each city separately for the four years:

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows list various cities grouped by Federal Reserve Districts.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Seventh Federal Reserve District, Michigan, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, etc.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Eighth Federal Reserve District, Indiana, Evansville, Missouri, St. Louis, Kentucky, Louisville, etc.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Ninth Federal Reserve District, Minnesota, Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul, etc.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Tenth Federal Reserve District, Nebraska, Fremont, Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha, etc.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Eleventh Federal Reserve District, Texas, Austin, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Galveston, etc.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Twelfth Federal Reserve District, Washington, Seattle, Spokane, Yakima, etc.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Thirteenth Federal Reserve District, Pennsylvania, Altoona, Bethlehem, Chester, etc.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Fourteenth Federal Reserve District, Ohio, Akron, Canton, Cincinnati, Cleveland, etc.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Fifteenth Federal Reserve District, Virginia, Huntton, Norfolk, Richmond, etc.

Table with 6 columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Nov. 17, 1934, 1933, Inc. or Dec., 1932, 1931. Rows include Sixteenth Federal Reserve District, Tennessee, Knoxville, Nashville, Georgia, Atlanta, etc.

a Not included in totals. b No clearings available. c Clearing house not functioning at present. \* Estimated.



THE BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE

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

Table with columns: Stock Name, Nov. 17, Nov. 19, Nov. 20, Nov. 21, Nov. 22, Nov. 23. Includes stocks like Allgemeine Elektrizitaets-Gesellschaft (AEG), Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Share. Includes Central-Penn National Bank, 5 Market Street National Bank, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Share. Includes Meadowbrook Terraces, Inc., 40 Meadowbrook Terraces, Inc., etc.

DIVIDENDS

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Large table with columns: Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, Holders of Record. Lists numerous companies and their dividend details.

NATIONAL BANKS

The following information regarding National banks is issued by the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

CONSOLIDATIONS

Table listing bank consolidations with columns: Date, Bank Name, Capital/Assets.

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED

Table listing authorized branches with columns: Date, Bank Name, Location, Certificate No.

AUCTION SALES

Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Jersey City, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table listing auction sales by Muller & Son with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Share. Includes Walworth Alabama Co., 50 Photocolor Fashions, etc.

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, Jersey City, N. J.:

Table listing auction sales by Muller & Son in Jersey City with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Share. Includes 1,000 Swallow Airplane Co., 1,127 Bush Service Corp., etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing auction sales by Day & Co. with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Share. Includes 25 National Shawmut Bank, 7 Nashua Manufacturing Co., etc.

Table listing auction sales by Day & Co. with columns: Bonds, Per Cent. Includes \$1,000 Town of Hatfield 4 1/8s, \$1,000 Trustees Ritz-Arlington Trust, etc.

By Crockett & Co., Boston:

Table listing auction sales by Crockett & Co. with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Share. Includes 24 F. S. Carr Co., 105 Missouri Kansas Pipe Line, etc.















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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:

Main table of bond prices with columns for date (Nov. 17-22) and various bond types (Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.) with high/low/close prices.

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

Summary table of registered bond transactions for various denominations and series.

United States Government Securities Bankers Acceptances

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United States Treasury Bills—Friday, Nov. 23 Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

Table of Treasury bill rates for various dates from Dec. 19 1934 to Apr. 22 1935.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.—Friday, Nov. 23

Table of Treasury certificate quotations with columns for maturity, interest rate, bid, and asked prices.

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 daily, weekly, and yearly transactions in stocks, railroad bonds, state bonds, and municipal bonds.

Table comparing sales at the New York Stock Exchange for the week ended Nov. 23, 1934, and Jan. 1 to Nov. 23, 1933.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Harold G. Hathaway retired as a general partner of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Edward B. Smith & Co. to join John E. Searle, Oliver B. James and L. Welch Pogue in the general practice of law under the firm name of Searle, James & Hathaway with offices at 14 Wall St.

—Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., 105 W. Adams St., Chicago, announce the election of the following new officers: Frank W. Bowen, Asst. Vice-President; Tuthill Ketcham, Asst. Vice-President, and Richard C. Nongard, Asst. Treasurer.

—The Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York will supervise the preparation and certify to the genuineness of signatures and seal of \$250,000 coupon unemployment work relief bonds of Westchester County, N. Y.

—Announcement has been made of the formation of S. W. Haley & Co. to do a general investment business catering to dealers, estates, banks and insurance companies, with offices at 120 Broadway, New York.

—F. Kenneth Stephenson, formerly with Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., has joined Goldman, Sachs & Co., as manager of a newly created department to deal in State and municipal securities.

—Boettcher-Newton & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that John F. Kerrigan, formerly with Shields & Co., is now associated with them in their up-town office.

—Jackson Bros., Boesel & Co., 26 Broadway, New York, have prepared a discussion of the tin futures business, listing the salient points in connection with tin's statistical position.

—Watson & White, 149 Broadway, New York, have issued a quotation sheet on a list of bank, insurance, public utility, real estate, railroad and municipal securities.

—Webster, Kennedy & Co., 40 Wall St., New York, have prepared for distribution a statistical bulletin of the City of Detroit's refunding operation.

—Hamerslag, Borg & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 39 Broadway, this city, have prepared a brochure on the Spiegel, May, Stern Co.

—Allen & Co. have opened an office in Jersey City for transacting a trading business in fixed and management trust issues.

—Eli T. Watson & Co. announce that Merton E. Foster has joined their Boston organization to cover a Maine territory.

—H. M. Bylesby & Co., Inc., announce that Charles Ogilby has joined the retail department of their New York office.



Main table containing stock prices and sales data. Columns include dates from Saturday Nov. 17 to Friday Nov. 23, Sales for the Week, and various stock listings with prices and shares. Includes sub-headers like 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT' and 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. ‡ Name changed from Amer. Beet Sugar Co. x Ex-dividend.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; Stocks List; Range Since Jan. 1; July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934; Range or 1933. Includes stock names like Chickasha Cotton Oil, Childs Co, etc., with corresponding prices and dates.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.



Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; Range Since Jan. 1; July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934; Range for Year 1933. Rows list various stocks like Elec Storage Battery, Elk Horn Coal Corp, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Nov. 17 to Friday Nov. 23) and price ranges. Includes a 'Sales for the Week' column.

Table of stock listings for the NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Columns include stock name, par value, price per share, and range since Jan. 1, 1933. Includes a 'Range for Year 1933' column.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. s Sold 15 days. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Main table containing stock prices, exchange information, and company names. Columns include dates from Saturday Nov. 17 to Friday Nov. 23, stock names, and prices per share.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. ‡ Optional sale. § Cash sale. ¶ Sold 15 days. \* Ex-dividend. † Ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and corresponding share prices for various stocks.

Main table with columns for 'Sales for the Week', 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Range Since Jan. 1', and 'July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934'. Lists various companies and their stock prices.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Nov. 17 to Friday Nov. 23) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stocks with their respective prices.

Sales for the Week

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing stock names and their share counts, such as Royal Insurance Co, Rossia Dutch Co, and others.

Range Since Jan. 1 On Basis of 100-share Lots

Table showing price ranges for various stocks, categorized by 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

July 1933 to Oct. 31 1934

Table showing price ranges for various stocks from July 1933 to October 31, 1934, including 'Low' and 'High' price points.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. s Sold 7 days. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Nov. 17 to Friday Nov. 23) and \$ per share prices for various stocks.

Sales for the Week

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1 On Basis of 100-share Lots

July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934

Main table listing stock names, par values, sales for the week, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest, Low, High) for the current year and previous year.

\* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. a Optional sale. c Cash sale. s Sold 7 days. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.



Main table containing bond listings for N.Y. Stock Exchange. Columns include Bond Name, Interest Period, Range (Low/High), Bid & Asked, No. Sold, July 1 1933-34, and Range Since Jan 1 1934. Lists include Foreign Govt. & Munic. (Concl.), Railroads and Industrial Companies, and various Municipal Bonds.

For footnotes see page 3302.

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

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Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Nov. 23, Inters, Period, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, July 1933 to Oct. 31 1934, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Cent III Elec & Gas 1st 5s, Cent New Eng 1st gu 4s, etc.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Nov. 23, Inters, Period, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, July 1933 to Oct. 31 1934, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Consol Ry non-conv deb 4s, Debenture 4s, Debenture 4s, etc.

For footnotes see page 3302.







New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

NOTICE.—Cash and deferred delivery sales are disregarded in the week's range, unless they are the only transactions of the week, and when selling outside of the regular weekly range are shown in a footnote in the week in which they occur. No account is taken of such sales in computing the range for the year.

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Nov. 17 1934) and ending the present Friday (Nov. 23 1934). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bond, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934, Range Since Jan. 1 1934 (Low, High, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec), Stocks (Continued), Par, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934, Range Since Jan. 1 1934 (Low, High, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec).













Other Stock Exchanges

New York Produce Exchange

Nov. 17 to Nov. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934, Range Since Jan. 1 1934 (Low, High). Lists various commodities like Abtibi Power, Admiralty Alaska, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934, Range Since Jan. 1 1934 (Low, High). Lists bonds like Baltimore City, Balto Trac Co, etc.

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Chicago Stock Exchange

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Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Weeks' Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934, Range Since Jan. 1 1934 (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Abbott Laboratories, Acme Steel Co, etc.

New York Real Estate Securities Exchange

Closing bid and asked quotations, Friday, Nov. 16

Table with columns: Active Issues, Bid, Ask, Bonds (Concluded), Bid, Ask. Lists real estate securities like Alden 6s bond, etc.

Boston Stock Exchange.—See page 3279.

Baltimore Stock Exchange

Nov. 17 to Nov. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Weeks' Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, July 1 1933 to Oct. 31 1934, Range Since Jan. 1 1934 (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Arundel Corp, Atlantic Cst Line, etc.







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Montreal Curb Market

Table listing Montreal Curb Market with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sub-sections: Public Utility, Mining, Unlisted Mines, and Unlisted.

Toronto Stock Exchange

Table listing Toronto Stock Exchange with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sub-sections: Banks, Loan and Trust, and Real Estate Loan.

Toronto Stock Exchange

Nov. 17 to Nov. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Detailed table listing Toronto Stock Exchange with columns: Stocks— Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section

Nov. 17 to Nov. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Detailed table listing Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section with columns: Stocks— Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Canadian Markets—Listed and Unlisted

Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Honey Dew com, Imperial Tobacco ord, etc.

\*No par value.

Toronto Stock Exchange—Mining Section

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists various mining stocks like Man & East Mines, Maple Leaf Mines, etc.

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Toronto Stock Exchange—Mining Section Nov. 17 to Nov. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists mining stocks like Acme Gas & Oil, Aconda Mines, etc.

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Toronto Stock Exchange—Mining Curb Section Nov. 17 to Nov. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Lists mining curb stocks like Aldermac Mines, Assoc Oil & Gas, etc.

\*No par value.



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Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Nov. 23

Port of New York Authority Bonds

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes Arthur Kill Bridges, Geo. Washington Bridge, etc.

United States Insular Bonds

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

Federal Land Bank Bonds

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes 4s 1943 optional 1944, 4s 1957 optional 1937, etc.

New York State Bonds

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes Canal & Highway, World War Bonus, Highway Imp, etc.

Investment Trusts

Large table listing various investment trusts with columns: Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes Administered Fund, Amerex Holding Corp, etc.

New York City Bonds

For quotations usually given here, see page 3137

Bank and Insurance Stocks

Bought, Sold and Quoted

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New York Bank Stocks

Table listing New York bank stocks with columns: Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes Bank of Manhattan, Bank of Yorktown, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks

Table listing Chicago bank stocks with columns: Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes American National Bank, Continental III Bank, etc.

New York Trust Companies

Table listing New York trust companies with columns: Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes Banca Comm Italiana, Bank of New York, etc.

OBsolete Securities

Reports Rendered Without Charge

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Water Bonds

Table listing water bonds with columns: Name, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes Alton Water 5s 1956, Ark Wat 1st 5s 1958, etc.

\* No par value. † Defaulted. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights.

Short Term Securities

Table listing short term securities with columns: Name, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes Balt & Ohio 4 1/2s, Consumers Power 5s, etc.

Sugar Stocks

Table listing sugar stocks with columns: Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Price. Includes East Porto Rican Sug com, Preferred, Fajardo Sugar, etc.

\* No par value. † Basis. ‡ Defaulted. § Ex-dividend. ¶ Ex-stock dividend.



Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Nov. 23—Concluded

Railroad Stocks Guaranteed & Leased Line Preferred Common
Railroad Bonds
Adams & Peck
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Guaranteed Railroad Stocks (Guarantor in Parenthesis.)

Table with columns: Railroad Name, Par, Dividend in Dollars, Bid, Ask. Lists various railroad stocks such as Alabama & Vicksburg, Albany & Susquehanna, etc.

EQUIPMENT TRUST CERTIFICATES

Quotations-Appraisals Upon Request

STROUD & COMPANY INC.

Private Wires to New York

Philadelphia, Pa.

Railroad Equipment Bonds

Table with columns: Railroad Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists railroad equipment bonds such as Atlantic Coast Line, Baltimore & Ohio, etc.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks

Table with columns: Company Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists telephone and telegraph stocks such as Amer Dist Teleg, Bell Teleg, etc.

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Miscellaneous Bonds

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Industrial Stocks

Table with columns: Company Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists industrial stocks such as Adams-Millie, American Arch, etc.

Chain Store Stocks

Table with columns: Company Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists chain store stocks such as Bohack, Diamond Shoe, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies

Table with columns: Company Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists realty, surety, and mortgage companies such as Bond & Mortgage Guar, Empire Title & Guar, etc.

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

# General Corporation and Investment News

RAILROAD—PUBLIC UTILITY—INDUSTRIAL—MISCELLANEOUS.

Below will be found in alphabetical arrangement current news pertaining to all classes of corporate entities—railroad, public utility and industrial companies. This information was heretofore given under classified headings, such as Current Earnings, Financial Reports, Steam Railroads, Public Utilities and Industrial and Miscellaneous.

**Monthly Gross Earnings of Railroads**—The following are comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), of all the Class I roads in the country reporting monthly returns to the Interstate Commerce Commission:

Month.	Gross Earnings.				Length of Road.	
	1933.	1932.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	Per Cent.	1933.	1932.
	\$	\$	\$		Miles	Miles
January	228,839,421	274,890,197	-46,000,776	-16.73	241,881	241,991
February	213,851,168	266,231,186	-52,380,018	-19.67	241,189	241,467
March	219,857,606	288,880,547	-69,022,941	-23.89	240,911	241,489
April	227,300,543	267,480,682	-40,180,139	-15.02	241,680	242,160
May	257,963,036	254,378,672	+3,584,364	+1.41	241,484	242,143
June	281,353,909	245,869,626	+35,484,283	+14.43	241,455	242,333
July	297,185,454	237,493,700	+59,691,754	+25.13	241,348	241,906
August	300,520,299	251,782,311	+48,737,988	+19.36	241,166	242,358
September	295,506,099	272,059,765	+23,446,244	+8.62	240,992	239,904
October	297,690,747	298,084,387	-393,640	-0.13	240,858	242,177
November	260,503,933	253,225,641	+7,278,292	+2.87	242,708	244,143
December	248,057,612	248,760,336	+702,724	+0.28	240,338	240,950
1934.					1934.	1933.
January	257,719,855	226,276,523	+31,443,332	+13.90	239,444	241,337
February	248,104,297	211,882,326	+36,221,471	+17.10	239,389	241,263
March	292,775,785	217,773,265	+75,002,520	+34.44	239,228	241,194
April	265,022,239	224,565,926	+40,456,313	+18.02	239,109	241,113
May	281,627,332	254,857,827	+26,769,505	+10.50	238,983	240,906
June	282,406,507	277,923,922	+4,482,585	+1.61	239,107	240,932
July	275,583,676	293,341,605	-17,757,929	-6.05	239,160	240,882
August	282,277,899	296,564,653	-14,286,754	-4.82	239,114	240,658
September	275,129,512	291,772,770	-16,643,258	-5.70	238,977	240,663

Month	Net Earnings.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
	1933.	1932.	Amount.	Per Cent.
	\$	\$	\$	%
January	45,603,287	45,964,987	-361,700	-0.79
February	41,460,593	56,187,604	-14,727,011	-26.21
March	43,100,029	68,356,042	-25,256,013	-36.94
April	52,585,047	56,261,840	-3,676,793	-6.56
May	74,844,410	47,416,270	+27,428,140	+57.85
June	94,448,669	47,018,729	+47,429,940	+100.87
July	100,482,838	46,148,017	+54,334,821	+117.74
August	96,108,921	62,553,029	+33,555,892	+53.64
September	94,222,438	83,092,822	+11,129,616	+13.39
October	91,000,673	98,337,561	-7,336,888	-7.46
November	66,866,614	63,962,092	+2,904,522	+4.54
December	59,129,403	57,861,144	+1,268,259	+2.19
1934.		1933.		
January	62,282,469	44,978,266	+17,284,203	+38.43
February	59,923,775	40,914,074	+19,009,701	+46.46
March	83,939,285	42,447,013	+41,492,272	+97.75
April	65,253,473	51,640,515	+13,612,958	+26.36
May	72,084,732	73,703,351	-1,618,619	-2.20
June	74,529,256	92,967,854	-18,438,598	-19.83
July	67,569,491	98,803,830	-31,234,339	-31.61
August	71,019,068	94,507,245	-23,488,177	-24.85
September	71,781,674	92,720,463	-20,938,789	-22.58

**American Commercial Alcohol Corp. (& Subs.)**

*Earnings for the 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1934*

Total income	\$2,851,535
Expenses	1,179,950
Interest	47,125
Cash discount on sales	32,160
Provision for doubtful accounts receivable	93,659
Loss on abandoned property	15,173
Depreciation	200,067
Miscellaneous deductions	16,316
Federal taxes	157,712
Net income	\$1,109,373

Earns. per share on 262,000 shares (par \$20) capital stock..... \$4.23  
—V. 139, p. 1075.

**American Equitable Assurance Co. of N. Y.—Resumes Dividends**

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, par \$5, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. This is the first distribution to be made on this issue, since Aug. 1 1931 when 30 cents per share was paid, prior to which quarterly distributions of 37½ cents per share were made.—V. 137, p. 2810.

**American Hosiery Co.—New President—Personnel**  
S. Chase Coale was elected President it was announced, Nov. 22. Other officers elected are: L. H. Taylor, Secretary & Treas.; R. C. Lyman and R. W. Whitman, Vice-Presidents; E. H. R. Vogel, Asst. Treas. & Asst. Sec.; H. M. Stark, Asst. Sec.—V. 136, p. 1552.

**American Investment Co. of Illinois—Div. Increased**  
The directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the class B stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. This compares with 7½ cents per share paid every three months from June 1 1933 up to and including Sept. 1 last, and 15 cents per share quarterly from March 1 1931 to and including March 1 1933.—V. 139, p. 1390.

**American Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Balance Sheet Sept. 30**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1934	1933	1934	1933
Inv. (book val.)	254,912,440	x Capital stock	214,645,637
U.S. Govt. secur.	542,071	6% gold debens.	45,810,500
Cash	7,778,982	Southw. P. & L.	—
Time deposits in banks	5,650,000	Co. 6% debts.	5,000,000
Munic. & other short-term sec.	100,219	Divs. declared	603,372
Notes & loans receivable	1,542,000	Accts. payable	64,097
Subsidiaries	—	Accrued accts.	274,552
Others	—	Long-term debt matured int.	132,396
Accts. receivable	895,965	Liability to deliver securities	10,692,900
Subsidiaries	16,070	Deferred credit.	590,840
Others	—	Def. int. income	298,611
Special deposit	132,396	Surplus	8,908,851
Contract rights	10,692,900		8,596,892
Acer. int. rec. on contrac. rights	590,840		—
Reacq. cap. stk.	29,934		—
Unamortiz. disc. count & exp.	3,825,809		—
Sundry debits	13,519		—
Total	286,723,145	Total	286,011,434

x Represented by: \$6 pref. cum. (entitled upon liquidation to \$100 a share); par passu with \$5 pref.; authorized, 1,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 793,581 2-10 shares, inclusive of 42 2-10 shares of scrip in 1933 and 40 2-10 in 1934; \$5 pref. cum. (entitled upon liquidation to \$100 a share); par passu with \$6 pref.; authorized 2,200,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 978,444 shares; common, authorized, 4,000,000 shares; issued, 3,013,812 5-10 shares, inclusive of 3,697 27-50 shares of scrip in 1933 and 3,880 27-50 in 1934.—V. 139, p. 3148.

**Abbott Laboratories, Inc.—15-Cent Extra Dividend**  
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 15 cents per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the no par common stock, both payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 18. This compares with extra distributions of 10 cents per share made Oct. 1, 15 cents per share paid July 2 and 10 cents per share paid on April 1 last.—V. 139, p. 1229.

**Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Newsprint Price**  
The company on Nov. 16 announced a price increase for 1935 contracts similar to that recently set by the International Paper Co. (see below.)  
The new schedule calls for an advance of \$2.50 a ton for the first six months and a further advance of \$2.50 for the second six months, bringing the ultimate rate to \$45 a ton.

**Mill to Raise Output**  
The Iroquois Falls, Canada, mill of the company, which has been on curtailed production since Sept. 1931, will operate at capacity immediately, it was stated in a dispatch Nov. 17. The mill, it is said, is capable of producing 600 tons of newsprint daily. The increase is attributed by officials to the increase in newsprint prices.—V. 138, p. 3935.

**Abraham & Straus, Inc.—Extra Distribution**  
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 15 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly distribution of 30 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 21. Similar distributions were made in each of the three preceding quarters.—V. 139, p. 1859.

**Acadia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd.—Accumulated Dividend**  
The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on account of accumulations on the 6% cumulative preferred stock, par \$5, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 17. Similar distributions were made on Sept. 1, June 1 and Dec. 1 last. After the payment of the Dec. 1 dividend accumulations amounted to 45 cents per share.—V. 139, p. 1699.

**Akron & Barbenton Belt RR.—Tenders**  
George H. Pabst, Jr., Treasurer of the Pennsylvania RR., will until Dec. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtg. 4% gold bonds of the above company to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$43,194.—V. 137, p. 3495.

**Amalgamated Leather Co.—Accumulated Dividend**  
The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, par \$50, payable Jan. 1 1935 to holders of record Dec. 19. Similar distributions were made on Oct. 1, July 1 and April 1 last, the latter payment being the first made since Oct. 1 1920, when the regular quarterly distribution of \$1.75 per share was made. After the payment of the Jan. 1 dividend accumulations on the above issue will amount to \$97.75 per share.—V. 139, p. 1229.

**American Cigar Co.—\$2 Extra Dividend**  
The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share in addition to the usual quarterly disbursement of like amount on the common stock, par \$100, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 1.—V. 138, p. 1746.

**American Public Service Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.	1933—3 Mos.	1934—9 Mos.	1933—9 Mos.
Total gross earnings	\$1,286,912	\$1,235,886	\$3,415,802	\$3,261,471
Total oper. exp. & taxes	797,304	769,560	2,223,113	2,064,316
Net earn. from oper.	\$489,607	\$466,326	\$1,192,688	\$1,197,154
Other income (net)	11,956	13,670	5,474	17,196
Net earn. before int.	\$501,564	\$479,996	\$1,198,163	\$1,214,351
Total int. and other deductions of sub. cos.	407,878	407,565	1,223,704	1,222,177
Net income applicable to American Public Service Co.	\$93,686	\$72,431	def\$25,540	def\$7,826
Gen. int. exp. of Amer. Public Service Co.	3,429	5,872	10,564	19,588
Net income	\$90,257	\$66,558	def\$36,104	def\$27,414

x Adjustments made subsequent to Sept. 30 1933 but applicable to the period beginning Jan. 1 1933 have been given effect to in these columns.—V. 139, p. 1391.

**American Ship & Commerce Corp.—Earnings**

9 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Total income	\$22,929	\$76,691	\$111,124	\$303,280
General expenses	18,110	17,830	26,083	84,230
Interest	189,306	217,550	230,797	258,786
Loss	\$184,487	\$158,689	\$145,756	prof\$10,264
Surplus adjustment (net)	—	—	—	1,153
Adv. to W. Cramp & Sons	6,600	—	—	—
Loss on sale of H. A. L. notes	128,833	—	—	—
Net loss	\$319,920	\$158,689	\$145,756	prof.\$9,111

For the quarter ended Sept. 30 1934 net loss was \$64,660 after expenses, interest, &c., against net loss of \$55,864 in the Sept. quarter of 1933.—V. 139, p. 590.

**American Service Co.—Plan Confirmed**  
H. L. Burk, trustee, is a notice dated Nov. 17 states that the plan of reorganization dated April 15 1934, has been confirmed.  
On Dec. 5 1934, a hearing will be had before Federal Judge Reeves in the Federal Building, Kansas City, Mo., for the purpose of entering a final decree in this cause, determining all expenses incurred in connection with the reorganization of the company, including fees and allowances to be made to the various committees, reorganization manager, trustee, and

their respective counsel, agents and employees, and the approval of the trustees' final account and report.

The owners of first mortgage 15-year 6% gold bonds, series A and B, 3-year 7% convertible gold notes and 5-year 6 1/2% convertible gold debentures and the preferred and common stockholders are notified that proofs of claim and proofs of interest have been filed for and on their behalf by the trustees acting under the respective indentures under which bonds, gold notes and debentures are issued and by the company for the stockholders. Individual proofs of claim and proofs of interest may be filed on or before Dec. 1 but such action is not necessary to preserve their rights.—V. 139, p. 2195.

**American Stores Co.—Sales—**

Period—	1934	1933
Five weeks ended Feb. 3	\$10,602,865	\$10,157,087
Four weeks ended March 3	9,074,434	8,425,292
Four weeks ended March 31	9,234,926	8,446,763
Four weeks ended April 28	9,010,725	8,349,021
Five weeks ended June 2	11,231,864	10,363,100
Four weeks ended June 30	8,848,731	8,615,951
Four weeks ended July 28	8,250,532	8,178,496
Five weeks ended Sept. 1	10,298,271	9,900,972
Four weeks ended Sept. 29	8,354,964	8,299,376
Five weeks ended Nov. 3	10,735,860	10,683,643

Total 44 weeks ended Nov. 3.....\$95,643,178 \$91,419,705  
V. 139, p. 2820.

**American Sugar Refining Co.—To Retire Bonds—**

The directors on Nov. 21 authorized the redemption on Jan. 1 of \$1,515,000 15-year 6% gold bonds due Jan. 1, 1937, at 102 1/2%. This will complete the retirement of \$30,000,000 of bonds issued in 1922.—V. 138, p. 2563.

**American Surety Co.—50-Cent Dividend Declared**

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the capital stock, par \$25, payable Jan. 2, 1935 to holders of record Dec. 15. A similar distribution was made on July 2 last, prior to which distributions of \$1 per share had been made on Sept. 30 and June 30, 1931, and \$1.50 per share each quarter from March 30, 1929 up to and including March 31, 1931.—V. 139, p. 434.

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Has No Objections to FCC Inquiry—**

Walter S. Gifford, President, issued a statement, Nov. 17, relative to the Federal Communications Commission's plan to investigate the Bell System. He said:

"In a business as extensive as ours, which so vitally concerns so many people, the public has a right to the fullest information as to how its affairs are conducted. We therefore have no objections to investigation by properly constituted authorities. We have no skeletons in our closet.

"It is regrettable, although perhaps inevitable, that public investigations should be disturbing to confidence, at least until all who have criticisms to make have made them and the company has had an opportunity to reply.

"We are primarily concerned with furnishing the best possible telephone service at the lowest possible cost consistent with fair treatment of employees and of those who have invested their savings in the business.

"We believe there is no conflict between our aim and the aim of the Federal Communications Commission, and we welcome the opportunity to place before that body all the facts as to the manner in which our business is conducted."

The FCC's plan to investigate the company and its affiliates was given in "Chronicle" of Nov. 17, p. 3087.—V. 139, p. 2986.

**American Utilities Service Corp.—Will Succeed Federal Public Service Corp.—**See latter company below.

**American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Weekly Output.—**

Output of electric energy for the week ended Nov. 17, 1934, totaled 35,014,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of 6% over the output of 33,065,000 kilowatt hours for the corresponding period of 1933.

Comparative table of weekly output of electric energy for the last five years follows:

Week Ended	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930
Oct. 27	34,057,000	32,725,000	28,826,000	31,699,000	35,535,000
Nov. 3	33,737,000	31,484,000	29,752,000	30,119,000	34,745,000
Nov. 10	34,257,000	33,629,000	29,026,000	30,522,000	34,851,000
Nov. 17	35,014,000	33,065,000	28,584,000	30,177,000	34,384,000

**October Output Shows Increase—**

The power output of the electric subsidiaries of the company for the month of October totaled 150,545,885 kilowatt hours, against 142,649,297 kilowatt hours for the corresponding month of 1933, an increase of 6%.

For the 10 months ended Oct. 31, power output totaled 1,475,054,535 kilowatt hours, as against 1,375,852,984 kilowatt hours for the same period last year, an increase of 7%.—V. 139, p. 3148.

**American Writing Paper Co., Inc.—Seeks Modification of Injunction—**

W. B. Luther, representing the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., and F. A. Buck, trustees under the first mortgage, have submitted to Federal Judge McCallan in Federal Court at Boston, a motion requesting modification of the injunction contained in the court order of June 25, 1934, so as to permit the trustee to declare due the principal of the bonds outstanding under the mortgage in accordance with its provisions in that respect.—V. 139, p. 2986.

**Anchor Post Fence Co.—To Reorganize—**

Judge William C. Coleman in Federal Court, Baltimore, recently approved the petition of the company for reorganization under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act.—V. 139, p. 2512.

**Argonaut Mining Co.—Dividend Omitted—**

The directors have decided to omit the dividend ordinarily payable at this time on the common stock (par \$5). Dividends of 50 cents per share were paid on Aug. 23 last, and 25 cents per share on May 23 and Feb. 24 last, this latter being the first disbursement on this issue since February 1930 when a payment of 20 cents per share was made.—V. 139, p. 2669.

**Arkansas Power & Light Co.—Preferred Dividends Declared**

The directors have declared dividends of \$1.17 per share on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value, and \$1 per share on the \$6 cum. pref. stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. This compares with 58 cents per share and 50 cents per share paid on the respective issues on Oct. 1 and July 2 last, and on April 1, July 1 and Oct. 2, 1933, while on Jan. 2 and April 2, 1934 the company distributed 59 cents per share on the \$7 pref. and 50 cents per share on the \$6 pref. stock. Prior to the April 1, 1933 distribution, dividends were paid on the above issues at the regular quarterly rates.—V. 139, p. 2821.

**Armour & Co. (Ill.)—New Head Chosen—**

Robert H. Cabell, was, on Nov. 23, unanimously elected General Manager succeeding the late T. G. Lea.

Not being a member of the Board of Directors, Cabell, it was explained, was not eligible for the Presidency. It was expected he would be named to the Board at the next stockholders' meeting in January and then would automatically be elected President.

Frederick H. Prince, was elected Chairman of the Board.—V. 139, p. 3148.

**Art Metal Works, Inc.—Extra Dividend Declared**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of five cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, par \$5, both payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 10. See also V. 139, p. 2039.

**Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Court Denies New Argument for Dismissal of Reorganization—**

Federal Judge Julian W. Mack handed down, on Nov. 16, an opinion in which he denied a motion made by the company to reargue its move

for the dismissal of a reorganization petition on the ground that it had not been filed in good faith.

"After careful consideration of the memorandum presented by the alleged debtor in support of its motion and of the pertinent parts of the record," said Judge Mack, "I adhere to the view that both the original petition and the intervening petition were severally filed in 'good faith.'"

**Electric Output—**

For the week ended Nov. 17, Associated Gas & Electric System reports net electric output of 54,107,309 units (kw.h.), an increase of 0.4% over the same week. That this increase is not so large as that reported in recent weeks was due largely to a more general observance of Armistice Day this year together with the fact that it occurred in the previous week of last year.

Electric output for the four weeks to date showed an increase of 3.1% over the corresponding period a year ago.—V. 139, p. 3148.

**Associates Investment Co.—\$1 Extra Dividend Declared**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular quarterly distribution of like amount on the common stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 21.—V. 139, p. 1545.

**Babcock & Wilcox Co.—10-Cent Dividend Declared**

The directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 2, 1935 to holders of record Dec. 20. A similar distribution was made on Oct. 1 last and compares with 25 cents per share paid each quarter from April 1, 1933 to and including July 1, 1934; 50 cents per share disbursed on Jan. 2, 1933, Oct. 1, 1932 and July 1, 1932, and \$1 per share paid on April 1, 1932 and Jan. 2, 1932.—V. 139, p. 3149.

**Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Better Outlook for Railroads Predicted by President Willard—**

The 107th annual meeting of stockholders took place Nov. 19 in the general offices of the railroad at Baltimore, continuing the longest series of yearly meetings of stockholders on the part of any railroad in America.

Daniel Willard, President, submitted the annual report of 1933, which was approved, outlined the major accomplishments of last year, and in a brief statement indicated what is being done this year for the betterment of the property.

Mr. Willard announced that the two six-car streamlined air-conditioned trains which the Baltimore & Ohio is having built, one of duralumin and the other of Cor-Ten steel, would be ready early next year, simultaneously with the receipt of Diesel locomotive of 1,800 horsepower to furnish power for one of them. Two steam locomotives are also being built for the streamlined trains.

Dwelling on the progress made in air-conditioning passenger coaches, Mr. Willard stated that the railroad now has 283 passenger cars so equipped and expressed the opinion that air-conditioning has done as much as any one thing to promote the comfort of those who travel by rail. Mr. Willard further stated:

"I have already referred briefly to a number of items of increased expense which began to develop in 1933 and became increasingly apparent during the present year 1934. It has been estimated that on the principal railroads of the United States as a whole the cost of engine fuel and other materials on account of higher prices now prevailing, will be approximately \$134,500,000 greater in 1935 than it would have been with prices obtaining in 1933. The effect of restoring the 10% deduction in wages which was made on all of the roads in 1932 will add another \$156,200,000 to next year's cost of operation. These two items alone will mean a definite increase in the operating expenses of the American railroads for 1935 of more than \$290,000,000 above what they would have been with the same business and with the same unit costs that obtained in 1933.

Only a relatively small number of the principal carriers were able to pay dividends in 1933, and a small proportion failed to earn their operating expenses and taxes. When it is considered that the railroads of the country have been built up to handle satisfactorily a peak load such as in 1929, and yet with a reduction of 50% in the volume of traffic moving, they have been able to do as well as I have indicated above, that constitutes, in my opinion, a notable accomplishment. Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, was reported in the dispatches a few days ago as having said: 'I don't know any other industry that could have lost one-half its gross business and still have so few come to trouble.' However, with the increased basis of costs already experienced in 1934, and the prospects of further increases in that direction in 1935, it became apparent to the railroad managers that unless there should be an immediate and substantial increase in business, it would be necessary for the railroads to seek relief through an increase in the freight rates, or such of them as it was thought would carry an increase without diverting business to other competitive transportation agencies.

The subject was given careful study and application has been made to the ICC for authority to make increases on selected articles at varying percentages. With few exceptions the increases proposed are less than 10%.

"It has been urged by some that such an increase if granted would not help the railroads because much of the business now moving by rail would seek other and cheaper avenues. The traffic officers, men with wide experience concerning such matters, have given this phase of the problem much consideration and they are convinced that the increases which have been proposed will not, if granted, result in further loss of business to the railroads. I might add in this connection that the same fear was felt by many when the increase or so-called freight surcharge was authorized by the Commission in 1932, and which remained in effect for 21 months. It was found, however, that the fears as a whole were groundless. Some rates, it is true, were found to be higher than conditions justified and they were promptly reduced. There was no general indication that the railroads lost business in any substantial amount when the rates were raised, nor was there any tangible evidence that the railroads regained business when the surcharge was removed.

"It is estimated that if the increases which the railroad managers have proposed should be authorized by the Commission it would result in the railroads as a whole receiving, on the basis of the present volume of business, somewhere from \$150,000,000 to \$160,000,000 increased revenue a year. The amount so realized falls short by more than \$130,000,000 of meeting the two items of increased cost already referred to, and it will be necessary for the railroads through further economies, if possible, to look for the additional net required to take care of even the two items of added cost above mentioned. Of course, this burden upon the carriers will be proportionately lightened if and when there should come about such an increase in business activity as we all hope for and expect. I cannot believe that this country with all its wealth in natural resources and man-made equipment, is destined to remain permanently on a basis of 50% capacity operation. Some day, and that day cannot be far removed, it will be necessary for factories long idle or largely restricted in operation to start up again if only to maintain the homes, utilities, railroads, offices and factories necessary to supply the current wants of a nation of 123,000,000 people.

"Perhaps I should say a word concerning the operation of or the results so far obtained from the Emergency Railroad Transportation Act passed in June 1933, which, among other things, created the office of Federal Co-ordinator of Transportation. Many were hopeful that much in the way of economy might be accomplished under the terms of that Act and with the assistance and support of the Co-ordinator. If the Act had been passed in its original form, undoubtedly many economies of substantial amount might have been realized before this. It so happens that the chief item of expense of running a railroad is for wages paid to its employees, and consequently the principal economies to be effected would only be accomplished by the reduction of such forces. This was foreseen at the time that the Emergency Act was being considered and before it was passed in its final form it was amended so that the railroads were forbidden to reduce their forces below what they were in May 1933 when the proposed reductions resulted from co-ordination of facilities with other railroads. Other restrictions were also added. The effect of all this has been to make it extremely difficult if not impossible to bring about many of the economies which had been hoped for.

"The Federal Co-ordinator, however, with a staff made up largely of experienced men taken from the railroad service, and with the help of the railroad organizations themselves, has made numerous and exhaustive studies of different phases of the railroad problem, and he is placing the results of such studies, which are very illuminating, before the railroad managers. While I am inclined to think that it will be found that the estimated savings from some of the changes that have been recommended are too high, and consequently unattainable, nevertheless, the railroads should, and I believe they will, earnestly endeavor to make effective all suggested changes in methods which promise to yield economy in operation, without disproportionate sacrifices in service.

"The railroad managers, realizing the changed conditions, and more particularly the changed point of view concerning the matter of co-operation

versus competition, and feeling that a better organization among themselves was desirable, have set up a new organization during the present year known as the Association of American Railroads, designed to deal more promptly and effectively with their common problems. About 96% of the total railroad mileage in the United States has through its proper representatives signed an agreement having Board approval, granting to the Association and its board of directors powers which the railroads have never before in peace times been willing to delegate to an organization of this character. The new Association was fortunate in being able to secure as its President Mr. John J. Pelley, formerly President of the New York New Haven & Hartford R.R. Co. Several other railroad officers of well-recognized ability and capacity have also resigned from the companies with which they were formerly connected to become Vice-Presidents of the new Association.

"The management of the affairs of the Association rests primarily with a board of directors consisting of 14 railroad presidents who retain their railroad connections and who have been selected with proper regard to geographical representation. The board meets once a month in Washington, where the headquarters of the Association are located. There is also an Executive Committee consisting of five railroad presidents, who are members of the board of directors, of which the President of the Association is also ex-officio a member. This Committee is supposed to be in continuous session, meaning it is subject to call by the President at all times. The organization plan provides for five Vice-Presidents, one of whom will be the General Counsel; another will be in charge of operating and engineering problems; another will have general supervision over matters affecting traffic and related subjects; another will have to do with accounting and financial matters, and still another will have charge of research and statistical inquiries.

"I do not know of any other large industry in this or any other country that has set up so complete and effective an organization to deal with the common problems of the industry as the railroads have set up in Washington. The Association has only been in existence since the first of the present month and it is too early for it to have to its credit any substantial accomplishments beyond the creation of what I think is a very strong organization. I do not hesitate to say, however, that in my opinion it will be the means of bringing about by the railroads as a whole substantial economies by the elimination of duplicate and unnecessary service, and by greater encouragement which it will give to research and invention. All this should result not only in good to the companies themselves, but in better service to the public, with more stabilized employment for their employees and with better and more stabilized returns to their security holders.

"It should not be thought that the railroads during all the years of the past have neglected to give attention to the several things which I have mentioned, and it should be remembered that many of the things which they are now urged to do were formerly and are even to-day looked upon with disfavor, if not actually forbidden, in many of the laws and systems of regulation built up thereunder. While the railroad itself is one of the oldest industries in this country, it is in no sense a decadent industry, as is sometimes alleged. I have the fullest confidence that with legislation such as the President himself, the Federal Co-ordinator and the Interstate Commerce Commission have all recommended from time to time, intended to give to the railroads the quality of opportunity to compete with other transportation agencies to which they are fairly entitled, the railroads will continue to justify their status of private ownership and control. I do not hesitate to predict that the railroads in the future, in co-operation with such other transportation agencies as are now or may hereafter become available, will furnish a co-ordinated transportation service cheaper and better than in any other country in the world. They have done this in the past and I believe they will do so in the future."

**Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.—Earnings—**  
[And Controlled Company]

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—1933	1934—12 Mos.—1933	1934—4 Mos.—1933
Gross earnings	\$170,306	\$175,878	\$2,046,352
Operating expenses	60,794	56,208	683,818
Taxes accrued	26,850	24,650	299,050
Depreciation	10,518	10,581	150,905
Fixed charges	27,618	27,775	331,426
Div. on pref. stock	25,483	25,493	305,758
Div. on common stock	21,721	27,152	293,241
Balance	def \$2,680	\$4,016	def \$17,847

—V. 139, p. 3149.

**Barcelona Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.—Int.—**  
It was announced on Nov. 20 that the half-yearly interest on the 5½% 1st mtge. bonds, payable in pesetas, and due Dec. 1 1934, will be paid on and after such date at the office of Messrs. Arnus-Gari, 9, Paseo de Gracia, Barcelona, Spain, against presentation of Coupon No. 46.  
Bondholders have the option of collecting the above peseta interest at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, in Canadian currency at the current rate of exchange between Madrid and Toronto for the day upon which such coupons are presented for payment.—V. 139, p. 2822.

**Barnsdall Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—**

9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Operating profit	\$2,128,260	\$441,023	\$1,698,288	\$1,608,439
Depreciation, intangible develop. costs & lease costs	2,531,790	2,387,092	2,172,496	4,164,474
Minority interest	-----	-----	Cr5,565	Cr17,485
Net loss	\$403,530	\$1,946,069	\$468,643	\$2,538,550

x After interest and taxes.—V. 139, p. 920.

**Bayuk Cigars, Inc.—\$1 Dividend declared**  
The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. This is the first cash distribution to be made on this issue since Jan. 15 1932 when 37½ cents per share was paid. From Jan. 15 1930 to and including Oct. 15 1931 quarterly payments of 75 cents per share were made.  
On June 15 last, a stock dividend of 4% payable in common stock, was distributed on the above issue.—V. 139, p. 2670.

**Beech-Nut Packing Co.—Larger Extra Dividend declared**  
The directors on Nov. 19 declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, par \$20. The extra dividend is payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 1. The regular quarterly dividend is payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 12. On Oct. 1 last an extra of 25 cents per share was paid.—V. 139, p. 2514.

**Blaw-Knox Co.—New Vice-President, &c.—**  
Chester H. Lehman was on Nov. 19 appointed Vice-President in charge of sales. H. B. Loxterman succeeds Mr. Lehman as Secretary and becomes a director in the place of Howard Sachs, resigned.—V. 139, p. 2514.

**Bralorne Mines, Ltd.—Special Bonus—**  
The directors have declared a special bonus of 20 cents per share on the no par common stock, payable Dec. 17 to holders of record Nov. 30. The company distributed interim dividends of 15 cents per share on Oct. 15 and July 16 last and 12½ cents per share on April 16 last, this latter being the initial payment.—V. 138, p. 4122.

**Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings**

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—1933	1934—10 Mos.—1933
Gross earnings from op.	\$2,750,531	\$2,487,848
Operating expenses	1,275,549	1,117,199
Net earnings	\$1,474,982	\$1,370,649

Note—Earnings continue to be adversely affected by the arbitrary action of the Brazilian authorities in abolishing the relationship of foreign currencies to the milreis in determining certain of the rates for services as provided in the relevant concessions. Temporary rates have been imposed materially reducing the income from such services pending the findings of a commission to recommend permanent rates which, in default of agreement, are to be settled by arbitration.—V. 139, p. 2670.

**Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System—Earnings—**

[Including Brooklyn & Queens Transit System]

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—1933	1934—4 Mos.—1933
Operating revenues	\$4,507,452	\$4,446,415
Operating expenses	2,749,765	2,689,998
Taxes on oper. properties	372,607	349,248
Operating income	\$1,385,080	\$1,407,169
Net non-oper. income	61,023	58,825
Gross income	\$1,446,103	\$1,465,994
Income deductions	724,555	751,776
Current income carried to surplus*	\$721,548	\$714,218
* Accruing to minor. int. of B. & Q. T. Corp.	74,217	80,019

**Labor Board Orders Company to Reinstatement Workers—**

The National Labor Relations Board on Nov. 22 ordered the reinstatement of 20 employees of the New York Rapid Transit Corp., an operating subsidiary of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.

The board found that the employees had been discharged for union activity in violation of Section 7A of the National Industrial Recovery Act and ordered that unless the company reinstates them to their former positions within 10 days the case will be referred to the compliance division of the National Recovery Administration and other agencies of the Government "for appropriate action."  
The company's attitude was made clear last week (V. 139, p. 3150) when the authority of the Board over the company's labor policies was challenged, and officials declined to attend a hearing on the matter at Washington. The hearing subsequently was indefinitely postponed.

While declining to recognize the Board's jurisdiction, the company stated nevertheless that the employees discharged were not so treated because of union activity, but because there was insufficient work for them in the departments concerned.—V. 139, p. 3150.

**Brooklyn & Queens Transit System—Earnings—**

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—1933	1934—4 Mos.—1933
Operating revenues	\$1,781,289	\$1,773,896
Operating expenses	1,356,265	1,333,469
Taxes on oper. properties	139,565	127,706
Operating income	\$285,459	\$312,721
Net non-oper. income	15,826	15,487
Gross income	\$301,285	\$328,208
Income deductions	129,740	137,174
Current income carried to surplus	\$171,545	\$191,034

**Cuts Preferred Dividend—**

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the pref. stock, no par value, for the quarter ended Sept. 30, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. This compares with \$1.50 per share paid every three months from Oct. 1 1931 up to and including Oct. 1 1934, \$1.25 per share quarterly from Oct. 1 1930 up to and including July 1 1931, and \$1 per share previously each quarter.

The company stated that the above action was taken on account of reduced earnings and desire to conserve cash.—V. 139, p. 2671.

**Bulova Watch Co., Inc.—Earnings—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.—1933	1934—6 Mos.—1933
Gross profit	\$478,927	\$207,582
Expenses	256,822	167,750
Operating profit	\$222,105	\$39,833
Other income	6,371	81,670
Total income	\$228,476	\$121,505
x Other charges	100,842	185,094
Deprec. & Fed. taxes	50,060	31,794
Net profit	\$77,574	loss\$95,386

x Includes provision for doubtful notes and accounts.—V. 139, p. 1232.

**Bush Terminal Co.—Bankruptcy Action Approved—**

In an order filed Nov. 17 in the U. S. District Court in Brooklyn, Judge Robert A. Inch approved the petition filed on Nov. 16 by the company seeking a reorganization of its affairs under Section 77-B of the Federal Bankruptcy Laws. He designated James C. Van Siclen and C. Walter Randall to act as temporary trustees for the company. The court set Dec. 14 for a hearing at which it will be determined whether the appointment of the trustees shall be made permanent or be terminated and the receivers in equity of the company be restored to possession of the assets, or whether substitute trustees shall be appointed.  
On April 1 1933, Judge Inch named Messrs. Van Siclen and Randall to act as receivers in equity for the company and they were still acting in that capacity when appointed as trustees under the reorganization petition. On Nov. 7 last a petition for reorganization of the company was filed by three creditors who alleged that the company was unable to pay its debts. The company has not yet filed an answer to the first petition.—V. 139, p. 2988.

**California Ink Co.—50 Cent Extra Dividend declared**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of like amount on the common stock, no par value. The extra dividend is payable Dec. 5 to holders of record Nov. 30 and the regular dividend is payable Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 18.

Years End. Sept. 30—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Profit from operations	\$349,898	\$245,052	\$240,916	\$351,132
Depreciation	36,470	36,541	37,697	40,874
Miscellaneous (net)	11,458	24,598	Cr2,454	4,755
Prov. for Fed. taxes	41,601	27,391	26,233	38,000

Net income	\$260,369	\$156,522	\$179,441	\$267,503
Previous surplus	93,007	138,624	186,548	136,408
Total surplus	\$353,376	\$295,146	\$365,989	\$403,911
Dividends paid	193,510	202,138	217,364	217,364

Add. allow for losses on customers accts. considered applic. to prior years

Surplus, Sept. 30	\$159,866	\$93,008	\$138,624	\$186,547
Shs. capital stock outstanding (no par)	96,630	97,130	108,682	108,682
Earnings per share	\$2.70	\$1.61	\$1.65	\$2.46

**Balance Sheet Sept. 30**

Assets—	1934	1933	Liabilities—	1934	1933
Cash	\$336,867	\$255,252	Accts. payable	\$35,970	\$42,993
Customers' notes and accts. receiv.	270,740	305,246	Prov. for property & Fed. inc. taxes	44,658	30,619
Inventories	449,316	428,616	Divs. pay. Oct. 1	48,315	46,845
Investments	73,400	77,500	Accr. wages, prop. taxes, &c.	20,110	19,642
U. S. Govt. bonds and notes	180,000	160,000	y Capital stock	1,632,000	1,632,000
Acct. int. receiv.	1,387	1,344	Paid in surplus	185,775	195,024
x Plant & equip.	401,038	424,671	Earned surplus	159,867	93,008
Brands, formulae and good-will	371,673	371,673			
Other assets, inc. deferred charges	42,272	37,829			
Total	\$2,126,695	\$2,060,133	Total	\$2,126,695	\$2,060,133

x Less allowance for depreciation of \$612,455 in 1934 and \$578,821 in 1933. y Represented by 96,630 shares of no par value in 1934 and 97,130 in 1933.—V. 137, p. 4016.

Canadian Celanese, Ltd.—To Create Funding Rights—

A special meeting of the holders of the 7% cum. partic. pref. stock and common stock will be held Dec. 11 to sanction a special by-law of the company to authorize the issue of 90,000 income funding rights of the company and to agree to a scheme of arrangement providing for the cancellation of the rights of the holders of the pref. stock to have any part of the surplus or net profits or other assets of the company applied to the payment of the \$7 per year per share dividend on such pref. stock in respect of any period prior to Oct. 1 1934 and amending the letters patent of the company in such manner as to provide in effect that from the date when the scheme of arrangement becomes effective the \$7 pref. dividend on such stock shall not be deemed to have been cumulative in respect of any period prior to Oct. 1 1934.

The special by-law provides for the issue of 90,000 income funding rights and sets forth the attributes attaching to such income funding rights. The proposed scheme of arrangement provides for the issue of such 90,000 income funding rights to pref. shareholders of record on Dec. 31 1934, in the proportion of one income funding right in respect of each pref. share. Such income funding rights shall be without par value, shall entitle the registered holders thereof to receive non-cumulative interest at the rate of \$1 (less tax, if any) per annum per right to the extent of net profits of the company in each year in priority to the pref. dividends, and shall be entitled to the benefit of a sinking fund.

The income funding rights shall bear formal date of Jan. 1 1935. The registered holders of income funding rights shall be entitled to receive interest at the rate of \$1 per income funding right per year computed from Jan. 1 1935, on the number of income funding rights held by them respectively, but only to the extent to which the net profits in each fiscal year shall be sufficient to pay such interest, which interest shall be non-cumulative. If the net profits earned in any fiscal year shall be insufficient to pay interest at such rate on all income funding rights outstanding on Dec. 31 of such year, the net profits earned in such year, if any shall be divided amongst the registered holders of the outstanding income funding rights in proportion to the number of income funding rights held by them respectively in amounts not exceeding in any event \$1 per right. Interest, if any, on income funding rights in respect of each calendar year commencing with the calendar year 1935 shall be paid on or before March 31 of the next succeeding calendar year to holders of income funding rights of record Dec. 31 of the year in respect of which such payments are made.

On or before March 31 1936, the company shall, out of its net profits earned in the fiscal year ending Dec. 31 1935, before providing out of such net profits for any dividend on the pref. stock in respect of such fiscal year, set aside a sum sufficient to pay interest for one year on all income funding rights outstanding on Dec. 31 1935, and the sum so set aside shall be applied to the payment of such interest.

On or before March 31 in each year subsequent to the year 1936, the company shall, out of its net profits earned in the preceding fiscal year, before providing out of such net profits for dividends on the pref. stock in respect of such fiscal year, set aside the sum of \$122,400, which said sum shall be applied in the first instance to the payment of interest in respect of such year on the income funding rights outstanding on Dec. 31 of such year and the balance, if any, of such sum so set aside shall be used on or before June 30 next following as a sinking fund for the redemption or purchase in any manner provided, of income funding rights, or shall be released to the company at the rate of \$25 for each income funding right previously redeemed or purchased by the company in excess of the requirements of such sinking fund in respect of any previous year or years and not theretofore made the basis for similar releases from such fund.

Before the first dividend on common shares of the company is declared or paid subsequent to Dec. 31 1934, the company shall set aside out of its net profits earned subsequent to Dec. 31 1934, a special fund of \$367,200 in cash or investments legal for trustees under the law of the Province of Quebec. The special fund shall be used for the payment of interest on the income funding rights during a total period of three years which shall be subsequent to the creation of the special fund, but which years need not necessarily be consecutive, to the extent to which the net profits of the company, earned in any of such three years shall be insufficient to pay such interest on the income funding rights for such year. Such period of three years shall, from time to time, be shortened by the period, if any (whether consisting of a year or a fraction thereof), in respect of which interest shall previously have been paid out of such special fund.—V. 139, p. 2824.

Canadian Foreign Investment Corp., Ltd.—Extra Div.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly distribution of like amount both payable Jan. 1 1935 to holders of record Dec. 15. The dividends will be paid in Canadian funds subject to a tax of 5% in the case of non-residents.—V. 139, p. 3150.

Canadian National Rys.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Earnings of System for Second Week of November, 1934, 1933, Increase. Rows include Gross earnings and net profit.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Earnings for Second Week of November, 1934, 1933, Increase. Rows include Gross earnings.

Central Argentine Ry., Ltd.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Years End. June 30—, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Gross receipts, Working expenses, Net receipts, Remittance exch., acct., Balance, Int. on investments, &c., Deb. stock interest, Interest on notes, Other interest, &c., Net income, Dividends, Common dividend, Surplus.

Central Arizona Light & Power Co.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Period End. Oct. 31—, 1934—Month—, 1933, 1934—12 Mos.—, 1933. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. expts., incl. taxes, Net revs. from oper., Other income, Gross corp. income, Interest & other deducts., Balance, Property retirement reserve appropriations, Dividends applicable to preferred stocks for period, whether paid or unpaid, Balance, Regular dividends on \$7 and \$6 preferred stocks were paid on Aug. 1 1934.

Central Vermont Ry., Inc.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Period End. Oct. 31—, 1934—Month—, 1933, 1934—10 Mos.—, 1933. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. ry. revenues, Balance, Non-oper. income, Gross income, Deductions, Net income.

Central West Public Service Co.—To Reorganize—

The reorganization committee, it was recently announced, expects to submit a plan of reorganization to the Federal Court in Wilmington, Del., by December 31. The committee, it is said, has proposed extending the time for deposits to July 1 1935 and declaring the plan effective about Oct. 31 1935. Dis-senters must file protests by that date.—V. 139, p. 1233.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: October—, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Sept. 30—, 1934—3 Mos.—, 1933, 1934—9 Mos.—, 1933. Rows include Net profit after Federal taxes, deprec., int. & amort. of discount on bonds, &c., Earnings per sh. on 178,400 no par shs. \$3.50 cum. conv. pref. stock.

Chrysler Corp.—Wins Suit on Engine Mount Patents—

Judge J. Foster Symes of the U. S. District Court at Denver, Col., has handed down a decision holding the Chrysler "floating power" engine mounting construction to be free of the patents of Rolland S. Trott. Mr. Trott, a resident of Denver, brought suit in his home city against Chrysler distributors there, alleging infringement by the Chrysler "floating power" engine mountings upon three patents, all of which were issued after "floating power" mountings were introduced to the public on Plymouth cars, manufactured by Chrysler Corp. The suit was defended by J. King Harness and Merrill E. Clark, attorneys retained by Chrysler Corp., although the Chrysler Corp. was not a party to the suit.

Reorganizing Sales Force—

The company is reorganizing the sales forces of its Chrysler, De Soto and Plymouth divisions in an attempt to secure larger percentage of automobile sales, according to announcement by Walter P. Chrysler. "We propose to organize our Plymouth, De Soto and Chrysler salesmen in the field on a territorial basis, and to give each group a certain area in which they will be responsible for sales of Plymouth and De Soto cars through De Soto dealers, and Plymouth and Chrysler cars through Chrysler dealers," Mr. Chrysler said. "This plan does not include our Dodge line, which is itself a low priced line. The Dodge line and Plymouths sold by Dodge dealers as well as Dodge trucks will continue to be handled as at present by the Dodge organization."—V. 139, p. 3151.

Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry.—\$3 Extra Dividend—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$3 per share in addition to the usual semi-annual dividend of \$4 per share on the common stock, par \$100, both payable Dec. 26 to holders of record Dec. 5. A semi-annual dividend of \$4 per share was paid on this issue on June 26 last, while on Dec. 26 1933 payments were resumed with the payment of an \$8 dividend. Regular semi-annual dividends of \$4 per share had previously been paid up to and including June 24 1932.

New Director and Treasurer—

Herbert G. French has been elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Cooper Procter. Thomas Bird has been appointed Treasurer, succeeding the late Charles Patton.—V. 139, p. 2672.

Cities Stores Co.—Meeting Nov. 27—

An adjourned stockholders' meeting of the company convened at Wilmington, Nov. 22 but a recess until Nov. 27 was taken. According to a Wilmington press dispatch of Nov. 22 Edwin Steele, counsel for the company, told the Federal Court that an agreement on a reorganization plan between Rudolph J. Goerke Sr. stockholder and former president of the company, and some of the company's creditors is "well on the way to settlement." The statement was made on the proposed reorganization plan for the company. Mr. Steele and counsel for Goerke both asked for continuance of the hearing until Nov. 27, but Judge John C. Nields suggested settling the case over until the week of Dec. 20.—V. 139, p. 2825.

Coca-Cola International Corp.—Extra Dividend—

The company on Nov. 19 announced that in conformity with the action taken by The Coca-Cola Co. on Nov. 9 1934, it will likewise pay a regular semi-annual dividend of \$3 per share on its class "A" stock and a regular quarterly dividend of \$3 per share on its common stock; also an extra dividend of \$2 per share on the common stock. The above dividends are payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 12. See also V. 138, p. 3913 for further dividend record.—V. 139, p. 3151.

Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.—To Increase Stock

The company has filed papers at Albany, N. Y., increasing its authorized capital stock from \$3,750,000 to \$7,500,000. Ralph Colin, Secretary to the Board of Directors, explained on Nov. 20 that the directors recently gave consideration to declaration of a stock dividend, but were restricted by the amount of capital stock authorized but unissued. The increase, Mr. Colin said, is to place the directors in a position to declare dividends when they desire. Capital of the corporation now outstanding is 560,000 shares of \$5 par.—V. 139, p. 439.

Columbus Ry., Power & Light Co.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: 12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Gross revenue, Operating expenses, Depreciation, Taxes (incl. Federal), Gross income, Interest, &c., charges, Net income, Divs. on pref. stock, Balance, surplus.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—Unexpired Op-tions—

The New York Stock Exchange has been advised by the company that of the balance of unexpired options outstanding at June 30 1934, as described in its semi-annual report as of that date, there remained at Oct. 31 1934, outstanding options to purchase 8,749 shares of common stock at prices ranging from \$24 to \$32 per share, the number of shares and prices per share being proportionate to those in effect prior to the recent stock dividend. All of these options expire prior to Dec. 31 1936.—V. 139, p. 3151.

**Commonwealth Gas Corp.—Trading Resumed**

The (New York Produce Exchange) has announced that trading in the 15-year 6% income debenture bonds non-cumulative, 1948, has been resumed.—V. 139, p. 2517.

**Commonwealth & Southern Corp.—October Output**

Electric output of the system for the month of October was 497,739,575 kilowatt hours, as compared with 450,807,764 kilowatt hours for October 1933, an increase of 10.41%. For the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1934, the output was 4,742,237,167 kilowatt hours, as compared with 4,424,108,611 kilowatt hours during the corresponding period of 1933, an increase of 7.19%. Total output for the year ended Oct. 31 1934 was 5,626,367,402 kilowatt hours, as compared with 5,283,603,110 kilowatt hours for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1933, an increase of 6.49%.—V. 139, p. 2673.

**Coney Island Hotel Corp.—Asks to Reorganize**

A voluntary petition seeking the reorganization of the corporation (operating the Half Moon Hotel, at Boardwalk and West 29th St., Coney Island), was filed recently in the U. S. District Court in Brooklyn. The petition was signed by William J. Ward, president of the corporation. The petition fixes the assets of the corporation at \$2,430,365 and the liabilities at \$1,736,484 and stated the capital stock is \$1,000,000.

The petition fixes the value of the site at \$346,699 and of the hotel property, including the structure and furnishings at \$1,850,478. It holds that there is a first mortgage of \$350,000 held by the Title Guarantee & Trust Co., a second mortgage of \$300,000 held by the same company and a third mortgage of \$569,000.

**Connecticut Electric Service Co.—Earnings**

12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1934	1933	1932
Gross operating revenue	\$16,897,358	\$16,325,012	\$16,757,004
Net income available for dividends	4,659,826	4,594,585	4,814,605
Balance available for common stock	3,837,045	3,770,872	3,957,130
Aver. no. of no par com. shrs. outstg.	1,147,779	1,147,779	1,147,991
Earnings per average share	\$3.34	\$3.28	\$3.45

—V. 139, p. 2517.

**Consolidated Film Industries, Inc.—50-Cent Prof. Div.**

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$2 cum. and partic. pref. stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 10. Similar distributions were made on Oct. 1, this latter distribution being the first since April 1 1932. Accruals after the Jan. 2 payment will amount to \$3.50 per share.—V. 139, p. 2673.

**Consolidated Gas Utilities Co.—Reorganization Plan**

The committee for the 6 1/2% debentures series A, due 1943, E. G. Diefenbach, Chairman, in a notice issued Nov. 21 states that since the appointment of a receiver for the company in Nov. 1932 the Committee has been endeavoring to develop a plan of reorganization. Recently favorable underwriting terms for new money required for a reorganization have been obtained, and a plan, dated Aug. 1 1934 has been approved by the protective committee for the first mortgage & collateral 6% gold bonds, series A, and as well as by the committee for the debenture holders. The announcement further states:

Proceedings are pending in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma for the reorganization of the company, pursuant to section 77B of the Bankruptcy Act. It is proposed to submit the plan to the court, and in order to have the plan confirmed, the assent of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding debentures is necessary.

All expenses of the reorganization and of the committee will be paid by the new company if the plan becomes effective.

The committee is advised that Bank of the Manhattan Co., trustee under the indenture securing the debentures, has filed a claim in the pending proceedings in the U. S. District Court on behalf of all the debentures and no further claim need be filed by debentureholders.

**Debentureholders' Protective Committee**—E. G. Diefenbach, Chairman; Stanley J. Johnson; Hirst F. Broom; R. B. Marchant; Gerald P. Kynett; and Frederick R. Bauer, with E. E. Caffall, Secretary, 39 Broadway, N. Y. City, and White & Case, Counsel, 14 Wall St., N. Y. City.

The Depository is Manufacturers Trust Co., 55 Broad St., N. Y. City. **Bondholders' Committee**—William W. Battles, John C. Adams, Frederick Peirce, Hamilton Pell, Charles B. Roberts, III, W. W. Turner, J. Dugald White and Dr. Max Winkler.

**Present Company**—A Delaware holding company controlling through stock ownership Consolidated Gas Service Co., Larutan Gas Corp. and its subsidiaries (Wichison Industrial Gas Co., Rice County Gas, Electric & Power Co. and Washington Development Co.), Midwest Gas Corp., Deer Creek Pipe Line Corp., Tonkawa Ice Co. and Texas Panhandle Gas Co.

Through its subsidiaries the corporation is engaged in the business of producing, transporting and distributing natural gas and its by-products principally in the States of Oklahoma and Kansas.

The corporation was formerly an operating company but has now transferred all of its tangible fixed assets to wholly owned subsidiaries under and subject to the lien of the indenture of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co., dated June 1 1928, providing for the issue of first mortgage & collateral gold bonds. These tangible fixed assets, together with certain securities of subsidiaries owned by the corporation, are now subject to the lien of the indenture.

On Nov. 29 1932, Logan W. Cary of Oklahoma City, Okla., was appointed receiver for Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. and Consolidated Gas Service Co. in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma, and on Feb. 17 1933 James R. Morford of Wilmington, Del., and Logan W. Cary of Oklahoma City, were appointed receivers for Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. in the Court of Chancery, Delaware.

Proceedings under section 77B of the Bankruptcy Act are pending against the corporation in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma.

The capitalization and funded debt, as of March 31 1934, was as follows:

1st Mtge. & Coll. 6% gold bonds, series A, due June 1 1943	\$8,285,000
6 1/2% conv. gold deb., series A, due June 1 1943	3,926,500
Class A capital stock (no par)	151,918 5/8 shs.
Class B capital stock (no par)	601,530 9/10ths shs.
a Does not include \$223,000 principal amount held in treasury of the corporation. b Does not include \$100,000 principal amount held in treasury of the corporation.	

Larutan Gas Corp., a subsidiary, as of March 31 1934 had outstanding in the hands of the public first mortgage 6 1/2% sink. fund gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1935, in the principal amount of \$1,019,000. [At July 31 1934, \$919,000 of these bonds were outstanding in the hands of the public.] The holders of these bonds are entitled to purchase 6 shares of the common stock of Larutan Gas Corp. for each \$1,000 of bonds at \$21 per share, if purchased on or before Dec. 1 1934, and \$22 per share if purchased thereafter and on or before Dec. 1 1935.

There are outstanding in the hands of the public 828 1/4 shares of common stock of Larutan Gas Corp., representing approximately 1% of the outstanding common stock.

Default occurred by the corporation on Dec. 1 1932 in the payment of the interest due upon its debentures and no interest or sinking fund has been paid on the debentures since then. The principal of the debentures has been declared due by the trustee thereof, and is now payable. Interest and sinking fund payments have been maintained by the receiver up to date on the series A bonds.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet As At Dec. 31 1933**

Assets—	Liabilities—
Fixed assets	1st Mtge. & coll. 6s, 1943
Investments	8 1/2% Conv. gold deb., 1943
Reacquired securities	Larutan Gas Corp. 1st mtge.
Sink funds & special deposits	6 1/2% 1935
Cash	Accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Accrued liabilities
Unbilled gas revenue	Int. acc. on deb. (in default)
Inventories	Consumers deposits
Prepayments	Deprec. & depl. res.
	Uncollectible accounts, &c.
	Class A & Class B stock
	Minority Int. in subsidiaries
	Surplus
Total	Total

\$26,272,715      \$8,306,000  
6,419      4,026,500  
103,595      1,094,000  
44,743      52,923  
74,955      154,750  
247,295      404,102  
33,401      131,646  
158,356      3,303,282  
13,839      29,133  
x 6,034,813  
35,985  
2,699,581

Total \$26,272,715      Total \$26,272,715

x See capitalization table above.

Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1933

Operating revenue	\$1,948,490
Operation	781,196
Maintenance	61,441
Taxes—Other than Federal Income	111,244
Net earnings from operation	\$994,609
Other income	1,481
Total income	\$996,090
Interest on first mortgage bonds & miscellaneous interest	586,490
Provision for depreciation & depletion	462,571
Deficit	\$52,971
Interest on 6 1/2% convertible gold debentures (in default)	255,222
Deficit	\$308,193
Proportion of loss applicable to minority interest of stockholders	1,227
Balance deficit	\$306,966

**Digest of Plan of Reorganization Dated Aug. 1 1934**

New Company—A new corporation will be organized and will acquire all of the assets of the corporation, and (to extent provided) will assume the payment of all claims of creditors which may be allowed (other than claims on outstanding 6 1/2% convertible gold debentures, series A) unless the new company acquires all of the assets at receiver's or other judicial sale, in which case it will assume only the payment of such claims of creditors as the decree may require.

Upon consummation of the plan, all outstanding shares of stock and indebtedness of Consolidated Gas Service Co. and Texas Panhandle Gas Co. (and of any other corporation which shall acquire all or substantially all the assets of either or both of said corporations), shall be owned by the new company or by a wholly owned subsidiary of the new company.

Based on securities of the corporation outstanding as of March 31 1934, the new company, upon completion of the reorganization, will have securities authorized and outstanding in the amounts as follows:

Description of Security—	Amount Authorized	Amount to be Outstanding
1st mtge. & collateral 6% gold bonds, ser. A, due June 1 1943, of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co., assumed by new company—	a	b \$8,285,000
5-Year 6% notes	\$306,267	786,367
Common stock	991,294 shs.	c 735,302 shs.
Reserved for issue to executives in installments subsequent to completion of the reorganization, not exceeding		24,000 shs.
Warrants for the purchase of com. stock	181,994 shs.	181,994 shs.
a Not limited in authorized amount, but issue of additional bonds is subject to restrictions of the indenture securing the same. b Not including bonds, if any, to be held in the treasury. c Any shares of common stock not issued by reason of the failure of any holders of securities of the corporation to participate in the plan will not be issued in the reorganization, but will remain available to the new company as authorized and unissued stock.		

The Larutan Gas Corp. first mortgage 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, due Dec. 1935, will remain outstanding. The sinking fund for these bonds is calculated to retire all but \$544,000 thereof by maturity and the plan permits the new company to make arrangements for the refunding of said amount thereof at or prior to maturity, and, in addition, provides a commitment for the extension thereof at maturity in case the new company shall not have theretofore caused or provided for the refunding of the said bonds.

**Assumption of Bonds—Change in Sinking Fund**—The new company will assume the payment of the principal and interest of the series A bonds and the performance of all of the obligations of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. under the indenture of the corporation to Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. and James F. McNamara as trustee, dated June 1 1928. The plan of the indenture will remain unaltered. As a part of the plan the provisions of the indenture will be modified and amended by a supplemental indenture regarding the sinking fund provisions.

New sinking fund provisions will provide in substance as follows: So long as such of the series A bonds are outstanding, the new company will pay to the trustee of the series A bonds on Dec. 1 in each year, an amount equivalent to 25% of the consolidated net earnings of the new company and its subsidiaries for the 12 months ending June 30 next preceding, after all expenses (including normal maintenance), taxes and fixed charges, including (without being limited thereto) (a) interest on the first mortgage 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds of Larutan Gas Corp., due Dec. 1 1935, whether or not the same be extended as provided, or any bonds issued by Larutan Gas Corp. to refund the first mortgage bonds; (b) so much of the sinking fund requirements on Larutan bonds as is paid from sources other than the new sinking fund for the series A bonds or the new improvement fund for said bonds; (c) interest on the first mortgage & collateral gold bonds of the corporation; (d) interest on the 5-year 6% notes of the new company, and (e) sinking fund on the notes.

(f) sinking fund payments shall only be required to be made to the extent that the same shall not reduce the cash of the new company on hand on the date of such payment below \$100,000.

**Five-Year 6% Notes**—The notes will be dated as of first day of the month in which the assets of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. are transferred to the new company and will mature five years from their date. They will be unsecured. They will bear interest at rate of 6% per annum, payable semi-annually. Entitled to the benefit of a sinking fund, commencing Jan. 1 1936, or at the expiration of one year from the consummation of the plan, whichever date is later, at the rate of \$5,000 per month during year commencing Jan. 1 1936, or during second year after consummation of plan, whichever is later, \$6,000 per month during succeeding year, \$7,000 per month during succeeding year and \$8,000 per month thereafter. Not be redeemable prior to maturity except through sinking fund.

**Warrants**—Warrants shall entitle holders thereof to purchase common stock of new company within one year from first day of the month in which assets of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. are transferred to new company at \$1 per share and thereafter and within two years from first day of the month in which the assets of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. are transferred to new company at \$1.50 per share. The warrants will expire at the end of two years from first day of the month in which assets of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. are transferred to the new company. All moneys received by new company through the exercise of warrants shall be used (a) for the construction or acquisition of physical extensions of or betterments and improvements to existing properties of the new company or a subsidiary which are charged to capital account and which shall not be used as the basis for the issuance of additional bonds under the indenture dated June 1 1928, or as a basis for determining the amount to be paid to the improvement fund, (b) for the acquisition by the new company of Larutan bonds and (or) series A bonds at not exceeding the redemption price or for redemption thereof. All of the Larutan bonds so purchased shall be delivered to the trustee to be held by it in the sinking fund for the series A bonds and shall be in addition to and not in lieu of all other sinking fund payments hereinafter provided.

**Extension of Larutan Bonds**—The underwriters, as the holders of \$544,000 of Larutan bonds, have agreed, that in the event that the new company shall not have caused or provided for the refunding of the Larutan bonds on or before Oct. 1 1935, they will present at maturity such \$544,000 of Larutan bonds if all thereof be then outstanding (or, if any thereof shall have been redeemed prior to maturity, then such thereof as shall not have been so redeemed plus any additional Larutan bonds which such holders may have been able to acquire, at not in excess of the current call price, with the proceeds of the redeemed bonds), to Larutan Gas Corp. for extension, under an extension agreement to be prepared which shall embody the following terms:

- (a) The extension is to be without impairment of the lien of the Larutan mortgage.
- (b) The maturity of the Larutan bonds, as so extended, is to be July 1 1940.
- (c) The extended Larutan bonds shall bear interest at the rate of 6 1/2% per annum, payable semi-annually on June 1 and Dec. 1 of each year, commencing June 1 1936.
- (d) Larutan Gas Corp. will create and maintain a sinking fund for the retirement of the extended Larutan bonds of \$10,000 per month commencing Jan. 25 1936, sinking fund provisions to be otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Larutan mortgage.
- (e) The extended Larutan bonds shall be subject to redemption, as a whole or in part from time to time, at the option of Larutan Gas Corp., at their principal amount and accrued interest, at any time, redemption pro-



visions to be otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Larutan mortgage.

*Basis of Distribution of New Securities*

The securities of the new company shall be distributed as follows:  
 (A) *Holders of Series A Bonds*, as a consideration for their consent to the modification of the provisions of the indenture securing said series A bonds, to the change of the debentures of Larutan Gas Corp. pledged thereunder, the funding of interest thereon, and the waiver of existing defaults, will receive 10 shares of the common stock of the new company, for each \$1,000 of series A bonds held by them.

(B) *Holders of Debentures* will receive for each \$1,000 of debentures held by them 80 shares of the common stock of the new company.

Each holder of debentures will also be entitled to purchase, at \$78, a unit of \$78 of notes and 40 shares of common stock of the new company, for each \$1,000 of debentures held. Each holder of debentures desiring to purchase new notes and common stock may exercise such right as soon as provision therefor can, in the judgment of the Reorganization committee, practically be made, but in any event must, within 40 days from the date of confirmation of plan, exercise such right by agreement in writing to purchase new securities, and making payment of the purchase price thereof in full in cash, in such manner and at such place as shall be provided in the order confirming this plan or, if not so provided, as shall be determined by the reorganization committee.

(C) *Holders of shares of Class A Stock* will receive for each such share held by them a warrant covering the right to purchase one share of common stock of the new company.

(D) *Holders of Class B Stock* of the corporation, or voting trust certificates for such class B stock, will receive for each 20 share of class B stock held by them, or represented by voting trust certificates held by them, a warrant covering the right to purchase one share of common stock of the new company.

(E) 24,000 shares of the common stock of the new company will be reserved for distribution to executives of the new company in installments upon such terms and conditions as the board of directors of the new company may determine.

(F) 231,180 shares of common stock of the new company will be issued and deposited in escrow for delivery to the underwriters, as the holders of \$544,000 of Larutan bonds, upon performance of their agreement for the extension of such \$544,000 of Larutan Bonds (as set forth above, or, if the new company shall have theretofore caused or provided for the refunding of the Larutan bonds, on Oct. 1 1935).

*Underwriting*—The purchase of so much of the \$306,267 of notes of the new company and 157,060 shares of common stock as the holders of debentures shall not have agreed to purchase within 40 days from the date the plan is confirmed, has been underwritten by A. M. Lampion & Co., Inc., New York, and West Virginia Gas Corp. jointly, subject to consummation of the plan, at the same price at which such notes and stock are offered to holders of debentures. As a guaranty for the performance of such underwriting the underwriters have agreed to deposit in escrow \$306,000 of obligations of the United States Government.

In order to provide for the extension of the outstanding Larutan bonds at maturity the underwriters as the holders of \$544,000 of Larutan bonds have also agreed that, subject to consummation of the plan, they will, in the event that the new company shall not have caused or provided for the refunding of the Larutan bonds on or before Oct. 1 1935, cause to be extended at maturity such \$544,000 bonds, if then outstanding (or, such as shall not have been so redeemed). In consideration of such agreement the underwriters will receive 231,180 shares of common stock of the new company which shall be issued immediately upon completion of the reorganization and held in escrow for delivery upon performance of such agreement, or, if the new company shall have theretofore caused or provided for the refunding of the Larutan bonds, on Oct. 1 1935. As a guaranty for the performance of such agreement, the underwriters have agreed to deposit in escrow \$544,000 of Larutan bonds, and (or) cash.

*Reorganization Committee*—Lawrence M. Bainbridge, E. G. Diefenbach, Dr. Max Winkler and Wm. W. Battles, Chairman, will constitute a reorganization committee under this plan. The reorganization committee shall have general supervision over the consummation of the plan, subject to the approval of the bankruptcy court or other court having jurisdiction.—V. 138, p. 4294.

**Consumers Gas Co. of Toronto—Earnings—**

Years End, Sept. 30—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Gas sales	\$5,362,195	\$5,459,076	\$5,798,002	\$5,864,352
Residuals produced	1,713,725	1,400,346	1,576,131	1,719,185
Merchandise sales	167,587	161,302	296,859	396,933
Miscellaneous revenue	7,121	6,919	8,875	13,833
<b>Total gross earnings</b>	<b>\$7,250,628</b>	<b>\$7,027,644</b>	<b>\$7,679,867</b>	<b>\$7,994,304</b>
Prod. distrib. & admin. expenses and taxes	5,405,887	5,264,577	5,574,672	5,803,662
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>\$1,844,740</b>	<b>\$1,763,067</b>	<b>\$2,105,195</b>	<b>\$2,190,641</b>
Interest earnings	96,999	102,387	82,486	90,381
<b>Total net income</b>	<b>\$1,941,739</b>	<b>\$1,865,453</b>	<b>\$2,187,681</b>	<b>\$2,281,023</b>
Special surplus account brought forward	Nil	21,205	226,814	284,602
Transfer from reserve fund	508,294	555,675	-----	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,450,033</b>	<b>\$2,442,334</b>	<b>\$2,414,495</b>	<b>\$2,565,625</b>
Dividends	1,405,520	1,405,520	1,365,256	1,325,000
Plant and buildings, renewal fund	1,044,513	1,036,814	1,028,033	1,013,812
Spec. sur. acct. Sept. 30	Nil	Nil	\$21,206	\$226,814
Shares of stock outstanding (\$100 par)	140,552	140,552	140,552	132,500
Earnings per share before plant and bldgs. renewal fund	\$13.82	\$13.29	\$15.57	\$17.22

**Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30**

Assets—	1934	1933	Liabilities—	1934	1933
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Plant, &c.	21,745,173	21,596,343	Capital stock	14,055,200	14,055,200
Other investments	1,993,511	1,998,179	Reserve fund	6,929,939	7,438,233
Materials, &c.	1,059,700	856,392	Renewal fund	3,831,892	3,322,693
Cash	11,103	174,794	Sundry accounts	347,432	282,180
Accounts receivable	772,611	735,078	Bank advance	149,707	-----
Accrued interest (not due)	40,137	40,197	Reserve for divs.	351,380	351,380
Prepaid taxes	98,577	98,364	Stock premium	6,993,908	6,993,908
			Prov. for Dominion Govt. taxation	55,261	49,659
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,720,811</b>	<b>25,499,346</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,720,811</b>	<b>25,499,346</b>

—V. 138, p. 4294.

**Consumers' Glass Co., Ltd.—Tenders—**

The Toronto General Trusts Corp., Montreal, Canada, will until Dec. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% series A, 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, sufficient to exhaust the sum of \$50,000.—V. 139, p. 2826.

**Consumers Power Co.—To Sell \$7,000,000 Bonds—**The company announced Nov. 16 that it had arranged, through Bonbright & Co., Inc., to place an issue of between \$7- and \$8,000,000 of 10-year 1st lien & unifying mtge. 4% bonds with a small group of institutional investors at par.

Proceeds of this financing will be used to refund \$1,500,000 of underlying bonds which have matured and against which no new bonds have hitherto been issued and to acquire its first lien and refunding 5% bonds due in 1936, which will either be canceled or pledged under the mortgage securing the new issue.—V. 139, p. 2674.

**Continental Oil Co. (Maine)—Distribution—**

By decree of the Supreme Judicial Court of the State of Maine dated Nov. 15, it was ordered that Charles D. Booth as liquidating trustee of Continental Oil Co (Me.), after making a reserve for expenses in connection with liquidation, distribute to the stockholders of Continental Oil Co. (Me.), Mutual Oil Co., Elk Basin Consolidated Petroleum Co., and Elk Basin Petroleum Co. the remaining assets of Continental Oil Co. (Me.) consisting of capital stock of Continental Oil Co. (Del.) on the basis of 6-10 of a share of stock of the Delaware company for each share of the Maine

company and 3-10 of a share of stock of the Delaware company for each share of stock of the Mutual Oil Co., the Elk Basin Consolidated Petroleum Co. and Elk Basin Petroleum Co. Any final fractional shares deliverable will not be distributed but will be purchased by the Delaware company at the rate of \$18 per share less cost of transfer taxes and the net proceeds will be distributed to the stockholders who would otherwise be entitled to such final fractional shares.

Stockholders of above mentioned companies are requested to present their claims in writing accompanied by the stock certificates on or before March 1 1935, to New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, New York, the agent of the liquidating trustee.—V. 139, p. 2991.

**Coty, Inc. (& Domestic Subs.)—Earnings—**

Period End, Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.—1933	1934—9 Mos.—1933
Gross profit	\$506,483	\$642,903
Expenses	444,513	575,055
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>\$61,970</b>	<b>\$67,848</b>
Other income	3,236	137,818
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$65,206</b>	<b>\$205,666</b>
Depreciation	8,981	10,944
Federal tax	5,166	28,220
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$51,059</b>	<b>\$166,502</b>
Earns. per sh. on 1,537,435 sh. cap. stk. (no par)	\$0.03	\$0.11

1934—9 Mos.—1933  
 \$2,287,331  
 \$1,830,336  
 \$444,830  
 \$64,282  
 \$509,112  
 \$26,084  
 \$37,366  
 \$415,662  
 \$0.27  
 \$0.25

Note—Above figures are exclusive of the proportions of profits and losses of foreign subsidiary and associated companies applicable to holding of Coty, Inc., in these companies.—V. 139, p. 1704.

**Croft Brewing Co.—Listing Approved—**

The New York Curb Exchange has approved the listing of 1,775,717 shares of common stock (\$1 par), with the authority to add to the list 224,283 additional shares of common capital stock, upon official notice of issuance.—V. 139, p. 3152.

**Crown Drug Stores, Inc.—Earnings—**

*Earnings for the 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 1934*

Net income after expenses and other charges	\$160,826
Earnings per share on 442,589 common shares	\$0.24

—V. 139, p. 1704.

**Denver & Salt Lake Western RR.—\$3,182,150 Reconstruction Loan Approved—**The Interstate Commerce Commission on Nov. 16 approved a loan of \$3,182,150 to the company from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the proceeds to be used for the immediate purchase, or to provide for the purchase at \$155 per share, of 20,530 shares of the capital stock of Denver & Salt Lake Ry. The report of the commission states in part:

The applicant represents that it can not secure the necessary funds in whole or in part from any other source, its negotiations to secure a loan from any other source, its negotiations to secure a loan from private sources having failed.

*Transportation Properties and Operations*

The applicant's properties consist of a single track standard-gauge railroad connecting Orestod and Dotsero, Colo., a distance of 41.3 miles, constructed within the last three years and opened for service on June 15 1934. The railroad connects the main line of the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. at or near Dotsero with the Salt Lake at Orestod, and in conjunction with the Salt Lake forms a connecting link for the passage of the Rio Grande's trains between Denver, Colo., and the west, shortening the distance from Denver to Dotsero by 174 miles as compared with the distance via Pueblo, Colo.

*Necessities of the Applicant*

By our order dated Sept. 15 1931, we required the Rio Grande to purchase at not exceeding \$155 per share all outstanding capital stock and (or) voting trust certificates of the Salt Lake which might be tendered by the holders thereof within six months from the date of our order. The date within which the stock might be tendered was subsequently extended by supplemental orders, the last dated Sept. 10 1932, requiring the Rio Grande to deposit with the Colorado National Bank, Denver, 20,530 shares of capital stock and (or) voting trust certificates of the Salt Lake, theretofore purchased and owned by it, as collateral security for its obligation to purchase an equal amount of shares or certificates at \$155 per share on or before Jan. 2, 1935.

The Rio Grande owns the applicant's entire capital stock and operates its railroad under a lease.

*Security*

The applicant offers as security for the loan a demand note or other evidence of indebtedness or book account of the Rio Grande in the amount of \$3,182,150, to be collaterally secured by the deposit and pledge of not less than 37,776 nor more than 41,060 shares of the capital stock and (or) voting trust certificates of the Salt Lake, and an irrevocable order on the Colorado National Bank, Denver, to deliver not later than Jan. 2 1935, additional shares of capital stock and (or) voting trust certificates of the Salt Lake up to a maximum of 41,060, or, in lieu thereof, cash at the rate of \$77.50 for each share or voting trust certificate not so delivered. The price of \$155 per share for which the applicant and (or) the Rio Grande will purchase the minority stock of the Salt Lake to be tendered on or before Jan. 2 1935, was authorized by us in our previous reports and orders.

The stock of the Salt Lake, offered as security for the Rio Grande's note, is part of a total issue outstanding of 50,000 shares, 8,940 of which are pledged by the Rio Grande with the Finance Corporation as part security for a loan of \$3,550,000 approved by us on Sept. 10 1932. Of the remaining 41,060 shares, one-half or 20,530 shares are owned by the Rio Grande and are also pledged with the Finance Corporation as part security for another loan to the Rio Grande, subject, however, to the deposit thereof by the Rio Grande with the Colorado National Bank, Denver, as trustee, as collateral security for the obligation of the Rio Grande under agreements entered into by it with certain minority stockholders of the Salt Lake for the purchase of their stock. The other one-half, or 20,530 shares, constitute the minority shares proposed to be purchased on or before Jan. 2 1935, with the proceeds of the loan requested. The entire amount of 41,060 shares, less any such minority shares as are not tendered and less a corresponding number of shares deposited with the above mentioned bank by the Rio Grande will then be unconditionally pledged with the Finance Corporation. For every share not so pledged the bank will pay \$77.50 to the Finance Corporation, to be applied to the reduction of the principal of the loan. At the date of the filing of the application, 18,888 minority shares had been tendered.

It is proposed that the Finance Corporation shall, during the term of the loan, have voting power of all of the stock and (or) voting trust certificates pledged with it as security for the loan, and that, during the term of the loan, the applicant shall have a continuing option to purchase all, and not a part of, the pledged stock and (or) voting trust certificates at a price of \$77.50 per share and to make payment therefor by crediting the amount of the purchase price upon the face of the note or other evidence of indebtedness of the Rio Grande, which note or other evidence of indebtedness will also be pledged with the Finance Corporation.

Under the provisions of section 15 of the Emergency Railroad Transportation Act, 1933, we may not approve a loan to a carrier under the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended, if we are of the opinion that the carrier is in need of financial reorganization in the public interest. The applicant has issued no securities other than its common capital stock above described and, therefore, we are of the opinion, and find, that it is not at present in need of financial reorganization in the public interest.

Section 5 of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, as amended, authorizes the Finance Corporation, upon our approval, to make loans to aid in the temporary financing of railroads and railways engaged in interstate commerce. As a measure for financing the Rio Grande, through advances to a subsidiary whose property it operates in inter-State commerce under exclusive leasehold privileges the loan herein under consideration appears to be within the purview of the act. The desirability, from the applicant's point of view, of insuring unified operation by the Rio Grande of the short route from Dotsero to Denver over its property and the connecting line of the Salt Lake, is clear. We are of the opinion that the applicant is eligible to obtain the loan requested under the above section of the act.

The property of the applicant has immense strategic value as a cut-off route in mountainous territory, where alternative routes are practically unobtainable at reasonable cost. It is reasonable to believe that whatever may be the financial vicissitudes of its present lessee, the importance of the cut-off would justify affirmative of the lease upon terms as favorable as those now enjoyed by the applicant.—V. 139, p. 3152.

Detroit Street Ry.—Earnings—
Period Ended Oct. 31— 1934—Month—1933 1934—12 Mos.—1933
Operating revenues— \$1,230,031 \$1,114,975 \$15,935,218 \$12,889,614

Dominguez Oil Fields Co.—Extra Dividend—
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular monthly payment of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 24. The last previous extra dividend was paid on Dec. 1 1932 and likewise amounted to 25 cents per share.—V. 138, p. 3436.

Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called—
All of the outstanding 30-year 6% sinking fund 1st & ref. mtg. bonds dated Sept. 1 1919 have been called for redemption on March 1 1935 at 105 and interest.—V. 139, p. 1706.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—15-Cent Extra Div.—
The directors on Nov. 19 declared an extra dividend of 15 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly distribution of 65 cents per share on the common stock, par \$20, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 28. An extra dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on Sept. 15 last. See also V. 139, p. 1236 for further dividend record.—V. 139, p. 2675.

East St. Louis Columbia & Waterloo Ry.—To Reorganize—
Federal Judge Fred Wham at East St. Louis recently ordered officials of the road to file a schedule of assets and liabilities by December 1, with monthly summaries thereafter. The railroad petitioned the court for reorganization under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act.—V. 119, p. 324.

Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates—Earnings—
12 Months Ended Oct. 31— 1934 1933 1932
Total income— \$11,811,219 \$11,092,311 \$11,023,953

Eastern States Gas & Power Co.—Distribution—
Chase National Bank, N. Y. C., as successor trustee under the indenture dated Jan. 1 1929 securing the 1st mtg. coll. trust 6% sinking fund gold bonds has sold the collateral held under the indenture for the sum of \$30,000 and there is now distributable out of the net proceeds of said sale the sum of \$84.42 on each \$1,000 of bonds with Sept. 1 1932 and subsequent coupons annexed.

Electric & Musical Industries, Ltd.—Initial Dividend—
The directors have declared an initial dividend of 19 cents per share on the American shares, payable Dec. 4 to holders of record Nov. 27.—V. 139, p. 3153.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Electric Output of Affiliates—
Electric output for the three major affiliates of the Electric Bond & Share System for the week ended Nov. 15 compares with the corresponding week of 1933 as follows (kwh):

Table with columns for 1934, 1933, Amount, and %. Rows include Amer. Pow. & Light Co., Elec. Pow. & Light Corp, and Natl. Pow. & Light Co.

Electric Storage Battery Co.—Larger Dividends—
The directors have declared dividends of 75 cents per share on the no-par common stock, and the cum. partic. pref. stock, par \$25, both payable Jan. 1 1935 to holders of record Dec. 10. This dividend will make a total of \$2.25 per share paid on each of the above issues for the year 1934. Previously 50 cents per share was distributed on both issues each quarter from Oct. 1 1932 to and including Oct. 1 1934; 75 cents per share was paid on July 1 and April 1 1932; \$1 per share was disbursed on these issues on Jan. 2 1932 and Oct. 1 1931 and \$1.25 per share previously each quarter.—V. 138, p. 3437.

Empire State Insurance Co.—Initial Dividend—
The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 1.—V. 136, p. 2076.

Erie RR.—Earnings—
Period End. Oct. 31— 1934—Month—1933 1934—12 Mos.—1933
Operating revenues— \$6,725,767 \$6,675,955 \$63,902,287 \$60,649,635

Fajardo Sugar Co.—Annual Report—The remarks of John Bass, President, together with the income account and balance sheet for the year ended July 31 1934, will be found under "Reports and Documents" on a subsequent page. Comparative tables will be found in "Chronicle" of Nov. 17, page 3153.—V. 139, p. 3153.

Exchange Buffet Corp.—Earnings—
Years End. Apr. 30— 1934 1933 1932 1931
Sales— \$3,272,970 \$3,937,497
Gross profits— 8,274 58,120 \$260,242 \$627,766

Fall River Gas Works Co.—Earnings—
Period End. Oct. 31— 1934—Month—1933 1934—12 Mos.—1933
Gross earnings— \$73,592 \$75,580 \$890,953 \$901,068

Federal Public Service Corp.—New Corporation Formed—
At a hearing on Oct. 10 1934, the plan of reorganization which had been previously promulgated by the Reorganization Committee under date of Nov. 15 1933, was formally proposed under the provisions of Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act, as amended in the U. S. District Court at Chicago, Ill. At a second hearing on Oct. 31 1934, the plan was confirmed by the Court.

Ferro Enamel Corp.—Earnings—
10 Months Ended Oct. 31— 1934 1933
Net profit after int., deprec., taxes, &c.— \$192,692 \$162,042
Earns. per sh. on 122,000 common shares— \$1.53 \$1.28

Fire Association of Philadelphia—Balance Sheet—
Sept. 30'34. Dec. 31'33.
Assets— \$ \$
Real estate— 264,929 357,463

Florida Power & Light Co.—Earnings—
Period End. Oct. 31— 1934—Month—1933 1934—12 Mos.—1933
Operating revenues— \$763,989 \$650,495 \$10,362,537 \$9,648,159

Foote-Burt Co.—25-Cent Dividend—
The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 5. Similar distributions were made on Dec. 23 1933, and Dec. 20 1932, this latter being the first payment made since March 16 1931 when 32½ cents per share was paid. Prior to then quarterly distributions of 65 cents per share were made.—V. 139, p. 1239.

Ford Motor Car Co. (Detroit)—October Truck Sales—
The company announced that Ford dealers throughout the United States sold at retail in October the largest volume of Ford commercial units for any October since 1930.

Fox West Coast Theatres (Calif.)—Sale Authorized—
A dispatch from Los Angeles, Nov. 19, states: Earl E. Moss, referee in bankruptcy has authorized the sale of the Fox West Coast Theatres Corp., controlling more than 125 motion-picture houses on the Pacific Coast, to the National Theatres Corp. for \$17,000,000.

The Bankruptcy Court also declared a dividend to creditors of 100% of all unsecured indebtedness. The order permitting the sale cannot become effective until after a 10-day period.

Attorneys for the bankruptcy trustees said that when the theatre chain was placed in bankruptcy in Feb. 1932, it was losing about \$25,000 weekly, but since then the business has been put on a profitable basis.—V. 136 p. 2982.

**(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co., Syracuse, N. Y.—Syndicate Buys Notes—**

A syndicate known as Franklin Motors, Inc., has been incorp. in Delaware and has taken over from creditor banks notes of the H. H. Franklin Manufacturing Co. totaling \$2,213,917, according to press dispatches from Syracuse. The dispatches add:

Franklin Motors thereby has become the principal creditor of the Franklin company, which filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy last April. The new corporation, of which John E. Williams of Syracuse is President and George W. Ritter of Toledo is Secretary and Treasurer, expects to bid in the Franklin assets when offered for sale by the trustees in bankruptcy next month.

The new company plans to manufacture a new air-cooled car to sell at a lower level than the existing Franklin models. Mr. Williams was formerly sales manager of the Franklin company.—V. 139, p. 2519.

**Galveston Electric Co.—Earnings—**

Period Ended Oct. 31—	1934—Month—1933	1934—12 Mos.—1933
Gross earnings	\$18,845	\$19,280
Operation	13,575	13,625
Maintenance	2,941	2,852
Taxes	1,654	1,394
Net oper. revenue, a. . .	\$674	\$1,407

a Interest on 8% secured income bonds is deducted from surplus when declared and paid. Last payment was July 31 1934 and interest for three months since then not declared or paid is \$4,200 and is not included in this statement.—V. 139, p. 2677.

**Galveston-Houston Electric Ry.—Earnings—**

Period Ended Oct. 31—	1934—Month—1933	1934—12 Mos.—1933
Gross earnings	\$17,310	\$17,387
Operation	10,514	9,582
Maintenance	3,968	3,270
Taxes	1,485	1,335
Interest (public)	5,108	5,108
Deficit, a. . . . .	\$3,766	\$1,908

a Interest on income bonds and notes has not been earned or paid and \$503,507 for 38 months since Sept. 1 1931 is not included in this statement. Also interest receivable on income notes since Oct. 20 1932 in the amount of \$754 is not included.—V. 139, p. 3603.

**Gamwell Co.—Preferred Dividend Passed—**

The directors on Nov. 16 took no action on the declaration of the dividend ordinarily payable at this time on the \$6 cumulative preferred stock, no par value. Previously, regular distributions of \$1.50 per share were made, each quarter up to and including Sept. 15, last.—V. 139, p. 2045.

**General Development Co.—Resumes Dividends—**

A dividend of 50 cents per share was paid on the common stock (par \$20) on Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 19. This was the first distribution made on this issue since June 1930, when a semi-annual distribution of 25 cents per share was made.—V. 132, p. 1425.

**General Foods Corp.—Annuity Plan Set—Old-Age Retirement Incomes Provided by Co-operative Insurance Payments—** See under "Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.—V. 139, p. 2830.

**General Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings—**

	1934	1933	1932	1931
Operating revenues	\$6,332,800	\$6,495,360	\$6,600,061	\$6,605,670
Net after exp., tax & depreciation	2,030,007	2,310,823	2,550,645	2,709,930
x Net income	loss \$373,744	240,867	4,197,545	7,010,354

x After interest, subsidiary preferred dividends, etc.—V. 139, p. 2677.

**General Railway Signal Co.—Earnings—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.—1933	1934—9 Mos.—1933
Net loss after deprec., taxes, &c. . . . .	\$83,623	\$132,551

—V. 139, p. 1239.

**Gilmore Oil Co. Ltd.—15-Cent Dividend Declared**

The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 30 to holders of record Nov. 20. This compares with 25 cents per share paid on Jan. 31 last, and 20 cents per share distributed on Jan. 31 1933, Oct. 31 1932 and July 31 1932.—V. 138, p. 4463.

**(B. F.) Goodrich Co.—Stock Canceled—**

The New York Stock Exchange has been notified by the Bankers Trust Co., as trustee under the mortgage dated July 1 1922, that it has released to the Goodrich company for cancellation 8,000 shares of no par value capital stock of Pacific Goodrich Rubber Co. and that there has been filed with the Bankers Trust Co. a supplemental indenture subjecting to the lien of the mortgage all of the property acquired by the B. F. Goodrich Co. from Pacific Goodrich Rubber Co.—V. 139, p. 2520.

**Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Co., Ltd.—Has Metal Valued at \$6,109,000 on Hand—**

Supplementing the circular letter dated Nov. 5 1934 which accompanied the notice calling an extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the company to be held on Dec. 12 to consider the advisability of closing down the Anxox properties, and the course to be taken with respect to the sale of the company's products, the company is giving the shareholders the following information:

As of Oct. 31 1934 the company had in inventory approximately 99,000,000 pounds of copper, 650,000 ounces of silver and 6,700 ounces of gold.

From the condensed statement of the assets and liabilities as at Oct. 31 1934 it will be noted that using current market prices of 6.65 cents per pound net to the company for foreign copper, 54 cents per ounce for silver and \$34 per ounce for gold, and after allowing for smelting, refining and marketing charges, such ores and metals had a value of approximately \$6,109,000. Also on that date there were cash and accounts receivable of approximately \$116,000, or a total of \$6,225,000, against which the company had outstanding loans and accounts payable of \$1,545,000, or an excess of about \$4,680,000, equivalent to \$10.40 a share. In addition thereto the company had other assets, including materials, supplies, mining properties, equipment, &c.

"Of course," says President Charles Bocking, "it must be apparent to everyone that the company cannot advise with respect to the future price of copper nor, therefore, as to the ultimate liquidating value of the company's inventories. You were informed in the former circular letter that practically all of our copper must be sold outside the United States."

A full report on the Anxox situation will be presented at the shareholders' meeting.

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1934**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$91,400	Notes payable, sec. by pledge of metals incl. in inventory	\$1,275,000
Accounts receivable	25,243	Accounts payable	270,942
Inventory of ores & metals on hand, less smelting, refining & market. chgs. (book val.)	x7,353,724	Miscellaneous reserves	35,795
Materials, supplies & merchandise (book value)	645,135	Net assets applicable to the 450,000.65 shs. outstanding, based on book values of assets	10,509,893
Fixed assets (less deprec. & depletion)	3,469,868		
Shs. in other cos. (book val.)	491,180		
Deferred & prepaid charges	15,080		
Total	\$12,091,630	Total	\$12,091,630

x The inventory of ores and metals at Oct. 31 1934, using market quotations as of Nov. 20 1934, i. e., 6.65 cents per pound net to the company for foreign copper, 54 cents per pound for silver and \$34 per ounce for gold, has an approximate value of \$6,109,000 after allowing for smelting, refining and marketing charges. It is impossible to determine to what extent the values stated for materials, supplies, merchandise and fixed assets in the above statement will be diminished in the event of the termination of operations. The figures in the above statement are expressed in Canadian dollars, with the exception that no account has been taken of the exchange premium, if any, on certain current liabilities and on refining and marketing charges payable in United States currency.—V. 139, p. 3155.

**Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Usual Extra Div. Declared**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. Like amounts have been payable each quarter since and including Sept. 1 1931.—V. 139, p. 2995.

**Grocery Store Products, Inc.—Bondholders' Committee Formed**

A bondholders' committee has been formed to protect the holders of the 5% debentures, consisting of John H. Mulliken, Chairman, Earle T. Shaw, and Frank E. Taylor, with James F. Donnelly, Sec., 120 Broadway, New York; and Raymond S. Fanning, counsel, 120 Broadway, New York.

The committee, in a letter to the debenture holders, states: "The semi-annual interest on the debentures, due Sept. 1 1934, has not been paid and is now more than 60 days in default."

The plan involving partial surrender of debentures in exchange for a new preferential stock, proposed by the board of directors on April 14 1934, has not been declared operative, and the time within which the plan could, under its terms, be declared operative has expired.

Representatives of the above committee have, over the past two months, conferred frequently with the Chairman of the board of directors and others in the effort to meet objections to the plan, to work out alternatives, to rectify management policies and conditions complained of, and to bring about a proper reorganization under the provisions of Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act.

Petition for appointment of receivers for the above corporation and for an injunction against the April 14 plan has been filed in the Chancery Court of Delaware by a creditor not affiliated with us.

The committee joined in the filing of a creditors' petition for reorganization of the corporation under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act as amended in the Federal Court at Wilmington, Del., requesting appointment of the President of the corporation as temporary trustee.

The committee is now able to announce that, through changes in the management and co-operation between representatives of all of the major interests in the corporation, agreement has been reached on proceedings for reorganization by voluntary petition of the corporation, under Section 77-B, and it is hoped that a plan of reorganization satisfactory to all holders of debentures and stock may be worked out promptly.

No deposit of debentures is requested at this time. Debentures now on deposit under the old plan may be left on deposit pending submission of a new plan, if desired.

**Officials Resign—**

R. M. McMullen, Chairman of the Board, and H. H. Mills, Vice-President, have resigned, it was announced on Nov. 20.—V. 139, p. 600.

**Hanover Railway Co.—Abandonment—**

The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued a certificate permitting the company to abandon operation, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, of its entire railroad, extending from a connection with the Chicago Great Western RR. at North Hanover to Hanover, 2.375 miles, all in Jo Daviess County, Ill.

The railroad was constructed in 1907, and was operated until May 28 1934, when the Chicago Great Western RR. placed an embargo on carloads for the railroad, as the bridges thereon did not pass the inspection of that company. The applicant was financially unable to repair the bridges, and was obliged to discontinue operation. On May 19 1934, the applicant's equipment was sold at a tax sale, and in August 1934, the rails and ties were sold at a judgment sale to satisfy a labor claim.—V. 122, p. 92.

**Hathaway Manufacturing Co.—Earnings—**

Earnings for the Year Ended Sept. 29 1934	
Receipts	\$3,937,125
Expenses	3,725,572
Depreciation	136,866
Federal income tax	20,481
Net income	\$54,205

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 29				
	1934	1933	1934	1933
Assets—				
Real estate	\$729,505	\$692,578	Capital stock	\$1,500,000
Machinery	1,236,686	1,326,869	Federal taxes	29,667
Merchandise	684,140	534,070	Reserve for deprec. of inventory	112,394
Cash, accounts, receivable	276,232	540,429	Renewals	712,293
			Profit and loss	572,209
Total	\$2,926,563	\$3,093,946	Total	\$2,926,563

The stockholders have voted to retire 2,500 shares of stock held in treasury, reducing the capital to \$1,250,000 from \$1,500,000.—V. 139, p. 1240.

**Haverhill Gas Light Co.—Earnings—**

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—1933	1934—12 Mos.—1933
Gross earnings	\$47,034	\$49,268
Operation	29,733	28,428
Maintenance	2,604	1,368
Retirement res'v accrual	2,916	3,750
Taxes	6,959	6,049
Interest charges	252	273
Balance	\$4,567	\$9,397

—V. 139, p. 2520.

**Hecla Mining Co.—Earnings—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.—1933	1934—9 Mos.—1933
Gross income	\$357,962	\$303,429
Operating expenses	207,825	188,503
Taxes accrued	23,366	17,407
Depreciation	20,588	17,600
Depletion of ore bodies	52,189	—
Net profit	\$53,993	\$79,918

Earns. per sh. on 1,000,000 shs. (par 25c.) capital stock: \$0.06 1934, \$0.08 1933, \$0.26 1932, \$0.16 1931.—V. 139, p. 1240.

**Holyoke Street Ry. Co.—Earnings—**

(As reported to the Mass. Dept. of Public Utilities)

Period End. Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.—1933	1934—9 Mos.—1933
Passengers carried	714,148	821,627
Average fare (cents)	8.8	8.7
Net loss	\$17,508	\$13,900

—V. 139, p. 931.

**Hoosac Mills Corp.—Receivers Report Operating Loss—**

The receivers, William M. Butler and James A. MacDonough, have filed their second report with the Federal Court at Boston, for six months ending Sept. 29 1934. The plants have been operated, the report says, on the average budgeted activity of 40.1% since May 30 1934. The report says losses from operations during the six months, including inventory write-downs of \$106,700, and carrying on the agency account and also including fixed and variable expenses estimated at \$33,558 due to the three weeks' strike in September have amounted to \$275,055, exclusive of depreciation.

The receivers now have on their books sufficient business to operate the New Bedford division profitably. They believe that the Hoosac Mills division will shortly be on the same basis. The staple goods market is improving, say the receivers, and the staple goods sold later in the finished state are expected to show a profit.

The receivers now have on their books orders for manufacturing amounting to approximately \$550,000 to \$600,000. The rate of sale is greater than the current rate of production and has been so for the past two months. Volume of production at the rate of 85% of budgeted activity for the week ending Nov. 10 amounts to approximately \$90,000 in value.

"The receivers are seriously handicapped," the report says, "in their operation and merchandising by the fact that they cannot acquire sufficient working capital under their authority to borrow \$200,000 on receivers' certificates."—V. 137, p. 2984.

**(Geo. A.) Hormel & Co.—Earnings—**

[Including Domestic Subsidiaries]				
Fiscal Year Ended—	Oct. 27 '34	Oct. 28 '33	Oct. 29 '32	Oct. 31 '31
Net sales	\$33,380,425	\$25,202,417	\$24,179,635	\$30,643,317
Cost of prod. sold, sell'g & administration exp & other charges	32,035,779	23,888,327	23,381,090	30,934,348
Depreciation	250,859	256,761	301,290	280,775
Interest paid	—	—	—	36,975
Prop. & other oper. taxes	—	105,805	—	—
Prov. for Fed. flour tax	—	125,000	—	—
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax	150,204	190,744	—	—
Miscellaneous charges	167,718	—	33,184	—
Net income	\$775,865	\$635,780	\$464,069	loss \$608,779
Divs. on preferred stock	92,246	91,772	91,970	93,364
Net earns applic. to common stock	\$683,619	\$544,008	\$372,099	loss \$702,143
Previous surplus	1,590,954	1,523,911	1,886,728	3,557,379
Oth. profit & loss credits	100	65	—	—
Gross surplus	\$2,274,673	\$2,067,984	\$2,258,827	\$2,855,236
Divs. on common stock	476,967	477,031	472,789	968,508
Adjustment	—	—	262,127	—
Surplus	\$1,797,705	\$1,590,954	\$1,523,911	\$1,886,728
Shs. of com. stk. outstanding (no par)	477,020	477,020	476,783	493,944
Earnings per share on com. stock (no par)	\$1.43	\$1.14	\$0.79	Nil

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet**

Oct. 27 '34		Oct. 28 '33		Oct. 27 '34		Oct. 28 '33	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
<b>Assets—</b>				<b>Liabilities—</b>			
Cash	920,765	709,495	Accounts payable	464,371	521,890		
Accts. receivable	2,140,975	1,163,408	Notes payable	200,000	—		
Inventories	3,725,021	3,320,040	Fed. & State inc. taxes	150,000	178,800		
Land	173,197	162,282	Accr. taxes, &c.	122,412	102,479		
Buildings, mach. & equipment	4,903,576	4,445,089	Dividends payable	146,480	146,533		
Sundry assets	294,325	369,188	Fed. process. taxes	1,699,927	—		
Prepaid expenses	139,711	110,839	Reserves	285,059	307,468		
			Class A & B pt. stk	1,524,600	1,525,200		
			y Common stock	5,907,016	5,907,016		
			Surplus	1,797,705	1,590,954		
Total	12,297,571	10,280,341	Total	12,297,571	10,280,341		

x After depreciation of \$1,557,777 in 1934 and \$1,524,163 in 1933.  
y Represented by 477,020 no par shares.—V. 137, p. 4019.

**Hotel Waldorf-Astoria Corp.—Adopts Group Insurance**

The company has adopted a group insurance program which includes life insurance totaling approximately \$1,350,000 and weekly sick and accident benefits in which 1,300 hotel employees may participate, it was announced on Nov. 20. Cost of the coverage is shared by employer and employees.

The life insurance is being underwritten by the Equitable Life Assurance Society and the accident and illness policy by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.—V. 139, p. 3156.

**Houston Electric Co.—Earnings—**

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—12 Mos.—	1933—12 Mos.—
Gross earnings	\$187,408	\$182,371	\$2,152,396	\$1,952,205
Operation	91,786	86,120	1,067,716	990,492
Maintenance	27,459	23,084	310,814	266,240
Taxes	18,209	19,630	221,579	215,050
Int. & amortiz. (public)	21,218	22,265	263,012	279,963
Balance, a	\$28,734	\$31,271	\$289,274	\$200,455

a Interest on 8% secured income bonds is deducted from surplus when declared and paid. Interest not declared or paid to Oct. 31 1934 amounts to \$22,800 and is not included in this statement.

During the last 33 years the company has expended for maintenance a total of 13.36% of the entire gross earnings over this period, and in addition during this period has set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 10.09% of these gross earnings.—V. 139, p. 2678.

**Hudson & Manhattan RR.—Earnings—**

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—10 Mos.—	1933—10 Mos.—
Gross oper. revenue	\$677,773	\$673,702	\$6,534,618	\$6,675,160
Oper. exps. & taxes	388,531	391,358	3,856,889	3,859,688
Operating income	\$289,242	\$282,343	\$2,677,728	\$2,815,471
Non-operating income	25,448	26,403	253,386	248,813
Gross income	\$314,690	\$308,747	\$2,931,115	\$3,064,284
Income charges	315,767	315,202	3,148,955	3,146,409
Net deficit	\$1,077	\$6,455	\$217,839	\$82,124

—V. 139, p. 2679.

**Hudson Motor Car Co.—Orders—**

The company announced on Nov. 21 that orders on its books for delivery, during the remainder of 1934, of its new 1935 models of Hudson and Terraplane cars, on which production has started, exceed \$6,500,000. Order in excess of the original quota, it was announced, were placed by a number of territories, forcing the manufacturing schedule for this initial production period for the new models up to its maximum. Based upon actual order now in hand, the company's production schedule for November and Decem. ber will exceed that of any similar period in many years.—V. 139, p. 3156.

**Independent (Subway) System of N. Y. City—Earnings—**

Period End. Aug. 31—	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—2 Mos.—	1933—2 Mos.—
Operating revenues	\$732,404	\$451,336	\$1,434,334	\$846,854
Operating expenses	547,566	449,618	1,082,856	833,551
Inc. from ry. oper.	\$184,838	\$1,718	\$351,478	\$13,303
Rents of ducts	—	1,277	—	3,360
Non-oper. income	516	169	989	347
Net income	\$185,354	\$3,164	\$352,467	\$17,010

—V. 139, p. 2049.

**Insull Utilities Investment, Inc.—Suit—**

Harry A. Bigelow, trustee in bankruptcy, has filed suit in Federal Court, New York, to recover \$1,540,520 from five New York banks, alleging that this sum represents preferential payment by the corporation to the banks within four months prior to the date of filing of a bankruptcy petition against the corporation, on April 16, 1932. The banks named and the amounts sought include Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., \$500,000, and the balance of a checking account of \$236,489 transferred to the bank two days before the filing of the petition; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York interest payment of \$83,333 and bank balance of \$258,579; Irving Trust Co., interest payment of \$74,388 and bank balance of \$257,190; Commercial National Bank & Trust Co., interest payment of \$23,708 and bank balance of \$81,118, and Bankers Trust Co. bank balance of \$25,711.—V. 139, p. 2049.

**Insurance Exchange Building, Pittsburgh.—Plan of Reorganization—**

The committee for the protection of the holders of bonds sold through the F. H. Smith Co. (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman) in a letter to deposi-

tors of first mortgage 7% bonds of Pittsburgh Insurance Exchange, Inc., secured by the Insurance Exchange Building (now known as the Investment Building), states:

There are outstanding bonds of this issue in the principal amount of \$973,000. First National Bank, Pittsburgh, and Finance Co. of America, Baltimore, own an aggregate of \$600,000 of the bonds. The committee, which has on deposit \$144,800 of the bonds, has been carrying on extensive negotiations with representatives of these two institutions since January 1933, in an effort to formulate a plan of reorganization. As a result of these negotiations a plan of reorganization has recently been formulated which is acceptable to the three interested groups.

Earnings—According to statements furnished to the Committee by George Brothers, the managing agents of the property the operating results for the years 1932, 1933, and for the first nine months of the year 1934, on a cash basis, have been as follows:

	1932	1933	1934 (9 Mos.)
Gross receipts	\$137,658	\$116,511	\$71,896
Oper. disbursements (incl. Insurance)	80,036	69,780	50,490
Excess of receipts over disbursements (before payment of taxes)	\$57,621	\$46,731	\$21,406

**Summary of Proposed Plan of Reorganization**

The proposed plan of reorganization will be submitted for the approval of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania pursuant to the provisions of Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Law.

The plan contemplates the formation of a reorganization committee composed of five members, three representing First National Bank, Pittsburgh, one representing Finance Co. of America, Baltimore, and Mr. Roosevelt, representing this committee. The plan provides for the deposit of the bonds of this issue with the reorganization committee accompanied by a payment in cash to such committee of an amount equal to 3% of the face amount of the bonds. The fund so created is to be used to defray the expenses of the reorganization and for working capital of the corporation which is to be formed. This committee has arranged to obtain a loan in an amount sufficient to make the 3% cash payment on behalf of all bondholders who have deposited their bonds under the deposit agreement, so that it will not be necessary for depositors with this committee to make any cash payment in order to participate in the plan. The loan will be secured by all the deposited bonds of this issue and by the certificates of deposit and new securities received from the reorganization committee and the new corporation to be formed by the reorganization committee.

The plan further provides that the Investment Building property shall be sold in bankruptcy, and that the reorganization committee, or the new corporation to be formed by it, shall bid for the property at such sale on behalf of those bondholders who have deposited their bonds with it and have made the 3% payment. If the reorganization committee or the new corporation is the successful bidder at the sale, the title to the property will be transferred to the new corporation. The bondholders who deposit their bonds with the reorganization committee and make the 3% payment will receive in exchange for their bonds (a) new first mortgage sinking fund 4% bonds of the new corporation equal in principal amount to 50% of the principal amount of their old bonds and (b) one share of common stock of the new corporation for each \$100 in principal amount of such old bonds.

The new bonds shall be cumulative income bonds for the first five years, interest to be paid up to a maximum of 4% per annum only if earned. After the first five years, the new bonds shall bear interest at the fixed rate of 4% per annum, payable whether or not earned. Until such time as the new first mortgage shall have been paid in full, any surplus earnings of the property, after the payment of operating expenses, taxes and interest on the new first mortgage bonds, shall be deposited with the trustee under the mortgage as a sinking fund to redeem outstanding first mortgage bonds. At the end of each year the trustee shall notify the bondholders of the amount in the sinking fund and shall request offers for the sale of the bonds. The plan provides that the trustee shall exhaust the sinking fund by the purchase of bonds so offered, at the lowest prices offered, not to exceed par.

The plan also provides that bondholders who do not deposit their bonds with the reorganization committee and who do not make the 3% cash payment shall receive new first mortgage bonds (or certificates) equal in principal amount to one-tenth of the principal amount of their old bonds, instead of one-half, and shall receive no stock.

The new securities to be distributed to this committee under the plan of reorganization will be held as security for the loan which the committee has arranged in order to cover the 3% cash payment provided for under the plan. Any depositor who wishes to obtain the new securities allotted to him under the plan may do so, at any time after the consummation of the plan, by surrendering his certificate of deposit to the committee and by paying (a) an amount equal to 3% of the face amount of his deposited bonds in order to release the new securities from the pledge to secure the loan, and (b) an amount equal to his proportionate share of the expenses and compensation of the committee, &c.—V. 132, p. 666.

**Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—I. R. T.—Manhattan Fix Equity Split—Would Share Proceeds of Unification Sale to City on 34-66% Basis—**

The Manhattan Ry. modified stock would receive about \$1.21 a share for each dollar per share for Interborough Rapid Transit Co. stock under an agreement dated Nov. 16, 1934, between the two companies providing for distribution of proceeds in the event of a unification sale to the city, after prior outstanding bonds, notes or other indebtedness of the companies and the unmodified stock of the Manhattan company are dealt with.

Samuel Utermeyer, acting as special and associate counsel for both companies, announced that all agreements are subject to the approval of the stockholders at special meetings of both companies.

If a plan of unification is adopted and approved by stockholders prior to July 1 1935, which date may be extended in the sole discretion of the respective boards of directors, then the proceeds of unification, after taking care of the creditors of both companies and the Manhattan unmodified stock, will be divided 34% to Interborough stockholders, in the aggregate, and 66% to Manhattan modified stockholders, in the aggregate. Any distribution or payment or any settlement made on or after Nov. 16 1934, the date of the agreement, with respect to any Interborough stock or Manhattan modified stock will be considered part of the issue's respective share of the unification equity allocated to the two issues.

There are 556,490 shares of Manhattan modified stock which would divide the 66% of the equity, and 350,000 shares of Interborough stock the 34%, which works out about \$1.21 a share of Manhattan modified for each \$1 per share of Interborough.

The agreement would mutually adjust claims of the two companies against each other, one of which involves around \$50,000,000 against the Interborough claimed by Manhattan for undermaintenance of the latter's elevated lines leased to Interborough.

Counsel fees would amount to 2 1/4% of the total available for distribution on the two equity issues, payable only if a unification plan is approved by stockholders.

The agreements will not take effect unless the price realized for the equities of both companies as the result of future negotiations is approved at subsequent stockholders' meetings. The entire transaction must also meet the approval of the Federal Court, the Transit Commission, also after full public hearings, must promulgate a plan of unification that will accord with the tentative conditions resulting from negotiations with the city.

The boards of directors of both companies have appointed committees on unification.

The Interborough committee is composed of Edgar S. Bloom, Mortimer Buckner, H. W. Croft and Arthur W. Loasby.

The Manhattan committee is composed of N. L. Amster, Peter Ten Eyck, Blin W. Page, Morton F. Stern and Charles Franklin.

The Interborough board has appointed Sullivan & Cromwell as counsel and the Manhattan board has appointed Charles Franklin as counsel to represent the respective companies and their stockholders in all negotiations, litigations, and proceedings involved in unification, and both boards have appointed Samuel Utermeyer as special and associate counsel.

The negotiations have nothing to do with the dealings between the city's representatives and the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp., but have been and will continue to be confined to the affairs of the Interborough and Manhattan companies.

"From all of which it will be noted," said Mr. Utermeyer, "that we have only started on the road toward unification, and that the path is likely to be a long and thorny one, beset with complications."

Mr. Utermeyer pointed out that owing to the fact that these stocks have not paid dividends in many years, the stock-certificates have passed from hand to hand without registration of the change of ownership. As things

stand, it is impossible to reach many of the stockholders of either company, he said, and they will have no voice in the determination of their rights unless they cause their certificates to be registered in their names, which he urged them to do without delay.—V. 139, p. 3156.

**International Mining Corp.—15-Cent Common Dividend**  
The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, par value, \$1, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 5. This is the first distribution to be made since 7½ cents per share was paid on May 1 1933. A like payment was made on Feb. 1 1933.—V. 139, p. 2207.

**International Paper Co.—Newsprint Price Increase—**  
Joseph L. Fearing, Vice-President in charge of sales, on Nov. 16 sent to the company's newspaper customers the following information in connection with the company's price announcement of Nov. 10 in which it made public its newsprint price schedule for 1935:

"Our recent announcement of an increase for the first six months of 1935 of \$2.50 a ton in the net cost of newsprint involves no departure from the long-established policy of our company. We have at all times taken into consideration not only the costs of production of newsprint but also conditions in the publishing industry. In following this policy we have resisted increases which we felt unwise, and we have made reductions which were not justified by cost conditions whenever such reductions have been dictated by the general market.

"For the last 11 years for various reasons this policy has resulted in successive declines. During all this period we have announced no single increase in the price of newsprint.

"For over a year and a half now the price has been unchanged. During that period wages in all lines have gone up and costs of materials have advanced. Had it not been for the substantial increase in volume which newsprint mills have enjoyed, it is doubtful whether this price could have been maintained as long as it has been maintained.

"Now conditions require an increase. Costs justify a larger increase than we have announced, but we have taken into consideration the fact that the publishers, too, have been forced to absorb increased costs of various types and that any larger increase would therefore be unwise. On the other hand, failure to make an increase at this time would in our judgment be equally unwise from the point of view of the publishing industry as well as from that of the manufacturing industry. Reports of costs so low as to lead to a different conclusion are in our judgment either inaccurate or are not typical of conditions even among the modern and efficient mills.

"We hold no brief for inefficient and outmoded mills. Mills of this type which we own we have retired from operation, and we have spent scores of millions of dollars to replace them with mills which we believe constitute the most modern and efficient group in the industry.—V. 139, p. 2998.

**International Reinsurance Corp.—President Indicted—Charged with Defrauding Stockholders—**

The "Journal of Commerce" Nov. 14 stated: United States District Attorney Harlan Besson (Trenton, N. J.) on Nov. 13 released an impounded indictment charging Carl M. Hansen, President of the International Reinsurance Corp. of Los Angeles, a Delaware corporation, and the Insurance Management Corp. of Pennsylvania, with defrauding stockholders.

Mr. Besson released the indictment handed up by the Federal Grand Jury 17 days ago after he was notified by Federal authorities at Butte, Mont., that Mr. Hansen was taken into custody there Nov. 10.

The indictment charges Mr. Hansen on 26 counts. It alleges that he "devised a scheme and artifice to defraud a class of persons comprising the holders and those who could be induced to become holders of the shares of capital stock of the International of California and the International of Delaware."

The names of nine Trenton and Mercer County residents are listed and "the public generally," termed by the Grand Jury "victims," are called the objects of Mr. Hansen's "false and fraudulent practices."

**Receivers Named in April 1933**

Receivers for the International Reinsurance Corp. of Los Angeles, at one time valued as a \$5,000,000 corporation, were named April 19 1933, in Delaware, Pennsylvania, California and New Jersey. Mr. Hansen, at first named a receiver, was later removed. Subsidiaries of the International which included the Liberty Surety Bond Insurance Co. of Trenton and the Public Indemnity Co. of Newark, have reached the courts in litigation over their assets.

Scores of Trenton and Mercer County residents lost approximately \$1,000,000 by the collapse of the Liberty Surety Bond, and the Federal Government has filed claims for \$438,076 against the Public Indemnity for criminal bond bonds issued in 11 States.

The indictment asserts that the California company was established in 1928 and controlled by Mr. Hansen; the Delaware concern was incorporated in 1931, taking over the California company's business, and Mr. Hansen "exercised domination" over its affairs.

The Insurance Management Corp. was incorporated in Pennsylvania in 1916, acting as manager and agent in the affairs of insurance companies. Of the 500 shares of this company, Mr. Hansen owned 438, the indictment says.—V. 137, p. 3682.

**Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales—**

4 Wks. End.	1934	1933	4 Wks. End.	1934	1933
Jan. 27	\$1,214,762	\$1,095,422	Aug. 11	\$1,275,079	\$1,021,010
Feb. 24	1,276,473	1,061,841	Sept. 8	1,294,003	1,065,819
Mar. 24	1,335,681	1,052,201	Oct. 6	1,363,333	1,148,974
Apr. 21	1,276,651	1,073,823	Nov. 3	1,391,137	1,206,910
May 19	1,265,773	1,034,399			
June 16	1,265,347	1,071,700			
July 14	1,311,074	1,015,832	Tot. 44 wks	\$14,269,319x	\$11,848,922

x Adjusted.  
The average number of units in operation during the four weeks ended Nov. 3 was 1,537 in 1934 and 1,450 in 1933.—V. 139, p. 2833.

**Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Earnings—**

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—12 Mos.—	1933—12 Mos.—
Gross earnings	\$1,235,677	\$1,183,123	\$14,663,417	\$14,273,491
Oper. exps. (incl. maint., gen. & prop. tax.)	603,151	656,210	5,715,592	6,256,588
Interest charges	147,297	146,503	1,767,861	1,755,442
Amort. of disc. & prems.	10,967	10,967	131,609	131,609
Depreciation	184,156	183,723	2,200,925	2,193,861
Fed. & State inc. tax	45,200	47,500	533,600	591,424
Balance	\$244,905	\$238,218	\$3,313,829	\$3,344,564

—V. 139, p. 2681.

**Kansas City Southern Ry.—Earnings—**

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—10 Mos.—	1933—10 Mos.—
Railway oper. revenues	\$836,636	\$833,902	\$8,167,537	\$7,947,175
Railway oper. expenses	619,845	606,555	5,925,612	5,704,059
Railway tax accruals	59,147	83,717	617,559	837,170
Uncollectible ry. revs.	693	94	2,200	2,039
Equip. rents—net debit	39,140	25,512	353,461	307,325
Jt. facil. rents—net debit	5,305	5,168	68,131	67,189
Net ry. oper. income	\$111,734	\$112,853	\$1,200,571	\$1,029,390

—V. 139, p. 2833.

**Katz Drug Co.—75-Cent Common Dividend**

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share in the common stock, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. A similar distribution was made on Sept. 15 last and compares with 50 cents per share paid regularly each quarter since and incl. Dec. 15 1929. In addition an extra dividend of 25 cents per share was paid on Dec. 15 1929.—V. 139, p. 932.

**Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.—Stockholders and Management Join Against Noteholders in Receivership Suit—**

Counsel for the stockholders and for the management, although opposing each other in the matter of administration of the affairs of the company, joined hands Nov. 19 in Chancery Court in Jersey City to resist an application for the appointment of a receiver.

The noteholders contend their interests are being jeopardized by constant losses in the business since 1923. Both the stockholders and the management admit the losses, but both insist the company is in sound financial condition. The management contends the losses are due to general business

conditions, while the stockholders, represented by a protective association, attribute the losses to bad management.

Vice Chancellor Charles M. Egan took the application under advisement and directed counsel to file any additional affidavits. The stockholders' protective association sought to have a special meeting called in Dec. to attempt to oust the present management, but Vice Chancellor Egan directed a call be withheld until the matter of receivership is decided.

**Director Resigns—**

J. E. Searle has resigned as a director. Mr. Searle was elected to the board in May of this year.—V. 139, p. 3157.

**Kansas Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings—**

[American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary]

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—	1933—Month—	1934—12 Mos.—	1933—12 Mos.—
Operating revenues	\$433,885	\$413,176	\$5,063,410	\$4,930,192
Oper. exps., incl. taxes	207,698	218,366	2,550,606	2,473,603
Net revs. from oper.	\$226,187	\$194,310	\$2,512,804	\$2,456,589
Other income	1,285	1,662	18,556	17,506
Gross corp. income	\$227,472	\$195,972	\$2,531,370	\$2,474,095
Interest & other deducts.	82,401	82,118	986,807	983,572
Balance	\$145,071	\$113,854	\$1,544,563	\$1,490,523
Property retirement reserve appropriations			600,000	600,000
x Dividends applicable to preferred stocks for period, whether paid or unpaid			520,784	520,777
Balance			\$423,779	\$369,746

x Regular dividends on 7% and \$6 preferred stocks were paid on Oct. 1 1934. After the payment of these dividends there were no accumulated unpaid dividends at that date. y Before property retirement reserve appropriations and dividends.—V. 139, p. 2681.

**Kilburn Mills—Earnings—**

Years Ended—	Sept. 29 '34	Sept. 30 '33	Oct. 1 '32
Net profit after depreciation	\$17,098	\$33,964	loss\$40,996

Comparative Balance Sheet

Assets—		Liabilities—			
Sept. 29 '34	Sept. 30 '33	Sept. 29 '34	Sept. 30 '33		
Real estate, mach.	\$436,203	\$472,979	Capital stock	\$792,000	\$792,000
Inventories	475,104	297,334	Reserve for taxes	77,395	69,045
Cash, accounts receivable, &c.	435,916	572,775	Accounts payable	31,688	19,728
			Surplus	446,140	462,315
Total	\$1,347,223	\$1,343,088	Total	\$1,347,223	\$1,343,088

—V. 138, p. 1573.

**King Edward Hotel Co., Ltd.—Meeting of Bondholders—**

The holders of refunding sinking fund mortgage gold bonds are being notified that a meeting will be held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Canada, Dec. 6, to consider the existing situation in respect of the security for the bonds, and to consider what action, if any, should or may be taken at the present time for the protection or realization of the security under the trust deed securing the bonds.—V. 135, p. 4392.

**Kings County Lighting Co.—New Director—**

Edward F. Barrett has been elected a director succeeding William C. Langley, resigned.—V. 138, p. 1917.

**(S. H.) Kress & Co.—50-Cent Extra Dividend**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 11. Action on the regular quarterly dividend is not due until the end of December.

On Nov. 1 last the company paid an extra dividend on the common stock in special 6% preferred stock (par \$10) at the rate of 50 cents for each common share held. See also V. 139, p. 2208 for further dividend record.—V. 139, p. 2999.

**Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.—Extra Distribution**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of like amount on the capital stock, par \$1, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 1. A similar extra distribution was made on this issue on Sept. 15, and June 15 last, Dec. 15 and June 15 1933 and Dec. 15 and June 15 1932.—V. 139, p. 2523.

**Lawyers Mortgage Co.—Pays 3.98% Interest First Year—**

In the first year of rehabilitation the average interest rate paid to owners of \$151,531,871 of certificated mortgages of the Lawyers Mortgage Co. was 3.98%. This report was made by Charles J. Mylod, Special Deputy in charge of the company, to State Superintendent of Insurance George S. Van Schalck.

The total interest paid on the company's 904 certificated mortgages between Aug. 2 1933 and Aug. 2 1934, was \$6,013,594. The average interest, said Mr. Mylod, is considerably higher than that now paid on almost any other class of investment.

Only 23 of the 904 certificated mortgages paid no interest, the report stated; 598 issues paid from 3 to 5%, and 283 from ½ to 3¾%.

Interest at the rate of 5½% was guaranteed by the company when the certificates were sold.—V. 139, p. 1406.

**Lessings, Inc.—Earnings—**

9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Sales	\$248,734	\$263,046	\$295,411	\$376,433
Cost of sales, oper. and general expenses	258,799	257,240	279,955	326,546
Miscellaneous	Cr2,559	Cr2,482	Cr3,009	Cr4,009
Provision for Federal & State taxes	y100	1,645	3,161	8,777
Net loss from sale of securities	463	-----	219	4,563
Loss on abandoned store fixtures	3,925	-----	-----	-----
Net profit	loss\$11,994	\$6,644	\$15,104	\$40,557
Dividends paid	6,306	-----	27,255	35,106
Balance	def\$18,300	\$6,644	def\$12,151	\$5,451
Balance Jan. 1	63,262	55,377	77,989	100,257
Additional reserves	-----	-----	2,964	Dr10,016
Prem. on cap. stock of Lessings, Inc., purch. and canceled	-----	-----	-----	Dr250
Transfer on account of reduct. of par value of common stock	-----	63,158	-----	-----
Miscellaneous adjust.	Cr11,063	Dr65,311	-----	-----
Profit & loss surplus	\$56,024	\$59,868	\$68,552	\$95,691
Shs. cap. stk. outstand. (par \$3)	31,432	31,532	x32,024	x33,434
Earnings per share	Nil	\$0.21	\$0.47	\$1.21

x Par value \$5. y New York State franchise tax.

**Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30.**

Assets—	1934	1933	Liabilities—	1934	1933
Cash	\$2,567	\$3,538	Accounts payable	\$11,548	\$13,035
Notes receivable	5,275	-----	Notes payable	-----	12,500
Accts. and accrued interest receiv.	1,687	1,484	Federal income and State franchise tax reserves	897	2,675
Inventories	13,183	13,407	y Capital stock	94,296	94,596
Prepaid insur., &c.	2,059	1,442	Surplus	56,024	59,868
Marketable secur.	37,288	49,200			
x Fixed assets	99,874	113,602			
Deferred charges	830	-----			
Good-will & leases	1	1			
Total	\$162,764	\$182,675	Total	\$162,764	\$182,675

x After reserve for depreciation of \$134,523 in 1934 and \$141,045 in 1933. y Represented by \$3 value shares.—V. 139, p. 1088.

