

The Financial Situation

THE President at Hyde Park yesterday made public a letter he had dispatched on Sept. 2 to Roy W. Howard, of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain, in response to one he had received from Mr. Howard late in August. Mr. Howard had apparently given the President an opportunity, which was promptly seized, to present to the public another *apologia pro vita sua*. The business community which for some time past has been hoping for some encouraging statement and fearing utterances of another nature by the President, has not unnaturally seized upon this letter with great avidity.

The President again pays his respects in characteristic phrases to the Philistines who oppose his program, but in the existing circumstances these sentences may perhaps be ignored, difficult as it is to escape a feeling of irritation at what once again seems to be the attitude of the President that those who disagree with him are ignorant, stupid, or worse. But since there are some "critics who are honest and nonpartisan and who are willing to discuss and to learn," the President believes that he owes a "positive duty to clarify our purposes, describe our methods and to reiterate our ideals." To these objectives he presumably devotes the remainder of his rather remarkable letter.

As to ideals, they are set forth in the following language, which only in words is in any sense new. "As spokesman for these purposes I pointed out (three years ago) that it was necessary to seek a wise balance in American economic life, to restore our banking system to public confidence, to protect investors in the security market, to give labor freedom to organize and protection from exploitation, to safeguard and develop our natural resources, to set up protection against the vicissitudes incident to old age and unemployment, to relieve destitution and suffering and to relieve investors and consumers from the burden of unnecessary corporate machinery."

Mr. Roosevelt evidently feels it necessary to offer a defense of recent tax legislation. The fine phrases he uses for the purpose are, however, not likely to convince anybody not unduly susceptible to the magic of soothing words. We may therefore pass at

once to other and more important portions of the letter. We find among these latter an assurance to the effect that the basic legislative program of the Administration "has now reached substantial completion and the breathing spell of which you (Mr. Howard) speak of is here—very decidedly so." There follow further iteration of the President's belief that conditions are now substantially better than they were at an earlier date, and that "at this moment conditions are such as to offer further

substantial and widespread recovery." Much emphasis is laid upon "confidence," "not merely confidence of a small group, but that basic confidence on the part of the mass of our population," in all this latter discussion. There follows a paragraph in which tribute is paid to the American social and economic system, approvingly quoting for that purpose the following sentence from Mr. Howard's letter:

"With all its faults and with the abuses it has developed, our system has in the past enabled us to achieve greater mass progress than has been attained by any other system on earth. Smoke out the sinister forces seeking to delude the public into believing that an orderly modernization of a system we want to preserve is revolution in disguise."

So much for soothing generalities. The time is opportune for realistic analysis of these sentences in the light of the situation as it actually exists. As to the statement of ideals, it may be dismissed with a reminder that faith without works is dead. Vaguely worded objectives are unimportant in comparison with the nature and probable results of pro-

grams adopted allegedly for the purpose of attaining stated objectives. Glowing tributes to "American systems" are, of course, to be placed in the same category, as are such assurances as the President gives about "business interests" being wholly in harmony with "mass interests."

This leaves only two questions for discussion: (1) are the programs, legislative and administrative, that have been adopted and which are being carried forward at present reasonably well-designed for the purpose of attaining the fine objectives set forth by the President? and (2) just what significance is to

Financially Unsound

Mayor La Guardia early this week, as was expected, signed a measure previously approved by both the Board of Estimate and the Board of Aldermen of the City of New York, providing for a popular referendum on the question of whether the city shall embark upon a project involving the expenditure of some \$49,000,000 for a municipal power plant to duplicate an existing privately-owned plant and to compete directly with it.

Just before signing the measure the Mayor listened to the protests of a number of well-informed business men who believe, as sensible men must, that such a procedure on the part of the city would be exceedingly unwise. Among these was former Judge Proskauer, speaking technically for the Consolidated Gas Co., but in fact expressing the opinion held by all forward-looking citizens, who said, in part:

"If you had to look to private capital to put up the money for this project, I think there is not a man, including yourself, who doesn't know that you couldn't raise a nickel for this project on this basis, because it is financially unsound."

The Mayor was furthermore reminded of the immense funds that New York City has already in unprofitable investments such as the subways, Staten Island docks, and the Floyd Bennett Field, all of which are now directly or indirectly represented by obligations of the city, upon which the taxpayers and not the enterprises themselves are paying the interest.