## Lawyers Title &amp; Guaranty Co.—Progress in Rehabilitation—

D. William Leider, Special Deputy Superintendent of Insurance in charge of rehabilitation of the company, announced recently the reorganization of 62 certificated mortgage issues of the company with an aggregate face value of \$7,409,330.

When the company was taken over on Aug. 11 1933, it had outstanding 449 such issues aggregating \$59,706,937, in which 18,961 individuals held \$55,284,685 certificates. Mr. Leider stated. Of these, 233 issues affecting more than 14,000 holders and aggregating more than \$38,000,000 have been reorganized or are in process of reorganization.

Plans of reorganization are being prepared for 117 issues aggregating \$20,297,193, while in the case of eight issues aggregating \$1,368,950 plans are ready for promulgation. Plans have been promulgated and are pending in the courts in the case of 46 issues aggregating \$9,508,410.

Of the \$7,409,330 of completed reorganization, 42 were effected through Schackno law proceedings, 13 by 100% consent of certificate holders and 7 by refinancing through the Home Owners Loan Corporation.

Mr. Leider also reported a substantial improvement in the yield of properties underlying Lawyers Title mortgages. During the first year of rehabilitation \$1,846,605 was paid in interest to certificate holders and \$3,567,858 to holders of \$47,691,089 of whole mortgages.—V. 137, p. 3335.

**Lehigh Portland Cement Co.—Preferred Dividend**

The directors have declared a dividend of 87½ cents per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 14. Similar distributions have been made each quarter since and incl. Jan. 3 1933, prior to which regular quarterly payments of \$1.75 per share were made.—V. 139, p. 2682.

**Lerner Stores Corp.—Accumulated Dividend**

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.62½ per share on account of accumulations on the 6½% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 3 to holders of record Nov. 23. Similar distributions were made on this issue Nov. 1, Oct. 15, Sept. 15, Aug. 17, Aug. 1, July 10, June 21, May 1 and March 24 1934, this latter being the first payment made since April 30 1932.—V. 139, p. 3000.

**Liquid Carbonic Corp.—Earnings**

Years End. Sept. 30—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Net sales	\$9,210,443	\$7,566,880	\$6,814,369	\$9,858,263
x Gross profit on sales	1,303,555	1,182,331	448,039	2,109,600
Depreciation charges	560,812	538,854	640,790	612,221
Net earnings	\$742,743	\$643,477	loss\$192,751	\$1,497,379
Other inc. int. on rec., disc. on purchases, &c.	350,586	260,433	296,108	336,707
Total income	\$1,093,329	\$903,909	\$103,357	\$1,834,085
Admin. & gen. expenses	519,720	499,261	491,648	535,550
Interest, &c.	2,229	4,295	18,190	50,446
Res. for Federal taxes	106,694	59,605	19,362	122,520
Res. for foreign exchange fluctuations	Cr6,322	Cr30,912	5,937	31,298
Prop. of profits applic. to min. interests	7,796	4,747	8,749	8,715
Net profit avail. for divs. & prof. shar'g	\$463,212	\$366,914	loss\$440,529	\$1,085,557
Div. paid or declared	437,500		427,583	1,027,218
Net prof. bal. after ded. curr. divs. but before charg. prof. sharing	\$25,712	\$366,914	loss\$868,112	\$58,339
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	350,000	350,000	342,406	342,406
Earnings per share before profits sharing	\$1.32	\$1.04	Nil	\$3.17
x After branch selling expenses, but before charging depreciation.				

**Balance Sheet Sept. 30**

	1934	1933	1934	1933
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
y Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	7,939,870	7,840,674	x Capital stock	10,500,000
Investments	151,760	150,388	Capital surplus	2,914,861
Cash	1,515,512	1,064,329	Earned surplus	1,798,304
z Notes & accts. receivable	3,788,113	5,057,195	Accts. pay., ac-	647,237
Other assets	40,391		cruals, &c.	105,954
Canadian Govern-			Customer cred. bal	108,717
ment securities	1,160,040	286,943	Res. for inc. taxes	58,599
Inventories	2,184,510	2,455,007	Dividends payable	87,500
Deferred charges	123,293	220,793	Min. int. in capital	
Good-will, patents, &c.	1	1	stks. & surpl. of	141,091
			subsidiaries	137,736
			Miscell. reserve	599,826
				385,530
Total	16,903,490	16,975,332	Total	16,903,490
				16,975,332

x Represented by 350,000 no par shares. y After deducting reserve for depreciation. z After reserves.—V. 139, p. 933.

**Loew's, Inc.—Earnings**

[Incl. All Wholly Owned Subs and Partly Owned Affil. Cos.]

Years End. Aug. 31—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Theatre receipts, rentals and sales of films, &c.	\$93,778,125	\$80,772,191	\$99,311,968	\$111,552,260
Rents of stores & offices	2,070,431	2,508,609	4,525,648	4,737,644
Booking fees and com'ns			1,374,140	1,411,441
Miscellaneous income	1,029,117	1,657,853	2,204,280	2,778,167
Total income	\$96,877,672	\$84,938,654	\$107,416,036	\$120,479,511
Operation of theatres & office buildings	38,745,506	35,861,359	48,479,001	54,480,278
Oper. of film distribution	1,368,276	9,165,331	11,920,118	13,711,893
Amortization of films	25,786,663	24,020,287	27,560,375	27,395,872
Cost of film advertising accessories sold	787,017	579,280	671,157	562,191
Producers' share of film rentals	5,105,501	4,371,694	4,659,309	5,458,840
Interest on debentures	531,614	568,484		
Int. on bonds & mtgs. of subsidiaries	1,156,107	1,114,743		
Int. on bonds & mtgs. of affiliated corp.	844,025	635,921		
Depr. of bldgs. & equip.	3,874,962	3,673,326	3,850,915	3,831,180
Federal income taxes	696,458	516,780	986,943	1,554,489
Minority interest, share of affiliated corporations	201,466	94,268	1,002,046	1,321,486
Divs. on subsidiary stock (Metro-Goldwyn, &c., preferred)	300,182	302,890	324,858	333,289
Net profit	\$7,479,897	\$4,034,290	\$7,961,314	\$11,829,994
Previous surplus	33,700,322	33,562,787	33,716,148	28,784,302
Divs. from prior years' profits of affil. cos.	472,773	287,470		
Corp. formerly partly owned	693,410			
Total surplus	\$42,346,403	\$37,884,547	\$41,677,462	\$40,614,296
Preferred dividends	890,481	893,406	927,451	946,355
Common divs. (cash)	1,096,944	3,290,819	5,856,567	5,710,786
Undistr. sh. affil. corp.			201,871	241,007
Adjust. of val. of prod. in suspense, books and rights, &c.			1,128,787	
Adjust. of invest. in corps. formerly partly owned	2,691,915			
Prof. & loss surplus	\$37,667,063	\$33,700,322	\$33,562,787	\$33,716,148
Shares of com. stock outstanding (no par)	1,464,205	1,464,205	1,464,205	1,464,205
Earns. persh. on com. stk.	\$4.50	\$2.15	\$4.80	\$7.43

**Consolidated Balance Sheet Aug. 31**

	1934	1933	Liabilities—	1934	1933
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>z Preferred stock</b>	12,920,229	13,073,980
Cash	4,084,226	4,153,061	y Common stock	36,576,581	36,576,581
U. S. Govt. sec.	8,443,423	7,075,143	Met.-Gold. pref. stock		4,948,032
Sinking fund re-			15-yr. 6% deb.	8,715,000	8,965,000
quire, anti-cip.	602,400	891,253	Obliga. of subs.	14,274,756	11,460,708
Accts. receivable	1,291,110	1,583,518	1st lien 6% bds.		
Notes receivable	20,260	38,401	of sub. corp.	8,108,700	8,334,500
Due fr. affil. corp.	301,080	515,162	Accts. payable	5,465,681	4,312,186
Inventories	26,713,802	22,171,287	Notes payable	182,224	89,872
Advances	1,428,291	884,389	Accrued interest	533,954	526,686
Inv. in affil. eos.	10,260,498	12,375,010	Due to affil. eos.	84,097	87,275
Depts. on leases			Fed. & State tax	647,460	478,256
and contracts	1,373,991	927,013	Res. for conting.		147,990
Misc. investm't	780,799	458,248	Dividend paya-		365,648
x Properties	72,972,722	69,688,158	ble Sept. 15—		64,057
Deferred charges	2,723,428	2,936,947	Subsid. divs.	62,384	64,057
			Notes pay. (not current)	121,250	113,750
			Deferred credits	688,620	828,839
			Surplus	37,667,063	33,700,322
Total	130,996,031	123,697,591	Total	130,996,031	123,697,591

x After reserve for depreciation of \$24,656,950 in 1934 and \$20,994,483 in 1933. y Common stock (without par value) outstanding, 1,464,205 shares. z Represented by 136,722 no par shares in 1934 and 138,349 in 1933.—V. 139, p. 3158.

**Life Savers Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.	1933	1934—9 Mos.	1933
Net profit after deprec.				
Federal taxes, &c.	\$218,534	\$224,402	\$613,110	\$654,626
Earns. persh. on 350,140 shs. (par \$5) com. stk.	\$0.62	\$0.64	\$1.75	\$1.87

**Long Bell Lumber Corp.—Offer to Purchase Bonds**

Following an application to the Circuit Court of Cook County, Ill. by the trustees in the first mortgage of Long-Bell Lumber Co. for instructions on the subject, the Court on Nov. 17, entered a decree authorizing the company to purchase its first mortgage 6% gold bonds in such amounts and at such times and for such prices as it, in its opinion, deems reasonable in view of the prevailing prices for such bonds then existing; such purchases to be made with sinking fund moneys received by Central Republic Trust Co., as trustee, for timber cut after June 10 1934, and such bonds, when purchased, to be delivered to Central Republic Trust Co., as trustee, and cancelled.

The company has appointed Halsey, Stuart & Co., sinking fund agent. If any bondholder desires to offer his bonds and (or) certificates of deposit for sale in accordance with the Court order, the sinking fund agent will consider such offers. Holders desiring to sell should notify the agent in writing, setting forth the price, the numbers and the amounts of bonds and (or) certificates of deposit they desire to sell.—V. 139, p. 3158.

**Long Island Lighting Co.—New Director**

Fred H. Maidment has been elected a director, succeeding William C. Langley, resigned.—V. 139, p. 933.

**Long Island Title Guaranty Co.—Title Transfer**

See National Title Guaranty Co. below.

**Lord & Taylor, New York—\$50 Extra Dividend—Usua**

\$5 Christmas Div.—The directors on Nov. 19 declared an extra dividend of \$50 per share in addition to the usual Christmas dividend of \$5 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share on the common stock, par \$100. The extra dividends are payable Dec. 17 to holders of record Dec. 1 and the regular quarterly dividend is payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 17.

The Christmas dividend of \$5 per share has been paid each year since and including 1925.

In announcing the above dividends, J. E. Priddy, President, said: "Since it first began business on Catherine Street in 1826, Lord & Taylor found it necessary as it grew to change the location of its business several times. These experiences were kept in mind by the directors, and it was deemed wise and prudent to accumulate a surplus over and above the operating needs of the company, sufficient to provide funds for relocating the business in case its lease should not be renewed before its expiration in January 1935."

"The lease has now been renewed for 21 years and, as the contingency for which the stockholders' money was retained no longer exists and the financial condition of the company is sound, the directors believe the amount, over and above the surplus required for the safe operation and preservation of the business, should now be paid to the stockholders in the form of an extra dividend."

"The directors have confidence that before the expiration of the present lease, 21 years hence, the company will have had ample opportunity to provide for such a similar contingency."—V. 137, p. 3848.

**Louisville & Nashville RR.—Obituary**

President Whitefoord R. Cole died on Nov. 17.—V. 139, p. 3159.

**Lumbermen's Insurance Co. of Philadelphia—Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1934**

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Bonds and stocks	\$3,011,242	Premium reserve	\$1,357,243
Mortgage loans	283,565	Losses in process of adjust.	151,551
Real estate	306,782	Res. for comms., exps., taxes	349,431
Cash in banks & office	539,486	& other liabilities	1,000,000
Premis. in course of collection	259,176	Capital	1,609,416
Other assets	67,389	Surplus	
Total	\$4,467,641	Total	\$4,467,641

—V. 139, p. 121.

**Lynch Corp.—Earnings**

10 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1934	1933
Net profit after depreciation & Federal taxes	\$258,990	\$224,719
Earns. per share on 90,000 shares capital stock	\$2.87	\$2.49

—V. 139, p. 1407.

**McLellan Stores Co.—(Groups Plan Joint Action)**

The Independent Stockholders' Committee will take joint action with the common and preferred stockholders' protective committees at the meeting on Nov. 28, according to Edwin M. Otterbourg, Counsel for the Independent Committee. This, Mr. Otterbourg said, means the removal of the most important obstacle to lifting the company from bankruptcy.

Mr. Otterbourg said that with the support of the stockholders a new board of directors would be elected which would expedite the rearrangement of the company's finances.

Three steps must be taken to remove the company from bankruptcy, according to Fred A. Powell, who has resigned from a dissenting committee to act with the joint committees. These are the disposal of landlords' claims, the obtaining of new financing on a reasonable basis of the paying off of administration and other expenses and the discontinuance of the bankruptcy proceedings.

**(Opposition to Reorganization Plan)**

The attempt on the part of the committee consisting of Peter M. Leavitt and James D. Glantz to combat certain phases of the proposed reorganization plan to be submitted to stockholders on Nov. 28, particularly the settlement of landlords' claims, can only result in continuing a situation which will make the company subject to litigation and difficulties arising out of these claims, thus postponing the time when it can be safely relieved of the bankruptcy proceedings, in the opinion of William A. Golden, Chairman of the independent stockholders' committee, set forth in a letter sent

to the common stockholders Wednesday. Mr. Golden's committee recently announced its intention to take joint action with the common stockholders protective committee headed by Walter S. Mack Jr and the preferred stockholders protective committee headed by Richard S. Maynard, looking to the ratification of action taken by the present board of directors of the company which will make possible the termination of bankruptcy proceedings.

"According to estimated figures," the letter states, "the company has made a net profit in 10 months (before providing for Federal taxes and employees' bonus) of \$825,000. It has assets of over \$6,235,000 against liabilities of \$751,000 (excluding these landlord claims and administration expenses)—the company should not continue a day longer in bankruptcy or litigation than is absolutely necessary."

Edwin M. Otterbourg of Otterbourg, Steindler & Houston, counsel for the independent common stockholders' committee, made the following statement:

"The independent common stockholders' committee, from the outset, has been striving to aid in solving the difficulties of McLellan Stores Co. speedily and without altercations. There is practically unanimity among stockholders, and it is regrettable that Messrs. Leavitt and Glunts, who were directors of the corporation when it went into difficulties, should be about the only ones standing in the way of 100% concerted action on the part of practically all substantial holders of stock."

*Earnings for 10 Months Ended Oct. 31*

	1934	1933
Sales	\$14,568,552	\$12,848,440
Profit after deprec. & amortization but before Fed. taxes and employees' bonus	825,753	291,713

*Tentative Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1934*

Assets—Cash on hand and in banks, \$757,016; merchandise inventories, \$3,037,749; accounts receivable, \$3,145; dividend reserve fund, \$161,410; other miscellaneous assets, \$49,993; fixed assets, \$2,135,365; deferred charges, \$93,549; total assets, \$6,235,227.

Liabilities—Federal taxes, reserve for employees bonuses, merchandise items, &c., \$730,134; mortgages payable on real estate holdings, \$21,000; total trustees liabilities, \$751,134.—V. 139, p. 3159.

**Mahoning Coal RR. Co.—Earnings**

Period End.	1934—3 Mos.—1933	1934—9 Mos.—1933	1933
Inc. from lease of road	\$247,852	\$397,082	\$669,819
Other income	17,258	69,032	51,783
Total income	\$265,110	\$466,114	\$721,602
Taxes	14,338	51,457	28,598
Int. on funded debt	11,000	18,750	48,500
Int. on unfunded debt			3,769
Other deductions	2,020	2,199	6,374
Net income	\$237,752	\$393,709	\$634,359

—V. 139, p. 1243.

**Manhattan Ry.—Mortgage Bond Interest**

Federal Judge Julian W. Mack has entered an order for the I. R. T. to pay the Oct. 1 interest on Manhattan Ry. 4% 1st consol. mtge. bonds, and denying without prejudice payment of taxes at this time.

**Meeting Scheduled for Dec. 19 to Approve Agreement with Interborough Rapid Transit**

A special meeting of stockholders has been set for Dec. 19. Action at that time will be taken on the set of resolutions recently adopted by the board of directors, composing differences with Interborough Rapid Transit Co. (See letter company above).—V. 139, p. 3001.

**Maple Leaf Milling Co., Ltd.—Plan in Effect**

It is announced that the scheme for the reconstruction of the company, which was sanctioned by extraordinary resolutions passed at a meeting of the holders of the 5 1/4% 1st (closed) mtge. 20-year sink, fund gold bonds held on June 28, and July 19 1934, and the reduction and reorganization of the share capital of the company in accordance with the scheme, are now in effect and accordingly all shareholders are required to surrender their share certificates at the office of the company's transfer agent, Montreal Trust Co., 61 Yonge St., Toronto, in exchange for share certificates representing shares to which they are respectively entitled in accordance with the scheme as specified, namely:

- Seven new common shares in the capital of the company as reduced and reorganized for each old 7% cum. red. pref. share of \$100 each.
- One such new common share for each old class B cum. red. pref. share of no par value.
- One such new common share for each five common shares of no par value.

Persons entitled to fractions of a share will receive bearer certificates representing such fractions entitling the bearer to receive a certificate for one common share upon surrender of certificates representing sufficient fractions to make up a full share.—V. 139, p. 2524.

**Martin-Parry Corp.—Earnings**

Years End. Aug. 31—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Net sales	\$402,074	\$223,069	\$29,141	\$364,220
Cost of goods sold, admin. & gen. expense	477,667	239,927	212,778	622,410
Net operating loss	\$75,593	\$16,858	\$183,637	\$258,191
Other income	11,788	1,601	1,854	2,975
Total loss	\$63,805	\$15,257	\$181,783	\$255,216
Int. & miscell. charges	5,078	827	2,957	77,166
Operating loss	\$68,883	\$16,084	\$184,740	\$332,382

*Comparative Balance Sheet Aug. 31*

Assets—	1934	1933	Liabilities—	1934	1933
Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	\$716,504	\$742,635	Capital stock	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Cash	20,094	161,179	Res. for conting.	10,000	
Notes receivable		188	Accts. payable	12,477	10,541
Accts. receivable	30,566	15,192	Accr. liabilities	4,200	3,101
Inventories	69,460	25,157	Capital surplus	111,480	148,139
Due from General Motors Corp.	155,000		Deficit (earned)	102,349	205,513
Prepaid expenses	1,641	1,481			
Treasury stock	42,540	10,438			
Total	\$1,035,807	\$956,268	Total	\$1,035,807	\$956,268

× Represented by 125,000 shares no par value. y After deducting reserve or depreciation of \$475,287 in 1934 and \$432,131 in 1933.—V. 137, p. 3683.

**(Oscar) Mayer & Co., Inc.—Initial Common Dividend—Extra Preferred Dividend**

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, par \$10, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 24. The directors also declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the 8% cumulative participating 2nd preferred stock, par \$100, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 24.—V. 138, p. 3953.

**May Hosiery Mills, Inc.—Accumulation Dividend**

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on account of accumulations and a regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the \$4 cumulative preferred stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 23. This compares with \$3.25 per share paid on Sept. 1 last, \$1 per share paid on Dec. 1 and Sept. 1 1933, 25 cents per share in each of the four preceding quarters, 50 cents per share in June and March 1932 and Dec. 1931, and regular quarterly dividends of \$1 per share from Dec. 1 1927 to and including Sept. 1 1931. Accruals after the payment of the Dec. 1 dividends will amount to \$1.75 per share.—V. 138, p. 4468.

**Melchers Distilleries, Ltd.—Accumulated Dividend**

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$2 cumulative class A stock, no par value, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 1. This is the first disbursement to be made on this issue since Sept. 15 1930 when a regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share was paid.

Accumulations after the payment of the Dec. 15 dividend will amount to \$8 per share.—V. 138, p. 3277.

**Maytag Co.—Earnings**

Period Ended Sept. 30—	3 Months	9 Months
Net sales	\$2,807,376	\$11,692,097
Cost of sales and expenses	2,372,558	10,110,971
Operating profit	\$434,817	\$1,581,125
Interest and dividends received	43,320	118,623
Discounts, royalties, &c.	13,238	83,287
Deduction in reserve for credit losses due to improvement in receivables during current year	60,000	120,000
Total profit	\$551,377	\$1,903,036
Sundry deductions—net	Cr7,301	16,379
Depreciation	62,858	188,253
Fed. and State inc. tax—est. prov. current period	53,000	211,000
Prov. for additional Federal inc. taxes for prior years—in dispute	26,284	26,284
Profits on securities sold	Cr9,350	Cr9,350
Net profit	\$423,885	\$1,470,459

—V. 139, p. 2210.

**Mesta Machine Co.—Initial Dividend on Increased Stock**

Following the recent declaration of a 66 2-3% stock dividend, directors on Nov. 20 declared a quarterly cash dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, par \$5, payable Jan. 1 1935 to holders of record Dec. 17, thus establishing a \$1.50 annual dividend rate on the 1,000,000 shares to be outstanding after giving effect to the stock disbursement, which is payable Nov. 30. The new dividend rate represents an increase in the company's total cash dividend distribution. The last quarterly payment on the 600,000 shares outstanding prior to the stock dividend declaration was made on Oct. 1 and was at the rate of 50 cents per share, having been increased from 25 cents per share paid in the preceding two quarters of 1934.

In connection with its stock dividend action, the company has retired all its 6 1/2% cumulative preferred stock. Its new capital structure will consist entirely of common stock, of which 1,400,000 shares will be authorized and 1,000,000 shares issued and outstanding after Nov. 30. The company has no funded or long-term debt.—V. 139, p. 2683.

**Metal Textile Corp.—Extra Pref. Dividend**

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, and an extra dividend of 25 cents per share on the partic. preference stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. Similar distributions were made on the common stock on March 1, last, Jan. 15 1931 and Jan. 15 1930.—V. 138, p. 1059.

**Middle West Utilities Co.—Hearing on Plan**

Federal Judge Wilkerson has set Dec. 15 as the date for hearing objections to the plan of reorganization submitted to the court. Any objections are to be filed prior to that date. The question of solvency among other things will come up in connection with consideration of the reorganization plan.

**Stockholders' Committee Rejects Option to Buy Control**

The common stockholders committee has rejected an option to buy from secured creditors and noteholders their dominant interest in the company. Charles S. Dewey, chairman of the noteholders committee, announced terms of the option. Under it, his group would pass on its option to buy out secured creditors for \$11,340,000, on claims with a face value of \$22,060,469. The second part of the proposal offered the \$32,466,000 in notes held by the committee at 42 cents on the dollar, or \$13,935,000.

In making the announcement, Mr. Dewey said that the committee gave its option "with no hope or expectation that the common stockholders committee will be able to exercise it, although if their claim that the company is solvent is correct, this option gives them a chance to make a net profit of over \$29,000,000."

Orville J. Taylor, Counsel for the common stock committee, said that in rejecting the offer an important point was scored in the manoeuvres prior to arguments, which will begin Dec. 15 on the merits of the plan of reorganization fostered by the secured creditors.

The noteholders also announced formal adherence to the plan. Under it, a new company would be formed with 3,000,000 shares of common stock of a stated value of \$18,000,000. The secured creditors would take 63% of the stock at the settlement figure (\$11,340,000). Noteholders would acquire the remainder. Stockholders would receive warrants to buy stock at prices from \$8 to \$10 over a ten-year period.

The creditors maintain that the company is insolvent—not being worth their claims of \$62,060,469 face value, including the full issue of \$40,000,000 in notes.—V. 139, p. 3160.

**Midland Valley RR.—Petition Heard**

Hearing on the petition of the company to withdraw from listing and temporary registration 80,130 shares of accumulative preferred stock on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange was held by the Securities Exchange Commission on Nov. 20. Testimony was presented to the effect that although the stockholders of the company were notified of the petition, the company received not a single objection.—V. 139, p. 3001.

**Minnesota Power & Light Co.—Extension Proposal Made to Holders of \$6,470,000 Outstanding Great Northern Power Co. 5s Due Feb. 1 1935**

As there is no apparent prospect that the issue of Great Northern Power Co. 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds can be paid in full at its present maturity on Feb. 1 1935, the officers and directors are presenting a proposal for the extension of the maturity of these bonds. A circular issued to the bondholders states in part:

A total of \$10,000,000 of these bonds has heretofore been issued under the mortgage securing the same, of which \$3,530,000 are now held in the sinking fund, and on Dec. 1 1934 there will be payable into the sinking fund \$106,000 which will be available for the acquisition of bonds for the sinking fund. No additional bonds can be issued under this mortgage.

The extension agreement provides (among other things) for prepayment, upon presentation of the bonds for extension, of the Feb. 1 1935 coupon; for the extension of the maturity date of the bonds to Feb. 1 1950 with interest at the rate of 5% per annum as at present; and, in lieu of the present payments to the sinking fund (other than the Dec. 1 1934 payment mentioned above), for a fixed annual sinking fund payment of \$150,000 which is subject to increase up to a maximum of \$400,000 under certain circumstances, such sinking fund payments to be made in cash and/or extended bonds at principal amount and accrued interest.

All the property which is subject to the lien created by the mortgage under which these bonds were issued is now owned and operated by Minnesota Power & Light Co. This property consists of real estate, electric generating plants, transmission and distribution lines, substations, rights-of-way and miscellaneous electric property and equipment, all of which is a part of the electric generation, transmission and distribution system owned and operated by that company in Minnesota.

The proposed extended maturity date of these bonds is more than five years prior to the maturity of any other funded debt secured by lien on any property of Minnesota Power & Light Co.

Insurance companies, banks and individual investors holding more than \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of these bonds out of the \$6,470,000 principal amount outstanding (exclusive of bonds now held in the sinking fund) have already given assurance of their willingness to extend the maturity of their holdings in accordance with the terms and provisions of the extension agreement.

Upon presentation of bonds for extension the Feb. 1 1935 coupon will be paid forthwith.

No commission or other remuneration is to be paid or given, directly or indirectly, for soliciting the extension of bonds pursuant to the extension proposal and agreement.

To entitle holders to participate in the extension, bonds must be presented on or before Jan. 31 1935 unless the board of directors extends the time for such presentation. Bonds, together with the Feb. 1 1935 coupon, should be forwarded by registered mail to Irving Trust Co., 1 Wall St., N. Y. City, or old Colony Trust Co., 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., agents of the company.

Registered bonds may be presented only to Irving Trust Co. The officers and directors believe that under existing conditions the extension proposal is fair and that the bondholders' interests will be best protected by its prompt acceptance.

**Provisions of Extended Bonds**

The principal, extended to Feb. 1 1950, may be discharged when it becomes due by the payment thereof, dollar for dollar, in any coin or currency of the United States which is legal tender for public and private debts. Bond is red. at any time subsequent to Feb. 1 1935 and prior to the extended maturity date at 105 if red. before Feb. 1 1940; at 104 1/2 if red. on or after Feb. 1 1940 and before Feb. 1 1941; at 104 if red. on or after Feb. 1 1941 and before Feb. 1 1942; at 103 1/2 if red. on or after Feb. 1 1942 and before Feb. 1 1943; at 103 if red. on or after Feb. 1 1943 and before Feb. 1 1944; at 102 1/2 if red. on or after Feb. 1 1944 and before Feb. 1 1945; at 102 if red. on or after Feb. 1 1945 and before Feb. 1 1946; at 101 1/2 if red. on or after Feb. 1 1946 and before Feb. 1 1947; at 101 if red. on or after Feb. 1 1947 and before Feb. 1 1948; at 100 1/2 if red. on or after Feb. 1 1948 and before Feb. 1 1949, and at par if red. on or after Feb. 1 1949; plus, in each case, accrued interest to the redemption date; or may be purchased or redeemed by the trustee for the sinking fund at not exceeding the then redemption price.

The extension agreement provides, among other things, in lieu of the present payments to the sinking fund payable subsequent to Dec. 1 1934 for (a) a fixed annual payment to the sinking fund of \$150,000; (b) an additional payment of \$50,000 for each calendar year commencing with 1935 in which the company owning and/or operating the properties covered by the 1st mtge. shall declare any dividend on any of its outstanding preferred stock, and (c) a further payment of \$200,000 for each calendar year commencing with 1935 in which the company owning and/or operating the properties covered by the 1st mtge. shall declare any cash dividend on its outstanding common stock, such payments to the sinking fund to be made in cash and/or extended bonds at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest, provided, however, that if the aggregate principal amount of bonds outstanding and secured by the 1st mtge. shall at any time be reduced otherwise than through the cancellation of bonds acquired by or delivered to the sinking fund, every such reduction shall, to the extent thereof, be credited against payments required to be made under (b) or (c) above as the same become due; and for the cancellation of all bonds, and the Feb. 1 1935 and all subsequent coupons pertinent thereto, held in the sinking fund on Feb. 1 1935 and for the cancellation of all bonds and the coupons pertinent thereto subsequently acquired for or delivered to the sinking fund, and for the termination of the obligation of the company to pay interest into the sinking fund on any such bond after cancellation thereof.

All or any of the extended bonds shall be subject to call (at same prices as given above) for redemption at any time after Feb. 1 1935 and prior to the extended maturity date, upon payment, dollar for dollar, in coin or currency of the United States of America which, at the time of redemption, is legal tender for public and private debts.

**Statement of Income for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30**

	1934	1933
Income—		
Operating revenues	\$3,951,843	\$3,565,551
Operating expenses, including taxes	1,722,009	1,430,926
Net revenue from operations	\$2,229,834	\$2,134,624
Other income	2,000	642
Gross corporate income	\$2,231,834	\$2,135,267
Interest on mortgage bonds	1,253,930	1,261,864
Other interest and deductions	47,881	49,873
Total	\$1,301,812	\$1,311,738
Less interest charged to construction	315	322
Net interest and other deductions	\$1,301,496	\$1,310,416
Balance	\$930,338	\$824,851
Property retirement reserve appropriations	225,000	187,500
Balance carried to earned surplus	\$705,338	\$637,351

**Summary of Earned Surplus**

Earned surplus, Jan. 1 1934	\$3,422,471
Add miscellaneous adjustments (net)	1,623
Total	\$3,424,095
Add bal. from statement of inc. for 9 mos. end. Sept. 30 1934	705,338
Total	\$4,129,434
Deduct—Dividend on 7% preferred stock	279,909
Dividend on 6% preferred stock	4,634
Dividend on \$6 preferred stock	210,709
Earned surplus, Sept. 30 1934	\$3,634,181

Note—Regular dividends on 7% preferred stock, 6% preferred stock and \$6 preferred stock have been paid to March 31 1933. The dividends paid July 1 1933 and Oct. 2 1933 were each at one-half (87 1/2 cents, 75 cents, and 75 cents, respectively) the regular rates. The dividends paid Jan. 2 1934 were at the rate of 88 cents a share on the 7% preferred stock, and 75 cents a share each on the 6% preferred stock and \$6 preferred stock. The dividends paid April 2 1934 were at the rate of 87 cents a share on the 7% preferred stock, and 75 cents a share each on the 6% preferred stock and \$6 preferred stock. The dividends paid July 2 1934 were at the rate of \$1.31 a share on the 7% preferred stock, and \$1.12 a share each on the 6% preferred stock and \$6 preferred stock. The dividends paid Oct. 1 1934 were at the rate of \$1.32 a share on the 7% preferred stock, and \$1.13 a share each on the 6% preferred stock and \$6 preferred stock. No provision has been made in the above statement for undeclared cumulative dividends on the 7% preferred stock amounting to \$349,486; on the 6% preferred stock amounting to \$5,587, and on the \$6 preferred stock amounting to \$263,602, or a total of \$618,676 to Sept. 30 1934.

**Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1934**

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Plant, prop., franchises, &c. (ledger value)	\$75,447,488	Capital stock	\$35,124,400
Invests.—Secs.—(ledger val.)	1,852	1st & ref. mtge. 5s 1955	10,700,000
Cash in banks—on demand	844,879	1st & ref. mtge. 4 1/2s 1978	18,000,000
Time deposits	400,000	Dividends declared	186,682
Notes & loans receivable	71,706	Accounts payable	50,048
Accts. rec.—Cust.'s & miscell.	675,725	Long-term debt—Currently maturing	6,470,000
Affiliated companies	38,554	Customers' deposits	81,516
Materials and supplies	473,681	Accrued accounts	1,618,768
Prepayments	17,577	Miscell. current liabilities	10,019
Miscellaneous current assets	25,410	Miscellaneous liabilities	53,324
Reacquired stock (4,500 shs. 7% preferred)	450,000	Sundry credits	1,394
Sinking fund & spec. deposits	11,895	Property retirement	3,718,203
Accts. receiv.—not current	3,456	Uncollectible accounts	161,184
Unamort. debt disc. & exp.	1,647,717	Inventory adjustment	12,527
Unamort. leasehold impts.	257,114	Casualty and insurance	31,340
Other	8,254	Other	521,723
		Earned surplus	3,634,182
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,375,311</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,375,311</b>

x Represented by 7% preferred, cumulative, \$100 par; pari passu with 6% preferred and \$6 preferred; outstanding, 84,474 shares; 6% preferred, cumulative, \$100 par; pari passu with 7% preferred and \$6 preferred; outstanding, 1,490 shares; \$6 preferred, cumulative, no par; entitled upon liquidation to \$100 a share; pari passu with 7% preferred and 6% preferred; outstanding, 70,294 shares. Common, \$10 par; outstanding, 2,000,000 shares, y Great Northern Power Co. 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due 1935; issued, \$10,000,000 (less \$3,530,000 held in sinking fund)—V. 139, p. 2684.

**Mississippi Power & Light Co.—50-Cent Pref. Dividend**

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$6 1st pref. stock, no par value, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. Like amounts were distributed on Nov. 1, Aug. 1, May 1, Feb. 1 1934, Nov. 1 1933 and Aug. 1 1933, prior to which the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share were paid. Effective with the Dec. 15 disbursement arrears will amount to \$5.50 per share.—V. 139, p. 2837.

**Missouri Pacific RR.—Reorganization Under Way**

The first meeting to consider reorganization of the road was held in New York, Nov. 21 but was without specific result. The feeling in informed quarters was that it will be the forerunner of something tangible. How soon an acceptable plan can be worked out remains uncertain.

It is understood that the bondholders of the road are against reorganization at this time but that the officials of the road are inclined in the opposite direction.

Most of the time at the meeting was spent hearing reports of the trustees on the physical and financial condition of the properties, according to those who attended.

The larger holders of the Missouri Pacific's securities see no hope for a satisfactory reorganization plan being worked out until a higher level of traffic is reached. It would be virtually impossible to secure agreement on a plan based on current earnings, it was said.

Following the meeting, L. W. Baldwin, one of the trustees, issued the following statement:

"A meeting of the trustees of the Missouri Pacific Lines, counsel, and members of the bondholders' protective committee, and other interested parties, was called by the trustees for Nov. 21, for the purpose largely that the trustees and those interested in the securities of the railroad might discuss the different problems confronting the properties for the common benefit of the various interests, as well as the possibility of a reasonably prompt reorganization of the various properties."

"The trustees of the railroad expressed the thought at the meeting that this assembly was the first of a series of meetings that they may hold during the period of their trusteeship at which all interests would sit around the table as they did to-day (Nov. 21) to discuss everything of interest to stockholders and creditors of the lines in trusteeship."

"The trustees explained to those present that no one has yet submitted a plan of reorganization, and the trustees as representatives of the Federal court through they were under an obligation to insist upon something being done in that direction within a reasonable period of time by either one or all of the various groups having substantial interests in these properties."

Jesse Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, attended the meeting. Others attendance in were Guy A. Thompson, a trustee, John W. Stedman, Chairman, protective committee for Missouri Pacific 1st & ref. mtge. 5% bonds, O. P. Van Sweringen, A. A. Berle, Jr., J. W. Barriger III and C. M. Clay of the RFC, E. G. Buckland, President, Railroad Credit Corporation, Edward C. Delafiel, Chairman, protective committee for Missouri Pacific gen. mtge. 4% bonds, Willard V. King of protective committee for N. O. T. & M. RR. first mtge. bonds, R. G. Page, chairman, protective committee for St. L., I. M. & S. River and Gulf divisions bonds, Dean Mathey, chairman, protective committee for Missouri-Illinois RR. 1st mtge. bonds, E. S. S. Sunderland for the Guaranty Trust Co., W. Loyd Kitchel, counsel for the committee for Missouri Pacific 1st & ref. mtge. bonds, S. Parker Gilbert of J. P. Morgan & Co., George W. Bovenizer of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Earle Bailie of J. & W. Seligman & Co., Dewitt Millhauser of Speyer & Co., Leslie Craven representing the Federal Coordinator of Railroads, trust officers and counsel of all the mortgage trustees, and various staff officers of the trustees of the railroads.—V. 139, p. 3002, 2837.

**Missouri Public Service Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.—	x1933	1934—9 Mos.—	x1933
Total gross earnings	\$350,514	\$338,828	\$995,405	\$983,460
Operation	145,035	120,946	402,284	357,284
Maintenance	23,203	22,926	71,593	65,979
Provision for retirement	32,298	30,103	91,875	85,545
Taxes—Local, State and Federal (3% electric)	32,711	25,629	95,324	76,006
Net earnings from oper.	\$117,265	\$139,222	\$334,328	\$398,644
Other income (net)	188	202	1,176	1,409
Net earns. before int. . . . .	\$117,453	\$139,424	\$335,505	\$400,054
Funded debt interest . . . . .	80,013	80,772	240,257	243,642
General interest . . . . .	24,705	24,864	74,128	75,354
Amort. of debt disc. & exp	10,132	9,785	30,452	29,695
Int. charged to construc.	C786	C761	C196	C766
Net inc. before divs.	\$2,688	\$24,063	def\$9,127	\$51,428
x Adjustments made subsequent to Sept. 30 1933 but applicable to the period beginning Jan. 1 1933 have been given effect to in these columns.—V. 139, p. 1408.				

**Montana Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—**

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—	1933	1934—12 Mos.—	1933
Operating revenues	\$813,538	\$753,459	\$8,613,662	\$9,044,796
Oper. exps., incl. taxes	418,145	371,946	4,659,293	4,746,474
Net revs. from oper.	\$395,393	\$381,513	\$3,954,369	\$4,298,322
Other income	11,631	7,295	115,861	68,676
Gross corp. income	\$407,024	\$388,808	\$4,070,230	\$4,366,998
Interest & other deducts.	210,503	216,070	2,520,465	2,477,328
Balance	y\$196,521	ys\$172,738	\$1,549,765	\$1,889,670
Property retirement reserve appropriations			507,962	215,833
x Dividends applicable to preferred stock for period, whether paid or unpaid			954,957	953,294
Balance			\$86,846	\$720,543
x Regular dividend on \$6 preferred stock was paid Aug. 1 1934. After the payment of this dividend there were no accumulated unpaid dividends at that date. Regular dividend on this stock was declared for payment to Nov. 1 1934. y Before property retirement reserve appropriations and dividends.—V. 139, p. 2684.				

**Montour RR.—Earnings—**

October—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Gross from railway	\$176,513	106,621	\$184,140	\$233,313
Net from railway	82,250	4,546	103,600	105,632
Net after rents	80,733	11,604	110,531	117,964
From Jan 1				
Gross from railway	1,592,133	1,367,303	1,207,786	1,848,902
Net from railway	621,819	471,629	394,557	668,708
Net after rents	650,230	619,286	549,840	817,728
—V. 139, p. 2525.				

**Moore Corp., Ltd.—Common Dividends Resumed—**

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 19. This is the first dividend to be paid since April 1 1932 when 1 1/2 cents per share was disbursed, prior to which quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were paid.

The above dividend is payable in Canadian funds subject to the usual 5% tax in the case of non-residents.—V. 139, p. 1022.

**Mortgage Guarantee Co. of Los Angeles—Seeks Change in Agreement—**

Holders of 1st mtge. assignments and certificates of the company are in receipt of letters outlining a proposal to modify the agreement under which certificate holders are now entitled to an additional 2% interest in cash or unsecured 10-year notes. Under the modification to which holders are asked to assent, the company proposed to pay the full amount of the additional 2% out of the net earnings of the company when and as such net earnings are made. The supplemental agreement does not affect, the letters state, the payment of 4% interest in cash now going to certificates and assignments. Holders are also informed by the management that an immediate reduction of the corporation's capital has been recommended by the Insurance Commissioner of California. Proceedings are now under way to reduce capitalization from \$6,000,000 to \$3,900,000.

Before the supplemental agreement can take effect, holders of 75% in amount of the assignments and certificates under each trust must assent. It is pointed out in the letters that the requirement to pay the additional 2% interest in cash does not become an immediate liability. The liability to pay the cash takes effect as soon as earnings are sufficient, following the insured date. The net result is to relieve the company of the immediate liability to pay the 2% in cash or 10-year notes, as the agreement now provides.—V. 135, p. 2003.

**Motorstoker Corp.—Personnel—**

Daniel M. Armstead, Spruille Braden, Edward L. Green, Dale M. Parker, George H. Townsend and Willard G. Triest have been elected directors. Colonel James H. Hayes has been appointed legal counsel. Philip Clover has been appointed General Sales Manager.—V. 137, p. 2471.



**Myelvaron Apartments, Tampa, Fla.—Report of Committee—**

The Real Estate Bondholders, Protective Committee (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman), in a letter to depositors of 1st mtge. sinking fund 6½% coupon gold bonds, secured by the Myelvaron Apartments (The Embassy), Tampa, Fla., states in part:

At the close of business on Nov. 10 1934 there were deposited with the committee bonds in the principal amount of \$262,600, out of a total of \$315,500 outstanding, or more than 83% of the issue.

The first default in the making of payments to bondholders occurred on July 1 1932. On Oct. 1 1932 an agreement was entered into pursuant to which the earnings of the property were sequestered for the bondholders and the net income was deposited with First Trust & Savings Bank, Miami, Fla., as trustee. This arrangement was continued until Jan. 16 1934, at which time a receiver was appointed by the court in the proceedings which were instituted for the foreclosure of the mortgage securing the bonds of this issue.

According to reports which have been furnished to the committee, the earnings of the property for the years 1932, 1933 and for the period beginning Jan. 1 and ending Sept. 26 1934 have been as follows:

	Year 1932	Year 1933	Jan. 1 to Sept. 26 '34
Gross income.....	\$49,986	\$39,533	\$30,805
Operating expenses (incl. insurance)....	35,037	33,628	21,093
Net income before real estate taxes.....	\$14,949	\$5,905	\$9,712
City, State and county taxes.....	10,579	10,720	(est.) 8,000
Profit or loss before interest, sinking fund, or depreciation.....	\$4,369	loss \$4,815	\$1,712

x Exclusive of interest and penalties.

**Proposal to Acquire the Property at Foreclosure Sale**

A decree has been entered in the foreclosure proceedings and the property is being advertised for sale on Dec. 3 1934. The committee has organized a Florida corporation, all of the stock of which is held by the committee's nominee. The committee intends to cause such corporation to bid at the foreclosure sale, and, unless a satisfactory bid is made by another bidder, to acquire the property for the benefit of depositors.

If the corporation is the successful bidder, the deposited bonds will be applied in part payment of the purchase price of the property. It will be necessary for the corporation to borrow on the security of a new first mortgage on the property an amount sufficient to pay the charges against the property prior to the bonds, the amount distributable to non-depositing bondholders and an amount sufficient to provide for contingencies and emergencies that may arise and to pay the disbursements of the committee applicable to this issue (but not the fees of the committee or of its counsel) from the time of the organization of the committee until the time of the foreclosure sale. It is estimated that a loan of \$25,000 will be sufficient for this purpose.

If the corporation acquires the property at the foreclosure sale, it will operate the property under the direction and supervision of the committee. Every effort will be made to dispose of the property at a satisfactory price, but if it proves impossible to effect an advantageous sale, the committee may distribute to depositors securities of the new corporation. The depositors will be given notice prior to the consummation of any plan of liquidation or reorganization. Any such plan will not become effective if, within 20 days after the mailing of the notice of the plan, depositors holding certificates of deposit representing 50% or more of the principal amount of deposited bonds dissent from the plan. If depositors holding certificates of deposit representing 50% or more of the deposited bonds do not dissent from the plan, the plan will be subject to the approval of the arbiter, as provided in the deposit agreement. Until depositors have been notified to the contrary, their rights will continue to be represented by their certificates of deposit.—V. 137, p. 4369.

**(F. E.) Myers & Bro. Co.—40-Cent Dividend Declared**

The directors have declared a dividend of 40 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. A similar distribution was made on Sept. 29 last and compares with 25 cents per share paid each quarter from Sept. 30 1933 up to and including June 30 1934; 25 cents per share paid on Dec. 31 1932; 35 cents per share paid on Sept. 30 and June 30 1932 and 50 cents per share previously each quarter.

**Preferred Stock Called—**

The directors have voted to call for redemption at 105 and div. as of Dec. 31 next 5,000 shares (\$100 par) 6% preferred stock, which is a balance of the issue outstanding.—V. 139, p. 1409.

**Nassau & Suffolk Lighting Co.—Reduces Preferred Div.**

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the 7% cumulative preferred stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 1 1935 to holders of record Dec. 15. This is a reduction from the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share previously distributed each three months.—V. 129, p. 631.

**National Aviation Corp.—Earnings—**

Earnings for the 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1934

Net profit after expenses and Federal taxes.....x\$97,159  
Including \$116,444 profit on sale of securities (net).

Investments in securities with an active market were carried in the balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1934, at cost of \$3,410,426 and had a market value on that date of \$2,836,493. Investments in securities with an inactive market were carried at cost of \$1,034,398 and had an estimated value of \$623,621.

Investment in Washington Air Terminals Corp. is carried at \$124,308 in the balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1934, while investment in National Airport Corp. is carried at \$1,133,424 and investment in N. Y. & Suburban Airlines, Inc. at \$16,500.

The balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1934, shows total assets, including \$135,059 cash, amounted to \$6,074,999. This compares with cash of \$123,267 and total assets of \$6,092,289 on Dec. 31 1933. Capital surplus at end of September was \$6,014,302 and deficit from operations was \$2,375,802.—V. 139, p. 1410.

**National Bondholders' Corp.—Organized—**

C. Prevost Boyce, Edward M. Thomas and Jacob M. Moses of Baltimore, have been named members of the board of directors of the corporation, which has been formed as an outgrowth of the reorganization of the protective committee for holders of real estate bonds with collateral guaranteed by the National Surety Co. Mr. Thomas will also serve as Vice-President and Secretary of the new corporation.

**National Distillers Products Corp.—Withdraws Stock Offer—**

The directors announced Nov. 22 that an offering of shares to its stockholders would not be needed to finance the company and that, consequently, the recently authorized stock would remain unissued. The statement says: "As recently announced, negotiations with Distillers Co., Ltd., of Great Britain have been finally discontinued by mutual consent. Therefore, and because of increased sale volume and improvement in current position, the offering to stockholders is unnecessary."

Last June the directors proposed an offering of rights to subscribe for 337,014 additional shares on the basis of one new share for each six held at \$25 a share or less. Distillers Co., Ltd., was to have purchased a like amount. In August the shareholders authorized an increase to 3,000,000 shares. There now are outstanding 2,022,083 shares.—V. 139, p. 2684.

**National Fire Insurance Co.—New Director—**

Leon P. Broadhurst has been elected a director, succeeding George H. Burt, deceased.—V. 138, p. 2419.

**National Rys. of Mexico—Earnings—**

(Mexican Currency)

Period End. Sept. 30—	1934—Month—1933	1934—9 Mos.—1933		
Railway oper. revenues.....	8,896,845	6,630,290	77,384,170	59,755,314
Railway oper. expenses.....	6,319,680	6,038,014	56,107,228	53,073,868
Tax accruals & uncoll. revenue (deduction)....	298,021	—	298,034	5,514
Other income.....	49,750	52,592	406,277	369,245
Deductions, items.....	362,523	201,494	2,374,545	1,930,988
Net operating income.....	1,966,371	443,373	19,010,638	5,114,186
Kilometers operated....	11,287,417	11,290,019	11,287,417	11,290,019

—V. 139, p. 2684.

**National Tea Co.—Earnings—**

Period—	16 Weeks Ended—		40 Weeks Ended—	
	Oct. 6 1934	Oct. 7 1933	Oct. 6 1934	Oct. 7 1933
Net profit after deprec., federal taxes, &c. ....	\$94,494	\$106,917	\$327,632	\$999,027
Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par).....	641,403	648,153	641,403	648,153
Earnings per share.....	\$0.08	\$0.12	\$0.40	\$1.44

—V. 139, p. 3161.

**National Theatres Corp.—Purchases Fox West Coast Theatres—See latter company above.**

**National Title Guaranty Co.—Title Transfer of Three Mortgage Units Approved—**

An agreement was recently approved, transferring the servicing of the mortgages of the National Title Guaranty Co., Long Island Title Guaranty Co. and the Hempstead Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co. to two new companies, and preliminary steps have been taken to liquidate these three companies, now in rehabilitation, Louis H. Pink, director of the rehabilitation bureau of the Insurance Department, announced Nov. 15.

The Home Title Guaranty Co. was appointed agent to service all of the guaranteed mortgages and certificated issues of the three companies for which the underlying properties are located in Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties, N. Y. The Servicing Corp. of New York was named agent to service mortgages of the three companies in Manhattan and the Bronx. The agreement applies to both certificated and whole mortgages, although holders of whole mortgages may elect to make other arrangements if they choose.

The servicing companies being employed were both organized by George S. Van Schaick, Superintendent of Insurance, who holds all the stock. The Home Title Guaranty Co. was created out of the Home Title Insurance Co. and the Servicing Corp. of New York out of the old New York Title & Mortgage Co.

The National Title Guaranty Co. had outstanding guaranties of \$15,129,105 at June 30 1934. Long Island Title Guaranty Co. then had guaranties of \$1,136,507 and the Hempstead Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co. of \$59,695.—V. 135, p. 3703.

**National Transit Co.—Smaller Distribution—**

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 35 cents per share on the capital stock, par \$12.50, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. This compares with 40 cents per share paid June 15, last, and Dec. 15 1933; 35 cents per share on June 15 1933, 20 cents per share on Dec. 15 and Sept. 15 1932, and quarterly payments of 25 cents per share previously.—V. 138, p. 1411.

**Nebraska Power Co.—Earnings—**

[American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary]

Period End. Oct. 31—	1934—Month—1933	1934—12 Mos.—1933		
Operating revenues.....	\$547,193	\$499,850	\$6,369,793	\$6,038,834
Oper. exps., incl. taxes.....	285,690	264,822	3,357,498	3,064,110
Net revs. from oper.....	\$261,503	\$235,028	\$3,012,295	\$2,974,724
Other income.....	6,848	6,309	207,150	274,987
Gross corp. income.....	\$268,351	\$241,337	\$3,219,445	\$3,249,711
Interest & other deducts.....	87,297	87,206	1,039,538	1,036,345
Balance.....	y\$181,054	y\$154,131	\$2,179,907	\$2,213,366
Property retirement reserve appropriations.....			350,000	300,000
x Dividends applicable to preferred stocks for period, whether paid or unpaid.....			498,083	499,910
Balance.....			\$1,331,824	\$1,413,456

x Regular dividends on 7% and 6% preferred stocks were paid on Sept. 1 1934. After the payment of these dividends there were no accumulated unpaid dividends at that date. y Before property retirement reserve appropriations and dividends.—V. 139, p. 2685.

**Neptune Meter Co.—\$3 Accumulated Dividend Declared**

The directors have declared a dividend of \$3 per share on the 8% cumulative pref. stock, par \$100, payable Nov. 26 to holders of record Nov. 23. A similar distribution was made on Sept. 26 and on June 25 last, this latter being the first payment made on this issue since Nov. 15 1932 when a regular quarterly distribution of \$2 per share was made.

Accruals after the payment of the Nov. 26 payment dividend will amount to \$7 per share.—V. 139, p. 1876.

**New Amsterdam Apartments, Washington, D. C.—Distribution—**

The committee for the protection of the holders of bonds sold through the F. H. Smith Co. (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman), in a letter to depositors of 1st and refunding mtge. 6½% bonds of New Amsterdam Co., states:

Depositors have previously been advised that New Amsterdam Corp., a corporation organized by the committee, was the successful bidder for the New Amsterdam Apartments at the trustee's sale held on April 7 1932, and acquired title to the property on May 6 1932. Since May 6 1932, the corporation has operated the property under the supervision and direction of the committee, for the benefit of depositing bondholders. Depositors have also been advised that if, prior to reorganization or sale, the accumulated earnings of the property became sufficient for the purpose, a distribution would be made to depositors.

On Sept. 30 1934, New Amsterdam Corp. had to its credit bank deposits in the amount of \$60,121 derived from the operation of the property and from all other sources. Included in these bank deposits was a time deposit in the amount of \$41,000, which was subject to withdrawal only upon 60 days' notice. The 60 days' notice was given on Oct. 1 1934, so that the \$41,000 in the time deposit account will be available for distribution on Dec. 1 1934. From the funds available for distribution on Dec. 1 1934, the committee will distribute \$10 for each \$100 in principal amount of bonds of this issue to all depositors other than the F. H. Smith Co.

As holders of certificates of deposit representing 1st and refunding mtge. 6½% bonds of New Amsterdam Co. should send in shortly before Dec. 1 1934, their certificates of deposit to the depositary, Irving Trust Co., 1 Wall St., N. Y. City. Upon receipt of such certificates of deposit, the depositary will transmit by registered mail to the registered holder of each certificate of deposit at his address appearing on the books of the depositary, a check made out to his order in the amount distributable on his certificate.

As depositors were advised in the committee's report dated Jan. 29 1932, \$258,800 in principal amount of bonds of this issue were deposited by the F. H. Smith Co. pursuant to an agreement between the committee and the F. H. Smith Co. The committee is now distributing \$5.50 in cash for each \$100 in principal amount of bonds deposited by the F. H. Smith Co., or 55% of the amount which is being distributed to other depositors. This reduced percentage distributable on the bonds deposited by the F. H. Smith Co. has been computed on the basis of the scale fixed in the agreement dated Dec. 19 1931.

The total amount which will be distributed to depositors, including the F. H. Smith Co., from the funds available on Dec. 1 1934 is \$58,714.

A comparative summary of the earnings of the property for the first nine months of 1932, 1933 and 1934, follows:

9 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1932	1933	1934
Gross income from all sources.....	\$67,899	\$56,807	\$57,129
Operating expenses, including insurance and real estate taxes.....	47,863	30,899	29,680
Oper. profit before int. & deprec....	\$20,035	\$25,908	\$27,449

The committee is continuing its efforts to effect an advantageous sale of the property. In the meantime the property is being maintained in good physical condition and every effort is being made to increase the earnings. As soon as a plan of reorganization or sale has been adopted by the committee, a notice of the plan will be mailed to depositors.—V. 136, p. 1565.

**New York Distillers Corp.—Asks Reorganization—**

The corporation, with offices at 247 Park Ave., N. Y. City recently filed a petition in U. S. District Court for authority to reorganize under the bankruptcy act. The petition set forth the corporation has assets valued at \$773,095, against liabilities totaling \$594,843.

Current liabilities amount to \$56,087, and the corporation's cash reserves are inadequate to meet them, the petition read. Moreover, it was stated,

New York Distillers' Corp. has been unable to borrow necessary funds. Fred A. Rogers, President, signed the document. Mr. Rogers asked that the concern be continued in charge of its own affairs, subject to orders of the court, while reorganization is pending.

**New England Power Association (& Subs.)—Earnings**  
*Earnings for the 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1934*

Consol. gross earnings, incl. amts. received from the sale of electricity & gas—transp. & miscell. revenues.....	\$37,738,645
Oper. expenses & taxes, incl. cost of oper. & maint. props. owned—purchased power & all taxes.....	21,457,841
Consolidated balance.....	\$16,280,803
Fixed charges, incl. int. on all bonds, debts. & notes—pref. & class A divs. of subs., and min. int. in earnings of subs.....	9,834,742
Preferred dividends of New England Power Association.....	2,983,721
Consol. bal. before res. & New Engl. Power Assoc. com. divs.....	\$3,462,829

Note—The \$3,462,829 consolidated balance before reserves and New England Power Association com. divs. compares with \$4,081,380 consolidated balance applicable to the nine months ended Sept. 30 1933.

*Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1934*

<b>Assets—</b>		<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Cash in banks and on hand.....	\$7,842,443	Notes payable of subsidiary-Adv. from Int. Hydro-Elec. System.....	\$1,273,200
Notes & accts. receiv. less reserves.....	5,219,658	Accounts pay., div. dec. & acct. accts.....	3,000,000
Other current assets, incl. materials & supplies & prepaid charges.....	3,471,357	Funded debt.....	9,451,715
Capital assets, incl. plants & prop., construction work in progress & secur owned.....	383,861,742	Depreciation reserve.....	150,795,700
Other miscellaneous assets.....	319,790	Other reserves.....	43,968,979
Unamort. bond discount & other unadjusted debits.....	8,569,704	Suspense credits.....	2,039,069
		Preferred & cl. A stocks of subsidiaries.....	3,479,657
		Com stocks of subs. held by public, incl. sur. (min. interest).....	50,362,036
		Share capital of N. E. P. A.....	14,977,178
		Surplus.....	115,253,326
			x 14,683,535
Total.....	\$409,284,697	Total.....	\$409,284,697

x Of which \$13,183,835 is earned.—V. 139, p. 2370.

**New Jersey & New York RR.—Earnings—**

	1934	1933	1932	1931
October—				
Gross from railway.....	\$67,557	\$78,292	\$93,216	\$108,407
Net from railway.....	def17,425	def14,690	6,002	8,113
Net after rents.....	def38,560	def37,097	def18,406	def17,726
From Jan 1—				
Gross from railway.....	698,270	794,058	922,080	1,114,736
Net from railway.....	def155,175	def47,265	43,839	148,858
Net after rents.....	def358,138	def278,545	def202,984	def157,848

**New Jersey Power & Light Co.—Earnings—**

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—		1934	1933
Total operating revenues.....		\$4,345,515	\$4,135,776
Operating expenses.....		1,876,048	1,698,028
Maintenance.....		431,379	443,536
Provision for retirements—renewals and replace.....		579,228	600,018
Taxes (incl. prov. for Federal income tax).....		377,135	370,542
Operating income.....		\$1,081,723	\$1,023,650
Other income.....		277,631	271,264
Gross income.....		\$1,359,354	\$1,294,914
Interest on funded debt.....		626,400	626,400
Interest on unfunded debt.....		20,013	27,924
Amortization of debt discount and expense.....		45,476	45,471
Interest during construction.....		Cr12,997	Cr15,203
Balance of income.....		\$680,461	\$610,323
Dividends on preferred stock.....		203,565	203,565
Balance.....		\$476,896	\$406,758

x Twelve months ended Aug. 31. y Principally hydro-generated.

Certain gas department output and sales statistics, including connected customers for the six calendar years ended Dec. 31 1933 and for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1934, follow:

**New York Oil Co.—To Dissolve—**  
See Northern Utilities Co. below.—V. 124, p. 3222.

**New York Susquehanna & Western RR.—Earnings—**

	1934	1933	1932	1931
October—				
Gross from railway.....	\$303,957	\$274,949	\$348,157	\$367,925
Net from railway.....	72,596	52,742	132,554	103,444
Net after rents.....	24,091	9,162	89,350	55,373
From Jan 1—				
Gross from railway.....	3,061,149	3,061,149	2,930,973	3,628,566
Net from railway.....	765,488	765,488	827,475	1,043,674
Net after rents.....	339,910	339,910	356,435	474,145

x Twelve months ended Aug. 31. y Principally hydro-generated.

Certain gas department output and sales statistics, including connected customers for the six calendar years ended Dec. 31 1933 and for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1934, follow:

**Nitrate Corp. of Chile (Compania de Salitre de Chile)**  
—In Liquidation—

The liquidating commission has issued the following notice:  
Pursuant to Article 34 of Law 5350, dated Jan. 8 1934, and Article 5 of the By-Laws of Compania Salitrera de Tarapaca y Antofagasta, approved at the general shareholders' meeting held on June 15 1934, the certificates corresponding to the 4,097,904 Series B preferred shares and 87,052 ordinary shares of the same series in relation to the contributions of the companies (except Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd., and Compania Salitrera Andio-Chilena) which constituted Compania de Salitre de Chile, will be exchanged for a similar number of Compania Salitrera de Tarapaca y Antofagasta shares. The exchange will be made in the proportion of one share to a nominal value of 100 Pesos of Compania de Salitre de Chile for one share to a nominal value of 50 Pesos of Compania Salitrera de Tarapaca y Antofagasta. Shareholders are advised that, pursuant to the provisions of Article 39 Law 5350, this exchange will be made without any expense whatever on the part of the shareholders up to Dec. 31 of this year. Share certificates will be received at the offices of Compania de Salitre de Chile, in liquidation, Agustinas No. 1070, 5th Floor, Room 413, Santiago, Chile; Stone House, Bishopgate, London, E. C. 2, England; and 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, N. Y.—V. 139, p. 1716.

**North Central Texas Oil Co., Inc.—Earnings—**

Period End, Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.—	1933	1934—9 Mos.—	1933
Net profit after charges, depletion, &c., but before Federal taxes.....	\$11,544	\$8,545	\$30,351	\$8,076
Earns. per sh. on 262,446 shs. (par \$5) com. stk.....	\$0.04	Nil	\$0.10	Nil

**North West Utilities Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—**

Period End, Sept. 30—	1934—3 Mos.—	x1933	1934—9 Mos.—	x1933
Total gross earnings.....	\$2,856,895	\$2,770,950	\$8,481,969	\$8,343,765
Operation.....	1,015,005	1,050,457	3,059,933	2,978,761
Maintenance.....	177,593	179,326	483,493	479,573
Prov. for retirement.....	318,746	300,983	908,592	906,697
Taxes.....	430,873	369,741	1,242,254	1,079,627
Net earnings from oper. other income (net).....	\$884,674	\$870,439	\$2,784,695	\$2,899,105
Net earn. before int.....	\$900,763	\$884,280	\$2,840,499	\$2,939,495
Total int. & oth. deduc.....	1,084,485	1,097,362	3,260,210	3,297,493
Loss.....	\$183,722	\$213,081	\$419,711	\$357,997

x Adjustments made subsequent to Sept. 30 1933 but applicable to the period beginning Jan. 1 1933 have been given effect to in these columns. y Before providing for cumulative unpaid dividends on prior lien and preferred stocks of North West Utilities Co.—V. 139, p. 1560.

**Northern Canada Mining Corp., Ltd.—Initial Div.—**  
The directors have declared an initial dividend of 2 cents per share on the no-par common stock, payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 15.

**Northern Indiana Public Service Co.—New V.—Pres.—**  
Dean H. Mitchell, Vice-President and General Manager on Nov. 21, announced the appointment of J. A. Kennedy as Vice-President and Comptroller, in charge of accounting and finance.—V. 139, p. 2526.

**Northern Pacific Ry.—To Buy New Coaches—**  
Officials of the company have stated that the road will spend nearly \$1,000,000 between now and May 1 1935 for 24 light-weight de luxe coaches. The coaches will be of high-strength alloy steel and will be equipped with conditioned air. They are destined for use on the North Coast Limited trains between Chicago and the West Coast to replace coaches now in use.—V. 139, p. 2839.

**Northern Paper Mills (& Subs.)—Earnings—**  
*Earnings for the 6 Months Ended June 30 1934*

Net income after depreciation and other charges.....	\$100,598
Earnings per share on 78,465 common shares.....	\$1.06

—V. 137, p. 2284.

**Northern States Power Co. (Minn.)—\$10,000,000 Bonds Offered—**The First Boston Corp., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc., W. C. Langley & Co., Edward B. Smith & Co. and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., are offering \$10,000,000 refunding mortgage bonds, 5% series due 1964, at 96 and interest, to yield 5.26% to maturity.

A prospectus affords the following:  
Bonds are to be dated Nov. 1 1934 and to be due Nov. 1 1964. Interest to be payable M. & N. at offices or agencies of the company in Chicago and in New York. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500\* and r \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Callable all or part at option of company at any time on 45 days' published notice at 107½ and int. to and incl. Nov. 1 1944, the premium thereafter decreasing ½% for each year or fraction thereof elapsed to and incl. Nov. 1 1955, the premium thereafter decreasing ¼% for each year or fraction thereof elapsed to and incl. Nov. 1 1962; the bonds being redeemable thereafter at 100 and int. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, corporate trustee.

**Company and Business—**Company was organized June 16 1909 in Minnesota. Company owns and operates an electric power and light system serving communities and adjacent rural territory in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, together with gas, steam heating, street railway, telephone and water properties in parts of the above-mentioned States. Company also owns the stocks and certain other securities of subsidiaries which, directly or through subsidiaries, own and/or operate electric power and light, gas, steam heating and/or bus properties serving parts of the States above mentioned and various communities and adjacent rural territory in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa. Company is also empowered by its charter to engage in various other activities and may elect in the future to do so.

Company has been engaged in the business of furnishing electric power and light, gas and steam heat since 1909, street railway and telephone service since 1911 and water service since 1924. Company acquired its initial properties in 1909 from Stillwater Gas & Electric Co., which commenced gas service in 1874 and electric service in 1887. The present scope of the company's business represents a gradual development in each field of service. The sale of electricity is well diversified between residential, commercial and power customers. The principal industrial power customers include grain mills and elevators, steel works and foundries, packing plants, ice and cold storage plants, granite and stone quarries, brick and cement plants, lumber mills and food products factories.

The company estimates that its system serves an aggregate of 507 communities with a total population of approximately 1,265,000.

The kilowatt hours of electricity generated and purchased for the six calendar years ended Dec. 31 1933 and for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1934 are as follows:

Calendar Years—	Steam Generated	Hydro Generated	Total Generated	Purchased y	Total Output
1928.....	273,076,028	236,579,620	509,655,648	288,294,744	797,950,392
1929.....	406,586,728	191,036,584	597,623,312	256,147,802	853,771,114
1930.....	520,449,022	168,569,130	689,018,152	200,380,755	889,398,907
1931.....	609,021,043	139,891,814	748,912,857	170,265,732	919,178,589
1932.....	501,436,785	144,982,171	646,418,956	198,082,177	844,501,133
1933.....	534,193,251	134,550,244	668,743,495	166,857,000	835,600,495
1934 x.....	668,906,598	111,421,687	780,328,285	100,298,520	880,626,805

Certain gas department output and sales statistics, including connected customers for the six calendar years ended Dec. 31 1933 and for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1934, follow:

Calendar Years—	In 1,000 Cubic Feet	Sales	Customers Connected
1928.....	759,218	3,442,499	88,321
1929.....	773,055	3,569,815	89,844
1930.....	808,552	3,474,546	91,561
1931.....	779,556	3,541,661	91,922
1932.....	829,808	3,468,520	93,604
1933.....	673,250	3,336,969	90,277
1934 x.....	632,865	3,362,045	91,815

**Franchises—**The situation with respect to the right of the company and its subsidiaries to operate in the various communities served is, with certain exceptions, in the opinion of the company generally satisfactory. None of the company's franchises are by their terms exclusive. Certain of the franchises expire at various dates, including dates prior to the maturity date of the bonds offered. In the opinion of counsel for the company some of the franchises, including the electric franchise in Minneapolis, are without time limit.

No direct competition exists in any of the communities served by the system except in a minor degree in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where a municipal plant has been in operation for over 15 years. In March 1934 a proposal to create a \$10,000,000 bond issue to furnish funds for the construction of city-owned and operated electric facilities to serve approximately 40% of the electric business in St. Paul was defeated at a municipal election. Three small communities served by the company have made application to the Public Works Administration for funds for the construction of competing plants and these matters are now pending.

At an election held in the City of St. Cloud Oct. 2 1934 a proposed amendment to the city charter necessary to enable the city to accept a loan from the Public Works Administration for the construction of a municipal electric generating plant and distribution system was defeated. The PWA had previously approved the city's application for such a loan. Meanwhile, negotiations relative to the franchise, which expires in December 1935, are in progress between the city and the company.

Since Jan. 1 1932 the company has been operating in St. Paul under a temporary annual permits from the city with respect to the distribution of electricity, gas and steam. These permits expire on Dec. 31 1934 and the City Council has no power, under existing law, to grant an extension.

As a result of negotiations between the company and the city authorities of St. Paul, the City Council on Oct. 11 1934 approved and passed electric, gas and steam franchises which were submitted to a referendum vote at the election held on Nov. 6 1934. The proposed gas franchise provided that, at the option of the city, the company would distribute a mixed manufactured and natural gas and in such event, and provided contracts for the supply of natural gas for mixing purposes could be made on as favorable a basis as was at the time anticipated, the company agreed that it would make effective rate schedules for mixed gas resulting in a saving to the gas customers of approximately \$139,000 per annum over their present costs. The proposed electric franchise embodied certain reductions in electric rates which it was estimated by the company would result in a decrease in revenues aggregating approximately \$225,000 in 1935 and a further reduction of \$125,000 to be put in effect Jan. 1 1936. Thereafter the electric rates were to remain unchanged until Jan. 1 1940, except as changed by the mutual consent of the City Council and the company, or under certain provisions in the franchise providing for adjustments in electric rates if the operating expenses of the company increased abnormally due to conditions beyond its control.

**Purpose of Issue—**Based upon the sale of the entire \$10,000,000 bonds, the net proceeds to be received by the company in cash from the several

underwriters will be \$9,225,000. Of such proceeds, \$6,387,000 will either be advanced to Minneapolis General Electric Co., a subsidiary, to be used by that company for the payment of \$6,387,000 5% 30-year gold mortgage bonds due Dec. 1 1934, or be used on account of the payment of any bank loans which have been availed of by the company to provide funds for such purpose. The balance of the proceeds will be used to reimburse the treasury of the company in part for the cost of improvements, betterments, extensions and/or additions to property and will be available for working capital and for the general corporate purposes of the company.

In consideration of the above mentioned advance and in liquidation of substantially all advances previously made to it and now due the company, Minneapolis General Electric Co. will deliver to the company \$16,530,000 of its then first mortgage bonds and \$11,500,000 of its common stock, which securities will be pledged under the company's first & refunding mortgage and its refunding mortgage. The advances heretofore made by the company to Minneapolis General Electric Co. were used by that company primarily for extensions and additions to its physical properties.

Consolidated Income Account, Eight Months Ended Aug. 31 1934

Total gross earnings	\$18,440,873
Operation	7,393,256
Maintenance	729,951
Taxes	2,450,752
Net earnings	\$7,866,913
Other income	557,299
Net earnings, including other income	\$8,424,213
Interest on funded debt	\$3,251,158
Other interest	47,399
Amortization of debt discount and expense	130,222
Less—Interest charged to construction	\$3,428,781
	5,492
Total interest deductions	\$3,423,288
Net income before retirement reserve	\$5,000,925
Appropriation for retirement reserve	1,617,132
Net income	\$3,383,793
Balance beginning of period	5,274,594
Total	\$8,658,388
Preferred dividends	3,389,422
Common dividends	207,229
Surplus direct charges (net)	37,753
Balance	\$5,023,983
Miscellaneous credits	20,672
Balance end of period	\$5,044,656

[Capitalization After Giving Effect to Issuance of Bonds]

	Authorized	Outstanding
Class B common stock (\$10 par)	1,000,000 shs.	729,166 1-3 shs.
Class A common stock (\$100 par)	342,615 shs.	341,551 shs.
Preferred stock (\$100 par)—7% cum.	887,929 shs.	(391,077 shs.)
6% cumulative		(391,099 shs.)
5½% gold notes, due Dec. 1 1940	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
Refunding mortgage gold bonds b.		
4½% series due 1961		45,000,000
5% series due 1964 (this issue)		10,000,000
First & ref. mtge. 25-year gold bonds	100,000,000	
Series A, 5%, dated April 1 1916, due April 1 1941		26,546,500
Series B, 6%, dated April 1 1916, due April 1 1941		7,490,500
St. Paul Gas Light Co. gen. mtge. g 5s 1944	5,000,000	4,999,000
St. Paul Gas Light Co. gen. & ref. mtge. 6s, 1952	23,500,000	1,500,000
Underlying divisional liens		31,964

a The amounts shown as outstanding do not include 1st & ref. mtge. 25-year bonds dated April 1 1916 and due April 1 1941, which are pledged under the refunding mortgage as follows: Series B, 6%, \$11,826,000; series C, 5½%, \$7,060,000; series D, 4½%, \$26,114,000. Nor do such amounts include an additional \$10,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 1st & ref. mtge. bonds to be issued and pledged under the indenture securing the refunding mortgage bonds. No additional 1st & ref. mtge. bonds can be issued except for pledge under the refunding mortgage. Nor do such amounts include \$1,000 St. Paul Gas Light Co. gen. mtge. gold bonds held in the treasury.

b The title of the refunding mortgage bonds 5% series due 1964 (this issue) will not include "gold." However, in conformity with the indenture under which they will be issued the bonds will be expressed to be payable in gold coin or equal to the standard of weight and fineness existing on Nov. 1 1934, but will bear appropriate reference to the adoption of Public Resolution No. 10 of the Seventy-Third Congress.

c Amount authorized is unlimited but additional bonds can only be issued under the terms of the indenture.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1934

Assets	Liabilities
Plant, property, rights, franchises, &c. \$192,321,754	7% preferred stock \$39,107,700
Discount & exp. on sales of stocks 9,383,058	6% preferred stock 39,109,900
Cash sinking funds, &c. depts 1,224	Class A common stock 34,155,100
Invests. in & advances to affiliated cos. (cost) 20,852,512	Class B common stock 7,291,663
Invests. in stocks & bonds of other cos, &c. 12,552	Funded debt 99,453,964
Unamort. debt disc. & exp. 4,460,871	Accounts payable 852,808
Prepaid & deferred accounts 355,529	Accrued interest 1,942,901
Cash in banks & on hand 4,813,313	Accrued taxes 3,433,639
Bond interest, &c., deposits 283,441	Prof. stock divs. accrued 847,355
Accounts & notes receivable 2,270,952	Other accrued liabilities 39,867
Unbilled gas & elec. (est.) 1,418,112	Customers' deposits 417,786
Materials & supplies 2,544,125	Unadjusted credits 160,711
	Retirement reserve 14,427,114
	Operating reserves 257,740
	Res. for contrib. for extens. 208,416
	Reserve for contingencies 405,710
	Capital surplus 560,412
	Earned surplus 5,044,656
Total \$247,717,445	Total \$247,717,445

SEC Splits on Data Filed by Company—Write-Up Is the Issue

The New York "Times" Nov. 22 had the following: By a vote of 3 to 2, with Commissioners Pecora and Healy dissenting, the Securities and Exchange Commission decided Nov. 21 to accept as "adequate" information that given in a registration statement filed under the Securities Act of 1933 for an issue of \$10,000,000 refunding mortgage bonds. This is the first time that commission action has lacked unanimity, and the announcement gave rise to reports that an open split had come which showed the commission divided upon a fundamental question of policy having to do with liberalization of registration requirements. These reports were denied by one official, who said that the difference of opinion had to do with special circumstances in the case. Formal opinions by the majority and minority on the action taken will be issued soon, and it was indicated that these would make it evident that all members of the commission stood for complete clarification of disclosures on matters such as write-ups. The question at issue was whether disclosures in the registration statement regarding a write-up of \$15,876,596 of fixed capital and investment accounts in 1924 and the charging off to capital surplus accounts in 1924 and 1925 of \$8,070,208 of unamortized bond discount and expense sufficed, under the circumstances, to meet the law's requirements. The commission's announcement said that the company desired to distribute the bonds at once to handle maturities and that the majority felt that this request should be granted and the registration made effective immediately. To have demanded at this time amendments to the registration statement such as Commissioners Pecora and Healy desired would have required considerable delay in making the statement effective.

In its announcement the commission said in part: "When the registration statement came before the commission there was a difference of opinion among the commissioners as to the disclosure attending and the treatment accorded certain items therein. Opinions expressing the views of the majority and the minority will shortly be made public. However, there had not been opportunity to write them by Nov. 19, when the said application to shorten the time was filed, as it was not known to the commission in advance that such an application would be filed."

"In view of the feeling of the company that, despite this situation, it nevertheless greatly desired to have the statement made effective at once, the commission decided to grant the application and accompany it with this statement. The registration will therefore become effective on Nov. 21 1934."

"The circumstances giving rise to difference of opinion among the commissioners were, speaking generally, as follows: In 1924 the company had on its books more than \$8,000,000 of unamortized bond discount and expense. In that year it wrote up its fixed capital and investment accounts approximately \$15,876,596 on the basis of an appraisal by an affiliate, crediting about \$7,784,949 thereof to a retirement reserve and about \$8,091,647 to a capital surplus account. Thereupon it charged off during 1924 and 1925 \$8,070,208, which was substantially all of its then unamortized bond discount and expense, to the capital surplus account, and thereafter to that extent made no annual charges against earnings or earned surplus for amortizing said discount and expense."

"Three of the commissioners thought that these circumstances were sufficiently disclosed in the registration statement and prospectus as amended, while two thought that adequate disclosure and treatment required that the balance sheets, the earnings, the earned surplus accounts and statements of dividends paid should be restated and should be accompanied by a statement of the company's past accounting practices."—V. 139, p. 3161.

Northern Utilities Co.—Sub. Co. to Dissolve—

The stockholders of New York Oil Co. (a subsidiary) will vote Dec. 18 on selling the assets to Northern Utilities Co., and dissolving. The directors of Central Pipe Line Co. have called meeting for Dec. 18 to consider a reduction in capital stock to 900,000 shares of 11 cents par value from 900,000 shares of \$1 par, and the distribution to stockholders of a liquidating dividend of 89 cents a share.

The Northern Utilities Co. is the holding company for New York Oil, which distributes gas through south and central Wyoming and eastern Nebraska, and for Central Pipe Line Co., which maintains a line from Teapot Dome to Casper, Wyo.—V. 128, p. 4004.

Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co.—Earnings—

Years End. Sept. 30—	1934	1933	1932	1931
Gross profit on sales	\$318,430	\$409,434	\$408,912	\$338,158
Expenses	179,331	171,279	178,120	168,538
Operating profit	\$139,099	\$238,155	\$230,792	\$169,620
Other income	4,859	11,027	8,697	8,326
Total income	\$143,958	\$249,181	\$239,489	\$177,946
Depreciation	26,594	27,065	24,825	52,106
Discounts	19,173	19,112	21,108	15,324
Federal excise taxes	69,889	103,678		
Bad debt reserve	11,559	11,765	36,170	11,763
Other deductions	5,419	3,234	23,651	245
Federal income tax		10,770	14,000	
Net profit	\$11,324	\$73,556	\$119,734	\$98,508
Preferred divs. paid	32,210	32,976	25,400	
Deficit	\$20,886	sur\$40,580	sur\$94,334	sur\$98,508

—V. 138, p. 3282.

Norwich Pharmaceutical Co.—To Increase Stock—  
The stockholders will vote Dec. 3 on changing the 100,000 capital shares of no par value to 400,000 shares of \$5 par value each.—V. 139, p. 3162, 937.

Ohio Brass Co.—Resumes Common Dividends—  
The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the class A and B common shares, no par value, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 24. This is the first dividend to be paid on this stock since Jan. 15 1932, when a regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share was distributed.—V. 139, p. 1412.

Old Line Life Insurance Co. of America—Regular Dividend Declared—  
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, par \$10, payable Jan. 1, to holders of record Dec. 15.—V. 136, p. 2082.

Oneida Community, Ltd.—Accumulated Dividend Declared—  
The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on account of accumulations on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$25, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. This compares with 50 cents per share paid on Sept. 15, June 15 and March 15 last, the latter being the first payment made since June 15 1932 when 25 cents per share was disbursed, prior to which regular quarterly payments of 43¼ cents per share were made. Accumulations after the Dec. 15 payment will amount to \$2.81¼ per share.—V. 139, p. 1248.

Oppenheim, Collins & Co.—Sales—  
3 Months Ended Oct. 31—  
Net sales of company \$1,816,140  
Sales leased departments, &c. 108,045  
Total sales \$1,924,185  
—V. 139, p. 3004.

Orange & Rockland Electric Co.—Earnings—	1934—Month—	1933—12 Mos.—	1933
Period End. Sept. 30—	1934—Month—	1933—12 Mos.—	1933
Operating revenues	\$66,232	\$62,410	\$704,074
Oper. exps. incl. taxes but excl. depreciation	35,221	34,861	424,889
Depreciation a	6,866	7,563	82,968
Operating income	\$24,145	\$19,986	\$196,217
Other income	3,128	3,186	40,829
Gross income	\$27,273	\$23,172	\$237,046
Interest on funded debt	5,208	5,208	62,500
Other interest	210	183	734
Amortization deductions	1,116	1,148	13,106
Other deductions		333	2,712
Divs. accrued on pref. stock	8,573	8,200	102,268
Balance	\$12,166	\$8,100	\$55,726
Fed'l income taxes incl. in oper. expenses	3,300	3,250	25,200
Excluding depreciation of transportation, shop, stores and laboratory equipment and depreciation of non-operating property, such depreciation being distributed among the various operating property, operating expense or other accounts applicable.—V. 139, p. 3162.			\$87,427

Otis Co., Three Rivers, Mass.—Annual Report—  
Henry G. Nichols, President, says in part: The net proceeds from sales for the fiscal year, other than sales of capital assets, were \$4,276,391. The deductions as per the books for cost of goods sold, current expenses, depreciation, taxes, and other reserves were \$4,731,146, showing a loss of \$454,754. The depreciation deducted in reaching the above figure was \$281,383. The sum of \$120,146 was spent on plant items not properly deductible as repairs. There was charged to profit and loss \$283,882, representing loss on sale of tenement property. Continued ownership of these tenements by the company was not necessary for the housing of its employees, and by disposing of them the company could be relieved of charges for their maintenance and taxation. A net amount of \$1,580 was credited to profit and loss on account of various items which included interest, adjustment of reserves, and other items. Surplus was charged with dividends paid in the amount of \$70,753. Sales for the year were about \$1,360,000 higher than for the previous year. The process tax amounted to about \$350,000 more than the floor and

process tax in the year before. The increase in yards sold was about 10% over the year before. The pay roll increased about 40%. The operations for the last accounting period of the year (16 weeks) produced most of the operating loss before depreciation.

Comparative Balance Sheet table with columns for Oct. 6 '34, Oct. 7 '33, and Liabilities with columns for Oct. 6 '34, Oct. 7 '33.

Total \$4,552,881 \$5,231,333 Total \$4,552,881 \$5,231,333
x The reserve deducted amounted to \$425,000.—V. 138, p. 160.

Pacific American Fisheries, Inc.—New Control—
It was recently announced that E. B. Deming of Bellingham, Wash., sold control of the company to Eastern capitalists for \$1,000,000 cash.

Pacific Eastern Corp.—Must Defend Suit—
Justice Hofstadter of the N. Y. Supreme Court denied Nov. 16, the application to dismiss the complaint in the suit brought by stockholders of the corporation (formerly the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp.), to restrain the company from accepting an offer by the partners of Goldman, Sachs & Co. to settle for \$325,000 claims of the stockholders against the former directors of the trading company.

The case came before Justice Hofstadter originally in August 1933. The Court then granted a temporary injunction restraining the stockholders of Pacific Eastern from taking action on the Goldman Sachs offer. This offer, if accepted, would dispose of several stockholders' actions in New York and other States against Goldman Sachs & Co.

Justice Hofstadter overruled the contention that the New York courts are without jurisdiction because the Pacific Eastern is a Delaware corporation and the suit deals with the "internal affairs of a foreign corporation."

The Justice said that the offer of settlement has already been accepted by the present board of directors, but is subject to ratification by the stockholders, which the present unit seeks to prevent. The directors who are named as defendants include Floyd B. Odium, Walter W. Sachs, David G. Baird, W. Peter Rathvon, Harold C. Richard, Edwin L. Weisl and the Atlas Corp.

The suit, brought by Abraham N. Levy and Rose W. Levy, in behalf of themselves and other stockholders, asserted that the partners in Goldman Sachs & Co., who, at one time or another, were directors of the trading company, are responsible for the losses sustained by the trading company because of negligence, misconduct and infidelity in managing the company.

The Court said that it may be that the plaintiffs will be unable to prove their allegations upon the trial, but for the purposes of the motion to dismiss the complaint the Court assumes them to be true.—V. 139, p. 1248.

Paramount Publix Corp.—Committees Prepare Plan—
A plan of reorganization which would terminate the receivership of the company has been developed by the three major committees of security holders and creditors and will be submitted to the Federal District Court within a few days, it was stated Nov. 21.

The plan, it is said, calls for the formation of a new company which would issue securities for claims of creditors as well as for outstanding securities of the present company. Holders of the 5 1/2% bonds of Paramount Publix and the 6% bonds of the Paramount Famous-Lasky Corp., together with the general creditors of the corporation, would be paid for their claims 50% in new 20-year 6% debentures and 50% in new cum. conv. \$6 dividend 1st pref. stock.

Common stockholders would receive for each present share 1/4-share of new common stock plus a warrant bearing the right to subscribe within 60 days at \$2 for one unit consisting of 1/4-share of new common stock and 1-50th of a share of new cum. conv. \$6 dividend 2d pref. stock.

As the interest that has accumulated on the present bonds and on creditors' claims amounts to approximately \$140 for each \$1,000, the bondholders and creditors would receive for each \$1,000 bond or claim approximately \$570 in new debentures and \$500 in the new 6% pref. stock.

Of the funds to be received from the sale of the new securities to common stockholders, \$5,173,574 would be paid in cash to reduce present bank loans. The capitalization of the new company would consist of \$27,500,000 new debentures, 275,000 shares of 1st pref. stock, 64,418 shares of 2d pref. stock and 1,610,452 common shares.

The committees that have formulated the plan are the bondholders' committee, the bank creditors' committee and the stockholders' committee.

No Conflict Between Trustees and Mr. Zukor—
The trustees, as a duty to the estate and in a spirit of fairness to Adolph Zukor, on Nov. 17 took cognizance of published rumors which proceed from misinformation, by issuing the following statement:

The inference that any conflict of any character exists or has at any time existed between Mr. Zukor and the trustees in regard to management, is utterly without foundation in fact. At no time has there been any such clash or difference, either in purpose or method, between Mr. Zukor and the trustees. Under the receivership, bankruptcy and reorganization proceedings, respectively, Mr. Zukor has continued to be the president and head of the principal subsidiaries of the company and has enjoyed the complete confidence and support of the trustees. In determining matters of operating policy, the trustees have at all times had the advice and fullest co-operation of Mr. Zukor and have found themselves in full and harmonious accord with him in such policies.

Any suggestion or report of such a supposed conflict is far from the truth and cannot fail to cause grave concern in the minds of all people who have the interest of Paramount at heart. Mr. Zukor enjoys also the confidence and respect of artists, producers, exhibitors, competitors and of the vast personnel of the Paramount organization.

The trustees know Mr. Zukor's long record of high executive accomplishment in the motion picture industry and recognize his great value and importance to Paramount and they are confident that all who are interested in the welfare of Paramount and are familiar with its affairs also know Mr. Zukor's record and recognize his great value to the enterprise.

Reorganization Hearing Postponed—
A scheduled hearing on the proposed reorganization plans of the corporation and the Broadway-Paramount Corp., before Special Master John E. Joyce, 70 Pine St., was postponed Nov. 18, until Dec. 3.—V. 139, p. 2371.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Report—
Stuart Webb, President, says in part:
In the third quarter of this year there was a material improvement in the amusement industry in general, in which improvement Pathe shared.

A number of new contracts have been entered into by Pathe during the past few months—but as yet, of course, the effect of these is only partially reflected in the earnings.

Profit for the third quarter of 1934, before interest charges but after deducting all expenses, taxes, amortization and depreciation of properties, was \$72,353, as compared with \$64,463 in the second quarter, and \$51,971 in the first quarter.

Profit for 39 weeks ended Sept. 29 1934, before interest charges but after deducting all expenses, taxes, amortization and depreciation of properties, was \$188,787, compared with \$508,881 for the same period of last year. This figure for 1933 includes the extra dividend of \$441,000 received from du Pont Film Manufacturing Corp. There were also received from the Film corporation during the first nine months of both 1934 and 1933, regular dividends of \$147,000. The earnings of du Pont Film have continued at a rate considerably in excess of regular dividend requirements.

The Bound Brook Laboratories during the first nine months of this year processed over 30 million feet of positive film for various motion picture producers and realized a satisfactory profit, after absorbing the full depreciation and overhead of the Laboratories, in spite of the low rate of operation—only 20% of capacity.

The film processed by the Laboratories was purchased from the du Pont Film Manufacturing Corp.—most of which represented new business for the Film Corp. It must be emphasized, however, that Pathe's operations are entirely separate and distinct from those of the Film Corp., which is controlled by E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.

Earnings for 39 Weeks Ended

Earnings for 39 Weeks Ended table with columns for Sept. 29 '34 and Sept. 30 '33.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet table with columns for Sept. 29 '34 and Sept. 30 '33.

Total \$7,086,789 \$6,984,094
a After reserves for depreciation and amortization. b Represented by 243,123 no par class A preferred shares in 1934 and 243,822 in 1933. c Represented by 948,781 no par shares in 1934 and 948,581 no par shares in 1933. d Includes loans receivable.

Inclusion on Reorganization is Set for March 4

Supreme Court Justice Cotillo signed on Nov. 22 an order authorizing an extraordinary meeting of stockholders on March 4 next to pass on a resolution providing for reorganization of the company. The order, for which the company had applied, is the first to be made under the amendment to the Stock Corporation Law of New York passed by the last Legislature authorizing court action if the statutory two-thirds vote of stockholders cannot be obtained because of indifference rather than opposition to a plan.

At the meeting the stockholders will vote on a plan by which the property of the present corporation is to be transferred to a new company. Owners of 8% stock are to get one share of 7% conv. pref. and five shares of common; class A stock is to be exchanged for two shares of common, and a share of common will receive 1-20th of a share of new common.

In its plea the corporation said it was found impossible to comply with the old law on account of the difficulty of obtaining stockholders to attend the meeting, partly because of their indifference. The company has 10,900 stockholders of all classes living in every State of the Union and in seven foreign countries. The cost of giving notice of the meeting to all these stockholders was stressed.—V. 139, p. 1717.

Patterson Sargent Co.—12 1/2-Cent Extra Dividend

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 12 1/2 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, which payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 21. See also V. 139, p. 939.

Pennsylvania RR.—Electrification Progressing

The company's electrification program, financed by the Public Works Administration, is more than 80% completed as to passenger service, it was announced Nov. 20.

"All efforts are now being centered," said the statement issued by the company, "upon the goal of inaugurating through electric passenger train operation between New York and Washington early in January. The second and final step in the program, electric operation of the entire freight service in the same territory will follow shortly afterward. Electrification of the freight tracks and yards is already nearly 50% complete."—V. 139, p. 3162.

Philadelphia National Insurance Co.—Balance Sheet

Philadelphia National Insurance Co.—Balance Sheet table for Sept. 30 1934.

—V. 139, p. 2371.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Court Allows Company to Reorganize

Judge Welsh in Federal District Court, Philadelphia on Nov. 2 approved the petition of company for reorganization under the Federal Bankruptcy Act, and allowed the present management to remain in control of its affairs until Jan. 21 1935 when he will decide whether he will continue the private management or appoint trustees to operate the business until a reorganization plan is accepted or rejected. As a result of the court's orders, it is expected that the long awaited plan of the company will be filed in court shortly. Beginning Nov. 20 P. R. T. will operate under the direct supervision of the District Court instead of under the directorate named by Judge Harry S. McDevitt in April 1931. Judge Welsh's decree ordered the company to open a complete new set of books as of Nov. 20.

Wilson's P. R. T. Suit Dismissed

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, Nov. 16, in a unanimous decision of the three judges that sustained the dismissal of S. Davis Wilson's suit for reorganization of the P. R. T., under Section 77-B of the National Bankruptcy Act.

The decision, which consists of only 23 words, is based entirely upon the majority opinion of the U. S. District Court of Sept. 19, which threw out Wilson's suit on the grounds he was not a "real" creditor of P. R. T.—V. 139, p. 2214.

Pine Bluff Arkansas River Railway—Abandonment

The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued a certificate permitting the company to abandon as to inter-State and foreign commerce (and St. Louis Southwestern Ry. to abandon operation thereof), its entire line of railroad called the Reydel branch, extending southeast from Rob Roy to Reydel, 26.4 miles, in Jefferson County, Ark.

Pittsburgh Brewing Co.—Earnings

Pittsburgh Brewing Co.—Earnings table for Income Account Years Ended Oct. 31 (Incl. Tech Food Prod. Co.).

Net income \$42,187 \$764,287 loss \$353,330 loss \$166,716

Dividends paid 61,001

Balance Sheet Oct. 31 (Incl. Tech Food Products Co.)

Table with columns for Assets (1934, 1933) and Liabilities (1934, 1933). Items include Plant & franchises, Cash, Notes & accts. rec., etc. Total 1934: 9,302,560; Total 1933: 14,854,565.

New President

John W. Hubbard has been elected President.—V. 139, p. 252§.

Pleasant Valley Wine Co.—Smaller Dividend Declared

The directors have declared a dividend of 7½ cents per share on the common stock, par \$1, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 15. This compares with 15 cents per share paid on Sept. 1 and June 1 last, this latter being the initial distribution on this issue.—V. 139, p. 288.

Plymouth Oil Co.—4% Stock Dividend Declared

The directors have declared a 4% stock dividend on the capital stock, par \$5, payable in stock on Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec. 3. The stock to be distributed is reacquired treasury stock. This dividend is to be paid in lieu of the 25-cent cash dividend distributed in previous quarters.

Pollak Manufacturing Co.—Earnings

Earnings for the Six Months Ended June 30 1934. Net profit: \$10,722; Deficit Jan. 1 1934: \$35,539. Balance, deficit, June 30 1934: \$22,817.

Balance Sheet June 30 1934

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities as of June 30 1934. Total Assets: \$268,942; Total Liabilities: \$268,942.

x After reserve for depreciation of \$64,130. y Represented by 100,000 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 1299.

Polmet Manufacturing Corp.—Trading Suspended

The New York Produce Exchange has suspended trading in the capital stock, \$1 par.—V. 135, p. 1836.

Potomska Mills—Offer to Purchase Control

The Boston "News Bureau" Nov. 22 states: "Harold S. Holmes, as agent for David J. Allen, N. Y. City, and others, is offering \$25 a share for outstanding stock of the company. The offer is to be submitted to the board of directors." "Mr. Allen in a telephone conversation from New York stated: "The group of men who are offering this price can guarantee steady operation of the mill throughout the year, employing 1,000 men and selling 20,000,000 yards of cloth annually. The proposed purchase of this mill is but part of a program involving the storage of Government cotton in New Bedford and the managing of the H. C. Goodman Co. of Columbus, Ohio." "This is the third proposition to be made for the sale of the mills, the directors already having under consideration offers for the stock of \$23.50 (from General Cotton Corp.) and \$20 a share (said to be from other New York interests)."—V. 139, p. 940.

Prudence Co., Inc.—Facts About Company in Liquidation and Rehabilitation

A statement issued Nov. 20 by M. L. Masson, Special Deputy Superintendent of Banks of New York, gives the following information about the Prudence Co., Inc., in liquidation and rehabilitation: "The liabilities of the company, including its contingent liability as guarantor, amount to about \$147,000,000. \$3,750 bond and certificate holders." "The company is the largest mortgage guarantee company under the control of the Superintendent of Banks. A number of large title and mortgage guarantee companies are under the control of the Superintendent of Insurance. All told all of these companies have liabilities of \$2,750,000,000, and affect several hundred thousand persons, mostly in the New York metropolitan district."

Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks, took control of Prudence Co., Inc., Sept. 29 1934, pursuant to Section 57 of State Banking Law. Company has been on restricted basis since bank holiday March 1933. James T. Heenehan, formerly Deputy Superintendent of Banks and General Counsel to the Banking Department, appointed special counsel, and M. L. Masson and W. K. Denton were named Special Deputy Superintendents. Superintendent's purpose "to conserve the company's assets for the benefit of creditors, to promote and facilitate sound plans for the reorganization of security issues, and to secure the continued co-operation of Reconstruction Finance Corporation." "The Prudence Co., Inc., organized under the Investment Article (VII) of the New York Banking Law as Realty Associates Investment Corp. In June 1921 name was changed to Prudence Co., Inc. Company is obligated as guarantor of payment of principal and interest upon the following: \$53,459,000 face amount of 54 issues of participating certificates; \$23,934,000 face amount of individual mortgages, and \$56,389,000 face amount of 18 series of Prudence-Bonds. There is also outstanding a collateral trust bond issue, a direct obligation of the company, amounting to \$13,800,000. The paid-in capital of the company is \$10,000,000, consisting of \$5,000,000 preferred in the hands of 1,600 stockholders, and \$5,000,000 common. All of the common stock is held by New York Investors, Inc."

Direct subsidiaries owned by The Prudence Co., Inc. are three real estate operating companies:

- (1) Amalgamated Properties, Inc. (which in turn owns 7 subsidiaries).
(2) Madison-43d Corp.
(3) Prudence Co. Inc. of Illinois.

Among the properties against which obligations guaranteed by the company have been issued are many well-known New York City hotels, apartments and business buildings.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation, by reason of \$20,000,000 loan made in 1932 is the largest single creditor of the company.

A plan of reorganization was proposed by the management of the company in the summer of 1933 and this plan was in part approved by the RFC with the proviso that an independent committee satisfactory to the local agency of the RFC should revise the plan. In compliance with this proviso the MacDonald Committee was organized and its members approved by the New York agency of the RFC in November 1933. This committee subsequently revamped the original Prudence Co. plan and to this revamped plan the Superintendent of Banks gave approval to advance \$10,000,000 to a corporation subject to the Superintendent of Banks, this money to be used for making loans to needy security holders and for conserving and rehabilitating underlying properties. Committee Sept. 1 1934 submitted to Judge Inch, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, "deposit agreement for certain guaranteed securities issued by Prudence-Bonds Corp. and guaranteed by Prudence Co., Inc." No date was set by the Court for hearing motion regarding this deposit agreement.

Progress in rehabilitation and reorganization not being satisfactorily made, and the situation being complicated by various actions, the Superintendent of Banks assumed control, Sept. 29 1934.

Reorganization of one individual issue—Schlosser Committee formed June 27 1933 for the reorganization of \$13,800,000 outstanding Prudence Co. guaranteed collateral 5½% gold bonds due in 1961. Plan approved by Justice Cohn, Supreme Court, Oct. 6 1934, contemplates distribution of \$250 cash for each \$1,000 bond and the balance in 5½% income bonds, series A, in a new company maturing in 15 years. Stock of new company to be placed in a voting trust with Harvey D. Gibson, Louis J. Horowitz and James T. Heenehan as voting trustees; directors of the new company to be James T. Heenehan, Walter A. Lynch, H. Craig Severance, Douglas Vought, Harry Forsyth, Louis J. Horowitz and Francis K. Stevens. Counsel for the Schlosser Committee: Chadbourne, Hunt, Jaekel & Brown, Secretary: R. W. Wilson, 15 Broad St. Judge Cohn appointed James A. Martin, 64 Wall St., referee.

Prudence-Bonds Corp., a stock corporation organized under the Business Corporation Law of New York November 1919, filed a petition for reorganization under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act on June 29 1934. The petition was approved and Judge Charles H. Kelby and Clifford S. Kelsey were appointed trustees. The paid-in capital of Prudence-Bonds Corp. is \$50,000. All of its stock is owned by New York Investors, Inc. All of the officers, directors and stockholders of Prudence-Bonds Corp. were the officers, directors and stockholders of the Prudence Co., Inc.

New York Investors, Inc., a holding company, filed a petition for equity receivership July 14 1933. Judge Inch in U. S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, appointed Judge Charles H. Kelby and Clifford S. Kelsey, equity receivers. New York Investors, Inc. is the name adopted about 1926 when Realty Associates was reorganized. New York Investors, Inc. became the stock holding company and Realty Associates, Inc. became the building, developing and operating company. All told upwards of 100 companies, including the Ringling-Barnum & Bailey and 8 other circuses are affiliated.—V. 139, p. 3005.

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois—Bonds Called

The company is calling for redemption on Dec. 31, \$1,000,000 first lien & ref. mtg. 6½% 5-year sinking fund gold bonds, series G. This redemption will leave approximately \$12,500,000 of the series G issue outstanding in the hands of the public out of an original issue of \$20,000,000. The series G bonds mature July 1 1937.

Earnings for Month and 10 Months Ended Oct. 31

Table comparing 1934 month and 10 months to 1933 month and 10 months. Gross earnings: 1934 Month—\$2,862,218; 1933 Month—\$2,898,639; 1934 10 Mos.—\$23,809,378; 1933 10 Mos.—\$27,951,984.

Although kilowatt hours consumed by residential and commercial customers in October were 7.4% higher than in October 1933, gross from these customers after allocations affecting 1933 was 3.3% less than in October 1933. The decrease in October 1934 revenues due to the reduction of electric rates made applicable to meter readings taken on and after June 1 1934 was \$101,700.—V. 139, p. 2843.

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma—Correction

The figures given in last week's "Chronicle," page 3163, are for the quarter and nine months ended Sept. 30. The first two columns are for the quarter and the latter two columns are for the nine months. Due to a typographical error the headings over these columns were misleading.—V. 139, p. 3163.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey—Earnings

Table with columns for Period End. Oct. 31 and 1934-Month-1933, 1934-12 Mos.-1933. Items include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., maintenance, taxes & deprec., Net inc. from oper., Bal. for divs. & surplus.

To Reduce Directorate

The directors have voted to change the by-laws of the corporation to provide for a reduction in the directorate to 12 members from 15.—V. 139, p. 252§.

Pyrene Mfg. Co.—Capital Changes Voted

At a special meeting of stockholders held Nov. 14 the following action was taken: 1. Treasury stock owned by the corporation, consisting of 1,395 shares of preferred stock of the par value of \$10 each and 29,158 shares of common stock of the par value of \$10 each, was retired.

2. It was voted to amend the certificate of incorporation of the corporation:

(a) By eliminating the preferred stock as an authorized class of stock, and (b) by reducing the authorized common stock from \$3,000,000 par value, consisting of 300,000 shares of the par value of \$10 each, to \$2,500,000 par value, consisting of 250,000 shares of the par value of \$10 each.

There is now but one class of stock, i.e., common, in the authorized amount as above. No stock remains in the treasury of the corporation, and 194,000 shares, or \$1,940,000 par value, is issued and outstanding.—V. 138, p. 4475.

Queens Borough Gas & Electric Co.—New Director

Edward F. Barrett has been elected a director, succeeding William C. Langley, resigned.—V. 137, p. 4530.

Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings

Table with columns for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1934, and 1933. Items include Net sales, Discounts and allowances, Manufacturing cost of sales, Gross profit, Selling and administrative expenses, Profit from operations, Other income, Total inc. before other deducts. deprec. & taxes, Other deductions, Provision for depreciation, Provision for Federal and State income taxes, Net income, Surplus at beginning of the period, Total surplus, Dividends paid, Surplus at end of period, Earnings per share on common.

Comparative Balance Sheet

Table with columns for Spt. 30 '34 Dec. 31 '33 and Spt. 30 '34 Dec. 31 '33. Items include Assets (Cash, U. S., Can. munic. &c. bonds, Notes, accts. & tr. acceptances, etc., Mdse. inventories, Investments, etc., Sundry notes and accounts receiv., Land, buildings, mach. & equip., Deferred charges, Trade names, tr'de mks. & gd.-will.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Accrued salaries & wages, Provision for income taxes, Res. for Federal & State taxes on 1934 income, Surplus).

Total: 16,451,830 15,902,843. Total: 16,451,830 15,902,843. x After depreciation \$9,115,608 in September and \$8,727,053 in December. y Represented by 676,012 shares of no par value. z Includes \$3,112 shares of company's stock at cost of \$699,462.—V. 139, p. 1251, 1097.

Reliance Insurance Co. of Philadelphia—Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1934—

Assets—Bonds and stocks, Mortgage loans, Real estate, Cash in banks and office, Premiums in course of collec'n, Other assets. Total \$3,411,973. Liabilities—Premium reserve, Losses in process of adjust'mt., Reserve for comm., expenses, taxes and other liabilities, Capital, Surplus. Total \$3,411,973.

Republic Steel Co.—Registration Effective—The registration application of the corporation for certificates of deposit for 6% accumulative conv. pref. stock, filed with Securities and Exchange Commission on Oct. 29, has become effective.

Reynolds Spring Co.—Common Dividend Declared—The directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 15.

Riverside Apartments Corp., Washington, D. C.—Interest Payment—The holders of 1st mtg. gold serial bonds, Nos. 306 to 1161, incl., are being notified that the American Security & Trust Co. will pay, out of funds in its possession for such purpose, on and after Dec. 1 1934, coupon No. 19 due June 1 1934, and will also pay interest on said coupons at 7% per annum from June 1 1934 to Dec. 1 1934.

Roan Antelope Copper Mines, Ltd.—Earnings—Years Ended June 30—Copper sales account, Metal stocks. Total \$1,800,901. Operating expenses at mine, Realization expenses, London administration & other expenses, Amount payable in respect of copper quota allocation, Debenture interest, Depreciation reserve, Interest receivable, Reserve for Northern Rhodesian taxation.

Balance Sheet June 30 1933. Assets—Proper (nominal), Expend. on devel. & equip. of properties, Invest. (less res'v'e), Materials & suppl., Metal stocks, Sundry, Cash. Total £6,124,612. Liabilities—Capital stock, 7% deb. stk. (sec.), 6% deb. stock (secured), Appl. for 6% deb. stock, General reserve, Deprec. res. acct., Deben. interest un-claimed, Reserve for taxat'n, Sundry cred. & res., Profit. & loss acct. Total £5,344,639.

St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Co.—Earnings—Period End. Sept. 30—1934—3 Mos.—1933. Gross earnings, Cost, expenses, & taxes, Interest charges, Deprec. and deple. and amort. of develop'ts., Net income, Earn. per share on 9,248 shs. 5% pref. stock.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Lines—Earnings—Period—1934, 1933. Gross earnings \$233,700. Note—The figures previously issued for the quarter ended July 1 to Sept. 30 1934 were reported "in error" by the corporation.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Company Is Unable to Redeem Certificates or Equipments—The committee representing holders of first mortgage 50-year 4% gold bonds have sent a letter to bondholders stating that the committee has been informed by receivers for the company that they will not have funds sufficient to pay the principal of the receivers' certificates maturing Feb. 1 1935.

Second International Securities Corp.—Accum. Div.—The directors on Nov. 21 declared a dividend of 62 1/2 cents per share on account of accumulations on the 6% cum. first preferred stock, par \$50, payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 15.

Shawmut Association—Asset Value—The company reports that the asset value of its shares, based on market prices at Sept. 30 last, were \$13.92 a share. This compares with \$14.62 a share on June 30 last and \$16.11 a share on Sept. 30 1933.

Sisocoe Gold Mines, Ltd.—Extra Dividend Declared—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 2 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 3 cents per share on the com-

mon stock, par \$1, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. Similar distributions were made on Sept. 30 last, and compare with extra distributions of 1 cent per share on June 30 last and 2 cents per share on March 31 last and on Dec. 30 1933.

Sioux City Stock Yards Co.—Extra Dividends Declared—Extra dividends of \$1 per share in addition to the regular quarterly distribution of 37 1/2 cents per share were paid on the no-par \$1.50 partic. pref. stock and the no-par common stock, on Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 14.

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—Smaller Dividend Declared—The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 8. Previously, the company paid 60 cents per share each quarter from Oct. 2 1933 up to and including Oct. 2 last, and 40 cents per share quarterly from Oct. 1 1932 to and including July 1 1933.

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings—Period End. Oct. 31—1934—Month—1933. Operating revenues, Uncollectible oper. rev., Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net oper. revenues, Operating taxes, Net operating income.

Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings—Month of October—1934, 1933. Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings.

Southern Pacific Lines—Earnings—Period End. Oct. 31—1934—Month—1933. Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. revs., Equipment rents (net), Jt. facil. rents (net), Net ry. oper. income.

Southern Ry.—Earnings—Period—1934, 1933. Gross earnings (est.), Net earnings.

Southwest Gas Co.—To Reorganize—Reorganization of the company under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act was recently sought in U. S. District Court, Wilmington, Del., by Arthur G. Logan, counsel for the company.

Southwestern Gas & Electric Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—Period End. Sept. 30—1934—3 Mos.—1933. Total gross earnings, Total oper. exps. & taxes, Net earns. from oper., Other income (net), Net earns. before int., Total interest deductions, Net inc. before divs., Preferred stock divs., Balance.

Southwestern Light & Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—Period End. Sept. 30—1934—3 Mos.—1933. Total gross earnings, Total oper. exp. & taxes, Net earns. from oper., Other income—net, Net earns. before int., Total int. deductions, Net inc. bef. pref. divs.

Studebaker Corp.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30—

Studebaker Corp., and Rockne Motors Corp. and principal subsidiaries but exclusive of White Motor Corp. Assets—Plant & equip., Cash, Cash in closed bk, Marketable invest., Sight drafts outstanding, Accts. & notes receiv. (less res.), Inventories, Mutual insur. dep., Oth. non-curr. rec., and invest's, Invest's in White Motor Co., Other investments, Deferred charges, Trade name, goodwill & pat. rights. Total \$5,835,403.

Total \$5,835,403. Includes \$292,833 in 1933 and \$299,196 in 1934 impounded pending litigation. Represented by 2,464,287 no-par shares. Excludes claims of subsidiaries included in consolidation.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Electric Output—Electric output for the week ended Nov. 17 1934 totaled 83,625,642 kwh., an increase of 3.5% compared with the corresponding week last year, and an increase of 604,592 kwh., or 0.7% over the week ended Nov. 10 this year.

**Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky—Extra Dividend**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share, payable out of accumulated earnings of prior years, and the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, par value \$10, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. See also V. 136, p. 3922 for further dividend record.—V. 138, p. 2592.

**Standard Oil Co. (N. J.)—Calls \$90,000,000 5% Bonds**

*Funds Derived in Part from Bank Loans, New Notes at Lower Interest*—Company (as noted last week) will call for payment on Feb. 1 next its entire outstanding issue of \$90,000,000 of 5s of 1946 and has arranged for the private sale of \$37,000,000 of serial debentures and for \$45,000,000 in short term bank loans, both at lower interest rates, as the means of handling the transaction. Of the present bonds, \$8,000,000 will be paid from the company's own funds. The call price is 102 and interest.

The company's announcement, signed by Walter C. Teagle, President, reads:

Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) proposes to call on Feb. 1 1935 at 102 and accrued interest, the entire \$90,000,000 of debentures outstanding. The original issue was \$120,000,000 at 5%, running for a term of 20 years, maturing Dec. 15 1946; the issue was reduced to \$90,000,000 by the retirement of \$30,000,000 early in 1932.

Arrangements have now been made to pay \$8,000,000 of the remaining debentures, plus the call premium and costs, out of cash in the company's treasury and to raise the balance required by short term bank loans, \$45,000,000, and serial debentures, \$37,000,000, the last of which will mature Feb. 1 1941. Credit for the bank loans has been arranged and there will be no public offerings of the new debentures.

Prompt action being deemed advisable, a public offering, involving registration, unfortunately could not be considered, because the company is not in a position to submit a certificate of independent audit. Such an audit covering subsidiaries operating in all parts of the world, has been under way since May 1 1934, but will not be completed before next spring.

The interest saving to the company's stockholders is substantial and the directors feel that the financing of the obligations maturing over the next six years, to a final extinguishment of the debt, presents a sound and workable program. It is in accordance with the procedure followed by the company in making substantial reductions periodically of obligations ahead of its common stock. This process began in 1927 with the redemption of its \$200,000,000 outstanding preferred stock.—V. 139, p. 3165.

**Sunray Oil Corp.—Earnings**

9 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—	1934	1933
Gross income	\$2,136,178	\$1,118,475
Net profit after depletion, depreciation, &c.	158,748	loss 198,187
Earnings per sh. on 1,555,401 shares common stock	\$0.09	Nil

**New Vice-President**

Chauncey L. Waddell has been elected a Vice-President and director.—V. 139, p. 2218.

**Sutherland Paper Co.—10-Cent Extra Dividend**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10 cents per share in addition to the regular dividend of like amount both payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 10. Payments of 10 cents per share were made on Sept. 1, July 2, May 1 and March 1 last, and on Dec. 15 and Nov. 15 1933.—V. 139, p. 2374.

**Symington Co.—Earnings**

Period End.	1934—3 Mos.	1933	1934—9 Mos.	1933
a Operating loss	\$94,830	\$43,008	\$248,701	\$294,603
Other income	27,760	19,511	97,987	60,381

Net deficit \$67,070 \$23,497 \$150,714 \$234,222  
a After depreciation of plant, all selling and general expenses, provision or reserves and Federal and State taxes.—V. 139, p. 614.

**Tacony-Palmyra Bridge Co.—50-Cent Dividend**

The directors have declared dividends of 50 cents per share on both the class A and common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 10. A similar distribution was made on Sept. 30 last and compares with 25 cents per share paid in each of the three preceding quarters, 50 cents per share paid on Sept. 30 1933, 25 cents per share on June 30 1933, 50 cents per share on March 31 1933 and 75 cents per share each quarter from Sept. 30 1930 to and incl. Dec. 31 1932.—V. 139, p. 2531, 1254.

**Tech Food Products Co.—New President**

John W. Hubbard has been elected President.—V. 121, p. 2533.

**Teck-Hughes Gold Mines, Ltd.—10-Cent Dividend**

The directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, par \$1, payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 10. A similar distribution was made on Nov. 1 last and compares with distributions of 15 cents per share made each quarter from Nov. 1 1928 up to and including Aug. 1 1934. In addition an extra dividend of 5 cents per share was paid on Nov. 2 1931.

**Directorate Reduced**

The stockholders, at their annual meeting Nov. 20, ratified a by-law reducing the number of directors from nine to seven. The new board was then elected unanimously. It is the same as the old board without C. E. Wettlaufer and W. W. Reilley.—V. 139, p. 3166.

**Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co.—Tenders**

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, successor trustee, will until Nov. 30 receive bids for the sale to it of purchase money first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds, at prices not exceeding par and interest to an amount sufficient to exhaust the sum of \$5,304.—V. 123, p. 2791.

**Texas Corp.—Holdings of Indian Refining Co. Stock**

The corporation has notified the New York Stock Exchange that of a total of 1,270,207 shares of common stock of Indian Refining Co. outstanding it has acquired and holds, at the present time, 1,144,060 shares.—V. 139, p. 2532.

**Texas Gulf Producing Co.—2½% Stock Dividend**

The directors have declared a 2½% stock dividend on the no par value common stock payable Dec. 29 to holders of record Nov. 30. Similar distributions were made on this issue on Sept. 15, June 16 and March 31 last and on Feb. 25, May 27, Aug. 31 and Dec. 23 1932.—V. 139, p. 2218.

**Thrift Stores, Ltd.—Common Dividend Passed**

The directors have decided to pass the dividend ordinarily payable at this time on the no-par common stock. Distributions of 10 cents per share were made quarterly from July 1 1933 up to and including Oct. 1 last.

28 Weeks Ended—	Oct. 13 '34	Oct. 14 '33
Sales	\$2,532,487	\$2,402,975
Net loss after depreciation and other charges	15,892	28,769

The working capital of the company as at Oct. 13 1934, shows a reduction of \$55,241 since the last annual statement of March 31 1934, net working capital now amounting to \$347,926. The reduction in working capital to the extent of \$33,000 represents improvements and additions to fixed assets.—V. 138, p. 3962.

**Title Insurance Corp. of St. Louis—Extra Dividend**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 12½ cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly payment of like amount on the common stock, par \$25, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. An extra distribution of 25 cents per share was made on Nov. 30 1931.

The company had paid regular quarterly dividends of 12½ cents per share since and including May 31 1932, prior to which 25 cents per share was disbursed each three months.—V. 133, p. 3980.

**Toledo Angola & Western Ry.—RFC Loan Withdrawn**

The company on Nov. 15 1932 applied to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for authority to borrow \$36,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The ICC on Jan. 4 1933 approved a loan of \$21,000.

The company on Nov. 7 1934 withdrew its application for the loan and the application has been dismissed by the ICC.—V. 136, p. 155.

**Toronto Elevators, Ltd. (& Subs.)—Earnings**

Period—	Year Ended 10 Mos. End.		Years End. Aug. 31—	
	July 31 '34	July 31 '33	1932	1931
Operating profit	\$508,692	\$298,606	\$380,633	\$350,532
Interest	33,699	29,422	37,340	39,366
Prov. for depreciation	115,500	23,764	85,853	85,026
Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes	49,664	95,398	26,748	20,651
Net profit	\$310,829	\$150,021	\$230,691	\$205,490
Transf. to general res.	100,000	—	—	—
Divs. on pref. stock	105,000	78,750	105,000	105,000
Divs. on com. stock	25,000	25,000	—	—
Accr. elev'n written off	24,000	—	—	—
Surplus	\$56,829	\$46,272	\$125,691	\$100,490
Earns. per sh. on 25,000 shs. com. stock (no par)	\$4.23	\$2.85	\$5.03	\$4.02

Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1934	1933	1934	1933
Cash	\$94,770	\$474,394	\$678,252
Accts. receivable	196,460	301,058	—
Opt. accts. at price	—	—	30,215
Current mark. pur.	21,445	588	—
Accrued storage & elevation	1,395	34,610	3,190,000
Grain inventories	4,315,945	3,505,495	54,299
Supp. adv. & pre-paid expenses	38,129	24,419	52,000
Seat on Winnipeg	—	—	634,662
z Land, leases, elevator structures, equip., dks., &c.	2,063,757	2,159,945	1,500,000
Total	\$6,739,502	\$6,508,109	\$2,000,000
Owing to grain pur.	—	—	1,500,000
Accts. pay. & accr. charges	—	—	120,000
Can. Bk. of Com. (sec.)	—	—	100,000
Int. & prin. pay on City of Sarnia	—	—	480,073
Prov. for Fed. income taxes	—	—	—
Deferred liabilities	—	—	—
7% cum conv. preferred stock	—	—	—
x Common stock	—	—	—
General reserve	—	—	—
Surplus	—	—	—
Total	\$6,739,502	\$6,508,109	\$6,508,109

x Represented by 25,000 shares of no par value. y After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$15,000 in 1934 and \$12,228 in 1933. z After reserve for depreciation of \$527,765 in 1934 and \$413,196 in 1933.—V. 139, p. 1881.

**Trans-Lux Daylight Pictures Screen Corp.—Court Action**

Karl Koch, Bayside, L. I., and a group of attorneys who assert that they represent stockholders owning upwards of 50,000 shares of the corporation stock have filed a petition in Chancery Court, Wilmington, Del., alleging the officers of the corporation have failed to hold an annual meeting this year for election of directors and asking the court to appoint a master to hold such an election.

The petition also asks the court to enjoin the officers and directors from spending the corporation's funds in contest for proxies if meeting is ordered. The court issued an order on the corporation returnable Nov. 29 to show cause why the petition should not be granted, the meeting ordered and why the management should not be enjoined from spending the corporation funds in soliciting proxies.—V. 139, p. 1880.

**Tung-Sol Lamp Works, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings**

Period Ended—	3 Months			9 Mos.—
	Sept. 30 '34	June 30 '34	Mar. 31 '34	
Net inc. after deprec., & other deductions	\$21,268	\$69,731	\$94,141	\$185,140

**Ujigawa Electric Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings**

6 Months Ended—	Mar. 31 '34		Sept. 30 '33		Mar. 31 '33
	Yen	Yen	Yen	Yen	
Total income	19,614,451	18,855,523	19,345,861	19,345,861	19,345,861
Business profit	4,666,986	4,262,842	—	—	—
Total profit	24,281,437	23,118,364	19,345,861	19,345,861	19,345,861
Operating expenses	14,928,983	14,088,761	9,427,601	9,427,601	9,427,601
Taxes	81,504	482,868	503,765	503,765	503,765
Interest	4,603,964	4,868,893	5,479,730	5,479,730	5,479,730
Depreciation	4,205,000	3,660,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Loss on redemption of foreign bond	310,000	—	—	—	—
Allowance for retire. of officials & emp.	130,000	—	—	—	—
Net profit	21,986	17,842	2,685,465	2,685,465	2,685,465

—V. 139, p. 459.

**Ulster & Delaware RR.—Bondholders Win Suit for \$1,250,000—Stockholders Ordered to Return Money for Land**

The company and its stockholders were directed on Nov. 20 by Justice Levy of the N. Y. Supreme Court to return \$1,250,000 received from the City of New York for land taken more than 20 years ago for the city's water system. They are ordered to account to the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., as trustee of a bond issue covering the Ulster & Delaware property. The New York "Times" in reporting the matter further states:

The railroad, now a subsidiary of the New York Central, was sued in behalf of the bondholders on the ground that the trustee early in 1913 released part of the mortgaged property and accepted in return land conveyed by N. Y. City as part consideration for the land needed for the Catskill water system, in ignorance that the railroad had also received \$1,250,000.

"The company withheld from the plaintiff (the trustee) the fact of the receipt of the cash and led the latter to believe that the transaction between the railroad and the city consisted solely of an exchange of property theretofore covered by the mortgage for other property belonging to the city," said Justice Levy. The court said that the money was kept intact by the railroad and carried on its books in a special account called "sinking fund reserve" for nearly 10 years, during which time the trustee was kept in ignorance of the fact. The money was distributed among the stockholders as a special dividend in 1925. The trustee learned of it two years later and in 1928 sued for an accounting.

The court is of the opinion that the cash received by the railroad as part of the consideration for the conveyance to the city of property released by the plaintiff from the lien of the mortgage was required, by the express language of the mortgage, either to be invested by the mortgagee in other property coming under the mortgage or to be paid over to the trustee," said Justice Levy.

Justice Levy rejected a contention by the defendants that the claim was barred by the statute of limitations. He said "the great bulk of the \$1,250,000 was distributed to stockholders who were themselves directors, and, as such, responsible for the distribution." The court will appoint a referee to determine the additional sum to be paid to the trustee.

Most of the defendants are the estates of directors and stockholders. The New York Central was not affected by the suit, it was said.—V. 135, p. 2995.

**Union Water Service Co.—Comparative Bal. Sheet Sept. 30**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30, see "Chronicle" Nov. 17, page 3167.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1934	1933	1934	1933
Plant, property, equipment, &c.	\$5,249,043	\$5,037,367	\$2,583,500
Misc. special dep.	8,664	1,065	\$2,583,500
Cash	150,116	117,395	274,635
Notes & accts. rec.	64,918	80,496	88,982
Unbilled revenue	21,515	19,246	1,554
Mat'l's & supplies	36,433	34,228	3,030
x Def. charges and prepaid accounts	42,400	61,326	15,620
Total	\$5,568,090	\$5,351,125	\$5,815
1st lien 5½% gold bonds	—	—	25,815
Consumers' dep.	—	—	130,778
Unpresented int.	—	—	64,531
coupons	—	—	75,875
Due affiliated cos.	—	—	751,896
Notes & accts. pay	—	—	600,000
Accrued liabilities	—	—	820,000
Deferred income	—	—	120,506
Reserves	—	—	189,211
\$6 cum. pref. stock	—	—	—
Common stock	—	—	—
Capital surplus	—	—	—
Earned surplus	—	—	—
Total	\$5,568,090	\$5,351,125	\$5,568,090

x Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on capital stock. y Represented by 9,900 shares (no par). z Accounts payable only.—V. 139, p. 3167.

**United Fruit Co.—Explains Position in Mail Subsidy—**  
The company's position in operating some ships under the British flag was made clear Nov. 20.  
The boats consist of the fleet of an English subsidiary firm which United Fruit bought some time ago and which do not compete in any way with American shipping.  
The entire income derived from this subsidiary, Elders & Fyffes, Ltd., which owns 32 vessels, goes to United Fruit stockholders, 98% of whom are Americans.  
This is shown in the petition of the firm to Postmaster-General Farley for a continuance of the three mail contracts handled by the United Fruit's 33 American flag boats which are in the Central American trade.  
A brief submitted to Postmaster-General Farley by the company's counsel, William K. Jackson and John L. Warren in connection with the mail contracts defined the relation of the English fleet to the company's American vessels in this manner:  
"Testimony indicates that this English company is run wholly independently, and that its ships are in service between England and the Continent and the British possessions and some countries of the Caribbean."  
"They are not a part of the American fleet of the United Fruit Co. and do not at any time touch American waters."  
The point is made that whereas these vessels were once owned by British stockholders the shareholders are now all American and the United States Government derives benefit by taxing their income from the earnings of the line.  
The vessels cannot fly the American flag, it is explained, because the lines they compete with are all British lines.  
"It has been suggested," the brief goes on, "that the United States Government should not pay a subsidy to a company which owns British flag ships because these ships might be used against the United States in event of war."  
"In the first place no part of the mail pay received by the United Fruit Co. ever in any way goes into the treasury of Elders & Fyffes, Ltd.; in the second place it is unthinkable that there can ever again be a war between England and the United States, and in the third place it would be just as appropriate for the Post Office Department to object to the sale by business concerns in the United States to England, Japan and others of cotton, copper, steel, &c., which might in the event of war be used as ammunition against the United States."  
"The United Fruit Co. has made it clear from the beginning that it desired to bring as many of its ships under the American flag as possible."  
The company also made the point that less than 6% of its total holdings are held abroad and that only 2.16% of its stock is owned in Great Britain and that principally by employees of the line.—V. 139, p. 2219.

**United Gas Improvement Co.—Electric Output—**  
*Week Ended—* Nov. 17 '34 Nov. 10 '34 Nov. 18 '33  
Elec. output of U.G.I. System (kwh.) 72,816,316 72,310,000 71,251,533  
—V. 139, p. 3168.

**Viking Pump Co.—Special 25 Cent Dividend—**  
The directors have declared a special dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 1. This is the first distribution to be made on the common stock since the company was organized.—V. 139, p. 1256.

**Victor Brewing Co.—Earnings—**  
*Earnings for the 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1934*  
Net income.....\$274,782  
Earnings per share on 774,542 capital shares.....\$0.35  
—V. 138, p. 4478.

**Vulcan Detinning Co.—Earnings—**  
*Period End. Sept. 30—* 1934—3 Mos.—1933 1934—9 Mos.—1933  
Sales.....\$812,910 \$477,669 \$2,620,724 \$1,241,988  
Inventory of finished prod.....64,777 90,150 114,629 13,923  
Other income.....40,385 4,660 161,182 65,162

**Weymouth Light & Power Co.—Larger Distribution—**  
A dividend of \$1 per share was paid on Oct. 31 on the capital stock, par \$25, to holders of record Oct. 18. This compares with 75 cents per share distributed on July 31, 62 cents per share on April 30, 63 cents per share on Jan. 31 last, 75 cents per share on Oct. 31 and July 31 1933. 62 cents per share on April 29 1933, 63 cents per share on Jan. 31 1933, 50 cents per share on Dec. 31 1932, \$1 per share on Oct. 31 1932. 75 cents per share on July 30 1932, 62 cents per share on April 30 1932, and 63 cents per share on Jan. 30 1932.—V. 133, p. 2930.

**White Motor Co.—Meeting Adjourned—**  
The adjourned stockholders' annual meeting has again been postponed until Dec. 15.—V. 139, p. 3169.

**Winnipeg Electric Co.—Committee's Report—**  
While progress has been made in drafting a plan of reorganization for the Company and its subsidiary companies, there still remain several important features to be decided and details of the plan are still under consideration by the joint committee representing the protective committees who are acting for security holders of Winnipeg Electric Co., Northwestern Power Co., and Manitoba Power Co. and others.  
An official statement issued by the joint sub-committee states: "Recent news items in the press have indicated that a plan of reorganization has been decided upon by the protective committees representing the general mortgage bonds and stock of Winnipeg Electric Co., first mortgage bonds of Manitoba Power Co. Ltd., and first mortgage bonds of Northwestern Power Co. Ltd. While it is true that a joint sub-committee representing the three protective committees has reached agreement on many of the items set forth in these news items, the details are still under consideration and changes in what has already been agreed to may be necessary.  
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**Walgreen Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—**  
*Years End. Sept. 30—* 1934 1933 1932 1931  
Net sales.....\$53,654,657 \$46,026,125 \$47,612,220 \$54,017,179  
Cost of sales & expenses.....50,996,644 44,000,746 45,735,599 51,756,828

**Wisconsin Investment Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1934**  
Cash.....\$249,414  
Due from sale of investments.....2,775  
Accrued interest & dividends.....6,266  
Investments.....1,373,183  
Due on stock subscriptions.....93,671  
Prepaid expenses.....525  
Total.....\$1,725,834  
—V. 139, p. 3169

**Walworth Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—**  
*Period End. Sept. 30—* 1934—3 Mos.—1933 1934—9 Mos.—1933  
Net profit.....\$116,341 \$225,000 \$761,055 loss\$79,164  
Depreciation.....111,371 130,462 333,141 299,154  
Interest.....138,594 139,573 416,747 419,359

**Watab Paper Co.—Preferred Dividend Passed—**  
The directors have decided to defer the dividend due Nov. 15 on the 8% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. Distributions of \$1 per share were made quarterly from May 15 1933 up to and including Aug. 15 last, prior to which regular quarterly dividends of \$2 per share were paid.—V. 139, p. 2995.

**Western Grocers, Ltd.—50-Cent Dividend Declared**  
The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 1935 to holders of record Dec. 20. This is the first distribution to be made on this issue since March 15 1927 when \$1 per share was paid.—V. 139, p. 948.

**West Point Mfg. Co.—Earnings—**

*Period Ended—* —10 Mos.— —12 Mos.—  
Sept. 1 1934 Oct. 28 1933  
Net sales.....\$13,056,558 \$10,965,092  
Net income after taxes, depreciation, &c.....871,869 947,292  
Earnings per share on 72,000 shares of capital stock.....\$12.11 \$13.16

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**  
ySept. 1 '34 Oct. 28 '33  
Assets— \$ \$  
Real estate, plant and equipment.....9,422,971 9,111,463  
Securities owned.....948,750 1,248,750  
Accts. & notes rec.....2,391,498 1,974,926  
Margin deposits.....----- 60,300  
County tax anticipation warrants.....----- 13,340  
Inventories.....4,691,871 4,001,002  
Cash.....412,520 176,624  
Good-will & trademarks.....----- 1  
Prepaid expense.....133,090 106,045  
Total.....18,000,702 16,692,452  
x After provision for depreciation of \$9,395,052 in 1934 and \$8,317,216 in 1933. y Consolidated statement.—V. 139, p. 2066.

**Western Dairy Products Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—**

*9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—* 1934 1933  
Net sales.....\$10,044,586 \$8,809,368  
Cost of goods sold.....9,457,845 8,507,871  
Depreciation.....454,584 435,565

**Western Maryland Ry.—Earnings**

*Period—* —Second Week Nov.— —Jan. 1 to Nov. 14—  
1934 1933 1934 1933  
Gross earnings (est.).....\$264,080 \$252,681 \$12,113,564 \$10,710,800  
—V. 139, p. 3169.

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**Wisconsin Power & Light Co.—Preferred Dividends**

The directors have declared a dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, and a dividend of 43 3/4 cents per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30. Similar distributions were made on these stocks in each of the five preceding quarters, as compared with 75 cents per share and 87 1/2 cents per share, respectively, paid on June 15 1933 on the 6% and 7% pref. stock. (Compare V. 137, p. 4015.)—V. 139, p. 3010.

**Wright-Hargreaves Mines, Ltd.—Extra Distribution—**

The directors on Nov. 14 declared an extra dividend of 5 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Jan. 2 1935 to holders of record Dec. 10. Like amounts were distributed on Oct. 1, July 2 and April 2 last, prior to which the company made quarterly distributions of 5 cents per share and, in addition, paid an extra dividend of 5 cents per share on Jan. 2 1934.

**New President, &c.—**

Edwin Lang Miller has been elected President and Maurice W. Summerhayes has been elected a director, both succeeding Oliver Cabana Jr., resigned.—V. 139, p. 3169.



# Reports and Documents.

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## THE FAJARDO SUGAR COMPANY OF PORTO RICO

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE STOCKHOLDERS FOR 1934

To the Stockholders of

The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico:

Your Board of Directors hereby submits its sixteenth annual report of The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico.

The grinding commenced January 9th, 1934 and ended June 13th, 1934 covering a period of 152 working days. The total cane ground amounted to 1,048,548 tons and the factory output was 130,516 tons of sugar. Included in said figures is the output of the Loiza Sugar Company.

The following is a comparative statement showing the individual output of The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico and the Loiza Sugar Company:

*Fajardo*

Total cane ground, 689,628 tons.

Factory output, 86,025 tons of sugar, or 555,000 bags of 310 lbs. each.

*Loiza*

Total cane ground, 358,920 tons.

Factory output, 44,491 tons of sugar, or 221,286 bags of 310 lbs. each and 81,536 bags of 250 lbs. each.

The Company was prohibited under the Jones-Costigan Bill from shipping and selling approximately 30,000 tons of sugar to the continental United States during the calendar year 1934, and these sugars are therefore carried by the Company as surplus sugars at 2.80 cents per pound c.i.f. New York. The growing crop for 1935 looks very promising, but the company will be prevented, under the above mentioned law, from grinding all its cane during the coming season.

Attached will be found consolidated Balance Sheet and statement of Profit and Loss (including the Loiza Sugar Company), duly certified by public accountants.