With studied disregard of such good advice, the Mayor, promptly upon completion of opposing arguments, proceeded with a flourish to sign the measure. It is now incumbent upon the people of the city to defeat the project so overwhelmingly as to put an end, for a long period, at least, to all such semi-socialistic proposals.

If this project were an isolated case, the matter would hardly warrant national attention, large as the City of New York bulks in municipal finance. Such, however, is not the case. On the contrary, it is but one local manifestation of a nation-wide movement sponsored by the present Administration at Washington. We can only hope that the people throughout the country will themselves put a definite end to this movement, as they unquestionably can, whether they have the opportunity to vote upon such proposals directly or whether they must depend upon less direct means.

be attached to the President's assurance that the business community will now have a "breathing spell?" The first is an old, old question about which the thoughtful business man has long had his own opinion. There is not a line anywhere in the President's letter to Mr. Howard that ought to change, or is likely to alter, sensible conclusions already reached on this question. Our own belief, as our readers are well-aware, has been and still is that what the Administration has done, so far from achieving the results for which the President says he is striving, will do great injury, and indeed is already doing great injury, to both the masses concerning which the Administration is so solicitous, and to the business man, whose real interests the President correctly says are in the long run as one with those of the rank and file.

Now as to the promised "breathing spell." First let it be clearly noted that what the President says is that his *legislative* program has reached *substantial* completion. We shall, of course, have to assume with what confidence we can summon that he will not take advantage of the reservations made with the word "substantial" to come forward at some eleventh hour in the future with wholly unexpected legislative projects as he did this past summer in the matter of the so-called "soak-the-rich" tax measure. But suppose that no further legislation of basic importance is brought forth next year. Where does this leave the business community? Certainly with a very unsatisfactory sort of "breathing spell" ahead of it. The public utility legislation just taken to the national statute book has been found upon close examination virtually to deliver the industry over to the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Power Commission to do with what they think best, assuming that the courts uphold the law in all of its extreme provisions. The banks of the country have a similar problem on their hands as a result of the Banking Act of 1935. Not only is the Social Security Act full of similar uncertainties, which can in the nature of the case be eliminated only with the passage of time, but the program thus laid out is utterly new to our American system, and in degree at least to the entire world. Numerous governmental officials and administrative bodies are now endowed with heretofore unheard of powers as a result of recent or earlier enactments for which the present Administration is responsible. If uncertainty as to what new laws are likely next to be enacted has in large measure been removed at least for the time being, it has been replaced by about equally troublesome obscurity as to what those entrusted with sweeping powers under laws already adopted will do.

The business man will of course make up his own mind what he thinks of this letter of the President. For our part, we find it singularly void of anything basically reassuring.

The Week's Developments

MEASURED in concrete developments the past week has been relatively uneventful. The President has signed a number of measures that everybody knew he would sign, and vetoed a number of unimportant bills, accompanied by formal statements which few, probably, have taken the trouble to read. The Treasury succeeded in obtaining liberal subscriptions for an offering of \$500,000,000 short-term notes, a type of obligation long in favor among

investors, but its offering of longer-term obligations has not been cordially received. The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. and the Bankers Trust Co., both in New York City, have given public recognition to low earnings and the probable burdens of the Banking Act of 1935 by reducing dividends, while another banking institution of first-rate importance, the Guaranty Trust Co., also of New York, continued its regular dividend without change.

Trade reports as a whole have been indecisive, as was to be expected immediately after the holiday, while the stock market, except for what appeared to be the results of professional operations late in the week, continued to remain in a somewhat uncertain state of mind. Some improvement in the bond market was also recorded late in the week, but there was little to indicate that the rank and file of investors, or even institutional ones, have become more willing than they have been in the past to pay the very high prices that had until quite recently been asked for strictly first-grade bonds. One of the large utility company systems issued a somewhat optimistic letter to its stockholders a day or so ago, but was careful to state plainly that the new Federal law was not only an extreme, but a very complex, one, and that the officials of the company had not as yet been able to acquaint themselves fully with all of its terms.

New Financing Less Active

ACCORDING to the registration statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, two plans, both of utility companies, for further public corporate financing of importance have come to fruition during the current week. For some weeks past there have been evidences that the market was rather reluctant to absorb new offerings of substantial proportions, even where the issues offered were destined to replace existing securities, at prices as high as had on most occasions been named on new issues. Such improvement as has taken place in the bond market during the past day or two does not seem to have remedied this situation in any really convincing way.