For the Directors,

JOHN BASS, *President.*

## THE FAJARDO SUGAR COMPANY OF PORTO RICO

and Associated Organizations

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JULY 31 1934

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Property and plant.....\$10,516,931.97	Capital Stock:
Less—Reserve for Depreciation..... 3,118,879.60	Preferred:
	Authorized but not issued: 15,000 shares of \$100.00 each
	Common:
Work Animals, Live Stock and Equipment (Less Reserve for Depreciation)..... 906,211.18	Authorized—70,000 shares of \$100.00 each
Investments:	Issued—64,778 shares of \$100.00 each..... \$6,477,800.00
Insular Government Securities, at cost (Market Value, \$109,000.00)..... \$98,000.00	Capital Stock of Associated Organization in Hands of the Public (Par Value)..... 1,000.00
Real Estate Mortgages, including interest due thereon (less Reserve)..... 345,030.23	Mortgages Payable (\$62,220.00 Due Within Twelve Months; Balance, 1936 to 1948)..... 401,499.34
Miscellaneous, at cost (no market value obtainable)..... 100,000.00	Current Liabilities:
	6% Demand Notes—Secured:
Current Assets and Growing Cane:	Authorized and Issued.....\$1,327,742.24
Planted and Growing Cane..... \$1,204,654.16	Less—In Treasury..... 400,000.00
Materials and Supplies..... 360,848.53	
Chattel Mortgages and Agricultural Loans..... 22,343.00	\$927,742.24
Planters' Accounts (less Reserve)..... 376,666.35	Other Notes Payable..... 11,687.50
Miscellaneous Accounts and Bills Receivable (less Reserve)..... 69,043.32	Planters' Accounts..... 15,458.53
Raw Sugar on Hand..... 1,536,865.21	Sundry Accounts Payable..... 211,981.83
Molasses on Hand, at net contract sale price..... 136,674.29	
Cash in Banks and on Hand..... 100,222.15	1,166,870.10
	Reserve for Insurance, Contingencies and Replacements.... 165,247.55
Accounts Receivable not Due Within One Year..... 3,807,317.01	Surplus:
Deferred Charges to Profit and Loss:	Earned Surplus:
Prepaid Interest, Insurance, Taxes, Rent, etc..... 83,244.80	Balance, August 1, 1933..... \$2,239,039.08
	Add—Profit for the year ended July 31, 1934, per annexed account..... 1,902,530.80
	\$4,141,569.88
	Deduct—Income Tax for the year ended July 31, 1933, paid during the current year..... 14,739.93
	\$4,126,829.95
	Capital Surplus..... 449,840.71
	4,576,670.66
	\$12,789,087.65

### CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1934

Sugar and Molasses Produced.....	\$8,087,904.15
Miscellaneous Income.....	183,159.27
	\$8,271,063.42
Less—Expenses of Producing, Manufacturing, Selling, etc.....	5,844,326.55
	\$2,426,736.87
Provision for Depreciation.....	\$421,020.41
Interest—Net.....	103,185.66
	524,206.07
Net Profit for the year, before providing for Income Taxes.....	\$1,902,530.80

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To the President and Directors of

The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico:

November 9, 1934.

We have examined the books and accounts of The Fajardo Sugar Company of Porto Rico and its associated organizations, including Loiza Sugar Company, for the year ended July 31, 1934, and in our opinion the annexed Consolidated

Balance Sheet and relative Consolidated Profit and Loss Account have been correctly prepared therefrom.

Raw Sugars on Hand are carried at 2.80 cents per pound c.i.f. New York, less an estimated amount to cover selling and shipping expenses. The company is prohibited by law and regulations from shipping these sugars to or selling them in continental United States during 1934 and the only market quotation applicable is the world price, which is approximately 0.89¼ cent per pound c.i.f. United Kingdom. Depreciation for the year has been provided for, as usual, at the rate of 50 cents per bag of sugar produced. Your company is endorser on a fully secured note for \$80,000.00, discounted by it for the owner of lands leased to the company.

Subject to the foregoing and to such adjustments as may be made on final review of the companies' tax matters, in our opinion the annexed Consolidated Balance Sheet and relative Consolidated Profit and Loss Account show, respectively, the true financial position of the companies at July 31, 1934 and the result of operations for the year ended on that date.

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# The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Nov. 23 1934

**Coffee** futures on the 17th inst. closed 3 to 8 points higher on Santos and 3 to 5 higher on Rio with sales of 12,000 bags of Santos and 5,000 bags of Rio. Cables from Brazil were firmer. Spot coffee was quiet and unchanged. On the 19th inst. futures closed 3 to 7 points higher with sales of 17,000 bags and unchanged to 6 points higher on Rio with sales of 8,500 bags. Cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged but limited. On the 20th inst. futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher on Santos with sales of 8,000 bags and 4 to 10 points higher on Rio with sales of 7,500 bags. Cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged. Cables from Brazil were weaker. On the 21st inst. futures closed 3 to 6 points lower on Santos with sales 27,250 bags and 3 to 7 points lower on Rio with sales of 3,750 bags. Further liquidation of December and pre-notice day selling sent the market downward. Cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged. Spot coffee was quiet but steady. On the 22nd inst. futures closed 9 to 11 points lower on Santos and 8 to 10 points lower on Rio with sales of 32,000 bags of the former and 4,000 bags of the latter. Cost and freight offers were a shade lower. Liquidation of Dec. was rather heavy. To-day futures ended 2 points lower to 1 point higher on Rio contracts and 5 points lower to 4 points higher on Santos. Pre-notice day liquidation of Dec. was a feature of the trading.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

December	6.93	July	7.44
March	7.18	September	7.50
May	7.32		

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

December	10.40	July	10.28
March	10.30	September	10.30
May	10.29		

**Cocoa** futures on the 17th inst. closed 1 to 2 points lower with sales of only 49 lots. Dec. ended at 4.56c.; Mar. at 4.79c.; May at 4.93c. and Sept. at 5.20c. On the 19th inst. futures closed 1 to 2 points lower with sales of 238 lots. Dec. ended at 4.54c.; Mar. at 4.78c.; May at 4.91c.; July at 5.04c. and Sept. at 5.18c. On the 20th inst. futures declined 7 to 8 points under Dec. liquidation owing to lower European cables. Dec. ended at 4.47c.; Jan. at 4.55c.; Mar. at 4.70c.; May at 4.83c.; July at 4.97c. and Sept. at 5.11c. On the 21st inst. futures closed 2 points lower with sales of 345 lots. Dec. liquidation continued. Dec. ended at 4.45c.; Jan. at 4.53c.; Mar. at 4.68c.; May at 4.81c.; July at 4.95c. and Sept. at 5.09c. On the 22nd inst. futures ended 6 to 7 points lower with sales of 328 lots. Dec. liquidation had its effect. Dec. ended at 4.38c.; Jan. at 4.46c.; Mar. at 4.62c.; May at 4.75c.; July at 4.88c. and Sept. at 5.03c. Today futures closed 1 to 3 points higher with sales of 548 lots. Dec. ended at 4.41c.; Jan. at 4.48c.; Mar. at 4.63c.; May at 4.76c.; July at 4.90c. and Sept. at 5.04c.

**Sugar** futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher on the 17th inst. with sales of 809 tons. There was considerable selling on the recent ruling that Cuban sugar in store here could be counted as part of the 1934 quota even if the duty was not paid. Cuban interests were good buyers. On the 19th inst. futures ended 2 points lower to 2 points higher. There was a further widening of the differences between the near and distant deliveries. Raws were firm. A sale of Cuban warehouse sugar was reported at 3.00c., duty paid. On the 20th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of only 2,850 tons. A small lot of Cuban store sugar was reported at 3.00c., duty paid. Raws were generally quiet. On the 21st inst. futures closed 4 points lower to 2 points higher. Trade buying and short covering caused a rally from the lows. On the 22d inst. futures were quiet and unchanged to 2 points lower. Sales amounted to 6,750 tons. A sale of Cubas for prompt shipment were reported in the raw market at 2.18½c. c. & f. This is the highest price paid since Oct. 1929. To-day futures ended 1 to 3 points lower. Raws were quiet.

Closing quotations follows:

December	1.88	May	1.82
January	1.76	July	1.87
March	1.78	September	1.91

**Lard** futures closed unchanged on the 17th inst. There was a show of weakness early in the session on light selling but the strength of corn prompted buying which sent prices upward towards the close. Cash lard was firm. On the 19th inst. futures reached new highs for the season under buying influenced by the strength of corn. The close was 5 to 7 points higher. Hogs were 10c. to 15c. lower owing to heavy receipts. Cash lard was firm. On the 20th inst. futures closed 17 to 27 points lower under selling induced by the break in corn, lower hogs. Hogs were 5c. to 10c. lower with the top \$5.90. Cash lard was easier; in tierces, 10.35c.; refined to Continent, 9½ to 9¼c.; South America, 9¾c. On the 21st inst. futures closed 15 to 20 points higher under buying stimulated by smaller hog receipts at Western mar-

kets. There was a scarcity of contracts. Hogs advanced 10 to 20c. with the top, \$6.05. Cash lard was firm; in tierces, 10.40c.; refined to Continent, 9½ to 9¼c.; South America, 9¾c. On the 22d inst. futures ended 2 to 5 points lower after being slightly higher at one time. Commission houses were buying but liquidation late in the day caused the reaction. Hogs were 15c. higher with the top \$6.14. Cash lard was steady; in tierces, 10.37c.; refined to Continent, 9½ to 9¼c.; South America, 9¾c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October	10.42	10.47	10.25	10.45	10.37	10.37
December	10.52	10.60	10.35	10.50	10.47	10.47
January	10.92	10.97	10.70	10.90	10.85	10.85

**Pork** steady; mess \$27; family \$23 nominal; fat backs \$21.25 to \$23. Beef firmer; mess, nominal; packer nominal; family \$19 to \$20 nominal; extra India mess nominal. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, picnic loose c. a. f. 4 to 6 lbs. 9¼c.; 6 to 10 lbs. 9c.; skinned loose, 14 to 15 lbs. 15¼c.; 18 to 20 lbs. 15c.; 22 to 24 lbs. 13¾c.; pickled bellies, clear, f. o. b. New York, 6 to 10 lbs. 17½c.; 10 to 12 lbs. 17¼c.; clear, dry salted, boxed, N. Y. 14 to 16 lbs., 15¼c.; 18 to 20 lbs. 15¼c.; 20 to 30 lbs. 15½c. Butter, creamery, firsts to higher than extra 26½ to 30½c. Cheese, flats 16½ to 20c. Eggs, mixed colors, checks to special packs 20½ to 38c.

**Oils**—Linseed was quiet with demand small. Tank cars were quoted at 8.1c. Coconut, Manila, coast tanks 2¾ to 2¾c.; tanks, N. Y., nearby 3½c. China wood, N. Y. drums, delivered 8¾ to 9c.; tanks, spot 8.4c. Corn, crude, tanks Western mills 8¾ to 9c. Olive, denatured spot Spanish 83 to 85c.; shipments, Spanish 82 to 83c.; Greek 75 to 77c. Soya bean, tanks Western mills, spot forward 6½c.; cars N. Y., 7.6c.; L. C. L. 8.0c. Edible, coconut, 76 degrees 9¾c. Lard, prime 9c.; extra strained winter 8¼c. Cod, Newfoundland 32 to 36c. Turpentine 53 to 57c. Rosin \$5.25 to \$6.40.

**Cottonseed Oil** sales, including switches, 50 contracts, Crude, S. E., 8¼c. Prices closed as follows:

November	9.30@	March	9.47@9.50
December	9.40@9.50	April	9.50@9.60
January	9.40@9.42	May	9.60@9.64
February	9.40@9.50	June	9.63@9.73

**Petroleum**—The summary and tables of prices formerly appearing here regarding petroleum will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in the article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

**Rubber** futures on the 17th inst. closed unchanged to 4 points higher with sales of 540 tons. Spot ribbed smoked sheets were unchanged at 12.88c. London was 1-16d. lower to 1-16d. higher. Singapore declined slightly. Dec. ended at 12.91 to 12.92c.; March at 13.20 to 13.21c.; May at 13.41c.; July at 13.61c., and Sept. at 13.81c. On the 19th inst. futures closed 13 to 21 points lower with sales of 2,880 tons. Spot ribbed smoked sheets declined to 12.75c. London declined 1-16d. to ½d. and Singapore was off 5-32d. Dec. ended at 12.77 to 12.79c.; Jan. at 12.80c.; March at 13.01 to 13.07c.; May at 13.28c.; July at 13.46c., and Sept. at 13.66c. On the 20th inst. futures closed 1 to 8 points lower with sales of 7,780 tons. Spot ribbed smoked sheets fell to 12.70c. London was slightly lower, but Singapore advanced 3-32d. to ½d. Dec. ended at 12.71 to 12.72c.; Jan. at 12.79 to 12.82c.; March at 13.01c.; May at 13.21 to 13.23c.; July at 13.42c.; Sept. at 13.63c., and Oct. at 13.73c. On the 21st inst. futures closed 21 to 26 points lower with sales of 4,600 tons. Spot ribbed smoked sheets declined to 12.50c. London and Singapore were weaker. Dec. ended at 12.46 to 12.50c.; Jan. at 12.58c.; March at 12.77 to 12.80c.; May at 12.97 to 12.98c.; July at 13.17c.; Sept. at 13.37c., and Oct. at 13.47c.

On the 22d inst. futures closed 23 to 28 points higher with sales of 4,640 tons. Spot ribbed smoked sheets rose to 12.68c. London closed unchanged and Singapore was off 3-16d. to 5-16d. Dec. ended at 12.71c., Jan. at 12.81c., March at 13.00 to 13.03c., May at 13.23 to 13.24c., July at 13.44 to 13.45c., Sept. at 13.65c. and Oct. at 13.75c. To-day futures closed 4 to 8 points lower with sales of 310 lots. Dec. ended at 12.63c., Jan. at 12.75c., March at 12.95c., May at 13.19c., July at 13.59c., Sept. at 13.58c., and Oct. at 13.68c.

**Hides** futures on the 17th inst. declined 13 to 22 points after sales of 1,840,000 lbs. Sales in the spot market amounted to 800 heavy native steers at 10c. and 2,500 frigorifico light steers at 10-7-16c. Old contract closed 5 to 10 points lower with trading light. Dec. ended at 6.80c.; June, at 8.66c., and Sept., at 7.00c.; standard Dec., 7.95c.; June, 8.66c.; Sept., 8.93 to 9.00c. On the 19th inst. futures closed 9 to 14 points lower with sales of 2,160,000 lbs. Sales in the Argentine spot market were heavy, amounting to 46,500 steers at 9 15-16c. Old contract ended with Dec. at 6.55 to 6.58c.; standard Dec., 7.85 to 7.95c.; March, 8.21 to 8.32c.; June, 8.57c., and Sept., 8.83 to 8.87c. On the

20th inst. futures closed 1 to 10 points higher with sales of 2,240,000 lbs. Old contract ended 30 points higher but was inactive. Dec. ended at 6.30c.; March, 6.50c.; standard Dec., 7.95c.; March, 8.30c.; June, 8.58 to 8.62c., and Sept., 8.90c. On the 21st inst. futures closed unchanged to 10 points higher with sales of 1,880,000 lbs. Standard contract closed with Dec. at 7.95 to 8.00c.; March, 8.30c.; June, 8.65 to 8.68c., and Sept., 8.93 to 8.97c. Old contract closed unchanged and inactive at 6.30c. for Dec.

On the 22d inst. futures closed 9 to 14 points higher with sales of 1,600,000 lbs. Old contract ended 45 points higher with sales of 80,000 lbs. Some 72,800 hides sold in the Chicago spot market at a decline of ¼c. for cow hides, while prices for steers remained unchanged. Light native cows sold at 7½c. and heavy native steers at 10c. Old Dec. ended at 6.75c., standard Dec. at 8.05c., March at 8.39 to 8.45c., June at 8.75c. and Sept. at 9.07c. Today futures closed 20 to 23 points higher with sales of 67 lots. Dec. ended at 8.25c., March at 8.60c., June at 8.98c. and Sept. at 9.25c.

**Ocean Freights** showed little if any improvement in demand.

**Charters** included: Grain—done in London, prompt, Montreal to Limerick and (or) Cork 2s. for 22 loads. Sugar—Cuba-Bordeaux, prompt, 15s 3d. Trips—West Indies round, \$1.05; South Atlantic or Gulf, redelivery United Kingdom—Continent, about 75c., early December; round trip, prompt, West Indies, about \$1.30; three consecutive trips West Indies, round, \$1.25 each. Tankers—Gulf, early December to north of Hatteras, 19c. Scrap iron—northern range to Joffre, Sweden, \$4.

**Coal** was in fair demand but the warm weather recently has hurt business. Bituminous production decreased only 155,000 tons last week. The total for three weeks was 21,985,000, against 21,290,000 tons a year ago and the weekly average output was 7,328,000 tons, against 1,296,000 last year.

**Copper** was in smaller demand for domestic delivery but this was offset by a better demand in Europe where prices range from 6.70 to 6.75c. Blue Eagle domestic was still 9c. In London on the 22d inst. standard advanced 1s. 3d. to £26 13s. 9d. for spot and £27 1s. 3d. for futures; sales, 100 tons of spot and 500 tons of futures; electrolytic advanced 2s. 6d. to £29 17s. 6d. bid and £30 2s. 6d. asked; at the second London session standard was up 2s. 6d. on sales of 150 tons of spot and 850 tons of futures.

**Tin** was dull but steady at 51.25c. for spot Straits. The International Tin Committee decided to keep production down to 40% of capacity during the first quarter as it has been since Oct. 1st when it was reduced from 50%. Tin plate operations were at 35% of capacity. In London on the 22nd inst. spot standard dropped 7s. 6d. to £228 2s. 6d., futures off 5s. to £28 10s., sales 100 tons of spot and 120 tons of futures; spot Straits declined 7s. 6d. to £28 12s. 6d. Eastern c. i. f. London fell 10s. to £229 10s.; at the second London session standard rose 5s. on sales of 5 tons of spot and 70 tons of futures.

**Lead** was in better demand at 3.50c. New York and 3.35c. East St. Louis. Prices are at the lowest level of the year. In London on the 22nd inst. spot advanced 1s. 3d. to £10 10s., futures unchanged at £10 10s., sales 250 tons of futures.

**Zinc** was rather quiet and weaker at 3.67½c. East St. Louis. In London on the 22nd inst. spot rose 1s. 3d. to £11 16s. 3d.; futures unchanged at £12; at the second London session spot fell 1s. 3d. with sales of 50 tons of spot. World zinc production in October totaled 116,551 short tons, against 103,772 tons in Sept. and 107,108 in Oct. 1933, according to the Bureau of Metal Statistics. United States production in October was 34,540 tons, against 26,592 in Sept. Stocks in the United States at the end of October were 111,027 tons, against 106,794 at the end of Sept. Cartel stocks were 123,779 tons at the end of October and 124,691 tons at the end of September.

**Steel** prices as filed with the American Iron & Steel Institute show no change for first quarter. Sales in the East showed no increase but the tone was better. Operations again increased and consumers' stocks are falling off. Quotations: Semi-finished billets, rerolling, \$27; billets, forging, \$32; sheet bars, \$28; slabs, \$27; wire rods, \$38; skelp, 1.70c.; sheets, hot rolled annealed, 2.40c.; galvanized, 3.10c.; strips, hot rolled, 1.85c.; strips, cold rolled, 2.60c.; hoops, 1.85c.; bands, 1.85c.; tin plate per box, \$5.25; hot rolled, bars, 1.80c.; plates, 1.80c.; shapes, 1.80c.; rails, standard (gross tons), \$36.375; rails, light, \$35.

**Pig Iron** demand showed no improvement but sentiment was a little better. Inventory time is near at hand and consumers are inclined to keep stocks low. Prices for first quarter are unchanged. Quotations: No. 2 foundry, Eastern Pennsylvania, \$19.50; Buffalo, Chicago, Valley and Cleveland, \$18.50; Birmingham, \$14.50; Basic Valley, \$18; Eastern Pennsylvania, \$19; malleable Eastern Pennsylvania, \$20; Buffalo, \$19.

**Wool** was in fair demand and steady. Boston wired a Government report on Nov. 22nd saying: "The bulk of a fairly active demand for wool is on the finer quality territory wools. Occasional lots of Ohio and similar fleeces moved at around 27c. to 28c. in the grease for fine Ohio delaine at 28c. to 29c. for strictly combed 58-60s, half blood, and at 29c. to 30c. for 56s, three-eighths blood. Average French combed 58-60s, half blood, territory wool brings 68c. to

70c. scoured basis. Lower grades of territory wools sell occasionally in moderate quantities, but the sales of largest volume are on 64s and finer territory wools at steady prices." In London on Nov. 20th the final series of Colonial wool auctions for the present year opened. Offerings for the series total 176,500 bales. The sales will close on Dec. 13 according to present plans. Offerings of 8,988 bales met with an active demand from home and foreign buyers. Yorkshire mills were active buyers and there was a good demand from France, Belgium and Switzerland. Prices were about as expected. Compared with October sales, merinos were par to 5% lower and crossbreds were unchanged. Details:

Sydney, 1,351 bales; scoured merinos, 15 to 17d.; greasy, 8¼ to 11¼d. Queensland, 816 bales; scoured merinos, 19 to 22d.; greasy, 8 to 12d. Victoria, 1,237 bales; scoured merinos, 12¼ to 21¼d.; greasy, 10¼d. to 12¼d.; scoured crossbreds, 9¼ to 16¼d. West Australia, 963 bales; greasy merinos, 6¼ to 10¼d. New Zealand, 4,587 bales; greasy crossbreds, 5 to 10d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 5¼d. to 13¼d., the latter price for halfbred lambs. The Colonial wool auctions were postponed on the 21st inst. because of fog.

In London on the 22nd inst., 10,173 bales were offered and met with a good demand from the home and Continent. Prices firm.

**Silk**—On the 19th inst. futures ended unchanged to 1½c. lower with sales of 750 bags. Crack double extra spot fell 1½c. to \$1.28. Japanese markets were lower. Dec. ended at \$1.19½, March at \$1.20½ to \$1.21½, May at \$1.22 to \$1.22½, and June at \$1.22. On the 20th inst. futures ended unchanged to 3c. higher with sales of 1,530 bales. Crack double extra spot was unchanged at \$1.28. Japanese cables were stronger. Dec. ended at \$1.20½ to \$1.21, Feb. at \$1.23, March, April, May and June at \$1.22½ to \$1.23. On the 21st inst. futures advanced 2 to 3½c. after sales of 2,730 bales. Crack double extra was down 3c. to \$1.31. Cables from Japan were firmer. Nov. ended at \$1.23 to \$1.24, Dec. at \$1.23, Jan. at \$1.24 to \$1.24½, Feb. and March \$1.25, April \$1.26, and May and June at \$1.25½ to \$1.26.

On the 22nd inst. futures closed 1c. lower to 1c. higher with sales of 1,860 bales. Crack double extra spot rose 1c. to \$1.32. Nov. ended at \$1.23½; Dec. at \$1.23½; Jan. and Feb. \$1.24½ to \$1.25; Apr. \$1.25 to \$1.26; May \$1.26 to \$1.27 and June at \$1.26½. Today futures closed ½c. lower to ½c. higher with sales of 1,960 bales. Dec. ended at \$1.23; Jan., Mar. and Apr. \$1.24½; May, \$1.25½ and June at \$1.26½.

COTTON

Friday Night, Nov. 23 1934.

The Movement of the Crop, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below. For the week ending this evening, the total receipts have reached 133,525 bales, against 134,427 bales last week and 148,501 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1934, 2,662,660 bales, against 4,407,909 bales for the same period of 1933, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1934 of 1,745,249 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total
Galveston -----	5,491	11,992	4,960	3,045	3,785	8,076	37,349
Texas City -----	---	---	---	---	---	1,766	1,766
Houston -----	2,267	5,132	6,771	3,363	2,521	10,544	30,598
Corpus Christi -----	860	868	527	1,210	444	527	4,436
New Orleans -----	3,969	3,604	10,294	3,826	14,673	2,712	39,078
Mobile -----	434	357	617	412	64	740	2,624
Pensacola -----	---	---	---	---	2,662	---	2,662
Jacksonville -----	---	---	---	---	---	91	91
Savannah -----	866	1,537	567	535	403	349	4,257
Brunswick -----	---	---	---	---	---	259	259
Charleston -----	390	218	583	352	394	2,756	4,693
Lake Charles -----	---	---	---	---	---	1,456	1,456
Wilmington -----	231	132	209	153	117	184	1,026
Norfolk -----	419	701	271	253	272	312	2,228
Baltimore -----	---	---	---	---	---	1,002	1,002
<b>Totals this week</b>	<b>14,927</b>	<b>24,541</b>	<b>24,799</b>	<b>13,149</b>	<b>25,335</b>	<b>30,774</b>	<b>133,525</b>

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1934 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Nov. 23	1934		1933		Stock	
	This Week	Since Aug 1 1934	This Week	Since Aug 1 1933	1934	1933
Galveston -----	37,349	579,475	102,195	1,172,265	629,850	854,888
Texas City -----	1,766	53,579	11,298	120,797	36,725	64,694
Houston -----	30,598	795,660	97,085	1,541,669	1,122,896	1,593,786
Corpus Christi -----	4,436	254,990	3,846	298,250	105,359	100,100
Beaumont -----	---	3,257	---	6,327	2,738	13,351
New Orleans -----	39,078	542,964	54,233	709,372	744,762	826,986
Mobile -----	2,624	90,317	4,406	86,250	109,245	126,296
Pensacola -----	2,662	55,780	---	86,128	17,312	37,941
Jacksonville -----	91	5,866	696	10,550	6,579	8,366
Savannah -----	4,257	87,798	3,543	132,832	121,899	139,760
Brunswick -----	259	459	---	13,080	---	---
Charleston -----	4,693	89,990	2,075	94,997	60,330	66,519
Lake Charles -----	1,456	49,082	3,808	84,781	40,982	61,659
Wilmington -----	1,026	8,564	671	13,499	21,835	24,191
Norfolk -----	2,228	29,812	1,515	24,852	24,094	25,609
Newport News -----	---	---	---	---	---	---
New York -----	---	---	---	---	38,785	105,912
Boston -----	---	---	---	---	6,633	11,782
Baltimore -----	1,002	15,067	386	12,260	1,885	2,050
Philadelphia -----	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Totals -----</b>	<b>133,525</b>	<b>2,662,660</b>	<b>285,757</b>	<b>4,407,909</b>	<b>3,091,918</b>	<b>4,063,890</b>

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

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Receipts at—	1934	1933	1932	1931	1930	1929
Galveston	37,349	102,195	88,436	99,672	71,623	63,913
Houston	30,598	97,085	130,540	123,030	96,113	104,199
New Orleans	39,078	54,233	44,977	53,884	61,842	47,961
Mobile	2,624	4,406	10,412	6,991	18,899	18,616
Savannah	4,257	3,543	2,815	6,336	15,251	9,737
Brunswick	259	—	1,753	—	676	—
Charleston	4,693	2,075	2,245	3,499	9,846	2,137
Wilmington	1,026	671	2,631	738	3,647	4,405
Norfolk	2,228	1,515	1,748	2,651	5,662	7,625
Newport News	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	11,413	20,034	22,911	20,827	14,469	9,602
<b>Total this wk.</b>	<b>133,525</b>	<b>285,757</b>	<b>308,468</b>	<b>317,628</b>	<b>298,028</b>	<b>268,195</b>
<b>Since Aug. 1.</b>	<b>2,662,660</b>	<b>4,407,909</b>	<b>4,464,525</b>	<b>4,948,638</b>	<b>5,835,809</b>	<b>5,489,142</b>

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 127,504 bales, of which 28,221 were to Great Britain, 11,216 to France, 8,148 to Germany, 11,523 to Italy, 50,419 to Japan, 850 to China and 17,127 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 174,187 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 1,766,236 bales, against 3,086,380 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Nov. 23 1934 Exports from—	Exported to—							Total
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	China	Other	
Galveston	—	4,558	—	5,054	1,904	—	4,517	16,033
Houston	—	4,646	—	4,260	5,275	700	3,617	18,498
Corpus Christi	—	—	1,617	—	4,525	—	168	6,310
Texas City	—	937	—	—	—	—	679	1,616
Beaumont	100	—	—	—	—	—	—	100
New Orleans	7,077	678	4,749	1,114	823	—	6,712	21,153
Lake Charles	—	297	—	—	—	—	100	397
Mobile	—	—	200	645	—	—	96	941
Jacksonville	264	—	61	—	—	—	—	325
Pensacola	—	—	—	450	1,856	—	100	2,406
Savannah	7,590	—	1,246	—	—	—	150	8,986
Brunswick	259	—	—	—	—	—	—	259
Charleston	12,063	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,063
Norfolk	618	—	—	—	—	—	—	618
New York	—	—	—	—	—	—	688	688
Los Angeles	250	100	275	—	29,325	100	300	30,350
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	6,711	50	—	6,761
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,221</b>	<b>11,216</b>	<b>8,148</b>	<b>11,523</b>	<b>50,419</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>17,127</b>	<b>127,504</b>
Total 1933	2,471	21,440	27,612	16,075	60,763	22,000	23,826	174,187
Total 1932	35,415	13,771	54,840	13,675	39,359	600	19,690	177,310

From Aug. 1 1934 to Nov. 23 1934 Exports from—	Exported to—							Total
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	China	Other	
Galveston	37,261	37,291	32,890	38,853	179,689	3,537	82,405	411,926
Houston	32,095	47,281	25,042	51,208	175,850	33,178	79,487	444,141
Corpus Christi	22,936	19,867	7,906	9,904	113,189	5,575	30,596	209,973
Texas City	455	8,411	246	58	743	—	5,835	15,748
Beaumont	2,898	—	73	—	—	—	409	3,386
New Orleans	50,997	35,323	56,631	43,655	63,913	1,375	50,296	302,190
Lake Charles	3,369	7,133	799	567	7,946	—	5,226	25,040
Mobile	11,959	6,490	18,758	10,162	21,759	—	5,700	74,828
Jacksonville	568	52	1,053	—	—	—	1,673	7,389
Pensacola	4,466	—	6,262	1,693	9,469	—	2,662	24,542
Panama City	5,503	22	3,216	—	14,020	—	552	23,307
Savannah	34,887	2,570	19,886	100	5,250	—	3,378	66,071
Brunswick	259	—	—	—	—	—	200	459
Charleston	37,003	2,586	12,390	—	10,400	—	2,429	64,808
Norfolk	2,048	103	2,185	138	—	—	1,250	5,724
Gulfport	1,639	—	425	—	—	—	—	2,064
New York	1,950	192	5,533	1,703	—	—	-6,091	15,460
Boston	1	—	—	—	—	—	962	963
Philadelphia	48	—	—	1	—	—	50	99
Los Angeles	1,896	550	2,092	—	55,284	1,050	1,600	62,472
San Francisco	106	—	643	—	10,099	250	148	11,246
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	—	107	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>252,344</b>	<b>167,871</b>	<b>196,030</b>	<b>158,032</b>	<b>667,611</b>	<b>44,965</b>	<b>279,383</b>	<b>1,766,236</b>
Total 1933	499,556	408,550	617,065	299,500	674,226	84,226	503,257	3,086,380
Total 1932	478,843	391,351	754,860	257,616	520,448	69,981	274,104	2,747,203

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Nov. 23 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Other Foreign	Coast-wise	
	Total					
Galveston	4,200	2,300	4,000	30,300	900	41,700
Houston	3,469	2,912	1,809	40,448	205	48,843
New Orleans	3,215	1,403	808	16,732	150	22,308
Savannah	—	—	—	500	—	500
Charleston	—	—	—	—	—	60,330
Mobile	464	—	—	2,416	—	106,365
Norfolk	105	—	—	—	—	105
Other ports *	—	—	—	—	—	278,842
<b>Total 1934</b>	<b>11,453</b>	<b>6,615</b>	<b>6,617</b>	<b>90,396</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>116,336</b>
Total 1933	32,135	14,461	22,456	118,046	9,500	196,598
Total 1932	22,102	15,027	17,065	138,021	5,121	197,336

\* Estimated.

**Speculation** in cotton for future delivery was rather small, and prices fluctuated over a narrow range. Underlying conditions showed little change. The uncertainty over the Government's policy regarding control of next year's crop checked trading. It was a waiting market.

On the 17th inst. it was a quiet market with price fluctuating within narrow range. Opening prices were unchanged to 3 points lower despite better Liverpool cables than expected. The South and trade Far Eastern interests were early sellers. Late in the afternoon the market was a few points above the previous close but it was unable to hold this advantage owing to week-end selling and further liquidation of December. The ending was 2 to 4 points net lower. Some Southern advices stated that there was an increase in mill inquiry and some easing of the spot basis. The world visible supply of American cotton last week increased 37,000 bales to 6,870,000 against 8,963,000 at this time last year.

The movement into sight totaled 351,000 bales against 509,000 last year; thus far this season 4,620,000 bales against 6,771,000 in the same period last year. On the 19th inst. in a quiet and featureless market prices closed unchanged to 1 point lower. At one time the market moved 4 to 5 points above the previous close but these gains were wiped out later on December liquidation and selling by Wall Street and commission houses. Hedge selling was a little heavier. Liverpool buying provided the chief support. The spot basis was firm but it was difficult to procure desirable grades. Liverpool cables were disappointing. In the Eastern belt the weather was fair and warmer while in the Central and Western sections of the belt it was cloudy with light scattered showers. Worth Street was dull.

On the 20th inst. prices fluctuated within narrow range, but there was more activity. The close was steady, 2 points lower to 1 point higher. December liquidation in advance of first notice day formed the bulk of the operations. Offerings, however, were readily absorbed by spot houses and the trade. After an early show of strength on foreign buying owing to the undoing of spreads between here and in Liverpool, prices eased somewhat under Wall Street selling prompted by a decline in wheat, but towards the close a rally set in on covering of shorts and buying by leading spot interests. The spot basis at the South continued firm, with offerings limited. On the 21st inst. prices again moved in a narrow groove, and the close was 1 point lower to 4 points higher. There was nothing new in the news to stimulate trading. Traders were awaiting developments. Pre-notice day liquidation of December featured the market. Underlying conditions showed little change. Early prices were easier, in response to lower Liverpool cables than due and Southern and commission house selling, but buying of December by spot houses throughout the day had a tendency to steady the market. Liverpool bought early on straddle differences. Spot cotton was quiet, but the basis at the South continued firm, with desirable grades difficult to obtain. The Census Bureau reported ginnings from this year's crop of 8,632,991 running bales to Nov. 14 against 7,919,562 bales ginned to Nov. 1 and 11,248,200 to Nov. 14 last year. Converted to running bales of 500 pounds each, the crop of 9,634,000 bales, as reported by the Government as of Nov. 1, amounts to about 9,421,000 running bales. This would mean that 91.6% of the crop had been ginned to Nov. 14 against 88.8% in 1933, 82.9% in 1932, 85.4% in 1931, 87% in 1930, 81.7% in 1929; 79.2% in 1928, 85.2% in 1927, and 73% in 1926.

On the 22nd inst. prices ended 1 to 6 points higher, under foreign buying. Outside interest was still lacking, and December liquidation checked the advance. Spot houses bought December and sold the later deliveries. Liverpool cables were better than due. Liverpool was a good buyer here on straddle differences. The South and New Orleans were early sellers. The spot market was quiet, but the basis was firm. Underlying conditions showed little change. The weather was generally cloudy and wet over the belt except in southern and western Texas, where it was clear. Worth Street was quiet, but relatively firm.

To-day prices ended unchanged to 3 points higher. December liquidation and switches from that month to later deliveries was a feature of the market. The trade, the Continent, Liverpool and spot interests were buying. Offerings came from the South, New Orleans and commission houses.

Staple Premiums  
60% of average of  
six markets quoting  
for deliveries on  
Nov. 30 1934

Differences between grades established for deliveries on contract Nov. 30 1934 are the average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

15-16 inch	1-inch & longer		
.20	.48	Middling Fair	White
.20	.48	Strict Good Middling	do
.20	.48	Good Middling	do
.20	.48	Strict Middling	do
.20	.48	Middling	do
.18	.39	Strict Low Middling	do
.17	.36	Low Middling	do
		*Strict Good Ordinary	do
		*Good Ordinary	do
		*Good Middling	Extra White
		Strict Middling	do
		Middling	do
		Strict Low Middling	do
		Low Middling	do
		*Strict Middling	Spotted
		Middling	do
		*Strict Low Middling	do
		*Low Middling	do
		Strict Good Middling	Yellow Tinged
		Good Middling	do
		Strict Middling	do
		*Middling	do
		*Strict Low Middling	do
		*Low Middling	do
		Good Middling	Light Yellow Stained
		*Strict Middling	do
		*Middling	do
		Good Middling	Yellow Stained
		*Strict Middling	do
		*Middling	do
		Good Middling	Gray
		*Strict Middling	do
		*Middling	do
		*Good Middling	Blue Stained
		*Strict Middling	do
		*Middling	do

\* Not deliverable on future contract.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland	12.55	12.55	12.55	12.55	12.55	12.55

Futures.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for Nov. 17 to Nov. 23, 1934, categorized by month and day. Columns include dates and price ranges for each day of the week.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Nov. 23 1934 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices since trading began on each option, with columns for 'Option for', 'Range for Week', and 'Range Since Beginning of Option'.

The Visible Supply of Cotton to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening.

Table detailing the visible supply of cotton, listing categories like Stock at Liverpool, Manchester, Bremen, etc., with quantities in bales and values.

Total Continental stocks 656,000 bales, 1,051,000 bales, 814,000 bales, 635,000 bales.

Table showing total European stocks and various regional supplies like India, American, and Egyptian cotton.

Total visible supply 8,046,482 bales, 9,898,434 bales, 10,399,570 bales, 10,191,373 bales.

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

Table detailing the supply of American cotton, listing categories like Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, Bremen stock, etc., with quantities and values.

Continental imports for past week have been 90,000 bales.

The above figures for 1934 show a decrease from last week of 2,601 bales, a loss of 1,851,952 bales from 1933, a decrease of 2,353,088 bales from 1932, and a decrease of 2,144,891 bales from 1931.

At the Interior Towns the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Large table showing movement of cotton at interior towns from Nov. 23, 1934, to Nov. 24, 1933. Columns include town names, receipts, shipments, and stocks for both periods.

Total, 56 towns 129,852,219,209,109,273,198,317,421,636,292,929,679,178,571,218,656

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 19,881 bales and are to-night 203,382 bales less than at the same period last year. The receipts of all the towns have been 86,511 bales less than the same week last year.

New York Quotations for 32 Years.

Table showing New York quotations for middling upland at New York on Nov. 23 for each of the past 32 years.

Market and Sales at New York.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing market and sales at New York, including spot market closed, futures market closed, and sales by day.

Overland Movement for the Week and Since Aug. 1.—

We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, including total gross overland, deduct shipments, and total to be deducted.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 48,139 bales, against 29,545 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 22,703 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings	1934		1933	
	Week	Since Aug. 1	Week	Since Aug. 1
Receipts at ports to Nov. 23	133,525	2,662,660	285,757	4,407,909
Net overland to Nov. 23	48,139	253,049	29,595	230,346
South'n consumption to Nov. 23	100,000	1,400,000	106,000	1,797,000
Total marketed	281,664	4,315,709	421,352	6,435,255
Interior stocks in excess	19,881	830,437	*35,185	924,322
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Nov. 1	---	*50,561	---	28,881
Came into sight during week	301,545	---	386,167	---
Total in sight Nov. 23	---	5,095,585	---	7,388,458
North. spinners' takings to Nov. 23	39,979	387,911	44,649	439,177

\* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week	Bales	Since Aug. 1	Bales
1932—Nov. 25	429,028	1932	7,268,192
1931—Nov. 27	443,797	1931	8,249,116
1930—Nov. 28	470,384	1930	9,250,287

Quotations for Middling Cotton at Other Markets.

Week Ended Nov. 23	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Galveston	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.65
New Orleans	12.61	12.59	12.59	12.57	12.57	12.57
Mobile	12.38	12.37	12.37	12.35	12.36	12.36
Savannah	12.59	12.58	12.57	12.56	12.56	12.56
Norfolk	12.54	12.55	12.55	12.50	12.50	12.50
Montgomery	12.35	12.35	12.30	12.25	12.25	12.30
Augusta	12.58	12.57	12.57	12.55	12.56	12.30
Memphis	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.25	12.25	12.25
Houston	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.65
Little Rock	12.28	12.27	12.26	12.25	12.26	12.26
Dallas	12.20	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15
Fort Worth	12.20	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.15

New Orleans Contract Market.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday Nov. 17	Monday Nov. 19	Tuesday Nov. 20	Wednesday Nov. 21	Thursday Nov. 22	Friday Nov. 23
Nov (1934)	---	---	---	---	---	---
December	12.30	12.29	12.29	12.27-12.28	12.26-12.27	12.27-12.28
Jan. (1935)	12.35 12.36	12.32 12.34	12.33n	12.28 12.29	12.31n	12.36
February	---	---	---	---	---	---
March	12.41	12.41	12.40-12.41	12.40	12.42	12.45
April	---	---	---	---	---	---
May	12.40	12.38	12.39	12.38-12.39	12.41-12.42	12.43-12.45
June	---	---	---	---	---	---
July	12.35 12.36	12.36	12.34	12.32	12.47n	12.39-12.40
August	---	---	---	---	---	---
September	---	---	---	---	---	---
October	12.06	12.06-12.07	12.05-12.06	12.00	12.03-12.04	12.02
November	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tone	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

n Nominal.

**United States Cotton Goods Production Decreased Slightly During First Half of November but Maintained Fairly High Level Relative to General Manufacturing Production**—Production of cotton goods in the United States was maintained at a fairly high level relative to general manufacturing production during the first half of November, according to a report issued Nov. 19 by the New York Cotton Exchange Service, although it was slightly below the average rate of production in October. Analysis reveals that, over a period of years, the indices of cotton goods production and of general manufacturing production have averaged about the same. The price of cotton and of cotton goods also affects cotton goods production, since consumers tend to use more goods when prices are low, and vice versa. At the present time, cotton prices are somewhat higher than at this time in recent years, but are considerably below the average price prior to the depression.

Domestic production of cotton goods registered a slight decline during the first half of November, following the sharp upturn in October, while production of general manufactures was maintained at about the same level as in October. The index of cotton goods production for the first half of November was 88 (1922-1927 average equals 100) as compared with 91 in October, 88 in November last year, 93 two years ago, 82 three years ago, and 82 four years ago. The index of production of general manufactures, also based on the average rate of production during the six years from 1922 through 1927 as 100, was 77 for the first half of November as compared with the same figure for October, 70 in November last year, 63 two years ago, 70 three years ago, and 83 four years ago. At the present time, the index of production of cotton goods is 14.3% above the index of production of general manufactures, whereas a year ago it was 25.7% higher, two years ago 47.6% higher, three years ago 17.1% higher, and four years ago 1.2% lower.

The index of cotton goods production has averaged about the same, over a period of years, as the index of production of general manufactures. During the past 14 cotton seasons, that is from 1920-21 through 1933-34, the index of cotton goods production has averaged 94, while the index of production of general manufactures has averaged 92. The principal factors affecting domestic cotton goods production appear to be the level of general manufacturing production and the price of cotton and of cotton goods. Other factors being equal, cotton goods production is usually high when cotton and cotton goods prices are low, and low when cotton and cotton goods prices are high. At the same level of general purchasing power, consumers of cotton goods can purchase more units of them when they are low-priced and fewer units when they are high-priced. At the present time, middling 1/8" spot cotton is selling at about 12.50 cents (average 10 southern markets) as compared with an average of 9.65 cents in November last year, 6.03 cents two years ago, 5.95 cents three years ago, 10.09 cents four years ago, and an average of 16.90 cents in the past 14 cotton seasons.

**Two New Members Elected by New York Cotton Exchange**—At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange, held Nov. 19, Carlo Bianchi of Zurich, Switzerland, and Daniel E. Wade of New York City were elected to membership. Mr. Bianchi is President of Cotonificio Comense G. B. Bianchi, S. A., who operate large cotton mills at Como, Italy. He is engaged in the raw silk, rayon and cotton business and is also a member of the New York Commodity Exchange and of the California Commodity Exchange at San Francisco. Mr. Wade is a

partner of Wade, Freeman & Co., who do a general commodity business. He is a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, Winnipeg Grain Exchange, New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, New York Commodity Exchange and the New York Cocoa Exchange.

**Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for October 1934**—The Bureau of the Census announced on Nov. 20 that, according to preliminary figures, 30,882,570 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on Oct. 31 1934, of which 25,095,480 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 22,112,888 for September, 24,153,998 for August, 24,417,778 for July, 24,621,334 for June, 25,895,778 for May, and 25,883,836 for October 1933. The Cotton Code limits the hours of employment and of productive machinery. However, in order that the statistics may be comparable with those for earlier months and years, the same method of computing the percentage of activity has been used. Computed on this basis the cotton spindles in the United States were operated during October 1934, at 97.1% capacity. This percentage compares with 54.3 for September, 76.8 for August, 74.3 for July, 72.6 for June, 98.0 for May, and 101.9 for October, 1933. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 233. The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle hours, and the average hours per spindle in place, by States, are shown in the following statement.

State	Spinning Spindles		Active Spindle Hours for October	
	In Place Oct. 31	Active During Oct.	Total	Average per Spindle in Place
Cotton growing States	19,361,468	17,403,244	5,303,860,814	274
New England States	10,491,982	7,063,588	1,728,633,326	165
All other States	1,029,120	628,648	152,027,384	148
Alabama	1,926,020	1,743,854	529,988,923	275
Connecticut	955,648	755,466	166,520,080	174
Georgia	3,395,976	3,021,278	859,071,117	253
Maine	996,168	709,940	173,868,216	175
Massachusetts	5,607,292	3,736,092	869,252,054	155
Mississippi	227,084	164,060	54,010,304	238
New Hampshire	1,118,270	798,280	224,494,732	201
New York	542,452	275,170	67,234,697	124
North Carolina	6,152,756	5,390,984	1,536,094,312	250
Rhode Island	1,697,340	965,586	272,232,964	160
South Carolina	5,819,924	5,507,608	1,854,276,420	319
Tennessee	642,020	556,386	180,675,536	281
Texas	258,544	199,292	45,233,636	167
Virginia	652,892	632,852	197,890,642	303
All other States	890,184	638,632	155,668,841	175
United States	30,882,570	25,095,480	7,184,521,524	233

**Cotton Ginned from Crop of 1934 Prior to Nov. 14**—The Census report issued on Nov. 21, compiled from the individual returns of the ginners, shows 8,632,991 running bales of cotton (counting round as half bales and excluding linters) ginned from the crop of 1934 prior to Nov. 14, compared with 11,248,200 bales from the crop of 1933 and 10,533,684 bales from the crop of 1932. Below is the report in full:

REPORT ON COTTON GINNING  
Number of bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1934 prior to Nov. 14 1934 and comparative statistics to the corresponding date in 1933 and 1932

State	Running Bales (Counting Round as Half Bales and Excluding Linters)		
	1934	1933	1932
Alabama	904,113	912,347	827,001
Arizona	69,257	44,182	36,860
Arkansas	796,077	895,643	1,087,656
California	216,367	97,514	83,102
Florida	23,833	23,753	14,661
Georgia	905,942	1,043,066	761,039
Louisiana	465,120	458,968	576,631
Mississippi	1,083,358	1,074,151	1,011,370
Missouri	198,264	174,284	229,203
New Mexico	71,845	62,853	41,678
North Carolina	504,339	624,484	551,823
Oklahoma	263,490	1,037,131	890,370
South Carolina	593,822	679,305	611,156
Tennessee	358,168	346,966	331,676
Texas	2,141,520	3,734,670	3,448,959
Virginia	25,476	30,139	21,489
All other States	12,000	8,744	9,010
United States	*8,632,991	*11,248,200	*10,533,684

\* Includes 99,787 bales of the crop of 1934 ginned prior to Aug. 1 which was counted in the supply for the season of 1933-34, compared with 171,254 and 71,063 bales of the crops of 1933 and 1932.

The statistics in this report include 163,400 round bales for 1934: 476,587 for 1933, and 474,442 for 1932. Included in the above are 9,921 bales of American-Egyptian for 1934, 3,912 for 1933, and 5,073 for 1932.

The statistics for 1934 in this report are subject to revision when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail. The revised total of cotton ginned this season prior to Nov. 1 is 7,919,562 bales.

CONSUMPTION, STOCKS, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS—UNITED STATES

Cotton consumed during the month of October 1934 amounted to 520,310 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on Oct. 31 was 1,139,721 bales, and in public storages and at compresses 9,381,428 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 25,095,480. The total imports for the month of October 1934 were 11,911 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, excluding linters, were 615,593 bales.

WORLD STATISTICS

The world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1933, as compiled from various sources, was 25,451,000 bales, counting American in running bales and foreign in bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ended July 31 1934 was 25,324,000 bales. The total number of spinning spindles, both active and idle, is about 157,000,000.

**Weather Reports by Telegraph**—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that heavy rains have fallen over most of the western two-thirds of the cotton belt. Only a small amount of cotton is left in the fields, which will be damaged as to grades.

Table with columns: Rain (Days, In.), Rainfall (In.), Thermometer (High, Low, Mean). Lists various cities like Galveston, Amarillo, Austin, etc.

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: City, Date, Height (Feet). Lists New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.

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).

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1934 are 3,488,352 bales; in 1933 were 5,323,612 bales and in 1932 were 5,311,053 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 133,525 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 153,406 bales, stock at interior towns having increased 19,881 bales during the week.

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). Includes rows for Visible supply, Total supply, Deduct, 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, 1,400,000 bales in 1934 and 1,797,000 bales in 1933—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 3,785,022 bales in 1934 and 4,519,666 bales in 1933, of which 2,262,822 bales and 3,196,266 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: Nov. 22 Receipts, 1934 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1933 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1932 (Week, Since Aug. 1). Includes Bombay.

Table with columns: Exports from, For the Week (Great Britain, Continent, Jan'n & China, Total), Since August 1 (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total). Includes Bombay, Other India, Total all.

Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 11,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 77,000 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, Nov. 21, 1934, 1933, 1932. Receipts (cantars) for This week and Since Aug. 1.

Table with columns: Exports (Bales), This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1. Includes To Liverpool, To Manchester, etc.

Note—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Nov. 21 were 310,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 22,000 bales.

Manchester Market.—Our report received by cable tonight from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for cloth is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1934, 1933. Sub-columns: 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts, Cotton Midd'l'g, 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts, Cotton Midd'l'g. Includes Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov.

Shipping News.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 127,504 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table with columns: Bales. Lists shipping destinations like GALVESTON, HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS, etc.

Bales  
4,525

CORPUS CHRISTI—To Japan—Nov. 20—Asuka Maru, 4,525	4,525
To Bremen—Nov. 20—Nashaba, 1,617	1,617
To Gdynia—Nov. 20—Nashaba, 18	18
To Oporto—Nov. 20—Nashaba, 50	50
To Revel—Nov. 20—Nashaba, 100	100
TEXAS CITY—To Antwerp—Nov. 15—West Chatala, 10	10
To Havre—Nov. 15—West Chatala, 937	937
To Ghent—Nov. 15—West Chatala, 352	352
To Rotterdam—Nov. 15—West Chatala, 317	317
MOBILE—To Venice—Nov. 10—Lucia "C," 545	545
To Trieste—Nov. 10—Lucia "C," 100	100
To Gdynia—Nov. 11—Wido, 96	96
To Bremen—Nov. 16—Lekhaven, 100	100
To Rotterdam—Nov. 16—Lekhaven, 100	100
SAVANNAH—To Manchester—Nov. 20—Liberty Glo, 5,212	5,212
To Bremen—Nov. 22—Maidenhead, 1,246	1,246
To Liverpool—Nov. 21—Magmeric, 2,378	2,378
To Lisbon—Nov. 22—Maidenhead, 50	50
To Rotterdam—Nov. 22—Maidenhead, 100	100
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Nov. 20—Cold Harbor, 100	100
To Manchester—Nov. 20—Cold Harbor, 518	518
CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—Nov. 17—Magmeric, 8,522	8,522
To Manchester—Nov. 22—Liberty Glo, 3,541	3,541
NEW YORK—To Barcelona—Nov. 20—Cristobal Colon, 275	275
To Gdynia—Nov. 21—Albert Ballin, 413	413
LAKE CHARLES—To Ghent—Nov. 16—San Mateo, 100	100
To Havre—Nov. 16—San Mateo, 297	297
LOS ANGELES—To Bremen—(?)—275	275
To Japan—Nov. 10—President Cleveland, 1,500; Tatsuta Maru, 1,814	1,500; 1,814
Nov. 13—Koyei Maru, 1,200	1,200
Nov. 17—Elpenor, 7,759; Niukai Maru, 1,500; Tai Ying, 12,052	7,759; 1,500; 12,052
Nov. 19—President Adams, 1,200; Niagara Maru, 2,300	1,200; 2,300
To Rotterdam—Nov. 10—Damsterdyk, 300	300
To China—Nov. 12—Silvercypress, 100	100
To Dunkirk—Nov. 15—Wyoming, 100	100
To Liverpool—Nov. 17—Pacific Ranger, 200	200
To Manchester—Nov. 17—Pacific Ranger, 50	50
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—(?)—(?)—5,511—(?)—(?)	5,511
1,200	1,200
To China—(?)—(?)—50	50
BEAUMONT—To Liverpool—Nov. 21—Aquarius, 100	100
PENSACOLA—To Genoa—Nov. 21—Monstella, 450	450
To Japan—Nov. 21—Willamette Valley, 1,856	1,856
To Rotterdam—Nov. 19—Lekhaven, 100	100
BRUNSWICK—To Manchester—Nov. 17—Liberty Glo, 259	259
JACKSONVILLE—To Manchester—Nov. 15—Liberty Glo, 264	264
To Bremen—Nov. 16—Maidenhead, 61	61

127,504

**Cotton Freights.**—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High	Stand-	High	Stand-	High	Stand-		
	Density	ard	Density	ard	Density	ard		
Liverpool	.25c.	.25c.	Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	Piraeus	.75c.	.90c.
Manchester	.25c.	.25c.	Flume	.50c.	.65c.	Salonica	.75c.	.90c.
Antwerp	.35c.	.50c.	Barcelona	.35c.	.50c.	Venice	.50c.	.65c.
Havre	.25c.	.40c.	Japan	*	*	Copenhag'n	.38c.	.53c.
Rotterdam	.35c.	.50c.	Shanghai	*	*	Naples	.40c.	.55c.
Genoa	.40c.	.55c.	Bombay z	.40c.	.55c.	Leghorn	.40c.	.55c.
Oslo	.46c.	.61c.	Bremen	.35c.	.50c.	Gothenberg	.42c.	.57c.
Stockholm	.42c.	.57c.	Hamburg	.35c.	.50c.			

\* Rate is open. z Only small lots.

**Liverpool.**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Nov. 2	Nov. 9	Nov. 16	Nov. 23
Forwarded	50,000	54,000	47,000	50,000
Total stocks	871,000	876,000	862,000	870,000
Of which American	242,000	244,000	235,000	232,000
Total imports	52,000	57,000	32,000	68,000
Of which American	19,000	27,000	6,000	18,000
Amount afloat	170,000	148,000	158,000	148,000
Of which American	66,000	51,000	63,000	72,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Market, 12:15 P. M.	A fair business doing.	Moderate demand.	Moderate demand.	Quiet.	More demand.	Quiet
Mid.Upl'ds	6.88d.	6.86d.	6.87d.	6.85d.	6.89d.	6.91d.
Futures, Market opened	Steady, 1 point decline.	Steady, 1 to 2 pts. decline.	Steady, 2 to 3 pts. decline.	Steady, 1 to 3 pts. decline.	Steady, 4 to 5 pts. advance.	Steady at 2 to 3 pts. advance
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet but steady 1 to 2 pts. adv.	Steady, unchanged to 1 pt. dec.	Steady, unchanged to 1 pt. dec.	Quiet, 3 to 4 pts. decline.	Quiet, 2 points advance.	Steady at 3 to 4 pts advance

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Nov. 17 to Nov. 23	Saturday		Monday		Tuesday		Wed'day		Thurs'dy		Friday	
	12.00	12.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00
New Contract	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	
January (1935)	6.62	6.59	6.62	6.60	6.62	6.58	6.58	6.62	6.60	6.63	6.63	
March	6.60	6.57	6.59	6.57	6.59	6.56	6.56	6.60	6.58	6.61	6.61	
May	6.57	6.54	6.56	6.54	6.56	6.53	6.53	6.57	6.55	6.59	6.58	
July	6.54	6.51	6.53	6.50	6.52	6.49	6.49	6.53	6.51	6.55	6.54	
October	6.38	6.35	6.37	6.34	6.36	6.33	6.33	6.37	6.35	6.39	6.38	
December	6.36	6.33	6.35	6.32	6.34	6.31	6.31	6.35	6.33	6.36	6.36	
January (1936)	6.36	6.33	6.35	6.32	6.34	6.31	6.31	6.35	6.33	6.36	6.36	
March	6.35	6.32	6.34	6.31	6.33	6.30	6.30	6.34	6.32	6.35	6.35	
May	6.35	6.32	6.34	6.31	6.33	6.30	6.30	6.34	6.32	6.35	6.35	
July	6.34	6.31	6.33	6.30	6.32	6.29	6.29	6.33	6.31	6.34	6.34	
October	6.31	6.28	6.30	6.27	6.29	6.26	6.26	6.30	6.28	6.31	6.31	

**BREADSTUFFS**

Friday Night, Nov. 23 1934.

**Flour** was more active at times and firmer, but there is still room for improvement.

**Wheat** in a fairly active market ended 3/8c. lower to 3/4c. higher on the 17th inst. The general news cut both ways. Bearish factors were reports of light rains in the winter wheat belt and prospects for further unsettled weather and the weakness in foreign markets. On the other hand some were buying on the oversold condition of the market and in anticipation of a further decrease in the visible supply. On the 19th inst. prices ended 1/8c. lower to 1/4c. higher.

Rains were rather widespread over the winter wheat, but the dry sections of the extreme West got very little relief. Early prices were strong because of buying by Eastern interest prompted by a firmer stock market, but liquidation later on caused a reaction. Liverpool ended 1/8 to 1/4d. higher and Winnipeg advanced 1/8 to 3/8c.

On the 20th inst. prices declined 1 7/8 to 2c. on selling influenced by the break in corn. Reports of beneficial rains in the winter wheat belt and weakness in foreign markets also caused some selling. Southwestern interests sold. Winnipeg finished 3/4 to 1 1/8c. lower, and Liverpool declined 7/8 to 1d. Cheap offerings of French and Argentine wheat caused the weakness at Liverpool. On the 21st inst., after early weakness, in response to lower markets abroad and reports of further rains in the belt, prices rallied in sympathy with corn and ended unchanged to 1/4c. lower.

On the 22nd inst. prices ended 3/8 to 7/8c. lower, owing to general liquidation. The market showed early strength, in response to the movement in corn and firmer foreign markets, but sold off later under selling by commission houses owing to prospects for continued general rains and continued cold weather over the belt. The reported Franco-American agreement for shipment of some 18,000,000 bushels of French feed wheat to this country encouraged liquidation. Many doubted such an agreement had been made. Cash wheat was firmer. Winnipeg ended 1/8 to 1/4c. lower, and Liverpool was 7/8 to 1 1/2d. higher.

To-day prices ended 1/8c. lower to 1/4c. higher. Buying by millers checked the decline.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	115 1/4	115 1/2	113 3/4	113 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December (new)	101 1/2	101	99 1/2	98 1/2	98	98 1/2
May (new)	99 1/2	99 1/4	97 1/2	97 1/8	97 1/4	97 1/2
July (new)	93 1/2	93 1/2	92	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
December (old)	101	101	99 1/2	99	98 1/4	98 1/2

Season's High and When Made	Season's Low and When Made	
	Dec. (old)	July 2 1934
Dec. (old)	113 1/4	89
Dec. (new)	113 1/4	88 1/2
May (new)	117	93 1/2
July (new)	97 1/4	87 1/2

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	78 3/4	78 1/4	77 3/4	77 3/4	77 3/4	76 3/4
May	82 1/4	83	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 3/4	81 1/2
July	83 3/4	84	83	83 3/4	83	82 1/4

**Corn** showed independent strength and on the 17th inst. prices ended 1/4 to 5/8c. higher after showing early weakness. Foreign interests bought on the reactions. The weakness of Buenos Aires influenced early profit taking sales. Fair imports of Argentine corn calling for an import duty of 25 cents a bushel are reported to have been made. On the 19th inst. prices ended 3/4 to 1/8c. higher. Offerings were small. Many were buying December and selling May. New highs for the season were made.

On the 20th inst. prices ended 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c. lower, under general liquidation. New highs were reached for the season by May and July in the early trading. The weakness in Buenos Aires was a factor in the decline. Receivers booked 18,000 bushels to arrive. Receipts were 29 cars, and vessel room was chartered for 270,000 bushels to go to Buffalo for store. On the 21st inst. prices rallied sharply under short covering prompted by large shipping sales, and ended 3/4 to 1 1/4c. higher. It was estimated that as much as 1,000,000 bushels will be loaded on eastbound vessels within a few days.

On the 22nd inst. prices ended 1/2 to 5/8c. higher. Cash corn reached the \$1 mark for the first time since August 1930. Offerings were light, but towards the close some of the early gains were lost on profit-taking. The acute shortage of corn and the small crop this year are the causes for the firmness of the cash article. Very little corn is finding its way into the larger markets. Much of it is being sold to feeders and country elevators. A sale of cash corn was reported at \$1.05 in Iowa. Shipping sales were large, totaling 227,000 bushels. Receivers booked only 5,000 bushels to arrive, and vessel room was chartered for 175,000 bushels to go to Buffalo.

To-day prices ended 5/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher. No. 2 white was commanding \$1 a bushel at Chicago. A cargo of white corn from South Africa was reported to have been bought at equal to \$1.01 duty paid delivered at a Western seaboard city.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	99 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	101 1/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December (old)	84 1/4	85	83 1/2	84 3/4	85 1/4	85 3/4
December (new)	84 1/4	85	83 1/2	84 3/4	85 1/4	85 3/4
May (new)	84 1/4	85 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	85 3/4	85 3/4
July (new)	83 1/2	83 3/4	82 3/4	83	83 3/4	83

Season's High and When Made	Season's Low and When Made	
	Dec. (old)	June 1934
December	84	56 3/4
May	88 3/4	75
July (new)	80 3/4	75

**Oats** feebly responded to the strength in corn. On the 17th inst. prices ended unchanged to 3/8c. higher under a good commission house demand. Locals were buying. Receipts were light. On the 19th inst. prices ended 1/8c. lower to 3/8c. higher in a quiet and narrow market.

On the 20th inst. prices declined 3/4 to 1 1/8c., in response to the weakness in corn, but on the 21st inst. advanced 3/8



to 7/8c. when corn rose. On the 22nd inst. prices ended 1/4c. lower to 1/8c. higher. It was a quiet and narrow market. To-day prices ended 1/4 to 5/8c. lower.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK
No. 2 white 64 1/4 Sat. 65 Mon. 64 Tues. 64 1/2 Wed. 64 1/2 Thurs. 64 1/2 Fri. 63 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO
December (new) 53 Sat. 53 1/2 Mon. 52 1/2 Tues. 52 1/2 Wed. 52 1/2 Thurs. 52 1/2 Fri. 52 1/2
May (new) 50 1/4 Sat. 50 1/2 Mon. 49 1/2 Tues. 49 1/2 Wed. 49 1/2 Thurs. 49 1/2 Fri. 50 1/2
July (new) 46 1/2 Sat. 46 1/2 Mon. 45 3/4 Tues. 45 3/4 Wed. 46 1/4 Thurs. 46 1/4 Fri. 45 3/4
December (old) 53 Sat. 52 3/4 Mon. 52 3/4 Tues. 53 Wed. 53 Thurs. 53 Fri. 52 3/4

Season's High and When Made Season's Low and When Made
December 56 1/2 Aug. 10 1934 December 41 1/2 June 22 1934
May 59 1/2 Aug. 10 1934 May 45 1/2 Oct. 4 1934
July (new) 46 1/4 Oct. 1 1934 July (new) 41 Oct. 4 1934

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG
October 42 3/4 Sat. 42 3/4 Mon. 42 1/2 Tues. 42 1/2 Wed. 41 3/4 Thurs. 41 3/4 Fri. 41 3/4
December 44 Sat. 44 1/4 Mon. 43 3/4 Tues. 44 1/4 Wed. 44 Thurs. 44 Fri. 43 1/2

Rye was relatively strong following the trend of corn. On the 17th inst. prices ended 7/8 to 1 1/4c. higher. Trading was light. Commission houses bought. On the 19th inst. prices advanced 7/8 to 1 1/4c. in sympathy with corn, and also because of a lack of offerings.

On the 20th inst. prices declined 2 1/4 to 2 3/8c., in sympathy with corn, and on the 21st inst. the market ended unchanged to 1/4c. lower. On the 22nd inst. prices ended 1 to 1 1/4c. lower. The weakness was ascribed to hedging against purchases in South America. To-day prices ended 1/4 to 3/4c. higher.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO
December (new) 72 1/2 Sat. 73 1/2 Mon. 71 1/2 Tues. 72 1/2 Wed. 71 1/2 Thurs. 72
May (new) 75 1/2 Sat. 76 1/2 Mon. 74 3/4 Tues. 74 3/4 Wed. 74 1/2 Thurs. 74 1/2 Fri. 74 1/2
July (new) 76 1/2 Sat. 77 1/2 Mon. 75 3/4 Tues. 75 3/4 Wed. 74 1/2 Thurs. 74 1/2 Fri. 74 1/2
December (old) 72 1/2 Sat. 73 1/2 Mon. 71 1/2 Tues. 72 1/2 Wed. 71 1/2 Thurs. 72

Season's High and When Made Season's Low and When Made
Dec. (new) 90 1/2 Aug. 9 1934 Dec. (new) 65 1/2 June 22 1934
May (new) 95 1/2 Aug. 9 1934 May (new) 69 Oct. 26 1934
Dec. (old) 90 1/2 Aug. 9 1934 Dec. (old) 65 1/2 June 22 1934

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN WINNIPEG
October 57 1/2 Sat. 57 1/2 Mon. 56 1/4 Tues. 56 1/4 Wed. 56 1/2 Thurs. 56 1/2 Fri. 56 1/4
December 60 1/2 Sat. 61 1/2 Mon. 59 1/4 Tues. 60 1/2 Wed. 60 Thurs. 59 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN CHICAGO
December (new) 80 1/2 Sat. 80 1/2 Mon. 81 Tues. 82 Thurs. 84 Fri. 85
May (new) 77 Sat. 77 1/4 Mon. 77 Tues. 77 1/4 Thurs. 78 1/2 Fri. 78 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN WINNIPEG
October 52 1/2 Sat. 53 1/2 Mon. 52 1/4 Tues. 52 1/4 Wed. 53 1/4 Thurs. 52 1/4 Fri. 52 1/4
December 55 Sat. 55 1/2 Mon. 55 1/2 Tues. 55 1/2 Wed. 55 1/2 Thurs. 55 1/2 Fri. 55 1/2

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN
Wheat, New York— No. 2 red, c.i.f., domestic 112 1/4 No. 2 white 63 1/2
Manitoba No. 1 f.o.b. N. Y. 88 1/2 Rye, No. 2 f.o.b. bond N. Y. 64 1/2
Corn, New York— 47 1/2 lbs. malting 101 1/2
No. 2 yellow, all rail 101 1/4 Chicago, cash 75-122

FLOUR
Spring pats., high protein \$7.65 @ \$8.25 Rye flour patents \$8.85 @ \$9.00
Spring patents 7.15 @ 7.40 Seminola, bbl., Nos. 1-3-10.15 @ 10.30
Soft winter straights 6.70 @ 7.00 Oats good 3.80
Hard winter straights 5.95 @ 6.35 Corn flour 2.50
Hard winter patents 6.60 @ 6.80 Barley goods 4.65
Hard winter clears 6.05 @ 6.30 Coarse 4.65
Fancy pearl, Nos. 2.4 & 7 7.40 @ 7.60

All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City, Buffalo, Total wk. 1934, Same wk. 1933, Same wk. 1932, and Since Aug. 1.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Nov. 17 1934, follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, Halifax, Total wk. 1934, Since Jan. '34, Week 1933, and Since Jan. '33.

\* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Nov. 17 1934, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—, Wheat Bushels, Corn Bushels, Flour Barrels, Oats Bushels, Rye Bushels, Barley Bushels. Rows include New York, New Orleans, Montreal, Halifax, Total week 1934, Same week 1933.

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. Sub-columns: Week Nov. 17 1934, Since July 1 1934, Week Nov. 17 1934, Since July 1 1934. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Col., Other countries, Total 1934, Total 1933.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Nov. 17, were as follows:

Table with columns: GRAIN STOCKS, United States—, Canadian—, Other Canadian & other water points. Sub-columns: Wheat bush., Corn bush., Oats bush., Rye bush., Barley bush. Rows include Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston, Fort Worth, Wichita, Hutchinson, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Omaha, Sioux City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Peoria, Chicago, On Lakes, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Duluth, Detroit, Buffalo, On Canal, Total Nov. 17 1934, Total Nov. 10 1934, Total Nov. 18 1933, and Summary.

\* New York also has 69,000 bushels Argentine rye in store. New York also has 200,000 bushels Argentine oats in store.

Note—Bonded grain not included above: Barley, Duluth, 185,000 bushels; Buffalo, 227,000; total, 412,000 bushels, against none in 1933. Wheat, New York, 506,000 bushels; N.Y. afloat, 469,000; Philadelphia, 60,000; Buffalo, 5,305,000; Buffalo afloat, 7,029,000; Duluth, 480,000; Erie, 2,196,000; on Lakes, 188,000; Canal, 1,100,000; total, 17,333,000 bushels, against 12,961,000 bushels in 1933.

Table with columns: Canadian—, Other Canadian & other water points. Sub-columns: Wheat bush., Corn bush., Oats bush., Rye bush., Barley bush. Rows include Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Total Nov. 17 1934, Total Nov. 10 1934, Total Nov. 18 1933.

Table with columns: Summary. Sub-columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include American, Canadian, Total Nov. 17 1934, Total Nov. 10 1934, Total Nov. 18 1933.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Nov. 16, and since July 1 1934 and July 2 1933, are shown in the following:

Table with columns: Exports—, Wheat, Corn. Sub-columns: Week Nov. 16 1934, Since July 1 1934, Week Nov. 16 1933, Since July 1 1933. Rows include North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countr's, Total.

Weather Report for the Week Ended Nov. 21—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Nov. 21, follow:

During the first half of the week abnormally cool weather prevailed in the more eastern States, especially the Southeast, but the latter part was warm for the season over nearly the entire country. During the prevalence of low temperatures in the East the line of freezing extended as far south as extreme southern Georgia, and frost occurred over the central and northern portions of the Florida Peninsula. The latter part of the week brought widespread rains west of the Rocky Mountains, and they were generous in parts of the Southwest and portions of the central valleys. Elsewhere the period was generally fair, with pleasant, sunshiny weather prevailing in most sections.

Chart I shows that the week was again abnormally warm everywhere, except in a limited area of the Southwest and in central and southern

sections east of the Mississippi River. It was especially warm for the season from the Mississippi Valley westward to and including the Rocky Mountains where the weekly mean temperatures rather generally ranged from 9 degrees to as much as 16 degrees above normal. A considerable area of the Southeast, extending from Virginia southward and southwestward, had less than normal warmth for the week, as a whole.

Chart 1 shows also the southern limit of freezing temperatures, as reported from first-order stations. East of the Mississippi River minima as low as 32 degree occurred as far south as Thomasville, Ga., and Meridian, Miss. However, in the trans-Mississippi States the freezing line extended only to central Missouri and northern Kansas. The lowest temperature reported was 10 degrees at Northfield, Vt., on the 15th.

Chart 11 shows the geographic distribution of precipitation for the week. Heavy rains occurred throughout the Pacific coast area, especially in northern California; Eureka reported 4.4 inches and Redding 8.0 inches. General precipitation extended eastward to the Rocky Mountains. The chart shows another area of heavy rainfall extending from southeastern New Mexico and central and southeastern Texas northeastward to the western Lake region; most stations in this area reported an inch or more, while some in eastern Texas and western Arkansas had more than 3 inches. Outside of the areas mentioned, very little rain occurred, with most stations reporting amounts too small for measurement.

Two large areas, extending in north-south belts across the country, received very beneficial and extremely helpful precipitation during the week. One of these includes, in general, the States west of the Rocky Mountains, though the falls were mostly light in Arizona and of a local character in Nevada and southern Utah. Other sections, including nearly all of New Mexico, western Colorado, northern Utah, southwestern Wyoming, western Montana, Idaho, and the Pacific States had widespread and very helpful precipitation. The other belt receiving helpful rains, and in which surface soil moisture is now sufficient for present needs, except locally, includes the States in the Mississippi Valley, as well as much of Texas and Oklahoma, the eastern third of Kansas, eastern South Dakota, southern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

Outside of these areas there was no rain of agricultural importance and moisture is urgently needed. There was some local relief during the week, notably in some sections of southeastern Montana where the best rains in 2 months occurred. The western Great Plains, including the eastern portions of the Rocky Mountain States, practically all of North Dakota and northern Minnesota, are still extremely dry. Also an area extending from the central and eastern Ohio Valley southward and southeastward to the Gulf and Atlantic Ocean is urgently in need of moisture. However, at the close of the week, 8 a. m., Tuesday, a general rain area had reached the lower Mississippi and western Ohio Valleys, with prospects of a rather widespread extension eastward. The eastern Ohio Valley, especially, has become very dry, with considerable hauling of water for stock and domestic purposes in central and eastern Kentucky and in Ohio. In the Atlantic area from Maryland northward the soil is in better shape as regards moisture than obtains from Virginia southward.

Mild, pleasant weather was generally favorable for usual outside operations on farms, but frost the first part of the week damaged tender vegetation as far south as Georgia and some central portions of Florida. The continued mild weather west of the Mississippi River has made unusually favorable conditions for livestock over the great western grazing country; free ranging has been permitted, but rather generally where drought has persisted there is very little range feed and extensive yard feeding is necessary.

The fall season, in general, has been remarkably warm, especially over the western two thirds of the country. September was relatively cool in central-northern sections, but temperatures have been generally high since around the first of October. Over the Northwestern and most Western States the past week made the seventh in succession with abnormally warm weather.

**SMALL GRAINS**—Dry conditions still prevail in the southern and eastern Ohio Valley, where there was practically no rain during the past week and progress and condition of winter wheat ranged from very poor to only fair. In Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa, as well as some adjacent northern sections, light to moderate rains were very beneficial and, in connection with the mild weather, greatly aided the growth of winter wheat; condition in this section is generally good.

In the eastern part of the Great Plains from South Dakota southward, winter wheat made fair to good advance, with the mild weather helpful, while in Texas moderate to heavy rains, except in the west and extreme southwest, were very beneficial to winter grains, as well as to fall plowing and planting. In the western Plains area, as well as in eastern Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana, the condition of winter wheat remains largely in bad shape and unchanged, despite favorable light precipitation in some localities; the crop continued to deteriorate in western Kansas, while in eastern Colorado some is reported entirely gone.

Helpful precipitation occurred in western Colorado, southwestern Wyoming, northern Utah, and locally in Nevada, and Idaho, while frequent light to moderate rains were beneficial in the Pacific States. Conditions continue too dry for fall plowing and seeding in the Southeast, with some winter grains up, but they must have rain to germinate; conditions are satisfactory in the Middle Atlantic States.

The Weather Bureau furnished the following resume of conditions in the different States:

**Virginia**—Richmond: Temperatures slightly above normal in west to somewhat below in extreme southeast. Precipitation negligible. Exceptionally open weather favored all work; picking cotton, husking corn, and seeding oats nearing completion. Wheat growing well; seeding advancing in moister localities. Pastures poor to fair. Southeastern truck suffering for moisture.

**North Carolina**—Raleigh: Cold first part, but warm latter part of week; very light rain Wednesday. Outdoor work made further progress. Most potato and peanut crops gathered; some corn yet to harvest. Much grain seeded and some up. Truck and pastures good, but need rain.

**South Carolina**—Columbia: Week fair; cool through Friday, with freezing and heavy frosts to coast, then warmer. Favorable for plowing; grain sowing nearing completion. Rain needed for grain and fall truck. Pastures falling and only fair in places.

**Georgia**—Atlanta: Dry and cool, followed by warmer. Pastures falling and too dry for plowing and fall seeding. Some wheat and oats up, but much must have rain to germinate. Still making sirup and digging sweet potatoes in central and south.

**Florida**—Jacksonville: Frosts on 13th damaged tender vegetables in north and central. Week rainless, except in southeast. Truck retarded by drought. Citrus trees suffering, with increased dropping, but fruit coloring. Cane grinding active.

**Alabama**—Montgomery: Seasonable temperatures, with frosts on several mornings; light rains. Oats and cover crops mostly planted, but late planting delayed locally by dry soil; stands generally good. Truck mostly fair to good.

**Mississippi**—Vicksburg: Moderately cool to Thursday; excessively warm thereafter. Generally fair, except beneficial rains Monday night. Very favorable for all harvesting operations, with little plowing accomplished account dry soil.

**Louisiana**—New Orleans: Cool first half, out warm thereafter; moderate to heavy showers at close. Cane grinding made excellent progress, with sucrose content satisfactory. Rains benefited truck and winter grains and provided much needed moisture for germination and further seeding.

**Texas**—Houston: Warmth continued throughout State, with weekly average 10 degrees above normal. Rainfall light in extreme west and southwest, but moderate to heavy in most other districts. Moisture materially aided plowing and planting and benefited wheat, oats, and other grains already planted. Truck, ranges, and cattle improved in most districts, but more rain would be beneficial. Cotton ginning still reported in scattered localities.

**Oklahoma**—Oklahoma City: Warm, with considerable cloudiness; moderate to heavy rains in central and east, but little or none in much of west. No killing frosts as yet in central and south and a favorable week for maturing fall crops. Progress and condition of winter wheat fair to very good, except rather poor in extreme west where rain needed. Picking cotton good advance and very little left in fields; very small top crop. Pastures and livestock fair to good.

**Arkansas**—Little Rock: Still a little cotton to pick on eastern lowlands, but crop much nearer picked than usual. Fall crops killed from northern border southward nearly to Arkansas River and a few localities south of river, but still growing from there southward. Rains favorable for wheat, oats, rye, meadows, pastures, and truck.

**Tennessee**—Nashville: Gathering corn and digging potatoes mostly completed. Water supply low. Winter crops in good condition, but need rain. Too dry for tobacco handling. Plowing suspended until more rain. Pastures good for season; livestock thrifty.

**Kentucky**—Louisville: Began cold, but ended warm; light showers in west. Fall grains mostly undersized and stationary; too dry for growth. Pastures poor and deteriorating; rye pastures insufficient growth. Favorable for corn gathering, but too dry for tobacco stripping. Hauling water extensively in central and east.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Nov. 23 1934.

Although the arrival of a stretch of unseasonably warm weather checked the previous active demand for heavy apparel lines to some extent, retail sales as a whole continued to make a good showing and established further gains as compared with last year. Pre-holiday buying has now started in earnest, and most forecasts anticipate a considerable increase in Christmas buying over the 1933 season. Some difficulties are being experienced by retailers in obtaining prompt deliveries of certain lines. Retail inventories are none too ample, and the strike in the silk dyeing industry is causing delays in the shipment of piece goods to dress and underwear manufacturers as well as of print materials to the cutting-up trade. Indicative of the revival in home sewing, sales of piece goods are holding up well, particularly in metallic fabrics and in velveteens, notwithstanding the fact that a slight advance in prices was caused by strike conditions.

Trading in the wholesale dry goods markets continued to reflect the active consumer demand in the retail field, with some staple lines showing a steadier price trend. Jobbers again restricted their own purchases to fill-in orders, largely because of their desire to hold stocks down to a moderate level, prior to the annual inventory period. Spring lines of wash goods have been completed by wholesalers, and are about to be shown to the trade. Business in silk goods, as a result of the strike of the dyers in the Paterson area, was again confined to spot sales, with increasing difficulties being reported in obtaining spot supplies in desired weaves and colors. In the greige goods field, crepe de chine continued to lead in sales. Trading in rayon yarns remained quite active, with best demand developing for weaving yarns of 150 and 300 denier. Rumors were current that an early price advance for the more popular counts may be put through, in as much as some of the large producers are said to be oversold on these yarns and are behind on deliveries. An active call is also reported for cuprammonium yarns in the range between 75 and 150 denier. Few, if any, requests for deferred shipments of yarns, due to the dyers' strike in Paterson, have been received, owing to the fact that finishing plants in other sections are not affected by labor troubles. A further expansion in the call for rayon yarns is expected to result from the contemplated joint promotional campaign of producers and weavers.

**Domestic Cotton Goods**—Trading in gray cloths showed a sharp falling off, partly as a result of the previous active buying movement and partly due to the continued listlessness of the raw cotton market. Prices eased slightly, but mills held to their previous reluctance to take business beyond the end of the year, confining their sales to spot and nearby deliveries. Reports of contemplated curtailment of production were again heard, but no definite decisions were announced, although these rumors were believed to account for the hesitancy of the producers to book orders for distant shipment, at current prices. While inventory considerations would militate against an early revival of buying activities, the present inaction of the market may give way to renewed activity, should a curtailment program take definite form or should the raw cotton market shake off its present lethargy. While the movement of finished goods continued in satisfactory volume, prices were said to leave much to be desired. Business in sheetings was fairly active, with quotations ruling a shade easier. Trading in fine goods was quiet, but prices held mostly steady. Moderate activity continued in combed lawns, at slight concessions below recent quotations. Closing prices in print cloths were as follows: 39-inch 80's, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$  to 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ c.; 39-inch 72x76's, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 39-inch 68x72's, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ c.; 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 64x60's, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 60x48's, 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ c.

**Woolen Goods**—Trading in men's wear fabrics continued very active. Additional price advances by leading mills, and the possibility of further increases exerted a stimulating influence on buying on the part of clothing manufacturers. The bulk of the spot demand, as heretofore, centered on oxford gray mixtures and on blue serges. Many mills are now reported to be booked ahead for several months, partly as a result of heavy Government orders. Reports from retail clothing centers continue to make a very satisfactory showing. Following the opening of spring lines in women's wear goods a fair amount of orders for lower-priced materials as well as for cruise wear was placed. Spot business in these goods was retarded by the lack of desirable stocks available for quick shipment.

**Foreign Dry Goods**—Trading in linen suitings and dress goods remained in its previous lull, but a further slight expansion in the demand for household linens was noted, largely owing to accelerated buying for the holiday trade. Slightly increased activity featured the burlap market. Reports of substantial buying by South American and European bag interests and moderately higher quotations registered at the Calcutta market resulted in expansion of trading in shipments, although business in spot goods remained quiet. Domestically, lightweights were quoted at 4.35c.; heavies at 5.90c.

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### NEWS ITEMS.

**California—Voters Reject Eight and Approve Fifteen Propositions**—The San Francisco "Chronicle" of Nov. 8 gave the following account of the action taken by the voters at the general election on the 23 propositions submitted for consideration, several of which were of more than State-wide importance:

Voters on the 23 propositions submitted for State-wide acceptance or rejection were divided, according to latest vote returns from Tuesday's election, giving their approval to 15 and rejecting eight.

*No. 2 Affirmed*

As additional figures were reported, the extent of the voters' affirmation of No. 2 and their rejection of No. 13, both measures dealing with the liquor question, grew increasingly more pronounced.

No. 2 permits the sale of hard liquor by the drink in hotels, restaurants, cafes, clubs and on trains and boats. No. 13 was a local option amendment proposed by the drays.

*Crime Measures*

Of the four measures to curb crime in California, all were apparently approved by the voters. These were No. 4 which in effect sets up a State Department of Justice, to which the Attorney-General will give his whole time; No. 5, which permits court and counsel in criminal cases to comment on evidence, witnesses, credibility and failure of accused to testify; and No. 6, which permits the accused to plead guilty in felony cases before a magistrate, except where penalty is death.

Proposition No. 3 which makes Supreme and Appellate Judges appointive by Governor and a board with approval by the voters was also winning.

*No. 9, 17 Rejected*

Two other propositions coupled in the public mind, that is No. 9, the chiropractic measure, and No. 17, the naturopathic act, were being rejected by the voters.

The following tabulations are reported by the Associated Press:

Prop. No.	Precincts Reporting	Vote		Prop. No.	Precincts Reported	Vote	
		Yes	No			Yes	No
1	6,796	582,502	389,628	13	6,122	283,539	705,399
2	6,798	762,492	392,201	14	3,790	240,046	158,746
3	5,889	419,089	320,169	15	3,912	219,409	292,899
4	5,354	536,486	236,543	16	3,940	266,393	239,241
5	5,754	603,466	230,099	17	4,773	183,809	307,459
6	5,367	615,411	164,622	18	4,827	247,080	394,730
7	5,028	571,781	202,776	19	3,329	156,825	275,664
8	6,377	405,541	383,523	20	3,523	333,697	127,185
9	5,390	340,921	589,360	21	3,418	296,170	134,226
10	4,635	347,344	164,079	22	3,472	197,380	213,615
11	4,992	261,912	455,558	23	7,110	627,398	278,322
12	4,563	320,050	302,463				

**Dade County, Fla.—Bond Refunding Program Operative**—The following report on the approval of a refunding plan for eight of the school districts of the above county, is taken from a Miami dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 15:

The \$8,000,000 bond refunding program of the Dade County school board for eight of its districts became operative Nov. 5, according to information received from C. W. Peters, attorney for the board. Before the program became operative 75% of the bonds had to be deposited with the First National Bank of Chicago. Nearly 80% of them have been exchanged, according to J. Wilbur Rodgers, Clerk of the Board. The refunding program extends the maturity of the old issues for 10 years. The interest rate on the new bonds has been decreased to 4% from 6% for the first five years. During the next five years the rate increases to 5%, and after that the rate will return to 6%.

**Louisiana—Bonds Held Unaffected by Recently Enacted Moratorium Law**—Assurance that Senator Huey Long's Moratorium Bill, passed by the Louisiana Legislature, does not apply to taxes and will have no effect on tax collections, and that interest and principal maturities of Louisiana's bonds will continue to be met promptly, was given on Nov. 17 by Jess S. Cave, State Treasurer of Louisiana, in a telegram to Eli T. Watson, President of Eli T. Watson & Co., Inc., in reply to his inquiry as to the exact status of the bill and its possible effect on the bonds of the State.

The telegrams exchanged on that date follow:

Jess S. Cave, 1540 Canal Bank Bldg., New Orleans, La.:  
Great deal apprehension among bond houses over what Long's debt moratorium bill means, impression being it applies to taxes as well as small debts. Would appreciate wire from you give exact status of moratorium bill so we may correct false impression. Would like to quote you if possible. Regards,  
ELI T. WATSON.

Eli T. Watson, 60 Wall Street, New York City:  
Moratorium bill passed by Louisiana Legislature does not apply to taxes and will not have any effect on tax collections. Therefore you can assure bond owners and buyers, using my name, that interest and principal maturities of Louisiana bonds will be met promptly in the future, just as they have in the past. Best regards,  
JESS S. CAVE.

In connection with the above, we give herewith the text of a letter sent to us on Nov. 16 by H. I. Lill, Vice-President of Stone, Stevens & Lill, Inc., a New Orleans advertising concern:

Gentlemen—Through the passage of Senator Long's moratorium Act and also of the new State Income Tax Law, there has been considerable uneasiness on the part of holders of State of Louisiana and City of New Orleans bonds, many of whom are located in your city, coupled with a feeling that these bonds have been depreciated considerably in value on account of this legislation.

To correct any wrong impression on this subject, I am quoting from an interview with Senator Long which appeared in the New Orleans "Item" of this date:

*"Income Tax Amended"*

"The Moratorium Act was amended during the course of passage so as to provide that it should not extend to any obligation of the State of Louisiana or any political subdivision or municipality thereof.

"The Income Tax Act was amended during the course of passage so as to exempt from taxation the income from any obligation of the State of Louisiana or any of its political subdivisions or municipalities.

"The State of Louisiana and the political subdivisions and municipalities thereof, as heretofore, will continue to meet their obligations. No other State nor the United States can excel our record in meeting payments on public obligations. Our State operates on a cash basis, has a balanced budget and plenty of reserve for contingencies, as any bank or commercial report will show.

As further evidence of the high standing of both City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana bonds, I invite your attention to the enclosed booklet, "Funded Debt of State of Louisiana and City of New Orleans," as recently compiled by the bond department of the Whitney National Bank, one of our city's most solid and conservative institutions.

**Special Session Enacts 44 Laws Extending Powers of Senator Long's Faction**—A United Press dispatch from Baton Rouge on Nov. 16 reported as follows on the results of the last special session of the Legislature, which passed, among other bills, the above described moratorium law on private debts:

Senator Huey P. Long assumed the powers of a monarch over Louisiana's 2,250,000 people to-night and pronounced his regime "the greatest triumph for human uplift and sober government this country has ever witnessed."

Senator Long's obedient Legislature enacted forty-four laws, extending the "Kingfish's" dictatorship over every village and farm; over crossroads constables and city police; over public utility corporations; over tax and election machinery; even down to the commissions which pick the juries in New Orleans and the men who serve warrants for arrests.

The legislators broke all speed records for mass lawmaking, mindful of the fact that the Long machine has crushed all opposition at the last two elections and controls the political destiny of every official in Louisiana not on the payroll of the Federal Government.

*Bills Were Passed Unseen*

The 44 bills were passed, sealed and delivered in 84 hours and 21 minutes, despite the cumbersome procedure outlined by the State Constitution. Committee approved bills they had never seen and passed amendments handed to them by Senator Long which had never been officially printed.

In enacting Senator Long's bills the Legislature approved among other provisions, the following:

Establishment of a State Civil Service Commission headed by six Long State office holders acting in ex-officio capacities to control all municipal police and fire departments.

State control of the New Orleans sewerage and water board, the New Orleans Court House Commission, the New Orleans Jury Commission. Absolute State control over utilities rates.

*State Bar Commission Provided*

A State bar commission, headed by elective officers, that will decide who will and who will not practice law; exercise pressure on the courts; disbar for cause.

Repeal of the corrupt practices law requiring political candidates to report expenditures and sources of campaign contributions.

Suspension of all elections until 1936. A two-year moratorium on private debts.

The last is a "poor man's" law. Many competent authorities on the Louisiana constitution believe it will be thrown out by the courts.

The New Orleans municipal government, controlled by the old regulars' machine, the only challenger of Senator Long's rule, is practically stripped of all power by the new laws. It may pass ordinances, but only those that meet approval of Senator Long's State government can be enforced.

The sewerage and water board, rich source of political patronage, will be cleared of old regular appointees. When the measure transferring control of the New Orleans Court House Commission was appointed yesterday by the Finance Committee, Senator Long and his followers congratulated themselves on "22 more jobs" for the Long faithful.

**Result of Voting on Constitutional Amendments**—The following is an official summary of the approval by the voters of all 14 amendments to the State Constitution (See V. 139, p. 3023), submitted at the general election on Nov. 6, as furnished to us by the Secretary of State:

And having made the above compilation from the face of said returns, I do hereby officially announce and declare the said election to have resulted in the adoption of the following amendments:

**Amendment No. 1**—The proposed amendment to Sections 2 and 3 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the qualifications of electors, abolishing of poll taxes.

**Amendment No. 2**—The proposed amendment to Section 4 of Article X of the Constitution granting exemptions from taxation to homesteads.

**Amendment No. 3**—The proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, relative to the General Highway Fund.

**Amendment No. 4**—The proposed amendment to the present Section 4 of Article X of the Constitution of Louisiana by adding thereto a new paragraph exempting motor vehicles from taxation under certain conditions.

**Amendment No. 5**—The proposed amendment to Article X, Section 1, of the Constitution, authorizing taxes on net incomes.

**Amendment No. 6**—The proposed amendment to Section 15 of Article 12 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the sources, control and management of parish school funds.

**Amendment No. 7**—The proposed amendment to Section 14 of Article 12 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the sources and apportionment of the State Public School Fund.

**Amendment No. 8**—The proposed amendment to Section 8 of Article X of the Constitution, relative to removing the restrictions on parishes and municipalities in their levying of license taxes on dealers in malt, vinous, distilled, alcoholic, spirituous and intoxicating liquors.

**Amendment No. 9**—The proposed amendment to Section 51 of Article VII of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to terms of city judges, the City of Baton Rouge excepted.

**Amendment No. 10**—The proposed amendment to Section 15 of Article VIII of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the dispensing with general elections where there is only one candidate.

**Amendment No. 11**—The proposed amendment of Section 3 of Article XVIII of the Constitution, relative to pensions for Confederate Veterans and their widows.

**Amendment No. 12**—The proposed amendment to Section 10 of Article X of the Constitution, relative to effecting a limitation upon special taxes for local improvement.

**Amendment No. 13**—The proposed amendment to paragraph (e) of Section 14 of Article XIV of the Louisiana Constitution, permitting the readjustment, refunding or extending of outstanding excess revenue bonds by police juries and municipalities.

**Amendment No. 14**—The proposed amendment to paragraph (g) of Section 14 of Article XIV of the Constitution, providing for the refunding of outstanding debts, to reduce taxes.

Witness my hand and the impress of the Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the State Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, this 12th day of November, A. D., 1934.

(SEAL)  
By the Governor: OSCAR K. ALLEN,  
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

E. A. CONWAY,  
Secretary of State.

**Missouri—Voters Approve One and Reject Two Constitutional Amendments**—We quote in part as follows from an Associated Press dispatch from St. Louis on Nov. 10, re-

porting on the outcome of the balloting on three proposed amendments to the State Constitution on Nov. 6:

Missouri voters have defeated proposals for teacher pensions and higher pay for legislators and approved election of St. Louis aldermen by wards instead of at large.

Voting last Tuesday on three proposed amendments to make the suggested changes in the State Constitution was light. In many out-State counties the votes were not counted until returns were canvassed and it was not until to-day that the final results were definitely determined.

In declining to permit State legislators to increase their own pay to a sum not exceeding \$1,000 a year, as provided in Amendment No. 1, the electorate rolled up a majority of 73,922 on unofficial returns from 3,868 of the State's 4,269 precincts.

The vote: Yes, 346,394; no, 417,316. Legislators now receive \$5 a day, which is cut to \$1 after 70 days.

This majority far exceeded the adverse decision of the voters of Amendment No. 3, which was submitted through the initiative. It was intended to make possible teachers' pensions in Missouri, one of seven States in the Union which does not make such provision for instructors.

**New Jersey—Statistical Hand Book Revised**—A new edition of their popular hand book of statistics on the municipalities in this State has been issued by Ira Haupt & Co. of New York. This revised edition continues the practice of giving data on assessed valuations, gross and net debts, percentages of debt, population, tax levies and collections, with the omission this time of municipalities having outstanding less than \$500,000 gross debt, and two other minor changes. Ira Haupt & Co. also call attention to their bulletin service regarding municipalities in New Jersey, giving brief news items and official reports.

**New York City—New Tax Plan to Be Adopted Nov. 26**—It was announced by Mayor La Guardia that the tax committees of the Boards of Aldermen and Estimate had agreed that they would adopt one of the relief tax programs under consideration when they meet on Nov. 26. Comptroller McGoldrick warned that unless action was taken at that time there would be no further relief funds available. He stated that by the 26th the city relief funds will be overdrawn \$1,241,434, taking all assets and liabilities into consideration. Already \$9,438,963 has been "diverted" to relief from other funds, he added. Because of the cool reception given by the bankers to the tax program submitted by the Mayor, on the 19th, it underwent a thorough re-vamping on the following day.

The New York "Herald Tribune" of Nov. 21 commented in part as follows on the situation as it now stands:

The tax committees of the two branches of the Municipal Assembly, goaded by a warning by Comptroller Joseph D. McGoldrick that relief financing would "go overboard entirely" by the end of this week if additional relief funds were not provided, agreed yesterday to adopt a relief tax program next Monday and submit promptly the necessary revenue bills.

Mr. McGoldrick informed the conferees that by the end of the week relief expenditures would have exceeded funds earmarked for relief by \$1,241,434. It would be impossible, he added, thereafter to divert additional funds for relief payments from the city's cash balance.

#### Three Taxes Agreed Upon

In face of the disapproval of the banking syndicate to which the city is looking for temporary relief financing, the tax conferees were ready last night to go ahead on Monday with three of the revenue measures projected. These were:

A tax of 3% instead of 4% on the gross receipts of public utilities, to yield \$15,000,000.

A tax of 3% on the monthly bills of consumers of gas and electricity and telephone subscribers, to be paid by the users, to yield \$10,000,000.

A municipal inheritance tax at a rate to be worked out, to yield \$3,000,000. So much opposition to the proposed increase in the business tax from 1-10th to 1-5th of 1% developed that it was decided tentatively to let that tax remain at the lower rate. The 15% levy on Federal income taxes paid in New York on 1934 incomes also will probably be continued.

#### Expect to Raise \$32,500,000

The total yield to which the conferees looked forward with a fair degree of certainty was \$32,500,000, of which \$7,500,000 would be contributed by the business tax at the rate of 1-10th of 1%. The inheritance tax and the income tax are regarded as backlogs which may not prove so productive as their sponsors have predicted. The estimate of Walter R. Hart, author of the income tax, is \$15,000,000.

It was freely admitted at City Hall that the bankers who conferred with the Mayor on Monday did not regard the tax measures as sound security for further relief loans. They told the Mayor frankly that they would prefer a sales tax.

The consensus of the tax conference was, however, that a sales tax would stand little chance with the Aldermen. A majority thought that a program most likely to find support should be offered, thus shifting the onus for any failure of short-term financing from the Municipal Assembly to the bankers.

**Chairman Jones Proposes RFC Loans to Liquidate City Tax Liens**—A project which would enable the city to get cash for its delinquent taxes recently received the tentative indorsement of Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He stated at his press conference that the Corporation was ready to advance such funds to mortgage companies in New York if it can be done legally. A Washington press dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" of Nov. 16 reported as follows:

Formation of mortgage trust companies, which in turn could borrow from the RFC, was suggested by Chairman Jesse H. Jones as a possible method by which money could be lent to New York City on back taxes. Such a project, Chairman Jones said, had been discussed with Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia and A. A. Berle, City Chamberlain, as one of the ways by which the legal difficulties now presented to advances on tax warrants could be circumvented.

Chairman Jones made it plain that the RFC would like to lend money to New York on back taxes if there are no legal difficulties.

The proposed mortgage trust companies, he explained, would obtain the money from the RFC at 4% interest, and the companies in turn would lend the taxpayers money on their bills at 6% and the city would receive the money. The mortgage trust company, according to the Jones plan, would take a lien on the property, which could be sold after two years if the loans were not repaid.

It appeared wholly doubtful, Mr. Jones added, if loans could be made directly by the RFC to the City of New York on tax warrants, but even that proposal is being given study. He expressed the belief that New York financiers might be willing to form the mortgage companies, suggesting that loans might also be made along the same idea to banks or "other qualified" organizations.

Asked if this system might not, if legal, result in a Nation-wide attempt to refinance back-tax payments, Mr. Jones said: "I doubt it, because it would require considerable revision of many State laws, and other obstacles would have to be solved."

**Omaha, Neb.—Forgery of Street Bonds Disclosed**—The following report on a clever forgery of securities of the above city is taken from a recent news item dealing with the topic in one of the local papers:

Discovery that between \$20,000 and \$30,000 worth of forged Omaha street improvement bonds have been circulated in Denver was announced by District Attorney's investigators here last night, after a day-long investigation.

The investigation was launched after two of the bonds, for \$1,000 each, were offered for sale to the City of Omaha and were refused as forgeries yesterday.

The bonds immediately were traced to Denver and, while the District Attorney's office began its investigation, all banks and bond houses in the city were warned to be on the lookout.

"Information given us by banks and brokerage concerns here indicates that between \$20,000 and \$30,000 worth of these forged bonds have been circulated in Denver," Chief Investigator Ray Humphreys said.

#### Forgeries Finely Executed

The two bonds offered in Omaha were dated Nov. 1 1925 and were marked as due Nov. 1 1945.

Brokers characterized them as "water engravings," and said they were some of the best forgeries seen in many years.

First indication of the spurious nature came when it was noticed that interest coupons were made in the amount of \$2.50, instead of \$2.25, as is the case on the real bonds of this issue.

#### Handled by Boettcher Branch

Associated Press dispatches quoted Omaha officials as saying the bonds were purchased by Wachob-Bender & Co. of Omaha from the Omaha office of Boettcher, Newton & Co. of Denver.

The City Comptroller was quoted as expressing belief the bonds are part of a big forged issue which resulted in conviction of Frank (Bellboy Ponzi) Beddow in an Iowa Federal court and of his father, Silas Beddow, in an Iowa State court.

**Texas—Fourth Special Session of Legislature Ends**—The fourth called session of the 43rd Legislature came to a close shortly after 8 p.m. on Nov. 10. We quote in part as follows from an Austin dispatch of Nov. 11 to the Houston "Post," commenting on the results of this latest legislative session:

The fourth and last called session of the 43rd Texas Legislature expired Saturday night after three of the five major subjects for which it was summoned had been forwarded to the desk of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson.

The two-year assembly, which battled through the crisis of the Nation's depression in eventful sessions, ended by constitutional limitation at midnight. Several hours before that time House and Senate had concluded their tasks.

As the lawmakers swung into last formalities, former Governor James E. Ferguson, adviser of the Chief Executive, and Governor-elect James V. Allred sat in the legislative halls.

#### Submits Five Subjects

The five major subjects submitted to the session were:

1. Authorization of additional relief bonds.
2. Authority for a \$30,000,000 Brazos River water control project.
3. Legislation for completion of the Buchanan dam on the Colorado River near Burnet.
4. Financing of the Texas Centennial.
5. Relief from penalties and interest on delinquent taxes.

#### River Bills Passed

Relief bonds for the needy this winter and financial aid for the Centennial were throttled in the legislative jam. In the latter case the Senate passed a simple resolution congratulating the Texas Centennial Commission on its endeavors for the 1936 celebration of Texas's independence.

The Colorado and Brazos river bills were passed. Proponents declare the two projects will furnish employment for several thousand workers for several years, besides preventing heavy losses from floods. The Brazos authorization is a boon to South Texas areas ravaged by overflows.

#### Neches Bridge Authorized

In addition, the lawmakers provided equipment and \$15,000 for preliminary costs in starting a \$7,000,000 dam on the Neches River at Rockland. A bridge over the Neches near Port Arthur also was authorized. The span Act, which was agreed upon by Beaumont and Port Arthur delegations, provides a vertical clearance of 176 feet. With this height large vessels will have free passage to the Port of Beaumont. It will cost approximately \$2,100,000.

Delinquent tax relief in two forms was voted by the legislators. The first measure, effective Feb. 9, will permit those tardy to pay back levies without interest or penalty until March 15 1935. The second encourages early settlement by granting discounts for advance payment and lessens penalties for the future.

Many minor bills were adopted which remove obstacles that have prevented communities from securing Federal work loans.

The measure of most intense and general interest—Centennial financing—was caught in the closing jam and strangled to death Friday night by the 24-hour rule. No attempt was made Saturday to revive it.

**Toledo, Ohio—Committee Announces Bond Refunding Agreement Reached**—It was announced on Nov. 19 by Philip A. Benson, President of the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn and Chairman of the bondholders' committee for the above city, that an agreement has been entered into between the city and the committee, providing for the refunding of all unpaid bonds matured or maturing during 1933 and 1934. The agreement also provides for the payment of all unpaid interest, a special fund having been set aside by the city for such purpose. (A more detailed report on this action is given under its respective caption on a subsequent page of this section.)

**United States—Municipal Bond Approvals at General Election Aggregate Over \$150,000,000**—According to returns from all sections of the country regarding the results of the voting on proposed bond issues at the general election on Nov. 6, the voters approved the issuance of more than \$150,000,000 in obligations to be devoted to various purposes, chiefly for unemployment relief, general public projects and for the acquisition of public utility plants. This total represents about half of the more than \$300,000,000 bonds authorized a year ago. All major issues were approved this year, however, whereas the balloting in 1933 brought about the defeat of a number of large proposals. In all there was an aggregate of over \$200,000,000 in bonds up for consideration in the election this year.

Chief among the issues receiving approval is the \$40,000,000 New York State relief flotation. This compares with the figure of \$60,000,000 approved by the voters of this State last year. An immediate offering of a portion of this new authorization is not expected, as some funds still remain on hand from the previous issue to carry on until Jan. 1 or thereafter—V. 139, p. 3189.

In California the voters approved an aggregate of \$54,000,000 in State bonds, of which \$30,000,000 are for World War veterans' relief, while \$24,000,000 are for general unemployment relief. Authorization was given in Illinois to float a \$30,000,000 relief bond issue, but virtually all of these funds have been expended this year through the sale of warrants against these bonds. These bonds were offered

for sale on Nov. 22, as reported under its own heading on a subsequent page of this section.

A \$10,000,000 bond issue for relief received the favor of New Jersey citizens, while the State of Rhode Island was authorized by the voters to issue \$1,000,000 in relief bonds. These relief issues made up by far the bulk of the new financing approved, the five State issues amounting to \$135,000,000 of authorizations. The voters of Memphis, Tenn., approved \$9,000,000 in electric power distribution system bonds and the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Calif., approved a \$12,000,000 issue for a similar purpose. (All of the above mentioned authorizations are reported under their respective captions in these columns as we received notices on the outcome of the voting.)

The issues suffering defeat were mostly minor in character, although the voters of Portland, Ore., rejected a \$6,000,000 sewage disposal plant project and in Ohio County, W. Va., the proposal to issue \$2,250,000 in bridge revenue bonds failed to carry. The electors of the Berkeley School Districts, in California, defeated the issuance of \$2,842,000 in school building bonds. Other proposals defeated ran below the \$2,000,000 mark and were not very numerous.

**BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.**

**ADA, Pontotoc County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION**—It is reported that an election will be held on Nov. 27 to vote on the issuance of \$42,000 in school construction and equipment bonds.

**ADDISON, Somerset County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—W. F. Barkley, Secretary of Borough Council, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Dec. 3 for the purchase of \$8,000 4% coupon (registerable as to principal) reservoir bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Denom. \$100. Due \$500 on Nov. 1 from 1936 to 1951 incl.; optional at any interest paying period on and after Nov. 1 1940. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid for is required.

**ADDISON TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—Mary E. Miller, Secretary of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Nov. 24 for the purchase of \$10,000 not to exceed 6% interest school bonds. Part of a total issue of \$13,000. Dated Oct. 1 1934. Due \$500 on Oct. 1 from 1945 to 1964, inclusive.

**AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND ISSUE SCHEDULED**—Ross F. Walker, Director of Finance, submitted to the City Council on Nov. 8 a tentative schedule showing the basis of amortization of the proposed \$750,000 Mozadore Dam construction bond issue. He estimated that the bonds would mature serially over a period of 50 years and bear 3 1/2% interest. It is planned to sell the issue directly to East Akron industries.—V. 139, p. 2078.

**AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio.—PAYMENT OF 1934 BONDS ORDERED**—According to Mrs. Hazel Fleck, Clerk, the Board of Education has ordered the payment in full of bonds of the City school district, Kenmore school district and Portage Township school bonds which mature in 1934.

**ALBION, Noble County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING**—The Town Clerk will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. on Nov. 24 for the purchase of \$27,000 municipal light and water plant revenue bonds.

**ALEXANDRIA, Va.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—At a meeting on Nov. 13 the City Council authorized the issuance of \$228,000 in 4% bonds for the construction of a new high school building. (An allotment of \$300,000 from the Public Works Administration has been approved for this purpose.) An additional loan of \$60,000 is said to have been negotiated to cover the total cost of this proposed building.

**AMBLER, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE**—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of New York were awarded on Nov. 9 an issue of \$75,000 3% sewer bonds at a price of 101.389, a basis of about 2.87%. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$3,000 from 1935 to 1949 incl. and \$2,000 from 1950 to 1964 incl.

**ANNA, Collin County, Tex.—BOND ISSUANCE CONTEMPLATED**—It is planned to issue \$17,000 in water works revenue bonds, according to report. (A loan and grant of \$22,000 has been approved by the Public Works Administration.)

**ASHTABULA COUNTY (P. O. Jefferson), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING**—W. W. Hoves, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Dec. 5, for the purchase of \$17,100 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Due as follows: \$2,200 March 1 and \$2,300 Sept. 1 1935; \$2,400 March 1 and Sept. 1 1936; \$2,500 March 1 and \$2,600 Sept. 1 1937; \$2,700 March 1 1938. Interest is payable in M. & S. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

**ATWOOD, Piatt County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED**—At an election held on Nov. 7 the proposal to issue \$43,000 water system bonds carried by a vote of 199 to 139. The bonds will bear 4% interest and mature serially from 1937 to 1963, incl. The project will be financed by the Public Works Administration.

**BADEN, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—George A. Blazier, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 3 for the purchase of \$12,000 4 1/2, 4 3/4 & 5% coupon water bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1942 and 5,000 in 1944 and 1949. Interest is payable in J. & D. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the Borough Secretary, must accompany each proposal. Approving opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder.

**BALTIMORE, Md.—MAYOR DECIDES AGAINST AUTHORIZATION OF NEW BONDS—UNISSUED LOANS TOTAL \$17,260,000**—Mayor Jackson has decided not to sponsor any measures at the coming session of the State Legislature providing for the authorization of new bond issues, according to the Baltimore "Sun" of Nov. 15. This decision means that no new issues can be approved by the law-making body and voted by the electorate before 1938, it is said. Bonds authorized and unissued now total \$17,260,000, not including \$11,550,000 harbor improvement obligations, which were authorized with the stipulation that they be made self-liquidating. It is believed that the balance of \$3,948,000 bonds of the full issue of \$6,000,000 made available for the east-west viaduct and the Howard St. extension may be offered for sale in the near future. The loans making up the current permissible debt of \$17,260,000 are set forth as follows:

	Amount Authorized	Amount Unissued
Second Airport serial 1936-70 loan.....	\$2,500,000	\$936,000
Viaduct and Howard streets 1934-68 loan.....	6,000,000	3,948,000
Public buildings serial 1935-67 loan.....	4,000,000	1,492,000
Third School serial 1933-67 loan.....	10,000,000	855,000
Fourth school serial 1936-70 loan.....	1,500,000	984,000
Third water serial 1933-67 loan.....	10,000,000	1,995,000
Fourth water serial 1937-81 loan.....	7,500,000	7,050,000
Totals.....	\$41,500,000	\$17,260,000

**TAX COLLECTIONS**—A resume of the collection of taxes, current and delinquent, and other accounts during the first 10 months of 1934 indicates that revenues received for the year may be about \$2,500,000 in excess of budget requirements, according to a dispatch from the city to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 20, which stated in part as follows: "City taxes and other account collected in Baltimore during the first 10 months of 1934 totaled \$40,511,153, or 95.66% of the year's estimated levy of \$42,

347,356, according to Herbert Fallin, budget director. This compares with \$37,020,485 in the like period last year, or 88.08% of the estimated amount of \$42,031,724. Delinquent taxes, interest and penalties collected amounted to \$3,796,819, or 126.56% of the estimated amount of \$3,000,000 to be collected this year. This compares with \$2,557,374 collected in the same period last year, or 111.43% of the year's total of \$2,295,000. "Current taxes collected as of Oct. 31, last, totaled \$25,585,081, or 93.35% of the estimated \$27,407,495 to be collected this year. The estimated \$27,407,495 represents 88% of the total levy, of \$31,144,880. During the corresponding period last year, \$26,372,950 was collected, equivalent to 88.80% of the year's estimated amount of \$29,699,649. The estimated amount in 1933 represented 87% of the year's levy."

**BAY CITY, Bay County, Mich.—BOND SALE**—The \$101,000 refunding bonds offered on Nov. 12—V. 139, p. 2863—were awarded as 3 3/4% to the Bay Trust Co. of Bay City, at par plus a premium of \$205, equal to 100.20. Dated Dec. 1 1934 and due serially on Dec. 1 from 1936 to 1945 incl.

**BELLEVILLE, Essex County, N. J.—FINANCIAL CONDITION BETTER**—Mayor William H. Williams, director of the Town's Department of Revenue and Finance, informed the Commission on Nov. 13 that the financial position of the municipality had improved considerably during the past few months. He declared that of the \$560,000 in back taxes owed to the county when the latter applied for a writ of mandamus, all but \$75,000 had been paid. The amount due for 1934, plus the 1933 balance, totals \$327,000. He also stated that a net reduction of \$200,000 had been made to go far in 1934 in the assessment debt, adding that a payment of \$70,000 would be made on the sewer debt within a week.

**BELT, Cascade County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION**—It is stated that an election was held on Nov. 24 to vote on the issuance of \$8,000 in water system improvements. They also passed on the question of extending the 3% limitation of indebtedness.

**BEND, Deschutes County, Ore.—BOND EXCHANGE**—It is stated by the City Recorder that the \$34,500 issue of 5% semi-ann. refunding bonds offered for sale without success on Aug. 1—V. 139, p. 963—are now being exchanged by the city for the old bonds, through the Lumberman's National Bank of Bend. Due from 1935 to 1948.

**BERKELEY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Berkeley) Alameda County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At the general election on Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 2235—the voters rejected the proposals to issue \$2,842,000 in bonds for the Grammar School District and the High School District. The count was 30,507 "for" and 33,399 "against" the bonds, according to the Secretary of the Board of Education.

**BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN**—The \$200,000 revenue anticipation note issue offered on Nov. 21—V. 139, p. 3185—was awarded to the Beverly National Bank, at 0.27% discount basis, plus a premium of \$3. Dated Nov. 21 1934 and due March 15 1935. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Discount Basis
Second National Bank, Boston.....	*0.27%
Merchants National Bank.....	0.28%
G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.....	0.29%
W. O. Gay & Co.....	0.32%
Whiting, Weeks & Knowles.....	0.40%
First National Bank, Boston.....	0.47%
Newton, Able & Co.....	0.50%
Faxon, Gade & Co.....	0.51%
* Plus \$1 premium.	

**BIG SANDY, Upshur County Tex.—BOND SALE NOT HELD**—We are informed by the Mayor that the report given in V. 139, p. 2863, to the effect that a \$48,000 issue of 4% water and sanitary sewer bonds would be offered for sale on Nov. 16—was incorrect as the bonds have not been issued as yet.

**BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED**—The City Commission is said to be planning to have the voters pass on the proposed redemption of outstanding scrip through a \$750,000 bond issue.

It was stated later that the election was set for Dec. 21 by order of the City Commission.

**BLACKFOOT, Bingham County, Ida.—BOND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZED**—The City Council recently passed an ordinance authorizing the exchange of \$25,000 in bonds maturing January 1935 and 1936, for the same amount of bonds maturing serially from Jan. 1 1937 to 1945. It is said that bondholders have all been contacted and agreed to the exchange.

**BLAIRSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Indiana County, Pa.—BOND SALE**—The \$20,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 2863—were awarded to S. K. Cunningham & Co. of Pittsburgh, the only bidder, at par plus a premium of \$11, equal to 100.15, a basis of about 4.47%. Dated Nov. 15 1934 and due \$2,000 on Nov. 15 from 1935 to 1944 incl. Callable on or after Nov. 15 1938.

**BLOOMINGTON NORMAL SANITARY DISTRICT, Ill.—BOND SALE**—The Central Republic Co. and Bartlett, Knight & Co., both of Chicago, jointly purchased on Nov. 13 an issue of \$90,000 4% sewer bonds at a price of par plus a premium of \$5,004, equal to 105.56. The Public Works Administration had agreed to furnish a loan and grant of \$133,000 to the district.

**BOSTON, Suffolk County, Mass.—\$7,000,000 LOAN NEGOTIATED**—John H. Dorsey, City Treasurer, made award on Nov. 21 of \$7,000,000 tax anticipation notes to a syndicate composed of the First Boston Corp., Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., Edward B. Smith & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co., R. L. Day & Co. and White, Weld & Co., all of Boston, on their bid of par plus a premium of \$37 for the issue to bear interest at 1.17%. Dated Nov. 26 1934 and due Sept. 30 1935. This represents the largest short-term issue ever sold by the City and the coupon rate is the lowest carried on any loan of considerable size that it negotiated. The successful bidders offered the notes to yield 1%. In connection with the transaction, it is reported that as of Nov. 17 there was outstanding \$21,862,972 of the city's 1934 tax levy of \$62,939,682, as against an uncollected balance at the same time last year of \$20,325,157 of the 1933 levy of \$58,909,763. In addition to the accepted bid at the current sale, the following other offers were received: First National Bank of Boston was second high bidder, offering a 1.22% basis. A syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., and including Graham Parsons & Co., Hemphill, Noyes & Co., Bacon, Stevenson & Co., G. M. P. Murphy & Co., Jackson & Curtis, Burr & Co., Washburn, Frost & Co. and R. F. Griggs & Co., entered a bid of 1.34%, plus a premium of \$100. Chase National Bank headed a syndicate which bid 1.65%, plus a premium of \$37. This syndicate included R. W. Pressprich & Co., Blyth & Co., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, Inc., Paine, Webber & Co., Lee Higginson & Co. and Newton, Abbe & Co.

**BOUNTIFUL, Davis County, Utah.—BOND AUTHORIZED**—The City Council is said to have passed recently an ordinance calling for the issuance of \$20,000 in bonds. The Council is reported to have agreed also to offer \$60,000 to the Bountiful Light & Power Co. for the purchase of the local plant. (Ordinances were passed in October calling for the issuance of \$156,000 in revenue bonds for this purpose.—V. 139, p. 2707.)

**BRAZORIA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Angleton), Tex.—BONDS VOTED**—At the election on Nov. 3—V. 139, p. 2863—the voters approved the issuance of the \$43,000 in road bonds, according to the County Judge.

**BRENTWOOD, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND PROCEEDINGS APPROVED**—The Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs on Nov. 14 approved the proceedings relative to an issue of \$150,000 funding bonds.

**BROOKHAVEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Bellport), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT**—The Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo, and Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc., New York, jointly, are offering for public investment \$125,000 4.10% coupon or registered school bonds at prices to yield from 3% to 4%, according to maturity. Dated Aug. 1 1934 and due on Feb. 1 from 1937 to 1957 incl. They are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State. The bankers purchased them on Nov. 15 at a price of 100.447, a basis of about 4.05%.—V. 139, p. 3185.

**BRUCETON, Carroll County, Tenn.—BOND ELECTION**—An election will be held on Nov. 27 to vote on the proposed issuance of \$18,000 in bonds for city hall construction.

**BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At the general election on Nov. 6 the proposal to issue bonds in connection with the plan to obtain \$2,200,000 from the Federal Government for construction of schools—V. 139, p. 2707—was defeated by a vote of 68,343 to 28,208.

**BURBANK, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At the general election on Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 2079—the voters defeated the issuance of \$198,000 in funding bonds, the count being 2,795 "for" to 2,932 "nay."

**BURLINGTON, Burlington County, N. J.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE**—The City Council on Nov. 14 considered the issuance of \$15,000 school building enlargement bonds.

**CAPITAL OF PUERTO RICO (San Juan)—BOND SALE**—The \$408,000 5% coupon or registered semi-ann. water system bonds offered for sale in Oct.—V. 139, p. 2079—was purchased at par by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Dated Jan. 1 1933. Due \$68,000 from July 1 1949 to 1954, incl. No other bids were received for these bonds, according to J. Benitez Castano, City Manager.

**CARROLL UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Frewsburg), Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BONDS RE-OFFERED**—The issue of \$28,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds unsuccessfully offered on Sept. 7—V. 139, p. 1899—is being re-advertised for sale on Nov. 30. Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on Edward M. Blasdell, District Clerk. Issue will be dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1948 incl. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of  $\frac{1}{4}$  or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the Bank of Jamestown. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of L. R. Warn, District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are stated to be direct general obligations of the District, payable from unlimited taxes. Legal opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished to the successful bidder.

**CARTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 74 (P. O. Fox), Okla.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Nov. 30, by Jess Phipps, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of school bonds. Bidders to name the rate of interest. Denominations \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,500 from 1937 to 1949 and \$500 in 1950. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

**CENTERBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Knox County, Ohio—BOND SALE**—The State Teachers Retirement System purchased an issue of \$9,610,20 4  $\frac{1}{4}$ % school bonds at a price of par. Due as follows: \$610,20, Oct. 15 1935; \$1,000, April 15 and Oct. 15 from 1936 to 1939 incl., and \$1,000, April 15 1940. This corrects the report given in V. 139, p. 3185.

**CHEROKEE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Rusk), Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD**—The two issues of 5% semi-ann. road bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 2864—were not sold, due to the unsatisfactory bids received. The issues are divided as follows:  
 \$32,000 Series B bonds. Dated Aug. 10 1929. Due as follows: \$3,000, 1948 and 1949; \$5,000, 1950 to 1954, and \$1,000 in 1955.  
 15,000 Series C bonds. Dated Feb. 10 1930. Due as follows: \$1,000 1947; \$6,000, 1948 and 1949, and \$2,000 in 1950.  
 The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York, will be furnished.

**CHESTER COUNTY (P. O. Chester), S. C.—BOND SALE**—The \$120,000 issue of highway bonds offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 2864—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the Trust Co. of Georgia, of Atlanta, the Milwaukee Co. of Milwaukee, and E. H. Pringle & Co. of Charleston, as 4  $\frac{1}{4}$ s, paying a premium of \$1,130, equal to 100.94.

Financial Statement of Chester County as of July 14 1934

Total bonded debt.....	\$614,000
Less amount, secured by State Highway Department reimbursement contract.....	192,000
Net bonded debt, direct obligation of Chester County.....	422,000
No sinking fund—principal and interest taken care of by annual levy, all bonds being serial bonds.	
No floating debt.	
Assessed valuation.....	10,130,851
Actual valuation, estimated.....	50,000,000
Tax rate, including schools.....	27 mills
Bank balances as of June 30 1934.....	93,350.92

Bonds retired since Jan. 1 1930, \$504,000; of this amount, \$408,000 secured by reimbursement contract.  
 Population, 1930 Census, 31,803. Present population approximately same.

**CHICAGO CONSOLIDATED PARK DISTRICT, III.—INDIVIDUAL DISTRICT DEFAULTS**—Of the 19 units which have been merged into the new district, a recent report shows a total of \$1,709,714 of bonds in default out of a total bonded debt of \$12,994,666. The defaults by districts follow:

Name—	Bonded Debt	In Default
Albany.....	\$568,000	\$116,550
Edison.....	86,867	8,468
Forest Glen.....	7,000	—
Hollywood.....	99,000	8,214
Irving.....	1,598,000	238,672
Jefferson.....	876,000	85,765
North Shore.....	692,000	155,288
North West.....	4,518,000	672,843
Norwood.....	171,000	19,606
Old Portage.....	1,392,000	170,056
Ravenswood Manor.....	22,000	—
Ridge Avenue.....	367,000	21,550
River.....	1,387,500	156,945
Sauganah.....	83,000	4,205
Ridge Park.....	892,500	31,413
West Pullman.....	46,000	13,700
Fernwood.....	93,000	6,849
Calumet.....	85,000	—
Total.....	\$12,983,667	\$1,709,714

The figures on the Edgebrook Park District not reported.

**CHICKASHA, Grady County, Okla.—BONDS APPROVED**—The \$100,000 of refunding bonds that were authorized recently by the City Council—V. 139, p. 2395—to take up water and sanitary sewer bonds of 1909, are said to have been approved by the Attorney-General.

**CHISHOLM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 40 (P. O. Chisholm) St. Louis County, Minn.—BONDS VOTED**—At an election on Nov. 13 the voters are stated to have approved the issuance of \$668,000 in school refunding bonds by a count of 1,769 to 231.

It is said that this election authorizes the School Board to sell bonds to the State Investment Board to retire teachers' warrants and to pay other bills.

**CHULA VISTA, San Diego County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED**—At the election on Oct. 30—V. 139, p. 2708—the voters approved the issuance of the \$107,000 in 4% paving bonds by a wide margin.

**CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio—MAYOR FAVORS SALES TAX BOND ISSUE**—Mayor Davis announced on Nov. 19 that he will ask the State Legislature, which has convened in special session to consider the levy of a sales tax and other measures, for authority to issue 10-year bonds payable from the city's share of the sales tax revenue, in the event the levy is adopted.

**COLORADO, State of (P. O. Denver)—BOND CALL**—Homer F. Bedford, State Treasurer, is reported to be calling for payment on Dec. 1, on which date interest shall cease, the following bonds: Nos. 1,778 to 1,912 of the State highway, series of 1921 bonds, for \$1,000 each. Also the State funding, series of 1910, numbered 103 to 107, in the sum of \$5,000 each, and numbers 404 to 406 for \$1,000 each.

**COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio—BOND SALE**—The \$55,000 Main Line Extension Fund No. 26 coupon water bonds offered on Nov. 16—V. 139, p. 2708—were awarded as 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ s to the BancoOhio Securities Co. of Columbus, at par plus a premium of \$27, equal to 100.048, a basis of about 3.49%. Dated Nov. 15 1934 and due Feb. 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1937 to 1941 incl. and \$5,000 from 1942 to 1946 incl.

**BOND OFFERING**—Samuel J. Willis, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Dec. 6 for the purchase of \$748,400 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ % deficiency bonds, authorized by the voters at the general election Nov. 6 for the purpose of meeting fixed charges and current expenses of the city for the fiscal year 1934. The Sinking Fund Trustees recently withdrew their offer to purchase part of the issue when it was learned that all available funds would be needed to meet about \$3,000,000

in debt service charges due in 1935. The deficiency bonds will be dated Dec. 1 1934. Due as follows: \$37,400, March 1 and Sept. 1 1935 and 1937, and \$37,300, March 1 and Sept. 1 from 1938 to 1945 incl. Coupons bonds, registers as provided by law. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the agency of the City of Columbus in New York City. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ %, expressed in a multiple of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Transcripts of proceedings will be furnished successful bidders and sufficient time allowed within 15 days from the time of bid award for the examination of such transcript by bidder's attorney, and bids may be made subject to approval of same.

**COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, Ohio—TO ISSUE \$468,609 BONDS**—The School Board on Nov. 13 authorized the sale of \$468,609.72 4% bonds to the State Teachers Retirement Board. They will be retired in 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  years from delinquent tax collectors and are issued under the mandatory provisions of the McCrystal bill passed by the State Legislature on June 23 1934. This measure, it is said, authorizes the issuance of bonds to clear up operating indebtedness of school districts as of July 1 1934. The Board reserved the right to redeem the current bonds at any time sufficient funds are available for that purpose.

**COLUMBUS, Lowndes County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING**—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Dec. 17, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of refunding bonds.

**CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE**—The Board of Aldermen on Nov. 13 authorized a bond issue of \$12,000 to finance the purchase of snow removal equipment.

**CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Mooween), Indiana County, Pa.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At the general election on Nov. 6 the proposal to issue \$17,000 refunding bonds was defeated by a vote of 166 to 94.

**CONNECTICUT (State of)—UNIFORM FISCAL YEAR FOR MUNICIPALITIES URGED**—The report of the State Tax Commission to Governor Cross includes among its recommendations the enactment of legislation calling for uniform fiscal year for towns and cities. Plans for extensive changes in exemption of taxable property, motor vehicle taxes, rules of assessment and assessed procedure are also outlined in the report. Revision of the present procedure of collecting delinquent taxes is urged. Tax delinquency throughout the State, according to the Commission, has reached a total of more than \$22,500,000, or 30% of a single year's total levy.

**COOK COUNTY (P. O. Grand Marais), Minn.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Nov. 30, by Gladys Carter, County Auditor, for the purchase of an \$87,000 issue of 5  $\frac{1}{4}$ % semi-ann. funding and refunding bonds. Denominations \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1935 to 1939, and \$12,000 in 1940. Prin. and int. to be payable at such place as designated by purchaser in his bid. Bonds are callable at par in any year by giving 30 days written notice by the County Auditor to the bank at which bonds are payable. All bids must be without condition or qualification. The blank bonds and approving opinion of Junell, Driscoll, Fletcher, Dorsey & Barker of Minneapolis, will be furnished by the county. Bids for bond exchange on original issues will also be received.

**CORPUS CHRISTI, Nueces County, Tex.—BOND REFUNDING PLAN TENTATIVELY APPROVED**—The following report is taken from the Corpus Christi "Call" of Nov. 10, regarding a bond refunding program for that city:

Approval of a \$3,166,000 bond refunding program which distributes payments on all tax supported issues over a longer period of time, was made yesterday at a special session of the City Council.  
 A bondholders' committee including Nat T. Wagner, New York, Chairman, and Fred W. Hubbell, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Des Moines, Iowa, met Thursday with the City Council and agreed to obtain the consent of the remaining bondholders, with the city not required to finance these operations. They were given four months to obtain the signatures. A third member of the committee, C. F. Coders, Vice-President of the St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co., was unable to attend the meeting.

"It is the belief of the city commissioners that if consent of 75% of the bondholders is obtained, the Attorney-General at Austin will approve the plan. The proposed refunding program, based on all unpaid bond issues from 1889 until 1930, covers bond issues on city hall, fire station, street improvement, gas system, sewers, public parks and other issues. It also includes \$68,000 in principal and interest payments which the city has been unable to meet. Principal payments will be made on a graduated scale beginning with a payment of \$30,000 in 1937 and increasing \$5,000 every five years until a scale of \$195,000 is reached in 1968."

**CORRY, Erie County, Pa.—BANK BALANCE EXPENDED**—Commenting on the announcement of the Citizens National Bank on Nov. 12 that the city's balance of \$16,000 had been exhausted, Mayor Glen Miller stated that "we are temporarily broke, but if our citizens could pay their \$69,000 in delinquent taxes, due since 1926, we would have a balance of \$18,000 cash on hand." He declared that only the Councilmen have been unpaid so far. The city's assessment was reduced recently from \$6,420,000 to \$4,731,000, according to report. Population is about 7,000.

**COVINGTON, Kenton County, Ky.—MATURITY**—The \$120,000 water works revenue bonds that were purchased by the Covington Security Savings Bank, as 3s, at a price of 96.77—V. 139, p. 3026—are due \$12,000 annually from 1935 to 1944, giving a basis of about 3.65%.

**CRESTON, Union County, Iowa—BOND ELECTION SCHEDULED**—It is reported that a second election will be held on Dec. 14 to vote on the issuance of \$225,000 in 4% water plant system revenue bonds. The voters rejected this proposal at the general election—V. 139, p. 3186.

**CROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (P. O. Crook), Logan County, Colo.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—The issuance of \$14,000 in refunding bonds is said to have been authorized recently by the district.

**CROWLEY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Crowley), Crowley County, Colo.—CONFIRMATION OF RFC LOAN**—It is stated by the attorney for the district that the report given in V. 139, p. 3030, of the loan of \$31,000 being authorized by the RFC for refinancing purposes, is correct, and he states that no disbursements will be made until the required amount of bonds have been deposited.

**CROYLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sidman) Cambria County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—L. W. Kaufman, Secretary of the Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 8, for the purchase of \$15,000 4% school building bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1938 to 1952, incl. Interest payable in M & S. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of John Howe, District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BOND SALE NOT SCHEDULED**—It is stated by the City Auditor that no date of sale has been set for the number and amount of issues determined, on the \$3,000,000 centennial bonds that were approved by the voters on Oct. 30—V. 139, p. 3026.

**DALLAS CENTER, Dallas County, Iowa—BOND ELECTION**—It is stated by the Town Clerk that an election will be held on Dec. 6 to pass on the issuance of \$41,500 in water works system bonds.

**DANE COUNTY (P. O. Madison), Wis.—BOND OPTION EXERCISED**—It is now stated that on Nov. 15 the option given by the County Board of Supervisors last August on the purchase of \$800,000 bonds was exercised by a syndicate composed of the Securities Co. of Milwaukee, Edward B. Smith & Co. and Blyth & Co., both of Chicago. In our previous report—V. 139, p. 1272—it was stated that the option was given only to the Securities Co. of Milwaukee. The bonds are divided as follows: \$400,000 3% corporate purpose bonds. Due on Dec. 1 1939. Redeemable at par on any interest date. Interest dates, J. & D. 400,000 3% relief bonds. Due \$80,000 from April 1 1938 to 1942 incl. Interest payable A. & O.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer in Madison. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

**BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT**—The above bonds were re-offered for public subscription by the successful bidders; the corporate purpose bonds to yield 2% to June 1 1935 and 3% thereafter, while the relief bonds are priced to yield from 2.40% on the 1938 maturity to 3.00% on the 1942 maturity. These bonds are offered subject to the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

Financial Statement

(As officially reported Nov. 13 1934)

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Assessed valuation \$215,712,922. Total bonded debt \$2,700,500. Temporary loans None. Population 1930 census 112,737.

DECORAH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Decorah), Winneshiek County, Iowa—BOND ELECTION HELD LEGAL—In connection with the approval by the voters on Sept. 14 of the issuance of \$100,000 in school bonds—V. 139, p. 1899—we quote in part as follows from the Decorah "Public Opinion" of Nov. 15:

"The school bond election in the Decorah school district on Sept. 14, at which the voters decided by a vote of 1,348 to 869 to issue \$100,000 bonds for the construction of an addition to the high school building, was legal in all particulars. Inquiry of the school board has developed the fact that a special opinion by one of the most eminent bonding attorneys in the country states that an examination made by him shows that all proceedings in connection with the election were completely in accord with the law.

Bond Sale Soon

"Bids will soon be advertised for the sale of the bonds, which will undoubtedly be sold to some private bond house. It was originally intended to borrow the money from the U. S. Government at 4% interest, but private bond houses have indicated that they will be glad to bid on the bonds, and pay a small premium, at the interest rate of 3 1/2%, saving the district several thousand dollars in interest. The entire bond issue will mature over a period of 20 years. In addition to the bond issue, the Federal Government gives \$37,500 toward the building cost."

DEERFIELD-SHIELDS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113 (P. O. Lake Forest), Lake County, Ill.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—The \$275,000 school building bonds purchased by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at a price of 105.67—V. 139, p. 3186—bear 4% interest, are dated Feb. 1 1934, and mature serially from 1936 to 1954 incl. Coupon or registered, in \$1,000 denom., interest payable in F. & A. Sale was made on Nov. 7.

DELAWARE, Delaware County, Ohio—BOND DESCRIPTION—The \$36,500 deficiency bonds authorized by the voters at the Nov. 6 election—V. 139, p. 3186—will be dated Dec. 1 1934, bear interest at not more than 6%, and mature as follows: \$1,900 April 1 and Oct. 1 1939 and 1940, \$1,900 April 1 and \$1,800 Oct. 1 1941; \$1,800 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1942 to 1948 incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office.

DENVER (City and County), Colo.—BOND CALL—The Manager of Revenue is calling for payment at the office of the City and County Treasurer, or on notice received 10 days before this call, at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York City, on Nov. 30 various storm sewer district, sanitary sewer district, sidewalk district, improvement district, alley paving district and street paving district bonds.