Taken as a whole, therefore, the financial community during the past week has seemed to pursue a policy of watchful waiting, devoting its time for the most part to study of the situation by which it is faced, and appraising the outlook for the autumn and winter months. Conclusions on the part of thoughtful observers, so far as they have assumed definite form, are still rather largely of the *a priori* type, and rest for the most part either directly or indirectly upon what is believed likely to be the effect of continued Government spending on the one hand, and the practical results of recent legislation and forthcoming Administration policies on the other. There is considerable speculation upon what the President may have to say in addresses he is expected to deliver during the next few weeks, and the hope is expressed in some quarters that in the public reaction to whatever he has to say—particularly if he continues his habit of uttering harsh criticisms of business—there may be found a useful clue to the trend of public opinion.

The President's letter to Mr. Roy Howard, to which we have referred, may or may not offer a clue to what he will have to say later. At any rate it is too early to gauge the reaction of the public to its contents.

The "Farmer's Tariff"

THE Secretary of Agriculture in Washington on Wednesday, after having completed an extensive Western tour, had some things to say to the press that were distinctly irritating to a number of business men, and to which they were inclined to attach considerable importance, the more so since they more than half suspected that what the Secretary had to say revealed a part of the general political strategy of the Administration in certain respects. Mr. Wallace told the reporters that he found Western farmers becoming "educated to the idea" that the processing taxes, coupled with benefit payments, were the "farmer's tariff," adding, according to press dispatches, the following significant sentences:

"The Middle West has always favored high protective tariffs. I have never been enthusiastic for the idea and have fought it for ten years. But throughout the West there is a growing conviction that the farmer is as much entitled to protection as the industrialist.

"The farmer is getting that protection now, in lieu of foreign markets for his products, in the form of the processing tax. If it is found that this method of bringing social justice to the farmer cannot be continued, he will begin immediately to look around for something else. If the substitute cannot be found, he probably will seek a lowering of tariff rates and therefore prices on the things he buys."

To this Mr. Wallace added a number of other observations that appear to be not without significance. Among them was a statement to the effect that merchants and others depending upon the farmers for a living were increasingly sympathetic to the current farm subsidies in the form of benefit payments. Another was that he found substantial sympathy in the West for constitutional changes to remove legal difficulties (if they are made permanent by the Supreme Court) in the way of the present system of collecting processing taxes and turning the proceeds over to the farmer. Of course, statements such as these can very easily be construed, as many are construing them, as warning to industrial interests concerned with a continuance of existing excessive tariff duties that they would be well advised to cease their objections to the processing tax, or even as a hint that the Administration, if balked in these matters, may presently come forth as an advocate of sweeping tariff reduction. How just this interpretation of the remarks of the Secretary is, we of course cannot venture to say at this time. This official has, on paper at least, been a rather consistent doubter of excessive tariff theories for a number of years. What we do know is that we should be much better pleased if he had expressed the view (which we have no idea he holds) that the processing tax-farm benefit system is even more iniquitous than our ultra-protectionism of the past decade or two, and that what is needed is that both should forthwith be abolished.

The Budget

BOTH the Secretary of the Treasury and the President meanwhile have given utterance to statements which in other days doubtless would have had more effect than they seem to have had in fact, and than they really deserve to have. The President, at his home in Hyde Park on Wednesday, in announcing an order placing the last of a list of twenty agencies

heretofore independent of such "control" under the so-called Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, remarked rather vaguely that the "emergency peak" had passed, and that these agencies would henceforth act more as administrative bodies, with the expectation that their staffs could be reduced in the future. The President has long ago seen to it that the Director of the Budget is wholly amenable to suggestions from the White House, and obviously a billion dollars wastefully spent by an administrative body is just as harmful as a like amount similarly disbursed by any other Government agency. As to savings that may be effected by reductions in personnel, they are not likely to be large enough to be found among the astronomical budgetary figures of to-day.

The Secretary of the Treasury is described in an Associated Press dispatch of Thursday as looking over the first two months of the current fiscal year and concluding that "we are within the President's budget." This official is then pictured as again falling back upon the old theory of "recoverable loans" made with public moneys, in which such loans are deducted from expenses before computing the real deficit for the period. In this way it is found possible to reduce the official deficit for the first two months of the year from \$672,000,000 to \$427,000,000, and to add that at this rate the "deficit" for the year would be only about \$2,500,000,000 against the "President's budget" showing a deficit of \$4,000,000,000. Of course all who have cut their eyeteeth in such matters will take this talk about recoverable loans with a grain of salt, especially since the recent report of a special Senate Committee on the financial experience of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, and no one has ever supposed that the Treasury would not remain within the estimates of expenditures set forth by the President. The Secretary is said to have concluded that "the more you go into it for the first two months, the better it looks." It seems to us that the more one studies the whole budgetary situation of the country the worse it looks. It is a source of some encouragement that the financial community is at length also quite generally taking this view of the matter. So long as it was inclined to take these enormous deficits as a matter of course, there seemed little hope of ever ending them.

Federal Reserve Bank Statement

REVERSAL of the recent upward trend of member bank excess reserves comprises the main item of note in the current condition statement of the 12 Federal Reserve banks, combined. A sharp but seasonal increase of currency in circulation, coupled with Treasury withdrawals of funds from the member banks, operated to reduce such excess reserves by \$110,000,000 in the week ended Wednesday. It is officially estimated that the aggregate of reserves over requirements was \$2,670,000,000 on Sept. 4 against \$2,780,000,000 on Aug. 28. This change, of course, does not affect the fundamental position, which remains one of grave concern to all informed members of the financial community. The decline of European gold currencies to the gold export point suggests that the United States soon may be the recipient of additional floods of the yellow metal, even though our supplies are excessive. As National bank notes are retired from actual circulation, moreover, the Treasury will find it necessary to deposit additional gold certificates with the Federal Reserve banks. Such developments again will

tend to swell the already enormously exaggerated total of reserve deposits and excess reserves. It is to be noted, incidentally, that the recently enacted Banking Act provides for an increase of reserve requirements in the event of any credit control emergency, but there is no more expectation of a real use of that new power than there is of any liquidation by the Federal Reserve banks of their open market holdings of United States Government securities. The potential dangers of the credit situation cannot be sufficiently emphasized.

Although additions to the monetary gold stocks of the country amounted to \$12,000,000 in the week covered by the current statement, the Treasury refrained from depositing any gold certificates with the Reserve System. This merely means larger deposits at some future period. The gold certificates, which now represent the interest of banks in the gold stocks, dropped slightly to \$6,481,634,000 on Sept. 4 from \$6,482,231,000 on Aug. 28. The holiday and seasonal drain of currency caused a recession in "other cash" of the Federal Reserve banks, and total reserves thus receded to \$6,708,082,000 from \$6,729,762,000. Total money in circulation advanced no less than \$77,000,000, and much of this was accounted for by Federal Reserve notes, which moved up to \$3,413,933,000 from \$3,352,057,000. Treasury withdrawals of war loan deposits from member banks and cash payments by the banks for new Treasury securities both operated to reduce the reserve deposits of member institutions. Such deposits fell to \$5,288,147,000 on Sept. 4 from \$5,346,437,000 on Aug. 28, while Treasury deposits with the Reserve banks on general account advanced to \$103,062,000 from \$49,877,000, despite heavy outlays. Other deposits decreased, and total deposits fell to \$5,524,355,000 from \$5,608,865,000. While deposit liabilities declined, circulation liabilities increased, and as there was a decrease in reserves the ratio fell to 75.0% from 75.1%. Discounts by the System were moderately higher at \$10,708,000 on Sept. 4 against \$9,409,000 on Aug. 28. Industrial advances reflected repayments on a greater scale than new loans, and the total receded \$17,000 to \$29,430,000. Open market bankers' bill holdings were quite unchanged at \$4,685,000, while holdings of United States Government securities fell \$118,000 to \$2,430,213,000.

Business Failures in August

BANKRUPTCIES in business lines have been relatively few in number and for a small amount throughout most of this year, and the record for the month of August shows no important change. There were in the United States during that month, according to Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., 910 business failures, with total liabilities of \$17,845,596 against 931 similar defaults in July for \$20,446,761 of indebtedness, and 929 reported in August last year owing \$18,459,903. The variation in this record is very trifling. The fact is that such has been the case for the past 18 months. The low point was touched in September of last year, and the high point in January. Even the records for the last two months were not very wide apart. Business failures in January are usually more numerous than in any other month of the year, while in September the number is at the bottom.