CORRECTION—It is stated by the City Clerk that the report given in V. 139, p. 3026 to the effect that the voters would consider the issuance of \$1,500,000 in sewage disposal, bond and from \$250,000 to \$300,000 for relief, at an election next May, is incorrect, no such proposals being considered.

DENVER (City and County), Colo.—BOND SALE—An issue of \$118,000 Cherry Creek flood control bonds was offered for sale on Nov. 22 and awarded to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York, as 2 3/4's, at a price of 100.319, a basis of about 2.72%. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Due as follows: \$15,000, 1944; \$14,500, 1945 and \$29,500 in 1946 to 1948. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable in New York or Denver. The legal opinion of Pershing, Nye, Bosworth & Dick of Denver and Thompson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will be furnished.

Financial Statement

City and County of Denver, Colo. Oct. 31 1934

Table with 4 columns: Valuation, City and County, Tax Levy all purposes, Collected Tax Money. Includes sections for Current Taxes, Bonds Outstanding, Overlapping Bonds, and Sinking Funds.

DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, Ohio—BOND DESCRIPTION—The \$14,500 refunding bonds mentioned in V. 139, p. 2884—will be dated Oct. 1 1934, bear 5 1/2% interest, in \$500 and \$400 denoms. and mature serially on Oct. 1 from 1936 to 1944 incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Village Clerk's office.

DE SMET INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. De Smet), Kingsbury County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE—The \$30,000 issue of 5 1/4% semi-ann. refunding bonds offered for sale on Nov. 16—V. 139, p. 3026—was awarded to the George C. Jones Agency of Minneapolis. Dated Aug. 1 1934. Due \$2,500 from Aug. 1 1935 to 1946 inclusive.

DES MOINES, Polk County, Iowa—BOND SALE—A \$350,000 issue of 3 1/4% funding bonds has been purchased recently by Jackley & Co. of Des Moines. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Legal opinion by Harley H. Stipp, of Des Moines.

DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—NEW BONDS READY FOR DELIVERY UNDER REFUNDING PLAN—MARES CONCLUSION OF HUGE PROGRAM—The final step in the refunding of approximately \$278,000,000 city bonds and notes was under way this past week with the announcement by the bondholders' refunding committee that the new refunding bonds are ready for delivery in exchange for certificates of deposit. B. C. Tompkins, Vice-President of Bankers Trust Co., New York, and chairman of the bondholders' committee, stated that commencing Nov. 22 the depositaries for the committee will distribute the new securities daily in exchange for the outstanding certificates of deposit. Bondholders, who have not yet deposited their bonds under the plan, will also have the opportunity of turning in their old bonds for exchange into the new securities, and will at that time receive payment of their past due interest in accordance with the plan.

In commenting upon the successful conclusion of the refunding operation, Mr. Tompkins expressed the belief that the small amount of bonds remaining undeposited (less than 3%) will be promptly presented for exchange inasmuch as interest will be paid by the city only on the new bonds.

Interest on the new bonds, which are now being delivered by the committee, will be payable in the usual manner either through Bankers Trust Co., coupon paying agent for the city in New York, or at the City Treasurer's office in the City of Detroit.

DONA ANA COUNTY (P. O. Las Cruces), N. Mex.—BOND SALE DETAILS—The \$100,000 4 1/4% refunding bonds that were purchased by the State of New Mexico, at par—V. 139, p. 2865—are said to be dated Dec. 1 1934, and to mature on June 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1936 to 1939 and \$13,000, 1940 to 1943. (The bond call on the original issue of 5% bonds appeared in V. 139, p. 3026.)

DOVER, Strafford County, N. H.—BONDS AUTHORIZED—The City Treasurer has been authorized to sell \$130,000 bonds for various public improvements. Dated Nov. 1 1934 and due Dec. 15 as follows: \$7,000 from 1935 to 1948 incl. and \$8,000 from 1949 to 1952 incl.

DULUTH, St. Louis County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE—The \$30,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. certificates of indebtedness offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 3026—was awarded to Phelps' Fenn & Co. of New York, paying a premium of \$1,440, equal to 104.80, a basis of about 2.85%. Due \$10,000 from Nov. 1 1936 to 1938 inclusive.

The other bidders and their bids were as follows: Names of Other Bidders— Northern National Bank \$31,100 City National Bank, and Minnesota National Bank, jointly 30,650 Wells-Dickey Co. 30,836

DUTCHESS COUNTY (P. O. Poughkeepsie), N. Y.—CERTIFICATE FINANCING PLANNED—The Board of Supervisors may authorize the issuance of \$175,000 certificates of indebtedness, including \$90,000 to mature from 1940 to 1944 incl.; \$50,000 from 1936 to 1940 incl., and \$35,000 on March 1 1935.

EAST LIVERPOOL, Columbiana County, Ohio—CITY AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS SEEK FINANCIAL AID—City and school officials declared on Nov. 14 they will have to operate on "faith" after Jan. 1 unless the Legislature provides taxation relief, according to the Associated Press. The schools have appealed for State aid to meet \$25,000 in outstanding bills and \$60,000 in bonds due in December and next year. All salaries have been paid to Nov. 1. The city owes \$50,000 in bills, and nearly four months in salaries to policemen, firemen and incinerator employees.

EAST PALESTINE, Columbiana County, Ohio—BONDS AUTHORIZED—Ordinances passed by the City Council on Nov. 9 provide for issuance of the following: \$42,443.41 series A refunding bonds of 1934. Due Oct. 1 as follows:

\$2,443.41, 1938; \$4,000, from 1939 to 1943 incl., and \$5,000 from 1944 to 1947 incl. Callable in whole or in part at par on Oct. 1 in any year from 1938 to 1947 incl. 3,600.00 series B refunding bonds of 1934. Due \$400 on Oct. 1 from 1938 to 1946 incl. Callable in whole or in part at par on Oct. 1 in any year from 1938 to 1946 incl.

Each issue will be dated Oct. 1 1934 and bear interest at 5 1/4%, payable in A. & O. Sometime ago the Council decided to pay defaulted bonds on the basis of 20% cash and 80% in refunding securities, the latter to bear interest at a rate of no more than 4%—V. 139, p. 3026.

EAST PATERSON, Bergen County, N. J.—NOTES NOT SOLD—The issue of \$50,000 not to exceed 6% interest emergency notes offered on Nov. 16—V. 139, p. 2709—was not sold, as no bids were submitted. Dated Sept. 26 1934 and due \$12,500 on Sept. 26 from 1935 to 1938 incl.

EASTON, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND SALE—The \$100,000 coupon city hall and sewer improvement funding bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 139, p. 2709—were awarded as 2 3/4's to the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, at a price of 100.61, a basis of about 2.68%. Dated Nov. 1 1934 and due \$5,000 on Nov. 1 from 1935 to 1954 inclusive.

The following is an official list of the other bids submitted for the issue:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Prem. Lists various bidders like C. C. Collings & Co., Walter Stokes & Co., Edward Lowber, Stokes & Co., etc.

Note—A bid received from George E. Snyder & Co. of Philadelphia was not read, as it was not accompanied by a certified check as required by the advertisement.

ELBERTA, Benzie County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED—At a special election held on Oct. 30 the voters authorized the issuance of \$26,000 water works construction bonds, including \$17,000 mortgage and \$9,000 general obligations. (A loan and grant of \$34,000 has been approved by the Public Works Administration).

Ordinances providing for the above issues have been passed on final reading by the Council and the offering of the bonds may be held on Dec. 4

EL PASO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Palmer Lake), Colo.—BOND SALE—It is stated by the District Secretary that \$10,000 of 5% semi-ann. school bonds were approved by the voters at an election on June 19 and have since been purchased by the Colorado Springs National Bank.

EMPORIA, Lyon County, Kan.—BONDS DEFEATED—At the election on Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 2709—the voters defeated the proposal to issue \$345,000 in gas system distribution bonds, reports the City Clerk.

ENGLEWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—TAX COLLECTIONS—Of the 1934 tax levy of \$1,250,000, collection has been made of slightly more than \$700,000, it was reported recently. Unless the rate of collection increased during November and December it was declared that the volume of collections would be lower this year than in 1933.

ENNIS, Ellis County, Tex.—DELAY IN BOND REFUNDING OPERATIONS—The following letter was sent to us on Nov. 13 by R. T. Williams, of Garrett & Co., municipal bond dealers of Dallas:

"This is to advise that due to the resignation of the Mayor and death of one of the City Councilmen and the necessary election of new officers, there will be an unavoidable delay in the Ennis situation over which we have no control. We will appreciate your continued indulgence until about Dec. 15. We are advising the First National Bank here to hold the bonds and coupons, which have been deposited.

"Assuring you that the City Council of Ennis joins me in expressing appreciation for this further consideration, and with best regards, we are,

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$40,400 coupon poor relief bonds offered on Nov. 22—V. 139, p. 3027—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo, and McDonald-Callahans-Richards Co., Cleveland, jointly, at par plus a premium of \$153, equal to 100.37. Due March 1 and Sept. 1 1937 and 1938. Other bids were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Lists bidders like Stranahan, Harris & Co., Seasonhood & Mayer, Mitchell, Herrick & Co., etc.

EUFULA, McIntosh County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION—A special election is said to be scheduled for Jan. 8 to vote on the issuance of \$125,000 in light plant purchase bonds.

EUGENE, Lane County, Ore.—BONDS VOTED—At the election on Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 1580—the voters approved the proposal to issue \$78,650 in 5% bonds, for the funding of improvement warrants. Due in 10 years, optional in two years. No sale date has been fixed as yet.

EUREKA, Humboldt County, Calif.—BONDS AUTHORIZED—On Nov. 7 the City Council passed an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$959,000 in 4% Mad River water project bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1935 to 1944; \$30,000, 1945 to 1949; \$35,000, 1950 to 1957; \$39,000 in 1958, and \$40,000 in 1959 to 1964. The Council is said to be authorized to sell blocks of bonds from time to time as it requires the money.

EUREKA, McPherson County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 30 by N. W. Weber, City Auditor, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 15 1934. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 15 1935 to 1944 incl. (A loan and grant of \$18,000 has been approved by the Public Works Administration.)

**FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 12 m. on Nov. 26 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$350,000 tax anticipation loan, due \$150,000 Feb. 27 and \$200,000 March 27, 1935.

**FARGO, Cass County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE**—It is stated by the City Auditor that two bids were received on Nov. 20 for the purchase of the \$998,000 4% semi-ann. sewage disposal plant, first mortgage and revenue bonds offered for sale at that time—V. 139, p. 3027—the Public Works Administration offering par for all of the bonds and the Dakota National Bank of Fargo bidding par for \$25,000 bonds, maturing \$5,000 from Aug. 15 1936 to 1940. The bonds were sold to the PWA, with the exception of the said \$25,000, which was given to the above bank, contingent on the approval of the PWA. Dated Aug. 15 1934. Due from Aug. 15 1936 to 1954.

**FINDLAY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hancock County, Ohio—TO ISSUE BONDS**—The Board of Education has decided to issue \$18,000 in deficiency bonds to take care of indebtedness incurred in operating the schools the full term of nine months last year. The bonds will run for five and a half years and will be retired from receipts from delinquent taxes.

**FINLEYVILLE, Washington County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—J. P. N. Rankin, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 5 for the purchase of \$18,000 4, 4 1/4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5% coupon water system bonds voted on Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 3186. Dated Jan. 1 1935. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Jan. 1 from 1938 to 1955 incl. Interest payable J. & J. Sale is subject to approval of proceedings by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the borough, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder.

**FORDYCE SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fordyce), Dallas County, Ark.—INJUNCTION ISSUED AGAINST CURRENT EXPENSE PAYMENTS**—A news dispatch of recent date from Little Rock reported that an injunction had been issued by a Federal District Court to prevent payments by the above district except to meet bond charges, thus imposing the same restriction upon 38 similar districts.

**FORT SMITH, Sebastian County, Ark.—APPEAL TAKEN ON WATER REVENUE BOND SUIT**—In the suit brought to test the validity of a contract between this city and the Public Works Administration, to otherwise test the validity of the loan and grant of \$1,650,000 by the Administration for water system construction—V. 139, p. 1741—it is stated that an appeal will be filed in the State Supreme Court against the injunction granted some time ago, prohibiting the completion of the contract. A decision by the high court is expected about the first of the year.

**FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Worth), Tarrant County, Tex.—BOND SALE**—The \$500,000 issue of 4% coupon semi-annual public works bonds offered for sale on Nov. 15—V. 139, p. 3027—was purchased at par by the Public Works Administration. Dated Feb. 1 1934. Due from Feb. 1 1935 to 1949. No other bids are listed by the Business Manager.

**FREMONT, Mahaska County, Iowa—BOND SUIT ENTERED**—A suit for \$10,000 is said to have been entered recently against the above city by the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, which early this year purchased a street impmt. bond issue. The company is reported to be charging that Fremont officials have failed to provide for interest and principal payments.

**FULTON COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), Ind.—BONDS OFFERED**—The County Treasurer offered for sale on Nov. 23 an issue of \$4,448.60 6% ditch bonds. Dated May 15 1934. Denom. \$222.43. Due \$222.43 on May 15 from 1935 to 1954 incl. Principal and interest (M. & N. 15) payable at the County Treasurer's office.

**GALLATIN COUNTY (P. O. Shawneetown), Ill.—BOND SALE**—The \$60,000 funding bonds voted last February have been sold to Glaspell, Vieth & Duncan of Davenport.

**GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mahoning County, Ohio—BONDS NOT SOLD**—No bids were submitted for the \$42,500 6% refunding bonds offered on Nov. 15—V. 139, p. 2865. Dated Nov. 1 1934 and due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1936 to 1949 incl. and \$500 in 1950.

**GAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio—BOND OFFERING**—Ethel L. Thrasher, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Dec. 5 for the purchase of \$4,200 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$600. Due as follows: \$600, March 1 and Sept. 1 from 1935 to 1937 incl., and \$600, March 1 1938. Interest is payable in M. & S. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$100, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**GILBERT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gilbert), St. Louis County, Minn.—BOND SALE**—The \$133,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. warrant funding bonds that were approved by the voters on Oct. 30—V. 139, p. 3027—is reported to have been purchased by the State of Minnesota.

**GLASSPORT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND PROCEEDINGS APPROVED**—The Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs on Nov. 9 approved the proceedings in connection with an issue of \$70,000 bonds, of which \$45,000 will be used for funding purposes and \$25,000 to pay current operating expenses.

**GOOSE CREEK, Harris County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED**—A special election within the next 30 days to vote on the borrowing of \$28,000 in funds from the Public Works Administration for the extension of water and sewer systems, is said to be contemplated. On Oct. 20 the voters rejected the proposed issuance of \$28,000 in water works bonds—V. 139, p. 2710.

**GOSHEN, Litchfield County, Conn.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—An issue of \$87,000 highway impmt. bonds has been authorized to be sold.

**GREEN BAY METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Green Bay), Brown County, Wis.—LIST OF BIDS**—The following is an official list of the other bids received on Nov. 14 for the \$111,000 4% coupon semi-annual East River project bonds that were awarded jointly to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, and the Northern Trust Co., both of Chicago, at a price of 105.27, a basis of about 3.36%—V. 139, p. 3186:

Name of Other Bidders—	Premium
A. G. Becker & Co.	\$4,579
T. E. Joiner & Co., Inc.	2,367
Securities Co. of Milwaukee	4,584
Central Republic Co.	2,775
First National Bank of Chicago	3,570
Milwaukee Company	3,613
F. S. Moseley & Co.	5,162

**GREEN ISLE, Sibley County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Dec. 1 by Howard Groetsch, Village Recorder, for the purchase of a \$9,500 issue of certificates of indebtedness. Interest rate is not to exceed 4 1/4%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$400 and \$500. Due from June 1 1935 to 1954 incl. Optional on any interest payment date upon 30 days' written notice by village. A certified check for \$200, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

**GRIDLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Oroville), Butte County, Calif.—BOND SALE**—A \$35,000 issue of grammar school bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by Wm. Cavalier & Co. of San Francisco. This is said to be the only indebtedness of this district.

**GUILFORD COUNTY (P. O. Greensboro), N. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD**—We are informed by the Secretary of the Local Government Commission that the \$232,000 4% semi-ann. school bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 139, p. 3192—was not sold as no legal bids were received. He states that it is expected they will be sold privately to the Public Works Administration at par. Dated Aug. 1 1934. Due from Aug. 1 1937 to 1964 incl.

**BONDS APPROVED**—The Board of County Commissioners is said to have approved the issuance of \$16,500 in school bonds.

**GUNNISON, Sanpete County, Utah—BONDS VOTED**—The voters recently approved the issuance of \$15,000 in water bonds by a majority of 4 to 1, according to report.

**HALEDON (P. O. Paterson), Passaic County, N. J.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—The Borough Council on Nov. 12 passed ordinances providing for the issuance of \$346,000 refunding bonds.

**HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio—BOND OFFERING**—E. J. Dreihls, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase of \$259,000 3% series D poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$34,000 March 1 and \$35,000 Sept. 1 1935; \$36,000 March 1 and \$37,000 Sept. 1 1936; \$38,000 March 1 and \$39,000 Sept. 1 1937, and \$40,000 March 1 1938. Interest is payable in M. & S. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 3%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$2,590, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Complete transcript of proceedings with reference to issuance of the bonds will be furnished the successful bidder.

**HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio—BOND BIDS**—The \$92,700 poor relief and \$17,468.17 water supply bonds awarded on Nov. 7—V. 139, p. 3027—were bid for as follows:

Bidder—		Rate of Int.	Amount Bid
* The Northern Trust Co., Chicago	-----	2%	\$92,836.00
Harrison Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago and Breed & Harrison, Inc., Cincinnati	-----	2 1/4 %	92,752.84
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	-----	2 1/4 %	93,076.36
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., Cincinnati and Season-good & Mayer	-----	2 1/4 %	93,029.85
Fox, Einhorn & Co.; Grau & Co.; Widman, Holzman & Katz, and Edward Brockhaus & Co.	-----	2 3/4 %	93,193.33
Van Lahr, Doll & Isphording, Inc. and Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.	-----	2 3/4 %	92,834.42
The Weil, Roth & Irving Co.	-----	2 3/4 %	92,832.00
McDonald-Callahan-Richards Co.	-----	3%	92,725.00

For \$17,468.17 Issue

* Chas. A. Hirsch & Co., Inc., Cincinnati	-----	3 1/4 %	17,662.07
The Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati	-----	3 1/4 %	17,649.00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	-----	3 1/4 %	17,621.92
A. E. Aub & Co., Cincinnati	-----	3 1/4 %	17,616.31
Breed & Harrison, Inc., Cincinnati	-----	3 1/4 %	17,490.87
Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Toledo	-----	3 3/4 %	17,583.46
Van Lahr, Doll & Isphording, Inc., and Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., both of Cincinnati	-----	3 3/4 %	17,470.32

\* Successful bidders.

**HANNIBAL, Marion County, Mo.—BONDS TO BE SOLD TO PWA**—It is stated by the City Clerk that the \$386,000 toll bridge revenue bonds upheld as valid by the State Supreme Court in August—V. 139, p. 1120—will be taken by the Public Works Administration.

**HARLOWTON, Wheatland County, Mont.—BOND ELECTION**—It is stated that an election will be held on Dec. 1 to vote on the issuance of \$12,000 in municipal sewer bonds. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due \$1,000 from Jan. 1 1940 to 1951, inclusive.

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Natrona), Allegheny County, Pa.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**—The \$40,000 4% coupon bonds scheduled for sale on Nov. 29—V. 139, p. 3187—are being issued for street pavement and sewer improvement purposes and may be registered as to principal only. Successful bidder to pay for legal opinion.

**HEMP SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Carthage), Moore County, N. C.—BONDS APPROVED**—At the election held on Oct. 25—V. 139, p. 1742—the voters approved the issuance of the \$60,000 in water and sewerage bonds by a very wide margin. (An allotment of \$80,000 for this project has been approved by the Public Works Administration.)

**HENDERSON, Vance County, N. C.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—On Nov. 13 the Local Government Commission authorized the issuance of the \$5,063.63 in 6% street lighting bonds that were approved by the City Council on Aug. 16—V. 139, p. 1273. Due on Feb. and Aug. 1 in 1935, 1936 and 1937.

**HIGHLAND COUNTY (P. O. Hillaboro), Ohio—BOND SALE**—The \$27,000 poor relief bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 2866—were awarded as 2 1/2% to the BancOhio Securities Co. of Columbus, at par plus a premium of \$89.10, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 2.33%. Dated Nov. 1 1934 and due as follows: \$2,900 March 1 and \$3,000, Sept. 1 1935; \$3,100, March 1 and Sept. 1 1936; \$4,800, March 1 and \$5,000, Sept. 1 1937 and \$5,100, March 1 1938.

**HILLSBORO, Washington County, Ore.—BOND SALE**—It is reported that two local banks recently purchased \$10,063.86 of Bancroft Act refunding bonds.

**HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hillside), N. J.—BOND OFFERING**—Howard J. Bloy, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. on Nov. 28 for the purchase of \$219,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds. These represent the unsold portion of the \$615,000 bonds for which no bids were obtained on Sept. 12, the balance of \$396,000 having been exchanged later for bonds which matured on Oct. 1 1934. The \$219,000 bonds now offered are divided as follows:

\$112,000 general improvement bonds of 1933. Dated Oct. 1 1933 and due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1955; \$7,000, 1956 to 1961, incl.; \$10,000 from 1962 to 1967, incl. and \$6,000 in 1968.  
107,000 storm sewer bonds of 1934. Dated Oct. 1 1934. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1953; \$9,000, 1954 to 1957, incl. and \$10,000 from 1958 to 1964, inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Hillside National Bank, Hillside. A separate certified check for each issue bid for, in amount of 2% of the bonds, payable to the order of the Township, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

**BOND EXCHANGE**—The \$219,000 bonds, as previously stated above, are part of the total of \$615,000 for which no bids were obtained on Sept. 12—V. 139, p. 1742. The remaining \$396,000 have been exchanged with holders of bonds which came due Oct. 1 1934. The amount exchanged includes \$161,000 assessment bonds of 1934, \$149,000 storm sewer bonds of 1934 and \$86,000 general improvement bonds of 1934. The block of \$149,000 mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1936 to 1941, incl.; \$9,000, 1942 to 1952, incl., and \$8,000 in 1953. The \$86,000 are due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1941 to 1943, incl.; \$7,000, 1944 to 1954, incl., and \$3,000 in 1955.

**HOLTON, Jackson County, Kan.—BOND SALE**—A \$22,000 issue of 4% coupon sewage disposal plant bonds was sold on Nov. 12 at par; \$16,000 going to the city sinking funds, the remaining \$6,000 to local investors. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 1 1934. Due \$2,000 from Sept. 1 1935 to 1945 incl. Interest payable M. & S.

**HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE**—Lionel Bonvouloir, City Treasurer, made award on Nov. 23 of \$280,000 coupon municipal financial year adjustment bonds to Brown Harriman & Co. of Boston, as 2s, at a price of 100.099, a basis of about 1.98%. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$56,000 on Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in Boston. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Whiting, Weeks & Knowles	-----	2 3/4 % 100.214
National Shawmut Bank	-----	2 3/4 % 100.14
Faxon, Gade & Co.	-----	2 3/4 % 100.13
E. H. Rollins & Sons	-----	2 3/4 % 100.147
R. L. Day & Co. and Estabrook & Co., jointly	-----	2 1/2 % 100.349
Hornblower & Weeks	-----	2 3/4 % 100.25

Financial Statement (Nov. 1 1934)

Assessed valuation 1934	-----	\$85,169,000
Total bonded debt	-----	3,528,000
Self supporting debt included in total debt:		
Gas and electric bonds	-----	\$856,000
Water bonds	-----	415,000
Holyoke & Westfield RR	-----	139,000
		\$1,410,000

No sinking funds; population (1930), 56,555.

**HOLYOKE, Hampden County, Mass.—LOAN AUTHORIZED**—The city has been authorized by the State Emergency Finance Board to borrow \$50,000 against tax titles.

**HOMEWOOD, Cook County, Ill.—PWA BUYS BOND ISSUE**—The Public Works Administration has purchased an issue of \$40,000 4%



water system bonds. Dated July 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1936 to 1939, incl.; \$3,000, 1940 to 1947, incl.; and \$4,000 in 1948 and 1949. The PWA furnished a loan and grant of \$52,000 for the project.

**HUDSON COUNTY (P. O. Jersey City), N. J.—\$3,000,000 PWA HOSPITAL PROJECT**—The Board of Freeholders on Nov. 8 received bids in connection with the construction of the new \$3,000,000 tuberculosis hospital and sanatorium near Jersey City Medical Center. The Public Works Administration has agreed to finance the project, on the basis of a grant of \$660,000 and a loan of \$2,336,000, secured by county bonds.

**HUGHESTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND PROCEEDINGS APPROVED**—Proceedings in connection with an issue of \$16,000 school building addition construction bonds were approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs on Nov. 13.

**HYDE PARK (P. O. Poughkeepsie), Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING**—Fred Ohm, President of the Board of Trustees of Fire Department, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 7 for the purchase of \$18,750 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered water supply system bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1934. One bond for \$750, others for \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,750, 1935; \$2,000 from 1936 to 1943, incl.; and \$1,000 in 1944. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the Fallkill National Bank & Trust Co., Poughkeepsie. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of  $\frac{1}{4}$  or 1-10th of 1%. A certified check for \$400., payable to the order of the Fire Department, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

**ILLINOIS (State of)—AWARD OF \$30,000,000 BONDS**—The issue of \$30,000,000 coupon poor relief bonds offered on Nov. 22—V. 139, p. 3187—was awarded to a nation-wide group of banks and investment banking houses, the leading members of which are the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Bankers Trust Co., Chase National Bank and the National City Bank, all of New York, and the First National Bank of Chicago. This group, the complete membership of which is shown below, obtained the award on a bid of 101.58 for  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  bonds, the net interest cost of the financing to the State being about 3.08%. The issue was authorized by voters of Illinois on Nov. 6 and the proceeds will be used to take up revenue notes sold in anticipation of the bond financing. Three syndicates, with an aggregate of 124 individual members, submitted tenders at the sale. The second best bid was 101.319 for  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  bonds, submitted by a group under the leadership of Edward B. Smith & Co., Inc., Brown Harriman & Co., Blyth & Co., Lehman Bros., Lazard Freres & Co., and Roosevelt & Weigold. The final offer of 101.309, also for  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  bonds, was made on behalf of a comprehensive account headed by the First National Bank of New York, and including as leading members Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chemical Bank & Trust Co., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., Halgarten & Co., and Kidder, Peabody & Co.

The \$30,000,000  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  bonds are dated Dec. 15 1934 and mature Dec. 15 as follows: \$500,000, 1935; \$1,000,000, 1936 to 1939, incl.; \$1,100,000, 1940; \$1,200,000, 1941; \$1,300,000, 1942; \$1,400,000, 1943; \$1,500,000, 1944; \$2,200,000, 1945; \$2,300,000, 1946; \$2,500,000, 1947; \$2,600,000, 1948; \$2,700,000 in 1949 and 1950 and \$1,000,000 from 1951 to 1954, incl. The successful group made public re-offering at prices to yield, according to maturity, as follows: 1935, 0.50%; 1936, 1.25%; 1937, 1.625%; 1938, 2%; 1939, 2.20%; 1940, 2.50%; 1941, 2.70%; 1942, 2.80%; 1943, 2.90%; 1944 and 1945, 3%; 1946 and 1947, 3.05% and 3.10% on the bonds due from 1948 to 1954, incl. The bankers state that the latest available information indicates that the bonds are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States. They further declare that, under the existing arrangement with the Treasurer of the State, both principal and interest on these bonds may, at the option of the holder, be collected in New York City. Owing to the lack of express legal authority, continuance of these arrangements cannot be guaranteed, but discontinuance thereof is not anticipated.

**Syndicate Members**—The following is a list of all of the members of the group which obtained the award:

Harris Trust & Savings Bank	Kean, Taylor & Co.
Bankers Trust Co.	R. H. Moulton & Co., Inc.
The Chase National Bank	The Milwaukee Co.
The National City Bank of New York	The Boatmen's Nat. Bank of St. Louis
The First National Bank, Chicago	Mississippi Valley Trust Co.
Continental Illinois Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co.	First of Michigan Corp.
The Northern Trust Co.	Am. Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago
The First Boston Corp.	Starkweather & Co., Inc.
Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.	Hannaha, Ballin & Lee
Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co.	City Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago
R. W. Pressprich & Co.	The Securities Co. of Milwaukee, Inc.
Estabrook & Co.	Northwestern National Bank & Trust
A. G. Becker & Co.	Co. of Minneapolis
Kelley, Richardson & Co., Inc.	Well Dickey Co.
Lawrence Stern & Co.	The Illinois Company of Chicago
R. L. Day & Co.	Thrall West & Company
Phelps, Fenn & Co.	Bacon, Whipple & Co.
First Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Minn.	Singer, Deane & Scribner, Inc.

(The official re-offering of the issue appears as an advertisement on page XIV of this issue.)

**IOWA, State of (P. O. Des Moines)—CITY UTILITY REVENUE BONDS RULED OBLIGATION OF PLANT**—The following report is taken from a Des Moines dispatch of Nov. 22, regarding a decision of the State Supreme Court:

"Revenue bonds of a municipal utility intended to be retired out of earnings do not require a vote of the people to legalize their issuance, the Iowa Supreme Court held in deciding a test case. The ruling was made as an interpretation of the Slinger Law enacted in 1931. Revenue bonds of this nature are not obligations of the municipality but of the plants and their retirement depends on earnings of the plants involved."

**IRON COUNTY (P. O. Hurley), Wis.—BOND ISSUANCE CONTEMPLATED**—The issuance of \$110,000 in road bonds is said to be under consideration by the County Board of Supervisors.

**IRONTON, Lawrence County, Ohio—BOND SALE**—The \$200,000 6% refunding bonds for which no bids were obtained on Oct. 22—V. 139, p. 2710—were sold later at par to Widmann, Holzman & Katz of Cincinnati. Dated Dec. 1 1934 and due \$2,000 on Oct. 1 from 1938 to 1947, incl.

**JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT**—In connection with the offering on Nov. 13 of \$644,000 4% sewerage system revenue bonds, for which no bids were submitted—V. 139, p. 3187—the city issued the following:

*Financial Statement (as of Oct. 1 1934)*

Located in Jackson County, Incorporated Feb. 14 1957. Population (est.) 50,000; 1930 census, 55,187. Area, 10.25 square miles, Commission-Manager form of government. Fiscal year dates from July 1 to June 30 incl. Legal debt limit 5% of assessed valuation. Tax anticipation notes outstanding, issue of March 20 1933, approx. \$500,000. Bank loans, none. Floating debt (unsecured) \$33,891.82, the balance of water main contract of 1931 assigned to bank which later closed. General funds in closed banks, \$49,968.09, of which last above item is an off-set.

Property valuations for assessable purposes for the past five assessing periods:

	1931	1931-32	1932-33	1933-34	1934-35
Real estate	78,861,560	76,643,360	74,670,045	61,237,650	60,152,650
Personal property	12,404,650	12,258,000	10,258,650	7,298,250	7,138,850
Total	89,266,210	88,901,360	84,918,695	67,535,900	67,291,500

(First three periods on 75% of actual value, last two periods on 100% actual value.)

*Tax Collections and Percentages of Delinquency*

	1931	1931-32	1932-33	1933-34	1934-35
Amount levied	446,333.30	884,967.37	845,808.15	688,486.77	671,247.53
Coll. to Oct. 1	343,993.84	759,226.72	654,156.47	447,639.37	395,737.14
Uncoll. Oct. 1	34,467.90	125,740.35	191,651.68	241,447.40	275,520.39
Percent uncoll.	10.48%	14.21%	22.66%	35%	41.05%

First column item is a six month's period between old (calendar) and new fiscal year.

Tax rate for 1934: City, \$9.975; State, \$.682; county, \$.550; school, \$8.00; school debt, \$1.80; total, \$15.982.

No accumulated delinquent city taxes prior to schedule above. No tax liens owned by city.

Bonded debt as of July 1 1934 is as follows:

General obligation bond outstanding:	
Not included in refunding program	\$2,264,604
In refunding program, exchange for bonds of original issue effected	258,500
In refunding program, but exchange for bonds of original issue not effected	220,000

Total

Special assessment general obligation bonds outstanding:	\$2,743,104
Not included in refunding program	\$188,500
In refunding program, exchange for bonds of original issue effected	131,000
In refunding program, but exchange for bonds of original issue not effected	70,500

Total

Interest and sinking fund, an annual set-up:	\$390,000
(Exclusive of reserve for retirement of tax notes):	
General	\$75,226.58
Water	48,621.88

The City of Jackson, Mich., at Nov. 1 1934 has paid all interest to date on its outstanding bonds except that on refunding bonds, exchange of which for bonds of original issue has not been effected. However, funds are available for payment in cash of accrued interest on same when presented for exchange.

**JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—BOND SALE POSTPONED**—It is reported by the Chairman of the City Commission that the sale of the \$445,000 in refunding bonds, tentatively set for Dec. 1—V. 139, p. 2083—has been postponed to Dec. 10, due to the fact that validation is now pending in the State Supreme Court on the "Homestead Exemption" amendment to the State Constitution—V. 139, p. 3183. The delivery of the bonds is reported to have been changed from Dec. 15 to Dec. 20.

**JOPLIN, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND SALE**—An \$87,500 issue of 4% sanitary sewer and Market Square Impt. bonds was purchased on Nov. 7 by the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, at par plus all expenses. Due in 20 years. These bonds were voted a year ago.

**KAHOKA, Clark County, Mo.—BONDS PURCHASED BY PWA**—The \$25,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. water works impt. and extension bonds that were approved as to legality in July—V. 139, p. 312—were purchased by the Public Works Administration, according to the City Clerk. (An allotment of \$35,000 for this purpose was approved by the PWA—V. 138, p. 1262.)

**KALAMAZOO COUNTY (P. O. Kalamazoo), Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—Eva M. Westledge, County Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (to be opened at 1:30 p. m.) on Nov. 30 for the purchase of \$562,000 not to exceed 4% interest coupon building bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$18,000 from 1935 to 1942, incl. and \$19,000 from 1943 to 1964 incl. Bonds maturing after Dec. 1 1945 will be redeemable by the county at a price of par and accrued interest, plus a premium of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% upon principal for each year and fraction thereof for the unexpired life of said bonds. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the National City Bank, New York. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of the county, must accompany each proposal. Bids to be conditioned only on the approval of recognized bond counsel, the expense thereof to be at the cost of the successful bidder. The successful bidder will be required to print all bonds in conformity with bond specifications as approved by the Finance Director, Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, and pay all expenses in establishing their validity, the expense thereof to be at the cost of the successful bidder.

**KEARNY (P. O. Arlington), Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE**—The \$60,000 6% school bonds for which no bids were obtained on April 25—V. 138, p. 2966—were sold recently at a price of 99, a basis of about 6.10%. Dated May 1 1934 and due \$2,000 on May 1 from 1935 to 1964 incl.—The \$2,148,000 bonds of various issues unsuccessfully offered on May 9—V. 138, p. 3317—remain unsold.

**KEATING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. East Smethport) McKean County, Pa.—BONDS APPROVED**—At the general election on Nov. 6 the voters authorized the issuance of \$25,000 school bonds.

**KENT, Litchfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE**—Putnam & Co. of Hartford were awarded on Nov. 20 an issue of \$110,000  $3\frac{1}{4}\%$  highway bonds at a price of 103.88, a basis of about 2.82%. Dated Dec. 1 1934 and due Dec. 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1936 to 1953, incl. and \$2,000 in 1954. Other bids were as follows: Coburn & Middlebrook, 103.58 and F. S. Moseley & Co., 103.465.

Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Coburn & Middlebrook	103.588
F. S. Moseley & Co.	103.465
Rutter & Co.	102.677
R. L. Day & Co.	102.419
Darby & Co.	101.911
Shaw, Aldrich & Co.	101.81

**KENTUCKY, State of (P. O. Frankfort)—BONDS TO BE PURCHASED**—The following information was forwarded to us recently by the Bankers Bond Co. of Louisville:

The Kentucky State Highway Commission, at its meeting yesterday, signified its intention of receiving sealed tenders of Kentucky Bridge Revenue bonds on Nov. 26 in the following amounts:

Project No. 1	\$50,000	Project No. 3	\$50,000
Project No. 2	15,000	Project No. 8	90,000

If none of the tenders are adjudged favorable, a call by lot will be made at the price provided in the trust indenture at 102  $\frac{1}{2}$ . The call price on all bonds from July 1 1931 to July 1 1934 was 103. From July 1 1934 to July 1 1937 the call price is 102  $\frac{1}{2}$  and gradually reduced to July 1 1945 when the bonds are callable thereafter to maturity at 100 and interest.

**Re: Kentucky State Institutional (General Expense) Warrants**  
A notice was published to-day of the call of interest-bearing State warrants, stamped interest-bearing, from numbers A-2375 to A-6757 inclusive. Interest on above warrants will cease Nov. 27 1934.

We understand that the above numbers include all warrants dated prior to May 1 1928.

**KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 17, by George A. Grant, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$350,000 issue of coupon indigent relief bonds, Series B. Bonds to be in the denominations of \$100 or multiples thereof, not to exceed \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1935. Due in from 2 to 20 years after date of issue, in approximately equal annual amounts. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Each bidder submitting a bid shall specify: (a) The lowest rate of interest and premium, if any, above par at which such bidder will purchase said bonds; or (b) The lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase said bonds at par. None of such bonds shall be sold at less than par and accrued interest, nor shall any discount or commission be allowed on the sale of such bonds. All bids shall be sealed, and, except the bid of the State of Washington, if one is received, shall be accompanied by a deposit of 5% either cash or a certified check, of the amount of the bid.

**KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Mount Vernon), Ohio—BOND SALE**—An issue of \$7,700 6% poor relief bonds has been purchased by the County Sinking Fund Trustees at par. Due as follows: \$1,000, March 1 and Sept. 1 1935; \$1,100, March 1 and Sept. 1 1936; \$1,100, March 1 and 1,200 Sept. 1 1937, and \$1,200 March 1 1938.

**KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Benjamin), Tex.—WARRANT ISSUANCE CONTEMPLATED**—It is said that the County Judge intends to issue \$76,000 in court house warrants. (A loan and grant of \$100,000 has been approved by the Public Works Administration.)

**KNOXVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 101, Knox County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING**—C. E. Bennison, Secretary of Public Schools, will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. on Dec. 3 for the purchase of \$54,000 4% school bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1934. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Sept. 1

as follows: \$2,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$2,500 from 1937 to 1944 incl. and \$3,000 from 1945 to 1954 incl. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the Township School Treasurer's office or at the Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago. A certified check for \$500 is required. Printed bonds and approving legal opinion of Chapman & Outler of Chicago will be furnished by the District.

KOOCHICHING COUNTY (P. O. International Falls), Minn.—**BONDS SOLD**—The \$500,000 refunding bonds that were offered for sale without success on Aug. 7—V. 139, p. 1120—are stated by the County Auditor to have been re-offered on Sept. 4 and sold at par to T. G. Evenson of Minneapolis, by the surrender of the outstanding bonds of the County. Dated Jan. 1 1934. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1937; \$15,000, 1938 and \$25,000, 1939 to 1957 incl. The bonds will bear 4% int. from Jan. 1 1934 to Jan. 1 1944, and 4½% int. thereafter to maturity.

LA CANADA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—**BONDS NOT SOLD**—It is stated by the County Clerk that the \$21,000 5% semi-ann. school bonds offered for sale without success on June 4—V. 138, p. 4497—still remain unsold. Dated May 1 1934. Due \$1,000 from May 1 1935 to 1955.

LA FOURCHE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Thibodaux), La.—**BOND SALE**—The \$53,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Nov. 14—V. 139, p. 2711—was purchased by the Public Works Administration, as 4s at par, according to the Secretary of the School Board.

LA PLATA, Macon County, Mo.—**SUIT FILED TO TEST BOND VALIDITY**—A suit is reported to have been filed in the Circuit Court, attacking the validity of the \$75,000 bond issue approved by the voters in April—V. 138, p. 2619—to aid in the construction of a light and power plant and distributing system.

It is stated by the City Clerk that this is a Public Works Administration project, the bonds to be sold to the Government.

LEXINGTON, Fayette County, Ky.—**MUNICIPAL PLANT PURCHASE CONTEMPLATED**—The following is the text of an Associated Press dispatch from Lexington on Nov. 14:

"The Board of City Commissioners has rejected an appraisal of the Lexington Water Co. at \$4,300,000, made by a three-member Board, and authorized the Mayor to enter into negotiations for purchase of the plant for \$3,000,000."

LIMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allen County, Ohio—**BOND OFFERING**—W. C. Derbyshire, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 1 for the purchase of \$74,000 5% refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1934. Due as follows: \$4,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1936 to 1942, incl. and \$3,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1943 to 1945, incl. Interest is payable in A. & O. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$740, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

LINDEN, Union County, N. J.—**TAX COLLECTIONS**—The following record of tax collections was taken from a recent press report:

Year—	Tax Levy	Uncollected at End of Year of Levy	%	Uncollected Oct. 1 1934	%
1931	\$1,908,994	\$338,931	17.8	\$6,661	1.2
1932	1,914,190	375,756	19.6	23,624	4.4
1933	1,769,557	350,407	19.8	199,996	11.3
1934	1,872,744	---	---	715,123	38.2
Tax title liens	---	---	---	250,075	---

LITTLE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Little Falls), Morrison County, Minn.—**BONDS VOTED**—At the election on Nov. 12—V. 139, p. 3188—the voters approved the issuance of the \$30,000 in gymnasium and school addition bonds.

LODI, Medina County, Ohio—**PWA BUYS BOND ISSUE**—The Public Works Administration purchased on Sept. 24 an issue of \$13,000 4% water storage tank bonds. Dated April 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on March 1 from 1936 to 1948 incl. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office.

LONG BEACH, Nassau County, N. Y.—**ADOPTS 1935 BUDGET**—The budget for 1935 amounting to \$1,218,076.15 was adopted recently by the City Council. The amount for the present year is \$1,552,207.93. Tax rate for next year has been fixed at \$1.81 per \$100 of assessed valuation, and compares with the current figure of \$1.90. Council refused to heed the demands of some taxpayers that \$484,000 for debt service charges be omitted from the appropriations for next year.

LONGMONT, Boulder County, Colo.—**CERTIFICATE SALE**—An \$85,000 issue of 3¼% water and light department revenue certificates is reported to have been purchased recently by the Longmont National Bank, at par. Due in 5 years.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—**STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTIONS**—The following information was furnished to us by John S. Myers, City Comptroller, in connection with the sale of the \$2,000,000 water works, election of 1930, class J, series 1, bonds sold on Nov. 13, a complete report on which was given in V. 139, p. 3188:

Year—	Really Roll Tax Levy	Uncollected at June 30	Year of Levy	%	Uncollected at Oct. 31 1934
1928-29	\$31,081,337.21	\$1,090,861.11	1928	3.50	---
1929-30	29,289,828.19	1,418,435.42	1929	4.85	*\$315,144.67
1930-31	27,282,372.08	1,748,898.18	1930	6.41	377,298.20
1931-32	27,982,751.82	2,277,543.09	1931	8.14	994,240.71
1932-33	20,720,541.82	2,678,794.62	1932	12.93	1,555,883.99
1933-34	19,458,176.88	2,101,634.58	1933	10.80	2,052,814.98
* 1929-30 and all prior years.					

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—**BOND ELECTION**—We are informed by the Deputy County Clerk that there was an election on Nov. 20 to vote on the issuance of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$900,000: \$500,000 Montebello Elementary School District and \$397,000 Montebello High School District bonds.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—**BOND SALE**—A \$5,000,000 issue of 5% flood control bonds was offered on Nov. 21 and was awarded to a syndicate composed of R. H. Moulton & Co. and Blyth & Co., both of Los Angeles, the First Boston Corp., the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, Dean Witter & Co. of San Francisco, and Griffith, Wagness & Durst of Los Angeles, paying a price of 102.07, a basis of, about 4.79%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 2 1924. Due on July 2 as follows: \$165,000, 1935 to 1948; \$167,000, 1949 to 1952; \$168,000, 1953 to 1958 and \$169,000, 1959 to 1964. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in lawful money at the County Treasurer's office. The approving opinion of O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers of Los Angeles, will be furnished. (These bonds were offered for sale without success on Oct. 8 and were later bid in by the county—V. 139, p. 2550.)

**BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT**—The successful syndicate re-offered the above bonds for public subscription at prices to yield from 1.50% to 4.70%, according to maturity. (The official advertisement of this public offering appears on page XII of this issue.)

LOUISIANA, Pike County, Mo.—**BOND OFFERING**—It is reported that sealed bids are being received at once by the City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$280,000 issue of water bonds. These bonds were approved by the voters last February.

LOUISVILLE, Cass County, Neb.—**BONDS SOLD**—The \$6,300 water works bonds that were authorized in Sept. by the Board of Trustees—V. 139, p. 1902—have since been purchased at par by the Home State Bank of Louisville, according to the Village Clerk. (A loan and grant of \$9,000 has been approved by the Public Works Administration.)

LOUISVILLE, Stark County, Ohio—**BOND EXCHANGE**—Earl E. Lautzenheiser, Village Clerk, states that the \$36,500 6% refunding bonds unsuccessfully offered last May were later accepted by bondholders in exchange for maturing obligations.

LUSK, Niobrara County, Wyo.—**BOND ISSUANCE PROPOSED**—An ordinance is reported to have been published providing for \$150,000

in 4% refunding bonds, to refund at a compromise figure, with the consent of the bondholders, about \$187,000 in outstanding and unpaid 6% bonds of Jan. 1 1918.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—**TEMPORARY LOAN**—The Security Trust Co. of Lynn was awarded on Nov. 21 an issue of \$200,000 tax anticipation notes at \$0.58% discount basis. Due \$100,000 each on April 16 and May 1 1935. Other offers included: Merchants National Bank and Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, each 0.59%.

MADISON, New Haven County, Conn.—**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**—The following is given in connection with the recent award of \$83,000 3¼% coupon highway bonds of 1934 to F. S. Moseley & Co. of Boston at 102.51, a basis of about 2.91%—V. 139, p. 2550.

Financial Statement (as of Aug. 31 1934).	
Taxable grand list (1933)	\$8,337,016.00
Add: Usable exempt property	239,000.00
Bonded indebtedness	\$8,576,016.00
Less: Sinking fund	160,000.00
	91,342.81
Total net bonded indebtedness	\$68,657.19

The above statement does not include tax anticipation notes outstanding in the amount of \$25,000 and other unfunded indebtedness in the amount of \$35,000, as of Aug. 31 1934.

**Tax Collection Report.**  
Tax Payment Date: May 1.

Fiscal Year Ending—	Total Levy	Uncollected at End of Fiscal Year of Levy	Uncollected at Aug. 31 1934
1934	\$150,066.55	\$32,601.26	\$32,601.26
1933	141,738.83	28,081.37	15,421.95
1932	149,646.67	26,408.86	7,197.70
1931	152,642.06	18,077.04	1,667.79

Fiscal year: Sept. 1 to Aug. 31.  
Population: U. S. census 1930: 1918.  
Tax rate: 1933 levy, 18 mills; 1932 levy, 17 mills.

MAINE (State of)—**BOND SALE**—The \$250,000 2% coupon highway and bridge bonds offered on Nov. 21—V. 139, p. 3188—were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York, at a price of 101.269, a basis of about 1.57%. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$50,000 on Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. J. & D. payable in lawful money of the United States at the office of the State Treasury Department in the City of Augusta. Legal opinion of State Attorney-General as to the legality of the bonds furnished the successful bidder. The successful bidders are re-offering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield from 0.40% to 1.75%, according to maturity. Other bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder—	Rate Bid	Bidder—	Rate Bid
Blyth & Co., Boston	101.049	Barr Bros. & Co., Boston	100.809
Arthur Perry & Co., Boston	101.043	Brown Bros. & Harrison, Inc., Boston	100.787
Halsey, Stuart & Co., New York	101.035	Burr & Co., Boston	100.606
Northern Trust Co., Chicago	100.937	F. S. Moseley & Co., Boston	100.91
F. S. Moseley & Co., Boston	100.91	R. L. Day & Co., Portland	100.589
First Boston Corp., Boston	100.864	Barlett & Clark Co., Portland	100.517
Estabrook & Co., Boston and	100.86	Newton Abbe & Co., Boston	100.517
Smith White & Co., Waterville	100.86	Salomon Bros. & Hotaler, N. Y.	100.51
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Boston	100.834	Josephthal & Co., New York	100.50
Eastern Trust & Banking Co., Bangor	100.83	Maine Securities Co., Portland	100.30
		F. L. Putnam & Co., Boston	100.0463

**Financial Statement**  
Valuation of the State \$696,466,849  
Bonded debt (exclusive of this issue) on Dec. 1 1934 29,836,500

MANCHESTER (Town of), Hartford County, Conn.—**PURCHASER**—The \$200,000 1¼% tax anticipation loan, due in six months, mentioned in V. 139, p. 3028, was purchased by the First National Bank of Boston.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—**BOND OFFERING**—Charles A. Grossart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 14 for the purchase of \$67,200 not to exceed 5% interest refunding bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1935. One bond for \$200, others for \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$16,000 from 1936 to 1938 incl. and \$19,200 in 1939. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. No conditional bid will be accepted and the opinion as to the validity of the bonds is to be furnished by the successful bidder.

MASSACHUSETTS (State of)—**BOND FINANCING FOR ADJUSTMENT OF MUNICIPAL FISCAL YEAR**—Several municipalities sold bonds this past week in order to comply with a law passed by the State Legislature providing for adjustment of fiscal year. Explanation of this measure will be found in a "Springfield, Mass." item given on a subsequent page.

MEDFORD, Jackson County, Ore.—**BOND ELECTION**—The City Council is said to have set Dec. 3 as the date of a special election to vote on the proposed issuance of \$100,000 in sewer system bonds.

MEIGS COUNTY (P. O. Pomeroy), Ohio—**BOND OFFERING**—Homer Hysell, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 6 for the purchase of \$6,950 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Due as follows: \$2,250 March 1 and \$2,300, Sept. 1 1937; \$2,400, March 1 1938. Interest is payable semi-annually. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 1% of the bond bids for, payable to the order of the County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—**TEMPORARY LOAN**—The Merchants National Bank of Boston was awarded on Nov. 20 a \$100,000 revenue anticipation loan at 0.40% discount basis. Due May 21 1935. Other bidders were: Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, 0.45%; Newton, Abbe & Co., 0.49%; Lee Higginson Corp., 0.59%; First Boston Corp., 0.50%; Second National Bank of Boston, 0.60%; First National Bank of Boston, 0.68%, and Faxon, Gade & Co., 0.72%.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Troy), Ohio—**BOND OFFERING**—D. D. Kessler, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 7 for the purchase of \$13,900 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Due as follows: \$1,800, March 1 and \$1,900, Sept. 1 1935; \$1,900, March 1, and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1936; \$2,000, March 1, and \$2,100, Sept. 1 1937, and \$2,200, March 1 1938. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the County Court House. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Auditor, must accompany each proposal.

MINIDOKA COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Paul), Ida.—**BOND CALL**—It is stated by the District Treasurer that the District intends to exercise its option and call for payment the outstanding 6% bonds, totaling \$14,500, on Jan. 1 1935, on which date interest shall cease. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated July 1 1922. The bonds are to be presented as any Boise bank. The State Department of Public Investments will pay the face amount of the bonds, plus accrued interest to date of sale.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—**BOND SALE POSTPONED**—It is stated by Geo. M. Link, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, that the sale of \$93,000 refunding bonds, and the \$80,000 certificates of indebtedness, previously scheduled for Nov. 23—V. 139, p. 3188—has been postponed to Nov. 30.

MINNESOTA, State of (P. O. St. Paul)—**GRANT MADE BY PWA**—The following announcement was made public by the above Administration on Nov. 20:

"Allotment of a grant of \$900,000 to aid in a \$3,000,000 relief highway construction program to provide employment in the drought stricken area of Minnesota was announced to-day by Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes.

"The grant is to cover 30% of the estimated cost of labor and materials to be used and was made to the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture for the account of the State of Minnesota, contingent upon the State obtaining from other sources the balance of the money required."

MISSOURI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Missouri City), Fort Bend County, Tex.—**BOND SALE DETAILS**—In connection

with the sale of the \$60,000 (not \$70,000) school bonds—V. 139, p. 3188—it is stated by the Superintendent of Schools that the bonds were sold to the State Board of Education as 5s at par.

**MOBRIDGE, Walworth County, S. Dak.—BOND ELECT ON CONTEMPLATED.**—An election is said to be possible in the near future to vote on the sewer and paving bonds, to pay the city's portion in Public Works Administration projects totaling up to \$108,000. The said Administration has already approved allotments of \$54,500 and \$54,000, respectively, for paving and storm sewer construction.

**MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—The City Clerk will receive sealed bids until Nov. 26 for the purchase of \$200,000 sewer bonds.

**MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—TO REFUND \$172,800 OUTSTANDING BONDS.**—The following appeared in the Monroe "News" of Nov. 13:

"Outstanding special assessment improvement bonds in the amount of \$172,800 will be refunded by the city. All maturities from 1934 to 1939 will be refunded at the same rate of interest as borne by the original bonds. The Mayor and the City Clerk were authorized by the City Commission Monday evening to enter into a contract with C. A. Fitzgerald of Detroit for refunding the issues. He will receive 1% of the par value for refunding the bonds when delivered. The old bonds will be traded for new issues. Mr. Fitzgerald will pay for the printing of the new bonds and will bear the cost of the option of bond attorneys as to their legality. Mr. Fitzgerald made this offer to the City Commission last evening. Mr. Fitzgerald has charge of refunding the county road bonds for the Monroe County Board of Road Commissioners."

**MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Woodsfield), Ohio—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—The State Tax Commission has authorized an issue of \$32,000 poor relief bonds.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Ohio—BOND OFFERING.**—F. E. Treon, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Dec. 11 for the purchase of \$186,000 6% poor relief bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$60,000 March 1 and \$62,000 Sept. 1 1937, and \$64,000 March 1 1938. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the State Treasurer's office, Columbus. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$1,860, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Conroe), Tex.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—At the election on Nov. 17—V. 139, p. 2867—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$378,000 in road construction bonds. (They were designated as warrants in the election notice.)

**MOORE, Cleveland County, Okla.—BONDS TO BE SOLD.**—The \$15,000 issue of sewer bonds offered on Nov. 5—V. 139, p. 2867—is expected to be sold to the Public Works Administration, according to the Town Clerk. Due from 1937 to 1955.

**MORRISON COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Upsala), Minn.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Bids were received until 8 p. m. on Nov. 24, by Sam Melby, Clerk of the District School Board, for the purchase of a \$34,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. refunding bonds, Series B. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 1 1934. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1937 to 1941, 1943 and 1945; \$2,000 in 1942, 1944, 1946 and 1949, 1951, 1953 and 1955, and \$3,000 in 1950, 1952 and 1954. Holders of outstanding bonds may apply the same in payment in whole or in part for bonds purchased.

**MOUNT PLEASANT, Charleston County, S. C.—BONDS VOTED.**—At an election held on Nov. 15 the voters are said to have approved the issuance of \$57,000 in water system bonds. The issuance of these bonds was authorized late in July by the Town Council—V. 139, p. 804.

**MOUNT VERNON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$1,200,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 139, p. 3189—were awarded to a group composed of the Chase National Bank, the First Boston Corp. and Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc., all of New York, whose bid for par \$690,000 5s, \$460,000 4s and \$50,000 3 1/4s represents a net interest cost of the financing to the city of 4.285%. The offering consisted of \$1,150,000 work and home relief and \$50,000 water bonds. Award was made as follows:

\$690,000 5% work and home relief bonds.	Due \$115,000 annually on Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1940, inclusive.
460,000 4% work and home relief bonds.	Due \$115,000 annually on Dec. 1 from 1941 to 1944, inclusive.
50,000 3 1/4% water bonds.	Due \$5,000 annually on Dec. 1 from 1945 to 1954, inclusive.

All of the bonds are dated Dec. 1 1934. The bankers made public re-offering at prices to yield as follows: the 5% bonds, from 2.50% to 4.20%, according to maturity; the 4 1/2% semi-ann. bonds, from 4.10% to 4.5%, while those bearing 3 1/4% coupons were priced to yield 4.20%. They are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State and to constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the city, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes. Other tenders for the bonds were as follows: Lehman Brothers and associates submitted the second highest tender of par for \$575,000 5s, \$575,000 4 1/4s and \$50,000 4s or a net interest cost of 4.405%. A group headed by the Bancamerica-Blair Corporation was next with a figure of 100.01 for \$1,035,000 4 1/4s and \$165,000 4s, based on a net interest cost of 4.544%.

**MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Ida L. Christianson, City Clerk, received sealed bids until Nov. 23 for the purchase of \$176,000 not to exceed 5% interest refunding bonds. Dated April 1 1935. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1937 to 1962, incl. and \$10,000 in 1963 and 1964. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Proceeds will be used to take up bonds maturing in 1935. Legality of refunding issue has been approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

**MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND REFUNDING AUTHORIZED.**—The City Commission has voted to refund \$176,000 general improvement bonds maturing in 1935. The Hackley Union National Bank will act for the city in the exchange of new refunding bonds for maturing obligations. The Public Debt Commission in July authorized the city to refund \$245,000 bonds.

**NEBRASKA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nebraska City), Otoe County, Neb.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—At the election on Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 2837—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$12,000 in school building bonds.

**NEVADA, State of (P. O. Carson City)—BOND ELECTION NOT CONTEMPLATED.**—Relative to reports that were circulated recently to the effect that the State would have an election for the issuance of relief bonds, we were advised as follows by W. G. Greathouse, Secretary of State, in a letter dated Nov. 14:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., and beg to advise that there is no special bond election to be held, owing to the fact that the Legislature of this State will convene on the 21st day of January 1935, and that body will create ways and means of handling the relief situation of this State."

**NEWBURYPORT, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—The Merchants National Bank of Boston recently purchased an issue of \$21,000 2% emergency relief bonds at a price of 100.12, a basis of about 1.95%. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in 1935 and \$5,000 from 1936 to 1938 incl.

**NEWNAN, Coweta County, Ga.—BOND SALE.**—Two issues of 4 1/2% semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$65,000 were offered for sale on Nov. 20 and were awarded to the Trust Co. of Georgia, of Atlanta. The bonds are described as follows:

\$55,000 public school bonds.	Dated Jan. 1 1935. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, and \$5,000 in 1964.
10,000 swimming pool bonds.	Dated July 1 1934. Due \$2,000 on July 1 in 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954 and 1959.

**NIAGARA FALLS, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Frank L. Monin, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Nov. 26 for the purchase of \$200,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered series A public welfare bonds. Date 1 Nov. 15 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$40,000 on Jan 1 from 1936 to 1940, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of

1-20th of 1%. A certified check for \$4,000, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder. Bonds are declared to be general obligations of the city, payable from unlimited taxes.

Financial Statement as of Nov. 1 1934

Bonded Debt	
School bonds.....	\$5,687,129
Sewer bonds.....	2,861,245
Miscellaneous bonds.....	3,145,105
Welfare bonds (proposed issue of Nov. 15 1934).....	200,000
Water bonds.....	1,803,330
Gross bonded debt.....	\$13,696,809
Less water bonds.....	1,803,330
Net bonded debt.....	\$11,893,479
Demand note (grade crossing).....	145,000
Net debt.....	\$12,038,479
Assessed Valuation	
Real estate.....	\$141,727,045
Special franchises.....	5,392,237
Total.....	\$147,119,282

Note—The above does not include \$1,630,000 school district bonds (boundaries are not co-terminous); does not include certificates of indebtedness in anticipation of 1935 relief levy, \$75,000.

**NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—Newton, Abbe & Co. of Boston were awarded on Nov. 23 an issue of \$50,000 coupon sewer bonds as 2 1/2s, at a price of 101.289, a basis of about 2.34%. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1935 to 1944 incl. and \$2,000 from 1945 to 1954 incl. Principal and interest payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. Other bids, also for 2 1/2% bonds, were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid
E. H. Rollins & Sons.....	101.113
Bond, Judge & Co.....	101.099
Estabrook & Co.....	100.86
R. L. Day & Co.....	100.159

**NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.**—The Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Boston was awarded on Nov. 19 a \$350,000 revenue anticipation loan at 0.36% discount basis, plus a premium of \$6. Due June 21 1935. Other bidders were: Second National Bank of Boston, 0.36%; Merchants National Bank of Boston, 0.37%; Newton Abbe & Co., 0.40%; Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, 0.43%; Day Trust Co., 0.44%; Bankers Trust Co., N. Y., 0.48%; West Newton Savings Bank, 0.61%; Halsey, Stuart & Co., 0.62% plus \$10; W. O. Gay & Co., 0.63%; Faxon, Gade & Co., 0.65%.

**NORFOLK, Norfolk County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Dec. 12 by Thomas P. Thompson, City Manager, for the purchase of a \$977,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon or registered general improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 15 1934. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$30,000, 1935 to 1939; \$50,000, 1940 to 1944; \$60,000, 1945 to 1953, and \$57,000 in 1954. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in New York. Legality to be approved by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

**NORTH ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—James O'Halloran, City Treasurer, made award on Nov. 22 of \$75,000 municipal financial year adjustment bonds to R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, as 1 1/4s, at a price of 100.03, a basis of about 1.74%. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000 on Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1939, incl. Principal and interest payable at the Merchants National Bank of Boston, which institution will certify as to the genuineness of the bonds. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Other bidders were as follows: (for 2s.) Estabrook & Co., 100.56; Bond, Judge & Co., 100.29; Faxon, Gade & Co., 100.13; and Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, 100.066; for 2 1/4s: Halsey, Stuart & Co., 100 plus \$454 premium; E. H. Rollins & Sons, 100.44; Blyth & Co., 100.29; Washburn Frost & Co., 100.55, and Jackson & Curtis, 100.01; (for 2 1/2s.) Hornblower & Weeks, 100.017 and North Adams Trust, 100.

**NORTH EAST, Erie County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.**—An election on the question to issue \$35,000 water works bonds will be held on Dec. 11.

**NORTH BEND, Hamilton County, Ohio—BOND SALE.**—The \$11,000 coupon judgment payment bonds offered on Nov. 16—V. 139, p. 2868—were awarded to Fox, Einhorn & Co. of Cincinnati as 5 1/2s at par plus a premium of \$60, equal to 100.54, a basis of about 5.35%. Dated Oct. 1 1934 and due \$1,100 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1936 to 1940 incl.

**NORTH BERGEN TOWNSHIP, N. J.—SUED ON DEBT DEFAULT.**—Hearing on the application of the Seaboard Trust Co., Hoboken, acting as trustee in liquidation for the closed Steneck Trust Co., for a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel immediate payment of \$389,946.56 of defaulted principal and interest charges has been postponed to Dec. 1 at the request of township counsel. The action was brought before Chief Justice Thomas J. Brogan in the Hudson County Supreme Court branch on Nov. 10 and the hearing was originally scheduled to have been held on Nov. 17. Messrs. Burke, Sheridan & Hourigan are attorneys for the institution bringing suit and the complaint sets forth 10 separate units of indebtedness on which defaults have occurred. In connection with the litigation, it should be recalled that a bondholders' protective committee was formed on Sept. 18 to act in behalf of holders of the approximately \$17,000,000 township bonds outstanding and to prosecute the claims of creditors with such legal measures deemed appropriate to counsel —V. 139, p. 1903.

**NORTH WILKESBORO, Wilkes County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.**—The \$16,500 issue of notes was sold by the Local Government Commission on Nov. 13 to the Bank of North Wilkesboro, at 6%, plus a premium of \$56.

**NORTHWOOD, Worth County, Iowa—BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED.**—Correcting the report that a \$10,000 issue of 4% semi-annual funding bonds had been purchased at par by Jackley & Co. of Des Moines—V. 139, p. 3189—it is stated by the Town Clerk that the transaction has not been completed.

**NUMA DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Ordway) Crowley County, Colo.—CONFIRMATION OF RFC LOAN.**—It is stated by the Attorney for the district that the report of a loan of \$71,000 being authorized by the RFC for refinancing purposes—V. 139, p. 3030—is correct, and he states that no disbursements will be made until the required amount of bonds have been deposited.

**OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.—APPROVE ADDITIONAL LEVY FOR DEBT SERVICE.**—The Detroit "Free Press" of Nov. 10 reported in part as follows:

"To avoid mandamus action threatened by the Bondholders' Protective Committee, the Oakland County Board of Supervisors voted 39 to 12 Friday to levy an additional one-mill tax for debt service, and create a fund to be designated as the 'County Covert Road Reimbursement Fund.' The decision was reached only after the bondholders had agreed not to attempt to attach any debt service money other than the one-mill assessment. A first vote on the one-mill levy was defeated 27 to 25. Supervisors who voted in the negative said that they wanted assurance that the remainder of their debt service collection would be untouched."

"By complying with the demands of the bondholders, the Board of Supervisors established the first link in a refunding plan which will be the chief object of interest at the January session of the Board. Chairman Oliver P. Gibbs, under the provisions of a resolution presented by Supervisor Fletcher L. Renton, of Royal Oak, is to appoint a five-man committee to work out details of a refunding plan."

**OCELATA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ocelata), Washington County, Okla.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. on Nov. 22, by E. D. Sturm, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$33,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate to be bid. Due \$2,000 from 1937 to 1952, and \$1,000 in 1953. These bonds were approved by the voters at an election held Dec. 20 1933.

**OKEMA, Okfuskee County, Okla.—PRICE PAID.**—We are now informed that the \$25,000 coupon water works bonds purchased as 6s on Sept. 25 by a group headed by the First National Bank of Okemah—V. 139,

p. 2713—were sold at par. No other bids were received. Due from 1937 to 1948, inclusive.

**OLIVER SPRINGS, Roane County, Tenn.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—The Town Council is said to have authorized the issuance of \$27,000 in water works revenue bonds.

**ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—REFUNDING BONDS AUTHORIZED**—The City Commission on Nov. 13 authorized the issuance of \$85,000 4% refunding bonds.

**ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.—WILL REFUND \$85,000 SCHOOL BONDS**—Director Bianchi of the Department of Revenue and Finance announced on Nov. 13 that the city will refund \$85,000 of the \$125,000 school bonds maturing Dec. 1 1934. The new bonds will bear 4% interest and mature from 1937 to 1939 incl. Total maturities on Dec. 1 amount to \$235,000.

The City Commission on Nov. 13 authorized Mr. Bianchi to sell the above issue, to mature \$17,000 on Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl.

**ORDWAY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ordway), Crowley County, Colo.—CONFIRMATION OF RFC LOAN**—It is stated by the Attorney for the District that the RFC authorized a loan of \$29,000 for refinancing, as reported in V. 139, p. 3030, and he goes on to say that no disbursements will be made until the required amount of bonds have been deposited.

**PALMDALE BONDS DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS NOT RE-OFFERED**—It is reported by the County Clerk that the \$15,000 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-ann. school bonds offered for sale without success on July 16—V. 139, p. 636—have not been re-offered. Dated July 1 1934 and due \$1,000 from July 1 1935 to 1949 incl.

**PANOLA COUNTY (P. O. Carthage), Tex.—BONDS APPROVED**—The Attorney-General is reported to have approved the \$233,772 in 3½% to 5% road refunding bonds that were discussed in V. 139, p. 3189.