For the eight months of this year the number of business failures was 8,109 and the liabilities \$148,573,198. This was the lowest record for that period

since 1920. For the same time in 1934 there were 8,418 similar defaults recorded, involving liabilities of \$189,589,280. How greatly conditions have changed is shown by the report of 1932; for in the first eight months of that year there were 22,825 business failures in the United States with liabilities of \$701,505,139.

Separating this year's record by branches of business, it is shown that the smaller retail dealer continues to contribute most heavily to the number of insolvencies. For the month of August there were 557 defaults in retail lines, the total amount of liabilities being \$5,035,217. These failures in the retail division constituted 61.3% of all failures in that month. In August of last year there were 518 defaults among retail dealers for \$6,062,433, the ratio to all failures in that month being 55.8%. In the manufacturing division in August this year 197 failures occurred, for \$5,853,045 against 237 a year ago, involving \$7,489,195 of indebtedness. There were 91 defaults among wholesale dealers in August this year, owing \$1,819,945, and 65 classified as agents and brokers, for \$5,137,389 of liabilities; the figures for the last two divisions a year ago were, respectively, 79 and 95, and the indebtedness \$1,506,964 and \$3,401,311.

By geographical sections the improvement that appeared in the August figures as compared with a year ago was mainly in the East. Separated by Federal Reserve Bank Districts, there were four sections where failures were fewer last month than in August of last year. These four districts were Boston, New York, Richmond and Kansas City. For each of them the decline was quite marked. On the other hand, quite an increase appeared in the Philadelphia district, as well as for that of Cleveland and San Francisco. For Chicago and Minneapolis, the figures were also higher. In the South, outside of the Richmond district, more failures occurred, the St. Louis, Atlanta and Dallas districts each showing higher records.

The New York Stock Market

TRANSACTIONS in stocks on the New York market this week reflected a resumption of the optimism that has been current, intermittently, for approximately five months. The hesitation that appeared last week still was in evidence at the start of the business week, but it gave way to extensive buying in most parts of the list, and substantial gains are to be recorded for the week as a whole. It is now quite obvious that the war scare in Europe and the partial failure of the Treasury offering of \$100,000,000 Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation bonds last week occasioned the uncertainty that was carried over into the first session of the current week, on Tuesday. The holiday atmosphere also contributed to the hesitation, and this aspect of the situation was not unusual, for the Labor Day suspension can be counted upon to produce such results. The session on the New York Stock Exchange last Saturday was dull, with prices steady. Monday, of course, was a holiday. When trading was resumed on Tuesday no especial activity developed, for there was still a good deal of uncertainty regarding the European situation and the trend of United States Government securities. Total transactions were less than 1,000,000 shares, and most issues drifted modestly lower. Amusement shares furnished the conspicuous exception, these issues moving sharply

higher on reports of excellent attendance at theaters. During much of the session on Wednesday prices did not vary much, but in the final hour a sweeping upswing developed. Cancellation of an Ethiopian oil lease to American interests was accepted as an assurance that the United States will not become involved in any European conflict, and there also was a better feeling regarding Treasury obligations. The early uncertainty was overcome in the last hour, and motor and steel stocks led an advance that took in also railroad and many other groups. The advance was continued on Thursday, with New York transit stocks in heavy demand on rumors of unification progress. Electrical equipment, steel, motor and other industrial stocks likewise moved forward, and numerous new highs for the year appeared. Transactions again approached the 2,000,000 share mark. The activity was well sustained yesterday, and prices again improved virtually throughout the list. Increase of the General Electric dividend stimulated the list, and gains were pronounced in industrial stocks, while railroad issues also improved. Transfer of a seat on the New York Stock Exchange was effected yesterday at \$120,000, an increase of \$15,000 over the last previous transaction.

In the listed bond market United States Government securities held attention. The uneasiness caused by the partial failure of the guaranteed offering last week was not easily dispelled, and movements were jerky and irregular Tuesday and Wednesday. Announcement by the Treasury on Tuesday of refunding terms applicable to \$1,250,000,000 called Fourth Liberty 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % bonds, and an offering of \$500,000,000 notes for new money contributed to the uncertainty. When it appeared that the note issue for new money had quickly been oversubscribed, confidence gathered and the trend of the market improved. Highly rated corporate bonds held steady in the face of the general uneasiness, while speculative bonds joined in the advance of quotations noted on the stock market. In the foreign dollar bond department most movements were toward better levels. In the commodity markets trends were somewhat better this week, although levels were lowered at first. Gains appeared in most grains and other staples during the latter half of the week, and these movements aided the share market perceptibly. Foreign exchange dealings suggest that European capital once again is moving to this side of the Atlantic, possibly because of the fears of general European complications from the Italo-Ethiopian impasse. All the gold units of Europe drifted downward, and levels were reached that indicate a renewal of the gold flow to the United States. Sterling exchange likewise was under pressure and slipped to lower levels, but one apparent reason for the decline of sterling was a cessation of silver buying in the London market by the United States Treasury.

Dividend declarations for the week continue for the most part favorable, and include the General Electric Co., which declared a dividend of 20c. a share on the common stock, payable Oct. 25. This compares with distributions of 15c. a share made in each of the six preceding quarters. The American Agricultural Chemical Co. took similar action and increased the quarterly payment on its capital stock from 50c. a share to 75c. a share, payable Sept. 30. The Borg-Warner Corp. likewise increased the quarterly disbursement on the common stock to 50c. a share, payable Oct. 1. Dividends of 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. a share

were declared in the two previous quarters. The Safeway Stores, Inc., took adverse action on its no par common stock by reducing the dividend payment from 75c. a share to 50c. a share, payable Oct. 1.

On the New York Stock Exchange 110 stocks touched new high levels for the year and 19 stocks touched new low levels. On the New York Curb Exchange 54 stocks touched new high levels and 7 stocks touched new low levels. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange remained unchanged at $\frac{1}{4}$ %, the same as on Friday of last week.

On the New York Stock Exchange the sales at the half-day session on Saturday were 491,280 shares; Monday was Labor Day and a holiday; on Tuesday the sales were 904,080 shares; on Wednesday, 1,000,740 shares; on Thursday, 1,891,670 shares, and on Friday, 2,153,840 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 131,970 shares; on Tuesday, 179,415 shares; on Wednesday, 191,240 shares; on Thursday, 330,510 shares, and on Friday, 423,680 shares.

The stock market the present week, after periods of dulness and irregularity, resumed its pre-holiday spirit and closed the week with an improvement in volume of trading and prices. General Electric closed yesterday at 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 30 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 28 $\frac{1}{8}$; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 13 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 11 $\frac{7}{8}$; Public Service of N. J. at 42 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 40 $\frac{1}{2}$; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 77 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 68 $\frac{3}{4}$; International Harvester at 56 against 54 $\frac{1}{8}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 58 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 55; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 35 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 34; Woolworth at 62 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 61 $\frac{7}{8}$, and American Tel. & Tel. at 140 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 135 $\frac{1}{2}$. Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 161 against 161 on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 121 against 117; National Cash Register A at 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 16 $\frac{1}{8}$; International Nickel at 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 29 $\frac{1}{8}$; National Dairy Products at 15 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 15 $\frac{1}{2}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 34 $\frac{3}{4}$; National Biscuit at 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 28 $\frac{1}{4}$; Continental Can at 85 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 82 $\frac{1}{2}$; Eastman Kodak at 151 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 147; Standard Brands at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 13 $\frac{5}{8}$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 72 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 65 $\frac{5}{8}$; Lorillard at 24 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 24 $\frac{1}{2}$; United States Industrial Alcohol at 44 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 42 $\frac{1}{2}$; Canada Dry at 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 9 $\frac{5}{8}$; Schenley Distillers at 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 34 $\frac{1}{4}$, and National Distillers at 31 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 29 $\frac{3}{8}$.

The steel stocks yesterday recorded substantial gains over the close on Friday a week ago. United States Steel closed yesterday at 46 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 37 $\frac{3}{8}$; Republic Steel at 19 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 18 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Youngstown Sheet & Tube at 27 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 25 $\frac{5}{8}$. In the motor group, Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 33 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; General Motors at 45 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 42 $\frac{3}{8}$; Chrysler at 68 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 61 $\frac{1}{2}$, and Hupp Motors at 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 17 $\frac{1}{8}$. In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 19 $\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week, and B. F. Goodrich at 9 against 8 $\frac{5}{8}$. The railroad shares also moved to higher levels at the close yesterday as compared with Friday of the previous week. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 29 against 27 on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at 52 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 48 $\frac{3}{4}$; New York Central at 25 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 22 $\frac{5}{8}$; Union Pacific at 100 against 99 $\frac{1}{2}$; Southern Pacific at 20 against 18 $\frac{1}{4}$; Southern Railway at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 9, and Northern Pacific at