**PAROWAN, Iron County, Utah—BOND ELECTION**—It is reported that an election will be held on Dec. 17 to vote on the proposed issuance of \$76,000 in water works system bonds.

**PARIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Paris), Monroe County, Mo.—LEGALITY APPROVED**—A \$35,000 issue of 4% school bonds is said to have been approved as to legality by B. H. Charles of St. Louis. Dated Oct. 1 1934. (A \$64,000 allotment to this district was approved by the Public Works Administration.)

**PARMA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—BOND OFFERING**—J. H. Wanek, Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (award to be made at 7:30 p. m.) on Dec. 10 for the purchase of \$82,500 5% bonds, divided as follows:

\$54,000 refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000, April 1 and \$3,000, Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1947, incl. and \$3,500, April 1 and Oct. 1 in 1948 and 1949. Payable from taxes levied outside the 10-mill limitation.

28,500 refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$1,000, April 1 and Oct. 1 1940; \$1,000, April 1 and 1,500, Oct. 1 1941; \$1,000, April 1 and \$2,000, Oct. 1 from 1942 to 1949 incl. Payable from taxes levied within tax limitations.

Each issue is dated Oct. 1 1934. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Pearl St. Branch, Cleveland. Bids may be made for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%. A certified check for 2% of the bonds, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, is required. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland will be furnished the successful bidder.

**PHELPS, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED—ISSUE RE-OFFERED**—The sale on Aug. 31 of \$21,000 5% coupon water works impt. bonds to Sage, Rutty & Steele of Rochester, at 102-25, a basis of about 4.49%—V. 139, p. 1583—was not consummated as legal attorneys held that the sale had not been properly advertised. New bids for the bonds are being asked until 3 p. m. on Nov. 26. Sealed tenders should be addressed to P. V. Keefe, Village Clerk. Bonds will be dated Oct. 1 1934. Interest at 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 on Oct. 1 from 1936 to 1942 incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the National City Bank, New York. Bids must be for the entire issue. The bonds are direct obligations of the village, payable from unlimited taxes. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the village, must accompany each proposal.

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—\$2,947,645 TAKEN FROM SINKING FUND**—Acting on the recommendation of Controller S. Davis Wilson, the City Council on Nov. 15 authorized the transfer of \$2,947,645 from the sinking fund to the general fund for the purpose of balancing the 1934 budget. The money is part of the \$9,944,345 received from the Delaware River Bridge Commission for retirement of bridge bonds. Mr. Wilson declared that the remainder of the funds, compounded at 4% interest, will assure retirement of the \$10,000,000 bridge bond issue at the earliest maturing date, 7½ to 16 years. The Controller on Nov. 15 signed a \$1,500,000 warrant to meet payment on outstanding bonds, thus terminating a law suit designed to compel such action, it is said.

**PHILLIPS COUNTY (P. O. Holyoke), Colo.—BONDS VOTED**—At the general election on Nov. 6, it is said, that the voters approved the issuance of \$26,000 in court house construction bonds. (A loan and grant of \$53,000 has been approved by the Public Works Administration.)

**PITTSBURG, Crawford County, Kan.—BONDS DEFEATED**—On Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 2713—the voters defeated the proposed issuance of \$50,000 in swimming pool bonds, the count being 2,707 "for" to 4,303 "against."

**PLAIN CITY, Madison County, Ohio—BOND SALE**—The Farmers National Bank of Plain City has purchased at a price of par a block of \$40,000 bonds of the \$60,000 6% heat and power system mortgage issue unsuccessfully offered on Aug. 4—V. 139, p. 968. The institution's offer at that time to purchase \$30,000 of the bonds at par was declared invalid and rejected.

**PLEASANT RIDGE, Mich.—BONDS APPROVED**—The State Public Debt Commission has approved the proposed issuance of \$61,329.89 special assessment refunding bonds.

**POMEROY, Meigs County, Ohio—BOND DESCRIPTION**—The \$23,500 refunding bond issue mentioned in—V. 139, p. 2869—will be dated Sept. 1 1934, bear 6% interest and mature as follows: \$1,000, April 1 and \$1,700, Oct. 1 1939; \$2,000, April 1 and \$2,700, Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1942 incl.; \$3,000, April 1 and \$3,700, Oct. 1 1943.

**PORT CHESTER, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE**—The \$200,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 3190—were awarded as 3.70s to Burr & Co. and G. M.-P. Murphy & Co., both of New York, jointly, at a price of 100.05, a basis of about 3.68%. The sale comprised:

\$94,000 sewer local improvement bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$25,000 in 1936 and 1937 and \$22,000 in 1938 and 1939.  
56,000 street assessment bonds. Due \$28,000 on Dec. 1 in 1936 and 1937. 32,000 street local improvement bonds. Due \$8,000 on June 1 from 1936 to 1939, inclusive.  
18,000 sewer assessment bonds. Due \$9,000 on Dec. 1 in 1936 and 1937. Dated Dec. 1 1934.

The bankers are re-offering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield from 2.80% to 3.50%, according to maturity. They are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State. Unsuccessful bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate	Premium
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	3.90%	\$340.00
First National Bank & Trust Co.	4.20%	Par

**PORT HURON, St. Clair County, Mich.—BOND SALE**—The \$54,000 refunding bonds offered on Nov. 22—V. 139, p. 3190—were awarded as 4s to Straunan, Harris & Co., Inc. of Toledo, at par plus a premium of \$13.20, equal to 100.58, a basis of about 3.92%. Dated Dec. 1 1934 and due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1936 to 1943 incl. and \$5,000 from 1944 to 1949 incl.

**PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND CALL**—The City Treasurer is reported to be calling for payment at his office on Dec. 1 bonds numbered from 45,799 to 45,838 of the 5% improvement issue.

**PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Portland), Cumberland County, Me.—BOND SALE**—F. J. Reny, Treasurer and General Manager;

made award on Nov. 19 of \$100,000 3% coupon water bonds to Brown Harriman & Co. of Boston, at a price of 100.537, a basis of about 2.96%. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 1954. Prin. and int. payable at the National Bank of Commerce, Portland. Legality to be approved by Cook, Hutchinson, Pierce & Connell of Portland. The bankers are re-offering the bonds for public investment on a 2.90% yield basis. In addition to the successful bid, the following other offers were submitted: E. H. Rollins & Sons, 99.4718; Arthur Perry & Co., 99.133; F. S. Moseley & Co., 99.91; Bartlett & Clark, 98.15; Bond & Goodwin, Smith White & Co., and H. M. Payson & Co., 97.31, and F. L. Putnam & Co., 96.46.

Water rates	Income Jan. 1 1933 to Dec. 31 1933	\$571,695.38
Jobbing	-----	3,629.21
Interest	-----	936.76
Rents and privileges	-----	3,269.00
Bond premium issue 1927	-----	519.00
		\$580,049.35
<i>Expense Jan. 1 1933 to Dec. 31 1933</i>		
Operation	-----	\$261,938.33
Interest on bonds and notes	-----	274,814.25
Sinking fund	-----	70,320.00
Sinking fund expense	-----	109.43
Debt discount	-----	7,204.77
Civil Works Administration project, expense	-----	1,180.04
		\$615,566.82
Deficit	-----	\$35,517.47

**POTTSVILLE, Schuylkill County, Pa.—BOND SALE CANCELED—NEW ISSUE AUTHORIZED**—We learn that the award on Oct. 5 of \$380,000 3½% coupon refunding bonds to Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Philadelphia and associates—V. 139, p. 2401—was canceled, and a new issue of \$357,000 authorized.

**POUGHKEEPSIE, Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING**—LeGrande Crippen, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Nov. 28 for the purchase of \$239,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:  
\$140,000 series B general bonds of 1934, work relief and home relief. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$17,000 from 1936 to 1943 incl. and \$4,000 in 1944.  
99,000 sewer bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1935; \$5,000 from 1936 to 1953 incl. and \$8,000 in 1954.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1/10th of 1%. Principal and interest (P. & D.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the Fallkill National Bank & Trust Co., Poughkeepsie, or at the Chase National Bank, New York, at holder's option. A certified check for \$4,780, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal. Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the City, payable from ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property therein, without limitation of rate or amount. Approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfield of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

**PRICE, Carbon County, Utah—BOND CALL**—It is reported that an issue of 6% water bonds, series of June 1 1919, is being called for payment at par on Dec. 1, at the places of payment designated on the said bonds.

It is stated that the numbers of the bonds being called are: 1 to 83, 93 to 134 and 136 to 170, all incl. Interest shall cease on date called.

**PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—INCREASE IN DEBT**—The city's net debt increased \$109,624.31 during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 1934, according to the quarterly report of the Sinking Fund Commissioners made public on Nov. 16. The gross debt on Sept. 30 amounted to \$58,984,000 against which sinking funds totaled \$15,259,932.92. It is said, leaving a net debt of \$43,724,017.08. This figure, plus \$3,055,579.42 of unfunded debt, brought the net debt to \$46,779,596.50, or \$109,624.31 above the Sept. 30 1933 total of \$46,669,972.19.

**PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION—REPORT ON PROFITS REALIZED THROUGH SALES OF BONDS**—The following announcement was made public by the Public Works Administration on Nov. 19, regarding the sale of bonds held in its portfolio:

"PWA has realized a net cash profit of more than a third of a million dollars through the sale of bonds which cost the Government less than \$20,000,000 to aid in financing public works projects, Philip M. Benton, director of the finance division of PWA, reported to-day to Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes.

"Securities which PWA bought for \$19,599,142 in effecting work and construction creating loans to local units have been sold to private investors for \$19,969,823, a premium of \$370,681, or an operating profit of 1.84% as a result of bond sales to date.

A summary of bond sales by PWA follows:

	Number of Issues	Principal Amount Sold	Premium or Discount Realized
<b>Sold Through RFC—</b>			
For public bidding:			
(a) Municipal bonds	69	\$14,788,300	(P)\$373,166
(b) Railroad bonds	3	3,604,000	(D)\$14,280
In anticipation of maturity or redemption	6	161,000	
For sale to borrowers	2	110,000	
Bonds sold to others (prior to creation of revolving fund)	5	903,000	(P)\$11,795
Grand totals	85	\$19,566,300	(P)\$370,681
PWA cost price		\$19,599,142	
Total realized for revolving fund, \$19,046,683.			

Note—Par, in the case of 4% bonds; par plus an adjusted premium in the case of bonds bearing higher rates of interest than 4%.

\* Discount on railroad bonds due to PWA policy of free interest for first year on railroad loans.

"To date four sales have been conducted through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which is acting as broker for PWA. The bonds, after advertising, are sold to the highest bidders, and the cash receipts, including the premiums, go into the PWA revolving fund to be allotted as loans for other useful public works projects. The RFC last week invited bids on 56 other issues with a par value of \$5,343,600. The sale will be held on Nov. 23.

"The fact that PWA is disposing of its holdings at a cash profit is a practical demonstration of a result of Federal aid in the financing of useful public construction projects. Sale of these municipal bonds from the PWA portfolio carries into practice an underlying theory of the public works program by transferring financial responsibility to non-governmental investment capital, as such capital is ready to reassume its normal function thus stimulating private enterprise. Such private enterprise is aided by the Government throughout the program on a vast scale by causing letting of construction contracts and enormous production and consumption of raw materials required and resultant fabrication and transportation.

"Each offering of PWA bonds has resulted in spirited bidding competition and although only a comparatively few issues have been offered, there is increasing evidence of resumption on a widening scale of private financing of construction for public purposes. Accepting the security behind the bonds, the leading financial institutions of the country, including National banks, trust companies, insurance companies and investment houses, are competing for their purchase.

"The following is a resume of the four sales held through the RFC:

Date	Number of Issues	Number of Bids	Principal Amt. Sold
Aug. 28 1934	14	58	\$5,888,000
Sept. 12 1934	18	68	4,070,100
Oct. 17 1934	17	145	3,352,000
Nov. 14 1934	23	126	5,082,200
Totals	72	397	\$18,392,300

In addition PWA sold five issues last March at a premium of \$11,795. Thirty-one bids were received for this first offering.

"The regular bond investment market also is absorbing an undetermined amount of bonds issued by municipalities and other public bodies to complete the financing of projects financed in part by PWA. Evidence of this is the large number of requests received by PWA to change loan and grant allotments to grants only. These changes are being made constantly

at the request of applicants who find they are able to market their securities at more advantageous rates than the 4% interest required by PWA.

"When this is the case PWA rescinds the loan allotment and makes a grant allotment amounting to 30% of the cost of labor and material involved in the project. This procedure enables PWA to make allotments for other projects on the waiting list and results in a more widespread distribution of PWA money with consequent increase in the number of jobs provided. Such procedure in effect results in more than a dollar's worth of public works construction for each 30 cents of Federal expenditure.

"Undertaking of the nation-wide public works program stimulated construction of projects resulting in a supply of municipal securities which might not otherwise have been available to savings banks, insurance companies, philanthropic endowments and to private investors. By agreeing to make loans at 4% to municipalities whose financial houses were in good order and thus eligible and grants of 30% of the cost of labor and material to be used on socially desirable and useful local capital improvements, PWA has stimulated local public bodies to push forward with long-delayed construction work.

"Neither PWA nor any branch of the Government guarantees the securities now being offered. It is recognized by purchasers that the security behind bonds passing through PWA's portfolio includes thorough examination of PWA projects from the standpoints of social desirability, economic and financial soundness, legality and engineering feasibility. Projects on which bonds have been issued are being constructed under the watchful eyes of Government inspectors and according to contract specifications. All materials used have met standard requirements and every precaution is taken to guarantee good workmanship.

"The PWA revolving fund was authorized by Congress last June. Under the law the RFC is empowered to purchase securities held by PWA up to \$250,000,000 worth at one time. Thus far the RFC has sold the issues as quickly as it has brought them."

**PUERTO RICO—PWA ALLOTMENTS MADE**—The following announcement was issued recently by the Public Works Administration:

*Release No. 1061*

Allotments totaling \$759,000 for the construction of public works projects in Puerto Rico was announced to-day by Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes.

Of this amount \$500,000 will be used to construct a number of badly needed school buildings, \$159,000 for the construction of 23 public health buildings and \$100,000 to change the location of the new bridge to be constructed over the Martin Pena Channel, and to preserve the historic old bridge in a suitable park setting.

The allotments were made to the Division of Territories and Island Possessions, Department of the Interior, on recommendation of Governor Blanton Winship.

**QUANAH, Hardeman County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED**—It is expected that an election will be held about Dec. 1 to vote on the issuance of \$80,000 in hospital bonds.

**RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION—REPORT ON LOANS MADE TO DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION DISTRICTS**—The following announcement was made public by the above corporation on Nov. 21:

"Loans for refinancing a water conservation and drainage district in Arizona; and six drainage districts in Idaho, a total of \$479,500 have been authorized by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This makes a total to date of \$77,378,708.46 authorized under the provisions of Section 36 of the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act of 1933, as amended."

The districts are:

Buckeye Water Conservation and Drainage District, Maricopa County, Buckeye, Arizona.....	\$202,500
Drainage District No. 4, Boundary Co., Bonners Ferry, Idaho.....	47,000
Drainage District No. 6, Boundary Co., Bonners Ferry, Idaho.....	102,500
Drainage District No. 7, Boundary Co., Bonners Ferry, Idaho.....	36,500
Drainage District No. 8, Boundary Co., Bonners Ferry, Idaho.....	60,000
Drainage District No. 9, Boundary Co., Bonners Ferry, Idaho.....	8,000
Drainage District No. 10, Boundary Co., Bonners Ferry, Idaho.....	23,000

**RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION—REPORT ON LOANS MADE TO DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION DISTRICTS**—The following announcement was made public by the above corporation on Nov. 8:

Loans for refinancing an irrigation district in Oregon; a drainage and levee district in Illinois; a drainage district in Missouri; and two drainage districts in Mississippi, a total of \$425,000 have been authorized by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. This makes a total to date of \$75,899,208.46 authorized under the provisions of Section 36 of the Emergency Farm Mortgage Act of 1933, as amended.

The districts are:

Grants Pass Irrigation District, Grants Pass, Ore.....	\$282,500
The Banner Special Drainage and Levee District, Glasford, Ill.....	76,000
Drainage District No. 36 of New Madrid County, Mo.....	10,500
Newton County Drainage District No. 41, Decatur, Miss.....	11,500
Eden Drainage District of Yazoo County, Miss.....	44,500

**REDFIELD, Spink County, S. Dak.—BOND RE-OFFERING NOT CONTEMPLATED**—It is reported by the City Auditor that it is not intended to re-offer the \$15,000 5% semi-ann. dam construction bonds that we offered for sale without success on Nov. 5—V. 139, p. 3030. He states that a committee is trying to arrange a local sale of the bonds. Due \$1,000 from Dec. 1 1935 to 1949 inclusive.

**RICHWOOD, Union County, Ohio—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—The Village Council recently passed an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$61,500 4% first mortgage water works revenue bonds. The Public Works Administration will be asked to finance the project. The bonds will be dated Sept. 1 1934. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,500 from 1933 to 1958 incl. and \$3,000 from 1959 to 1961 incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the Village Treasurer's office.

**RIDGEWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At the Nov. 6 election the proposal to issue \$289,000 bonds to build a water system and acquire existing mains was defeated by a vote of 1,022 to 699.

**ROBESON COUNTY (P. O. Lumberton), N. C.—BOND SALE**—The \$120,000 issue of coupon refunding bond and bridge bonds offered for sale on Nov. 20—V. 139, p. 3192—were purchased by the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, as 4½s, paying a premium of \$512.50 equal to 100.42, a basis of about 4.45%. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Due from Nov. 1 1935 to 1951 incl.

The following is an official list of the other bids received:

Names of Other Bidders—	Rate	Price Bid
Oscar Burnett & Co. and Lewis & Hall, Greensboro, N. C.....	5%	\$120,313.00
Kirchofer & Arnold, Raleigh, N. C., and Branch Banking & Trust Co., Wilson, N. C.....	5½%	120,300.00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.....	5½%	120,204.00
R. S. Dickson & Co., Charlotte, N. C.....	4¾%	120,157.50
F. J. McGuire, West Palm Beach, Fla.....	5%	120,100.00
Interstate Securities Corp., Charlotte, N. C.....	5%	120,513.00

**ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—TAX COLLECTIONS IMPROVE**—The following report on the collections of both current and delinquent taxes by the city appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 17: "Rochester tax collections for the first 10 months of 1934 totaled \$15,000,000, establishing a new high mark since 1930. Current tax collections this year ran 3% ahead of a year ago, and delinquent tax collections are \$898,421 above a year ago. Current cash is \$9,000,000. The City Comptroller's report on tax collections showed that of a total levy of \$16,244,405 for 1934, \$12,682,962 had been collected up to Oct. 31, or 78%. This compares with a collection of \$14,546,743 out of a tax levy of \$18,998,390, or 75%, in the corresponding period a year ago. "Delinquent tax collections are running ahead of a year ago because of the efforts of a special city committee on delinquent tax collections which launched a drive in May. The Comptroller estimates that by the end of the year the city will have collected \$3,000,000 in back taxes, which stood at \$7,000,000 at the start of the year."

**ROCHESTER, Strafford County, N. H.—BOND PROPOSAL DEFEATED**—The City Council on Nov. 14 defeated a proposal calling for the issuance of \$30,000 sewer extension bonds. The Federal Government would have provided an additional \$90,000 toward the cost of the work.

**ROGERS COUNTY (P. O. Claremore), Okla.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At the general election on Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 2714—the voters defeated the proposal to issue \$71,000 in court house and jail bonds.

**ROYAL, Clay County, Iowa—BOND SALE**—The \$13,500 issue of water works bonds offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 3030—was purchased by the Public Works Administration, as 4s at par. Dated Oct. 1 1934. Due from Nov. 1 1937 to 1953.

**RUSK COUNTY (P. O. Henderson), Tex.—BONDS APPROVED**—The Attorney General is said to have approved recently a \$405,000 issue of 5½% road refunding bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1934. Due from 1935 to 1941.

**SAINT CLAIR, Franklin County, Mo.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At the election on Oct. 23—V. 139, p. 2402—the voters defeated the proposed issuance of \$45,000 in sewer bonds.

**ST. JOSEPH, Berrien County, Mich.—SALE POSTPONED**—Sale of the \$46,300 refunding bonds and \$24,000 tax anticipation notes, for which bids were invited until Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 2870—has been postponed to Nov. 26.

**ST. LOUIS, Mo.—REFUNDING OF \$5,000,000 BONDS URGED**—The following report is taken from a St. Louis dispatch of Nov. 15:

"Refunding of approximately \$5,000,000 St. Louis bonds that will mature between February 1935 and November 1936 was among the suggestions made by the citizens committee on city finance headed by W. L. Heminway in a report submitted to Mayor Bernard F. Dickmann."

"The committee also proposed that the city issue not more than \$3,000,000 of the \$16,100,000 bonds voted on May 15 1934 before Nov. 30 1936, and that a new issue of unemployment relief bonds, in an amount not greater than can be retired at the rate of \$300,000 annually be proposed to the voters."

"Further recommendations was made that the city's general revenue budget be cut as to reduce the prospective municipal deficit of \$750,000 by the end of the current fiscal year, and to balance the budget for the 1935-36 fiscal year. It has been estimated by city officials that the deficit in general revenue at the end of the current fiscal year may amount to \$2,000,000 unless municipal revenues are increased.

"Up to Nov. 30 1936, the city will be called upon to pay off \$13,132,000 in general public improvement bonds and an additional \$7,200,000 will be needed for interest."

**SALINA COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Salina), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING**—W. H. Crowell, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 26 for the purchase of \$81,400 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1934. One bond for \$400, others for \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,400, 1935; \$2,000, 1936 to 1948 incl.; \$3,000, 1949 to 1958 incl. and \$4,000 from 1959 to 1964 incl. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the Liverpool Bank, Liverpool. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. A certified check for \$1,628, payable to the order of the Board of Trustees, must accompany each proposal. Bonds will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied on all the taxable property in the District, without limitation of rate or amount. Legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

**SALISBURY, Rowan County, N. C.—BONDS SOLD**—The \$306,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. sewer impmt. bonds that was authorized by the City Council in October—V. 139, p. 2554—was sold by the Local Government Commission on Nov. 20 to the Public Works Administration at par, according to report.

**SAMNORWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Wellington), Collingsworth County, Tex.—BOND SALE DETAILS**—The \$25,000 school bonds that were purchased by the State Board of Education—V. 139, p. 150—are 5% bonds, due serially over a period of 40 years. They were sold at par.

**SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Antonio) Bexar County, Tex.—BOND SALE**—A \$950,000 issue of permanent improvement bonds was offered for sale on Nov. 22 and was awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros. & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., and Phelps, Fenn & Co., all of New York, Donald O'Neil & Co. of Dallas, and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, as 4½s. at a price of 103.000 a basis of about 4.60%. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Due from 1935 to 1974 incl. The approving opinion will be furnished by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

**SANDERS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Hot Springs), Mont.—BONDS SOLD**—It is reported by the County Clerk that the \$13,675 high school building bonds that were offered for sale without success on Feb. 28—V. 138, p. 2121—were later sold to the State Board of Land Commissioners as 5½s at par. Dated Jan. 15 1934. Due in 20 years. Interest payable J. & J. (A loan and grant of \$19,300 for school construction was subsequently approved by the Public Works Administration.)

**SANDPOINT, Bonner County, Ida.—BOND ELECTION**—An election is said to be scheduled for Dec. 11 to vote on the proposed issuance of \$53,000 in not to exceed 6% coupon water works plants bonds. Due in 20 years from date of issue on amortization plan.

**SANGER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fresno), Fresno County, Calif.—BOND ELECTION**—An election will be held on Dec. 4 to vote on the issuance of \$40,000 in gymnasium construction bonds.

**SCANDIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Scandia), Republic County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED**—It is reported that the election contemplated for the end of October to vote on the \$25,000 in school addition bonds—V. 139, p. 2240—has been indefinitely postponed because the election notices were irregular.

**SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—ADOPTS CITY MANAGER PLAN**—At the general election on Nov. 6 the voters decided to adopt the city manager plan of government.

**SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND SALE**—The \$422,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 3192—were awarded as 2½s jointly to Brown Harriman & Co., Inc. and J. & W. Seligman & Co., both of New York, at par plus a premium of \$1,181.18, equal to 100.279, a basis of about 2.45%. The sale consisted of: \$350,000 (general) work and home relief bonds. Due \$35,000 on Aug. 1 from 1935 to 1944 incl. 72,000 public improvement bonds. Due \$8,000 on Aug. 1 from 1936 to 1944 incl.

Each issue is dated Aug. 1 1934. The bankers are re-offering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield from 0.75 to 2.50%, according to maturity. They meet the requirements, according to the bankers, as legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State. The following is an official list of the other bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder—	Int. Rate	Amt. Bid
Blyth & Co., Inc.; Dick & Merle-Smith, and First of Michigan Corporation, jointly.....	2.50%	\$422,645.66
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.....	2.60%	423,422.00
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.; R. H. Moulton & Co., and Kean, Taylor & Co., jointly.....	2.60%	423,266.00
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and Graham, Parsons & Co., jointly.....	2.60%	423,266.00
Manufacturers National Bank, Troy, N. Y.....	2.60%	423,101.42
Lazard Freres & Co., Inc., and F. S. Moseley & Co., jointly.....	2.60%	422,668.76
G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.; Burr & Co., Inc., and Schwabacher & Co., jointly.....	2.75%	422,350.26
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler and Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc., jointly.....	2.70%	423,177.38
Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.; Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., and Roosevelt & Wiegold, Inc., jointly.....	2.70%	422,845.00
Edward B. Smith & Co. and Mohawk National Bank, Schenectady, N. Y., jointly.....	2.80%	422,248.98
The Chase National Bank, Manager, and Bankers Trust Co., jointly.....	2.90%	422,409.34

**SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND CALL**—H. L. Collier, City Treasurer, is reported to be calling for payment from Nov. 15 to Nov. 28 various local improvement district bonds and coupons.

**SEBRING, Mahoning County, Ohio—PROPOSED BOND EXCHANGE**—James M. Elliott, Village Clerk, states that as soon as the necessary legislation has been prepared and approved as to legality, the \$50,000 6% refunding bonds for which no bids were obtained on Oct. 6—V. 139, p. 2402—will be issued in exchange for outstanding bonds.

**SHELDON, O'Brien County, Iowa**—**BOND ELECTION**—A special election will be held on Nov. 27 to vote on the issuance of \$240,000 in revenue bonds to finance the construction of a municipal electric light and power plant.

**SHIPPENSBURG, Cumberland County, Pa.**—**BOND PROCEEDINGS APPROVED**—The Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs on Nov. 8 approved the proceedings in connection with an issue of \$30,000 municipal water plant extension and improvement bonds.

**SOUTH BEND, Pacific County, Wash.**—**BONDS VOTED**—At the general election on Nov. 6 the voters approved the issuance of \$30,000 in refunding bonds by a wide margin, according to report.

**SOUTH HEIGHTS, Beaver County, Pa.**—**BONDS APPROVED**—At the general election on Nov. 6 the proposal to issue \$8,600 refunding bonds—V. 139, p. 1905—carried by a vote of 136 to 21. The issue will mature in two years.

**SOUTH ORANGE, Essex County, N. J.**—**TAX COLLECTIONS**—Local newspapers reported on the volume of tax payments as follows:

Year	Tax Levy	Uncollected at End of Year of Levy	Per Cent	Uncollected Oct. 1 1934	Per Cent	
1931	\$1,570,647	\$410,598	26.1	\$9,781	.6	
1932	1,515,955	474,037	31.3	14,749	9.7	
1933	1,184,718	374,314	31.6	172,380	14.5	
1934	1,164,836	-----	-----	508,161	43.6	
Tax title liens					74,897	

**SOUTH VIENNA, Clark County, Ohio**—**BONDS DEFEATED**—The proposed issue of \$11,000 municipal hall bonds was turned down by the voters at the Nov. 6 election, according to E. E. Evans, Village Clerk.

**SPINDALE, Rutherford County, N. C.**—**BOND SALE**—The \$48,000 4% semi-ann. sewer bonds that were authorized by the Local Government Commission at the end of September—V. 139, p. 2240—was sold by the Commission on Nov. 20 to the Public Works Administration at par. (A loan and grant of \$62,000 was approved by the PWA some time ago.)

**SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.**—**BOND SALE**—The issue of \$1,125,000 bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 139, p. 3192—was awarded as 1 3/8 to a group composed of Bankers Trust Co., New York; Tyler, Buttrick & Co., Boston and Lincoln B. Young & Co. of Hartford, at a price of 100.29, a basis of about 1.65%. Dated Dec. 1 1934 and due \$225,000 on Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl. City Treasurer George W. Rice declared that the terms were the most favorable ever obtained by the municipality. Other bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Brown Harriman & Co.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Stone & Webster and Blodget, and F. S. Moseley & Co.	1 3/4 %	100.187
Jackson & Curtis	1 3/4 %	100.182
Bond Judge & Co., Inc.; Washburn, Frost & Co.; Halsey Stuart & Co., and G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.	1 3/4 %	100.102
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago	1 3/4 %	100.10
The First Boston Corp.; Whiting Weeks & Knowles; R. L. Day & Co., and Estabrook & Co.	2 %	100.789
Edward B. Smith & Co.	2 %	100.407
Manufacturers National Bank, Detroit	3 %	103.20

**FINANCIAL STATISTICS NOV. 1 1934**

Assessed value of real estate, 1934	\$260,169,260
Personal, poll, excise tax, 1934	31,711,526
Assessors' valuation for 1934	\$291,880,786

**Taxes**

Unpaid 1934 taxes (\$8,755,975 levy)	\$3,360,626
Unpaid 1933 taxes (\$8,955,996 levy) (item in litigation)	19,914
Unpaid 1932 taxes (\$10,085,082 levy)	4,132
Unpaid taxes all previous years	None

Tax rate, 1934, \$29.70; 1933, \$29.70. A distinct improvement in tax collections during 1934 shows \$443,339.64 more collected Nov. 1 than in 1933, although the levy was \$200,000 less.

**Tax Titles**

Tax titles held Oct. 1 1934	\$878,748.49
Tax titles received account of 1934 tax sales	377,574.84
Total tax titles held Oct. 1 1934 (all years)	\$1,256,323.33
Redeemed during October	90,766.03

All records for redemption have been broken in November, when over \$90,000 was paid during the first few days.

**Bonded Indebtedness**

Debt exempted by special Acts	\$4,880,000
Debt within the limit	4,984,000
Debt paid from tax levy	\$9,864,000
Water debt (self-supporting)	7,278,000

Present bonded debt—\$17,142,000  
Ratio of net debt (\$9,864,000) to assessed 1934 valuation—3.41%  
Valuation of city property Dec. 1 1933—\$44,651,207  
Borrowing capacity within the debt limit Nov. 1 1934—2,615,877  
Net bonded debt has been reduced from \$14,093,957 in 1924 to \$9,864,000 Nov. 1 1934 by adopting largely a pay-as-you-go policy.

**Temporary Loan Notes**

	Authorized	Issued	Outstanding Nov. 14
1933	\$10,000,000	\$8,720,000	None
1934	9,500,000	7,500,000	\$3,145,000
Cash balance Nov. 14, 1934			\$1,303,581.05

**STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT (P. O. Stockton), San Joaquin County, Calif.**—**BOND SALE DETAILS**—The \$300,000 port bonds that were purchased by a group headed by the Bankamerica Co. of San Francisco, as 4 1/8 and 4 1/8—V. 139, p. 3192—are more fully described as follows in the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Nov. 10. "Stockton Port District directors saved money in September, when they rejected bids on \$300,000 worth of bonds because they were satisfied that the defeat of Upton Sinclair would result in a better price. It did, for the interest cost basis then was 4.90%, while that on the high bid Thursday was 4.33%. Bankamerica Company headed a syndicate, composed otherwise of Weedon & Co. and Anglo California National Bank, which was awarded the bonds on a premium bid of \$19 for \$170,000 as 4 1/8 and the remainder as 4 1/8. Dean Witter & Co., R. H. Mounton & Co. and Blyth & Co., Inc., submitted the only other bid, naming a premium of \$280 for \$110,000 as 5s and the remainder as 4 1/8. The bonds were reported yesterday as all sold on a yield basis of from 1.25 to 4.25% on the 4 1/8s and 100.99 1/2 for the 4 1/8s. Maturities are \$10,000 annually from 1935 to 1964, incl.

**STONEHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.**—**BOND AND NOTE FINANCING**—The Merchants National Bank of Boston was awarded on Nov. 20 an issue of \$16,000 street pavement bonds as 2 1/4s, at a price of 100.33, a basis of about 2.13%. Dated Dec. 20 1934 and due as follows: \$4,000 in 1935 and \$3,000 from 1936 to 1939 incl. Other bids, all for 2 1/4% bonds, were as follows: Arthur Perry & Co., 100.33; Faxon, Gade & Co., 100.13; Stoneham Trust Co., par. Award was made on the same day of a \$200,000 revenue anticipation loan to the First National Bank of Boston, at 0.66% discount basis. Due Oct. 15 1935. Other bids were as follows: Faxon, Gade & Co., 0.68%; Merchants National Bank of Boston, 0.76%; Stoneham Trust Co., 0.83% and First Boston Corp., 0.83%.

**STONEWALL COUNTY (P. O. Aspermont), Tex.**—**BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 5, by Leonard Westfall, County Judge, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1936 to 1965 and \$2,000, 1966 to 1975, optional in 1938. These bonds were approved by the voters on Nov. 10—V. 139, p. 3192.

**STONEWALL SEPARATE RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Quitman), Clarke County, Miss.**—**BONDS PARTIALLY SOLD**—Of a \$7,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. school bonds authorized some time ago, the Chancery Clerk states that \$6,500 of them have since been sold to various investors. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1934. Due \$500 on July 1, annually.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Riverhead), N. Y.**—**BOND OFFERING**—Ellis T. Terry, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 3 for the purchase of \$824,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$400,000 Emergency relief refunding bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$75,000 from 1936 to 1939 incl. and \$100,000 in 1940
- 169,000 Refunding bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$9,000 in 1936 and \$20,000 from 1937 to 1944 incl.
- 155,000 Series A bridge bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1936 and \$10,000 from 1937 to 1951 incl.
- 75,000 Highway bonds. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1936 to 1953 incl. and \$3,000 in 1954.
- 25,000 Series B bridge bonds. Due \$1,000 on Nov. 1 from 1936 to 1960 incl.

Each issue is dated Nov. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Prin. and int. M. & N. payable in lawful money of the United States at the Suffolk County National Bank, Riverhead, or at the Irving Trust Co., New York, at holder's option. A certified check for \$16,000, payable to the order of the County, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder. Bonds are stated to be general obligations of the County, payable from unlimited taxes.

**Financial Statement Nov. 20 1934**

The assessed valuation of the real property of said county subject to the taxing power of the county as it appears on the last preceding assessment roll for State or county taxes is \$297,841,194, and the total contract debt of said county, including bonds and other obligations and these issue of bonds aggregating \$824,000, is \$9,545,500. Deducting \$700,000 tax notes, the net debt of said county is \$8,845,500. Included in the total above mentioned are \$644,000 obligations of said county to be refunded out of the proceeds of said refunding bonds. County has no water, special assessment, debt or sinking fund.

The total debt above stated does not include the debt of any other subdivision having power to levy taxes upon any or all of the property subject to the taxing power of the county.

**Tax Data**

Total amount of taxes levied for the three fiscal years preceding the current fiscal year:

Year	Total Levy	Uncollected End of Fiscal Year	Uncollected Nov. 20 '34
1931-1932	\$1,731,465.73	\$590,846.60	\$116,872.34
1932-1933	2,138,156.58	640,934.69	283,776.67
1933-1934	1,886,096.60	918,669.94	706,170.90

The taxes of the current fiscal year 1934-1935 amount to \$1,695,644.92 which taxes have not yet been levied or any part thereof collected. Said taxes are payable without penalty from Dec. 1 to Jan. 10. Population of county, 1930 census, 161,055.

**SUMMERS COUNTY (P. O. Hinton), W. Va.**—**BONDS DEFEATED**—At the general election on Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 2086—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$36,000 in memorial building bonds, it is stated. Another election is reported to be scheduled for Dec. 15.

**SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio**—**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**—In connection with the proposed sale on Nov. 26 of \$500,000 6% refunding bonds—V. 139, p. 3031—the County has issued the following:

**Financial Statement**

Assessed valuation	\$339,930,740.00
Total bonded debt	7,752,578.50
Cash value of sinking fund	586,323.43

Population, 1930, 344,131.

**SUMNER, Bremer County, Iowa**—**BOND SALE NOT COMPLETED**—It is stated by the Town Clerk that the sale of the \$115,000 electric light and power plant bonds to the Fairbanks, Morse Construction Co. of Chicago—V. 139, p. 1747—has not been completed, as the proposition is tied up in the courts and no action can be taken until a decision is reached.

**TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.**—**BOND CALL**—C. V. Fawcett, City Treasurer, is reported to have called for payment from Oct. 19 to Nov. 12 certain bonds of various local improvement districts in the city.

**TALMADGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 91 (P. O. Talmadge), Otes County, Neb.**—**PRICE PAID**—The \$23,000 coupon school building bonds that were purchased by the First Trust Co. of Lincoln—V. 139, p. 3031—were sold as 3 3/8s for a premium of \$51.50, equal to 100.223, a basis of about 3.73%. Due \$1,000 from 1939 to 1961 incl. The Greenway-Raynor Co. of Omaha, offered a premium of \$51 on 3 3/8s.

**TARRANT COUNTY (P. O. Fort Worth), Tex.**—**BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received by W. E. Yancy, County Auditor, until 10 a. m. on Nov. 28, for the purchase of \$780,000 issue of 4 1/4% direct obligation road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$30,000 from Oct. 10 1937 to 1960, incl. Interest payable A. & O. 10.

**TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.**—**LOAN OFFERING**—Lewis A. Hodges, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on Nov. 27 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$100,000 revenue anticipation loan, dated Nov. 28 1934 and due Aug. 28 1935. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. The notes will be engraved under the supervision of the First National Bank of Boston. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin)**—**MORTGAGE MORATORIUM LAW HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL**—An important ruling of the State Supreme Court was reported on as follows in an Austin dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 23:

"The Texas State mortgage moratorium law and an act regulating deficiency judgments were declared unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court in a decision handed down last night. The decision held both laws contravened the constitutional provision against impairment of contract. "The deficiency judgment law attempted to prevent buying in of foreclosed property for less than its value and securing judgments for execution against other property of the mortgagor."

**TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin)**—**BOND OFFERING**—The State Bond Commission will receive sealed bids filed with George H. Sheppard, Secretary of the said Commission, until 10 a. m. on Nov. 30 for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 relief, third series, third installment bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4 1/4%, payable A. & O. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 15 1934. Due on Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1935; \$93,000, 1936; \$97,000, 1937; \$103,000, 1938; \$105,000, 1939; \$110,000, 1940; \$115,000, 1941; \$120,000, 1942, and \$126,000 in 1943. Bids may be filed for a portion of said bonds upon rate of interest and upon another portion or portions thereof at different rates of interest, or upon the whole offering of bonds at a certain rate of interest not to exceed 4 1/4%. The Bond Commission reserves the right to accept any item in any bid for a portion of said bonds and to reject the remaining items in such bid. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$6,000,000. They are issued in strict conformity with Art. 3, Sec. 51-a, State Constitution, and Enabling Act, passed by the 43d Legislature, at its third called session. The bonds cannot be sold for less than par and accrued interest and no form of commission shall be allowed or paid in any transaction involving their sale. The law provides in effect that if at this sale bids are accepted for less than the entire \$1,000,000, then the Bond Commission is required to deliver bonds maturing in each of the nine years 1935 to 1943 incl. proportionately to the whole. The bonds are offered subject to the final and unqualified approving opinions of Attorney-General John D. McCall and Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York City, whose opinions are to be furnished at the expense of the State. A certified check for 1% of the par value of the bonds for which any bid may be submitted, payable to the State Treasurer, is required.

**TIFFIN, Seneca County, Ohio**—**BOND VOTE IN DISPUTE**—The question as to whether a majority vote or 65% of the ballots cast was necessary for approval of the \$50,000 city hall building bond issue submitted to the voters on Nov. 6—V. 139, p. 3031—will be referred to the State Attorney-General. Municipal officials are divided on the point.

**TILLMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Loveland), Okla.**—**BOND SALE**—The \$11,500 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 29—V. 139, p. 2715—was purchased at par by the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Tulsa, as 5 1/8s at par. Due from 1937 to 1944 incl.

**TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio**—**AGREEMENT REACHED FOR BOND REFUNDING**—Phillip A. Benson, President of the Dimo Savings Bank of Brooklyn, and Chairman of the committee for bondholders of the City of Toledo, Ohio, announced Nov. 20 that an agreement has been entered into between the city and the committee, providing for the refunding of all unpaid bonds matured or maturing during 1933 and 1934. The agreement also provides for the payment of all unpaid interest, a special

fund having been set aside by the city for such purpose. In announcing the details of the plan, which is the result of numerous conferences between representatives of the city and representatives of the committee, and participated in by representatives of the Ohio Bondholders Association, the committee states that it has "been concerned as much as to the stability of the entire \$27,000,000 of bonded indebtedness as it has been about the immediate problem of refunding the 1933 and 1934 maturities, and the provisions of the agreement are designed to effectuate that purpose."

The principal features of the agreement, as outlined in the plan, are as follows:

All unpaid interest due or to become due upon the unpaid bonds matured or maturing in 1933 and 1934 and represented by the committee is to be paid to the committee. A special fund has been set aside by the city for that purpose.

In order that the refunding may be accomplished economically and to assure equality of treatment among bondholders, the committee is appointed the sole instrumentality for the exchange of bonds and will have charge of the refunding process, with the exception of certain bonds now represented by the Ohio Bondholders' Association.

The agreement contemplates the exchange of all unpaid bonds matured or maturing during 1933 or 1934, amounting to \$3,071,000 general bonds and \$241,000 special assessment bonds, for new refunding bonds dated Dec. 15 1934, which will be general obligations of the city, of the same principal amount, and with the same status in regard to limitation upon tax levies for payment as the bonds which they replace.

All revenues received by the city subsequent to Jan. 1 1935, allocable to the payment of debt charges, will be segregated and applied to the payment of debt charges only.

The city is to effect all economies and savings possible, to consult with the committee in the preparation of the 1935 budget, and to report monthly to the committee as to the observance of the budget and the financial conditions of the city.

The city is to take all steps to secure the prompt payment of both delinquent and current taxes and is to set up a reserve for uncollectible taxes.

The city is to make provision for its floating debt satisfactory to the committee. All scrip outstanding or held in the city treasury is to be retired and canceled and for a period of two years no more shall be issued without consultation with the committee.

The committee further states that the plan will be declared operative as soon as a proportion of the bonds deemed by the committee to be sufficient has been deposited with the Bankers Trust Co. of New York City, depository for the committee. Holders of undeposited bonds who desire to receive the benefits of the plan are requested to deposit them immediately. The committee also announced that it expects to make a distribution to depositors of interest due upon bonds deposited as soon as bonds have been deposited to an extent deemed by the committee to be sufficient to warrant declaring the plan operative.

**TOOELE, Tooele County, Utah—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED**—It is said that an election will soon be called to vote on the issuance of \$61,000 in water works construction bonds. (An allotment of \$65,000 has been approved by the P.W.A.)

**TRENTON, Mercer County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING**—H. E. Evans, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase of \$350,000 4, 4½, 4¾ or 4¾ coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$260,000 series A380 water impmt. bonds. Due \$20,000 on Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1947 incl.

90,000 series A381 general funding bonds. Due \$9,000 on Dec. 1 from 1937 to 1946 incl.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the bonds of each issue bid for, payable to the order of the City, is required. Approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

**ADDITIONAL OFFER**—Successful bidder for the above bonds will have the option of purchasing at private sale, at the same price, \$83,000 4, 4¼, 4½, or 4¾ general funding bonds, in \$1,000 denoms. and maturing Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1936 to 1942 incl. and \$13,000 in 1943.

**TRUMBULL, Clay County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION**—It is reported that an election will be held on Dec. 1 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$9,600 in water works bonds.

**TULSA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tulsa), Okla.—FUNDING BOND AGREEMENT**—It is reported that the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita obtained a judgment in a friendly suit and agreed to accept \$52,000 in funding bonds rather than force district to meet cash payments within 3 years.

**UHRICHSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Tuscarawas County, Ohio—TO ISSUE BONDS**—The Board of Education voted on Nov. 14 to issue \$14,789.21 bonds to clear up indebtedness to July 1 1934. They will be issued in anticipation of collection of 1931 to 1934 delinquent taxes.

**UNITED STATES—REPORT ON POSSIBLE TAXATION OF MUNICIPAL BONDS**—The following article is taken from the Nov. 17th issue of the Minneapolis "Commercial West," dealing with proposed Congressional action on the tax-exempt feature of municipal bonds:

"We are facing at the hands of the Congress which assembles in January enactment of a constitutional amendment permitting the taxation of Federal Government, State and municipal bonds."

"Such legislation was recommended, it is reported, by the Secretary of the Treasury at an interim session of the House judiciary committee last March 8."

"The plan, as we have heard it proposed, is to permit States and municipalities to tax the income from Federal securities, while the United States Government would tax the income from State and municipal bonds."

"Aside from the fact that revenue produced, it is estimated, would only approximate \$200,000,000, there are two chief factors to be taken into consideration. Taxation of the income of Government bonds would depreciate their acquisition value in the minds of investors; it would make it more difficult for the Federal Government and State and local governments to market their securities. The rate of return would have to be increased to make the issues desirable, the governments, therefore, would probably pay out more in increased interest than they would receive in taxation revenue."

"The danger of such legislation going into effect, however, is minimized by the fact that a constitutional amendment would have to be adopted and there is little likelihood that such a change in our time-honored system would be tolerated by enough of the States to make its acceptance possible."

**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS (P. O. South Euclid), Cuyahoga County, Ohio—BOND EXCHANGE REPORT**—W. A. Horky, Village Clerk, states that of the original \$770,000 5% refunding bond issue, exchange has been made to date of \$700,000 for past-due obligations—V. 139, p. 2555.

**UPSHUR COUNTY (P. O. Gilmer), Tex.—INTEREST RATE**—It is stated by the County Treasurer that the correct interest rate on the \$13,000 of bonds of Road District No. 7 being called for payment with other district bonds of this county on Dec. 1, is 5½%, not 5%, as reported in V. 139, p. 2871.

**UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING**—Richard G. Williams, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Nov. 27 for the purchase of \$300,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered emergency relief bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$30,000 on Nov. 1 from 1935 to 1944 incl. Bidder to name a single interest rate for all of the bonds, expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$6,000, payable to the order of the City Comptroller, must accompany each proposal. Approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be on file in the Comptroller's office before delivery of the bonds. Delivery will be made on Dec. 12 1934 or such other time as may be determined by mutual agreement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOV. 10 1934

Property Valuations	
Assessed valuation of real estate, less exemption	\$128,585,784.00
Assessed valuation of special franchises	4,035,504.00
	\$132,621,288.00
Assessed valuation of real property purchased with pension money, assessed for schools and highways	622,420.00
	\$133,243,708.00
Valuation of property exempt from taxation	19,636,140.00
<b>Total value of all property</b>	<b>\$152,879,848.00</b>

Bonded Indebtedness	
General purposes	\$11,317,632.44
Delinquent tax bonds	835,793.75
Deferred assessment bonds	335,245.81
	\$12,488,672.00
Total, exclusive of this issue	373,147.84
Sinking funds and cash	\$12,115,524.16
Net bonded debt	

Tax Collections		
Fiscal Year—	Total Levy	Uncollected at End of Fiscal Year
1929	\$4,008,885.56	\$226,605.00
1930	4,329,118.49	402,731.87
1931	4,286,774.86	547,740.01
1932	4,241,901.00	652,809.21
1933	3,341,893.97	535,263.13
1934	4,234,177.31	*816,553.04

\* Uncollected Nov. 10 1934.

Collection of city tax: First half, June 1; second half, Oct. 1. Tax becomes delinquent one month later. No special tax districts other than two special lighting districts. Special lighting district tax included in city tax charges on property within lighting districts. No debt incurred for this service.

Overlapping debt, \$732,430.40 (Utica's share of Oneida County's bonded debt).

Deferred Assessment Fund—Cash, \$58,996.91; assessments uncollected, \$284,766.37.

Delinquent Tax Sinking Fund—Cash, \$88,887.13; investments, \$154,750.00; taxes bid in by city, \$767,760.75.

Temporary Debt—Anticipation of sale of welfare revenue bonds, \$70,000; payable on demand. Tax anticipation notes 1934, \$1,250,000; due Nov. 20 1934.

Budget balances are used to offset succeeding tax levy. Budget deficits are charged against succeeding year's revenues. All bonds are general obligation of city payable from unlimited tax. Tax sale: 1% per month until paid or redeemed. May of each year. Tax penalties: 1% per month until paid or redeemed. Fiscal year: Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Pre-payment of second half of city tax: 2% discount. Bonded debt limit: 10% of assessed valuations. Tax limit: 2% of assessed valuations in excess of debt requirements. Deferred assessment account self-supporting.

Population, Federal census, 1910, 74,419; 1920, 94,156; 1930, 101,652; Water debt, none; utility debt, none. City incorporated 1832.

**UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE ISSUE SOLD**—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of New York were awarded on Nov. 20 an issue of \$700,000 certificates of indebtedness on their bid of 0.74% interest. Dated Nov. 22 1934 and due Aug. 22 1935. Re-offering was made on a yield basis of 0.50% interest payable at maturity. This issue, it is said, comprises the city's only floating indebtedness. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder

F. S. Moseley & Co., and Estabrook & Co., jointly

National City Bank

Rate of Int. 1.29% 1.45%

**VALLEY VIEW DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Ordway), Crowley County, Colo.—CONFIRMATION OF RFC LOAN**—The report that the above Corporation had authorized a loan of \$31,000 for refinancing purposes—V. 139, p. 3030—is confirmed by the Attorney for the District. He states that no disbursements will be made until the required amount of bonds has been deposited.

**VINCENNES, Knox County, Ind.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—The City Council has adopted a resolution providing for the issuance of \$53,000 refunding bonds.

**WALLER COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Hempstead), Tex.—BOND ELECTION**—It is said that an election was held on Nov. 24 to vote on the proposed issuance of \$10,000 in 5% road bonds.

**WALTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Walton), Delaware County, N. Y.—BOND SALE**—The \$10,000 coupon school bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 139, p. 3031—were awarded as 3½s, at a price of par, to J. Ward Palmer of Walton. Dated Sept. 1 1934 and due \$500 on Sept. 1 from 1935 to 1954 incl.

**WASCO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Bakersfield) Kern County, Calif.—BOND SALE DETAILS**—The \$42,000 school bonds that were purchased by Blyth & Co. of San Francisco as ds, at a price of 100.47—V. 139, p. 3031—are in the denomination of \$1,000 each, and mature as follows: \$3,000 from 1936 to 1945 and \$4,000, 1946 to 1948, giving a net income basis of about 3.93%.

**WATERVLIET, Albany County, N. Y.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED**—The \$146,000 4% water supply bonds purchased from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., of New York, at 102, a basis of about 3.80%—V. 139, p. 3193—are being reoffered by the bankers for public investment at prices to yield from 1% to 3.65%, according to maturity. They are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State and to constitute general obligations of the City, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxation. Due on April 1 from 1935 to 1960 incl.

**WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—TO PAY \$5,500,000 STATE AND ROAD COMMISSION DEBT**—A plan providing for payment of the \$5,500,000 owed by the County to the State and the County Road Commission was drafted on Nov. 15, according to the Detroit Free Press of the following day, which gave the details as follows: "(1) Monthly payments to the State of \$100,000 will follow Thursday's initial payment of \$500,000 until \$1,545,000 has been paid. Beginning in January 1936, the County Road Commission will receive \$200,000 a month until \$3,886,000 has been paid. The money going to the Road Commission would normally be paid to the State and returned by it to the Commission as its share of State funds. Delays will be avoided, however, by turning over the funds directly to the Commission."

**WELLESLEY, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE**—The \$175,000 coupon North School bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 139, p. 3193—were awarded as 2s to Tivler, Buttrick & Co. of Boston, at a price of 100.18, a basis of about 1.95%. Dated Dec. 1 1934 and due Dec. 1 as follows: \$55,000 in 1934 and \$12,000 from 1935 to 1944 incl. Other bids were as follows: For 2s—E. H. Rollins & Sons, 100.056; Bond, Judge & Co., 100.049; First National Bank, 100.015; Wellesley Trust Co., 100.01; Wellesley National Bank, 100. For 2¼s—Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, 100.62; Halsey, Stuart & Co., 100.555; Blyth & Co., Inc., 100.542; Estabrook & Co., 100.052; Newton, Abbe & Co., 100.516; First Boston Corp., 100.47; R. L. Day & Co., 100.449; F. L. Putnam & Co., 100.436; Ballou, Adams & Whittemore, 100.423; Jackson & Curtis, 100.19; Lee Higginson Corp., 100.186; Brown Harriman & Co., Inc., 100.1248; F. S. Moseley & Co., 100.109. For 2½s—Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago premium, 404.40.

**WEST BEND, Washington County, Wis.—BOND SALE DETAILS**—It is stated by the City Clerk that the \$10,000 4% coupon (A & O) park improvement and land purchase bonds that were sold to the First State Bank of West Bend on Nov. 15—V. 139, p. 3032—were awarded at par, are dated Nov. 15 1934 and mature \$1,000 annually on Oct. 15.

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.—HOLC LOANS IMPROVE MUNICIPAL FINANCES**—A dispatch from Yonkers to the "Herald Tribune" of Nov. 18 stated in part as follows: "Figures disclosing that the Home Owners' Loan Corporation since April 1 has paid for property owners \$2,722,137 for tax bills to different communities in Westchester County, revealed that Uncle Sam has played a big part in lifting Yonkers out of a financial rut and aided finances in other Westchester localities. Uncle Sam has become the country's 'heaviest taxpayer.' Yonkers, which at one time was 5½ months in arrears on its payroll, but is now only two months behind, received, through the Westchester County Bureau of the HOLC, \$935,211. This was sufficient to pay more than two months' payroll for the city."

Total \$38,000,000

"The total expended by the HOLC in Westchester, for taking over mortgages and meeting the sales taxes and back taxes accumulated against the properties, has reached \$38,000,000."

"The Bureau, of which Lawrence H. Tasker of Hastings, is District Manager, has received 11,000 applications from property owners, of which 6,800 still remain to be passed upon. It has already acted upon about 4,000 applications. The time for receiving new applications expired last Tuesday."

"The amounts paid for local taxes to some of the other communities in Westchester were: New Rochelle, \$322,505; Mount Vernon, \$308,563

White Plains, \$143,512; Ossining, \$13,458; Cortland, \$35,183; Mount Pleasant, \$70,662; Greenburgh, \$120,567; Rye, \$152,379; Ossining, \$16,785; Port Chester, \$124,466; Peekskill, \$7,436.  
 "Not only have the moneys the Federal Bureau distributed in payment of taxes helped to meet current obligations, but these payments have made it easier for them to pay their county and State taxes."

**IMPROVEMENT IN COUNTY AND LOCAL FINANCES DISCUSSED**—How a non-partisan advisory body of Westchester citizens aided voluntarily by a Supreme Court Justice rescued not only Westchester County but a number of the individual political units of Westchester County from a bad financial situation was revealed Nov. 21 by the Hon William F. Bleakley, Judge of the Supreme Court of Westchester County, in an address at the luncheon meeting of the Municipal Bond Club of New York, held at the Luncheon Club of Wall Street. Judge Bleakley spoke as the Chairman of the Westchester County Advisory Finance Committee, which was created by the Westchester County Board of Supervisors in December 1933, for the purpose of working out a business-like solution of the county's financial problems together with the financial problems of its constituent communities. This committee had the active assistance and co-operation of New York bankers identified with the financing of the county.

Introduced by John S. Lincen, 2nd Vice-President of the Chase National Bank, Judge Bleakley cited the improvement in the credit position of Westchester County and its sub-divisions during the last year as the result of the Advisory Committee's work. At this time last year towns in the county were delinquent in payments in the amount of \$3,921,429, whereas to-day the county reports practically 100% collections, anticipating payment by the City of Yonkers, which, it is understood, will be announced shortly. Judge Bleakley said, pointing out that marked improvements in both current and delinquent collections are being reported in the separate cities and towns in the county as compared with the preceding year. Further, as evidence of restoration of the county's financial credit, its bonds were offered on a 6 1/4% basis in the New York market only a few months ago, while only a few days ago the county sold an issue of bonds at 3 1/4%.

**WHARTON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Wharton), Tex.—BOND CALL**—It is stated that the county will exercise its option to redeem at par and accrued interest, the following bonds aggregating \$53,000: \$22,000 5% Road Dist. No. 1 bonds, being Nos. 112 to 116; 129 to 131; 134 to 141, and 143 to 148. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 17 1912. Due on Feb. 17 1952.  
 31,000 5 1/2% Road District No. 3 bonds, being Nos. 2 to 32, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 10 1918. Due on April 10 1948.

**WILMERDING, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE**—The \$20,000 coupon bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 139, p. 2871—were awarded to the Peoples-Pittsburgh Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, as 4 1/8%, at par plus a premium of \$1,856, equal to 109.28, a basis of about 3.74%. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 1 in 1944 and 1945; 1954 and 1959. Other bids were as follows:

Bidder	Premium
McLaughlin, MacAfee & Co.	\$1,111.10
Charles H. Adams Co.	1,000.00
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	960.00
Grover & MacGregor Inc.	1,252.25
E. H. Rollins & Sons	1,335.00
Graham, Parsons & Co.	1,427.00
S. K. Cunningham & Co.	1,045.00

**WINDSOR, Windsor County, Vt.—BOND OFFERING**—The issue of \$114,000 refunding bonds unsuccessfully offered at 3 3/4% interest on Oct. 5—V. 139, p. 2404—is being re-offered for sale on Dec. 3, with the coupon rate increased to 4 1/2%. Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. by F. B. Tracy, Village Treasurer. Issue is dated Oct. 1 1934 and will mature \$6,000 yearly on Oct. 1 from 1936 to 1954 incl.

**WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN**—H. J. Tunison, City Treasurer, made award Nov. 20 of a \$600,000 revenue anticipation loan to the Merchants National Bank of Boston, at 0.43% discount basis. Dated Nov. 21 1934 and due Aug. 1 1935. Payable at the First National Bank of Boston or at the First Boston Corp., New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Other bidders were: State Street Trust Co., 0.44% plus \$2; Whiting, Weeks & Knowles, 0.44%; Bankers Trust Co., 0.54% plus \$17; Halsey, Stuart & Co., 0.544%; First National Bank of Boston, 0.55%; Faxton, Gade & Co., 0.59%; Second National Bank of Boston, 0.61%; and Newton, Abbe & Co., 0.63%.

*Taxes and Other Information (Officially Reported)*

Real, personal, poll and motor vehicle taxes committed for collection for 1934 amount to \$10,000,518.01, of which \$6,016,777.27 or 60.16% has been collected to the close of business Oct. 31 1934. Collection of these taxes of 1934 on the date mentioned was over 5% better than the collection of similar 1933 taxes on Oct. 31 1933, real estate taxes alone being 6.84% better.

Taxes of 1933 of all kinds outstanding at the close of business Oct. 31 1934, \$171,410.76 or 1.59% of the total committed. Real estate taxes for 1933 are 99.21%, collected as of Oct. 31 1934. Taxes of 1932 of all kinds outstanding at the close of business Oct. 31 1934, \$29,367.89, or less than 1/2 of 1%. No real estate taxes of 1932 are outstanding. No taxes of any kind for 1931 or previous years remain unpaid. Tax rate 1934, \$31.60; tax rate 1933, \$31.80; tax rate 1932, \$33.80.

Valuation for 1934, including valuation of motor vehicles, \$316,671,050. (Valuation of motor vehicles partly estimated.)

After deducting water debt and sinking funds, exclusive of water sinking funds, from total debt, based on 1930 census figures of 195,311, the net capita bonded debt of Worcester was on Oct. 31 1934 \$42.46. The net bonded debt figured in this way is \$8,292,694.28, which is a net bonded debt of 2.62% of the 1934 valuation above mentioned. Our sinking funds on Oct. 31 1934 were \$631,378.42 and they exceeded the debt which they are to pay by \$141,378.42.

In 1932, 1933 and 1934 this city issued \$5,306,000 in bonds and in the same period paid bonds maturing amounting to \$5,804,600.

**BOND OFFERING**—Harold J. Tunison, City Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 28 for the purchase of \$1,080,000 1 3/4 or 2% coupon or registered municipal financial year adjustment bonds, issued under authority of Chapter 229 of Acts of 1934. Dated Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$216,000 each year on Dec. 1 from 1935 to 1939 incl. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Bidder to name a single interest rate for the entire issue. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal. Bonds will be certified by the First National Bank of Boston and the legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston will be furnished the successful bidder. Delivery of bonds to be made on or about Dec. 10 1934.

**YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—WARRANTS CALLED**—All current expense warrants issued prior to June 16 1934 are reported to have become payable on Nov. 8 at the office of the County Treasurer.

**YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—ARRANGES FOR ADJUSTMENT OF FINANCIAL STRUCTURE**—Readjustment of the financial structure of the city placing it on a cash basis and strengthening its financial position, was announced Nov. 23 by Mayor Joseph F. Loehr following a luncheon at the Bankers Club attended by city officials and bankers. The action involves the delivery by the city of \$5,962,000 general corporate 5% bonds, due in equal annual amounts from 1938 to 1942 incl., in exchange for bond notes, local improvement notes and certificates of indebtedness, and a simultaneous sale of \$3,000,000 5% certificates of indebtedness to the Chase National Bank, the National City Bank, and Bank of The Manhattan Co. This loan was made in anticipation of uncollected taxes of 1934 and the proceeds will be used to pay municipal payrolls, merchandise claims and State and county taxes.

The transaction was carried through under a financing plan on which the city has been engaged for nearly a year. The final step will be a public offering of \$1,000,000 long-term capital and relief bonds within the next 15 days, and the city is already assured of its ability to sell this issue at an interest rate of not more than 5%. It is said.

**YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Minnewaukan), Benson County, N. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD**—The \$6,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-annual coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 22—V. 139, p. 2556—was not sold. Dated Nov. 1 1934. Due \$1,000 from Nov. 1 1936 to 1941 inclusive.

**CANADA, Its Provinces and Municipalities.**

**CALGARY, Alta.—AVERTS DEBT DEFAULT**—Default on the payment of debenture interest due and payable in December by the city will be averted as a result of the decision of the Council to capitalize \$250,000 of 1934 relief expenditure in order to pave the way for a \$250,000 loan from the Bank of Montreal. The loan will be guaranteed by the Alberta Government, it is said.

**CHANDLER, Que.—INTEREST COUPON PAYMENT**—The Village has been authorized by the Quebec Municipal Commission to pay interest coupons due Nov. 1 1934 on bonds issued under by-law No. 8.

**CHICOUTIMI, Que.—DEFAULTED INTEREST PAYMENT**—The "Financial Post" of Toronto on Nov. 17 reported in part as follows: "Improvement in the financial position of the City of Chicoutimi, under control of the Quebec Municipal Commission, has been such that arrangements have been made to pay coupons on the city's bonds from May 1 1933 to Oct. 1 1933. Approximately \$38,000 will be paid to the bondholders. It is hoped by the commission that early next year it will be possible to complete payment of coupons up to the end of 1933."

**EDMONTON, Alta.—TAX COLLECTIONS**—City tax collections for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 totaled \$2,701,999 compared with \$3,010,401 in the same 1933 period, a decline of \$308,401. Collections of current taxes for the 10 months totaled \$1,876,261, compared with \$2,207,475 in the first 10 months of 1933. Collections of arrears this year came to \$552,666, compared with \$513,757 in 1933.

**HALDIMAND COUNTY (P. O. Caledonia), Ont.—BONDS NOT SOLD**—The \$35,000 improvement bonds, due in 10 years, offered on Nov. 14—V. 139, p. 2872—were not sold. The offer of 99.51 for 4% bonds, submitted by C. H. Burgess & Co. of Toronto, was rejected.

**MONTREAL, Que.—BANKS LOAN \$2,100,000 AGAINST TAXES**—Correspondence released by Mayor Camille Houde on Nov. 15 revealed that the Bank of Montreal and the Banque Canadienne Nationale had agreed to loan \$2,100,000 to the City on the condition that all tax moneys collected from Nov. 9 and thereafter are earmarked for the purpose of paying off loans made previously in anticipation of tax collections. Of the \$2,100,000 advance, \$1,200,000 will be used for direct relief and \$900,000 for administrative expenses during November. The correspondence between the Mayor and general managers of each of the institutions disclosed that the banks have tightened up on their loans to the City pending some statement from the Administration as to the plans under way toward balancing the budget. The Mayor stated that a committee has been appointed for the purpose of formulating a suitable program for consideration of the Provincial Legislature in January.

**NEW GLASGOW, N. S.—BOND SALE**—The \$30,000 4 1/2% bonds offered on Nov. 1—V. 139, p. 2872—were awarded to W. C. Pitfield & Co. of Halifax at a price of 97.25, a basis of about 4.72%. Dated Nov. 1 1934 and due in 20 years.

**REGINA, Sask.—BONDED DEBT**—D. Scott, City Treasurer, recently reported that the gross debt of the municipality at the close of 1934 will total \$17,633,581, including \$1,652,612 public and separate schools debt. Sinking funds will total \$6,276,606, he said, leaving net debt at \$11,356,975. The City plans to borrow \$300,000 from the Dominion Government for relief purposes.

**TORONTO, Ont.—OTHER BIDS**—The following is an official list of the other bids submitted for the \$4,098,000 3 1/2% bonds awarded on Nov. 14 to a group composed of the Dominion Securities Corp., Royal Securities Corp. and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at a price of 100.01, a basis of about 3.498%—V. 139, p. 3194:

Bidder	Rate Bid
F. W. Kerr & Co.	99.70
Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd.; A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd.; Royal Bank, and Dominion Bank.	99.6837
Bank of Nova Scotia; Bank of Toronto; R. A. Daly & Co. Ltd.; Cochran, Murray & Co. Ltd.; Dymont, Anderson & Co. Ltd.; Griffis, Fairclough & Norsworthy, Ltd.; Matthews & Co.; Midland Securities Corp., Ltd.; Fleming, Denton & Co., and J. L. Graham & Co.	99.5325
Gairdner & Co.; Nesbitt, Thomson & Co.; W. C. Pitfield & Co., and Imperial Bank of Canada.	99.519
Bank of Montreal; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Ltd.; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd.; Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Ltd.; Harrison & Co., Ltd.; McTaggart, Hannaford, Birks & Gordon, Ltd.; Hanson Bros., Inc., and O. H. Burgess & Co., Ltd.	99.296

**VANCOUVER, B. C.—PLANS TAX CONSOLIDATION**—The City has canceled its November tax sales pending preparation of a six-year plan for consolidation of tax arrears. Arrears will be payable during that period at 5% int., on the following basis: 10% in each of the first three years; 20% in the fourth year and 25% in each of the next two years. Failure to maintain payments would result in sale of property. During the first 10 months of 1934 the City collected \$10,064,548 in current and delinquent taxes, as compared with \$9,689,438 in the same period last year.

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