18 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 16 $\frac{3}{8}$. Among the oil stocks, Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 44 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 45 $\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Shell Union Oil at 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 9, and Atlantic Refining at 22 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 22 $\frac{1}{8}$. In the copper group, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 23 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 22 $\frac{3}{8}$; American Smelting & Refining at 46 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 45 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Phelps Dodge at 21 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 20 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The holiday this week made true assessment of the business and industrial trend more difficult than usual, but the indications generally remain favorable. Steel-making in the current week was estimated by the American Iron and Steel Institute at 45.8% of capacity against 47.9% last week, 46.0% one month ago, and 18.4% at this time last year. This represents a decrease of 2.1 points, or 4.4%, from the preceding week. The long week-end naturally induced curtailment at some plants, and the decline from last week is not discouraging. Output of electric power for the week to Aug. 31 is reported by the Edison Electric Institute at 1,809,716,000 kilowatt hours against 1,839,815,000 kilowatt hours in the previous week and 1,626,881,000 kilowatt hours in the corresponding week of last year. Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended Aug. 31 1935 totaled 679,861 cars. This represents a gain of 53,488 cars, or 8.5%, over the preceding week, a rise of 32,330 cars, or 5.0%, from the total for the like week of 1934.

As indicating the course of the commodity markets, the September option for wheat in Chicago closed yesterday at 90c. as against 86 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. the close on Friday of last week; September corn at Chicago closed yesterday at 75 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. against 71 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. September oats at Chicago closed yesterday at 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. as against 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. the close on Friday of last week.

The spot price for cotton here in New York closed yesterday at 10.75c., the same as the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber yesterday was 11.45c. as against 11.79c. the close on Friday of last week. Domestic copper was unchanged for the week at 8.50c.

In London the price of bar silver yesterday closed at 29 $\frac{3}{16}$ pence per ounce as against 29 pence per ounce on Friday of last week, and spot silver in New York remained unchanged at 65 $\frac{3}{8}$ c., the close on Friday of last week. In the matter of the foreign exchanges, cable transfers on London closed yesterday at \$4.93 $\frac{1}{2}$ as against \$4.96 $\frac{7}{8}$ the close on Friday of last week, and cable transfers on Paris closed yesterday at 6.59 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. as against 6.61 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week.

European Stock Markets

UNEASINESS regarding the developing difficulties of the Italo-Ethiopian situation continued to affect trading on the principal European securities markets this week. For almost a month this problem has cast a somber shadow over all dealings and markets have moved narrowly while the outcome was awaited. This week was no exception to the recent rule, as small upward and downward fluctuations at London, Paris and Berlin left the markets not greatly changed. Highly indicative of the attitude adopted in Europe as a consequence of the threat of war and the possibility of a general European conflagration is the steady downward pressure in foreign exchange markets this week on the gold

currencies of Europe. Since there is no immediate apprehension regarding currency developments, this tendency appears to reflect a continuing capital flight from Europe to the United States. Price trends at London and Paris this week were somewhat more cheerful than those at Berlin, where a rather steady downward movement occurred. But there was no enthusiasm in any European market. All the customary indications of business and industrial trends were ignored, in view of the primary importance of the political situation. The business indices, it may be added, show no variation from recent recovery tendencies in Great Britain, although the positions in France and Germany are less satisfactory.

On the London Stock Exchange trading was started quietly on Monday, with the holiday at New York contributing to the dullness. Uncertainty regarding the outcome of the Geneva discussions occasioned mild liquidation of British funds, while industrial stocks showed about as many small losses as small gains. Gold mining stocks were soft, and international issues were neglected. A more cheerful atmosphere prevailed on Tuesday, owing to rumors that Britain and France would take similar stands at Geneva. British funds closed firm, after early weakness. In the industrial list many good features appeared, while gold mining issues likewise were in demand. Mild irregularity prevailed in the international section. While definite news was awaited from Geneva, Wednesday, trading dropped to small proportions. British funds drifted slowly lower, and in the industrial section, also, most movements were toward lower quotations. Some of the gold mining issues improved again, but international securities were idle and not much changed. Activity increased on Thursday, and British funds were sharply better in that session, since the international outlook showed signs of improvement. Industrial stocks held close to former levels, but gold mining stocks gained sharply, owing to London rumors that further devaluation of the dollar is contemplated by the United States. Favorable reports of the trend at New York increased interest in Anglo-American trading favorites, which advanced. Little business was done at London yesterday, and the trend was uncertain. British funds receded, but some industrial issues improved.

Very little business was done on the Paris Bourse, Monday, as traders and investors alike were reluctant to increase their commitments while the international position remained uncertain. Prices drifted lower on small offerings and a lack of buyers. Rentes declined only a little, but losses were more pronounced in French bank, utility and industrial stocks. The month-end settlement was easily effected, with the rate at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, against 3% at the beginning of August. Rumors on Tuesday that the Italo-Ethiopian problem could be settled without resort to warfare caused advances in prices on the Bourse in that session. Rentes regained their previous losses, and the tendency was favorable also in most equities. Suez Canal stocks led the foreign section to higher levels. There was no comfort to be gained on Wednesday from rumors of a favorable political denouement and the trend turned uncertain. Rentes did a little better, but most equities declined and international issues also were marked lower. Again on Thursday, however, the impression prevailed that a peaceful adjustment of the Italo-Ethiopian troubles could be found, and improvement in quotations was the rule.

Rentes were marked slightly higher, while both French and international securities improved. Rentes showed fractional losses in a dull session yesterday, but other issues were barely changed.

Although the Berlin Boerse has been affected relatively little of late by international developments, owing to the rigors of Nazi policy, uncertainty was caused on the market there last Monday by the rumors of a spread of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict to other nations. Losses of a point or more were common in equities, and little support appeared for fixed-interest issues. The downward trend was resumed on Tuesday, with losses more pronounced in the speculative favorites. Some issues fell as much as 4 points, even though transactions were small. A better tone prevailed at the opening, Wednesday, but the initial gains soon were lost as the market settled again into a lethargic state. More losses than gains were recorded at the close. After an uncertain opening on Thursday, sentiment improved and many issues made small gains in that session. Utility stocks were in best demand, but in other groups changes were small. Small gains were the rule at Berlin yesterday, owing to good reception of a new Reich loan.

Italy and Ethiopia

ASPECTACLE of rare confusion and of rapidly shifting emphasis was presented this week by the dispute between Italy and Ethiopia. The League of Nations Council started on Wednesday its consideration of the problem. Although the formal activities have followed rather closely the many predictions made by well-informed observers, an undercurrent of opinion developed late this week which suggests that a way of preventing actual warfare by granting Italy virtually all she desires may yet be found. The British determination to prevent warfare if it possibly can be done may prove more effective than many had supposed likely. But the prospects cannot be considered cheerful, since Italy continued to ship vast numbers of men and great quantities of munitions to her East African colonies, while the Ethiopians also made what preparations they could for war. Before the Council session began an intensely confusing episode took place, which seemed for a time to swing the United States toward some sort of involvement in the Italo-Ethiopian impasse. A concession covering the exploitation of oil and mineral resources in more than half of Ethiopia suddenly was reported by the Associated Press from Addis Ababa. Although Emperor Haile Selassie declared that only American interests were concerned in this grant, no confirmation was available here at first. Later it appeared that the statement by the Emperor was correct, and the matter then was brought to a prompt close through relinquishment of the concession by the Standard Oil interests involved.

The action of the Ethiopian Emperor in "deeding" more than half his Empire to interests represented by a British promoter, Francis M. Rickett, clearly was an act of desperation, intended to bring American influence to bear in behalf of his country. The statements made by the Briton to the Associated Press representative at Addis Ababa was to the effect that both British and American concerns were involved. The concession or deed covered the entire eastern and more vulnerable part of Ethiopia. It caused amazement in all Chancelleries and brought

an immediate declaration from Secretary of State Cordell Hull that the United States Government would take no steps whatever to protect any such grant, if American interests were involved. It promised to affect the delicate balance of European affairs, for Italy promptly drew the conclusion that the stroke was engineered by Britain in order to supply additional grounds for interference with the aims of Rome. The British Government emphatically denied that any British companies were interested in the grant, so far as it was able to ascertain. But there were naturally some doubts on the matter, in view of the complications of inter-company relationships, and it was realized in London that the British case at Geneva would be badly handicapped if any British backers actually appeared. So strongly did the British Government feel about the matter that a strenuous protest to Ethiopia was prepared and dispatched to the British Minister at Addis Ababa. But the protest never was delivered owing to a statement by Emperor Haile Selassie last Sunday that only American interests were concerned. Attempts in New York to ascertain the identity of Mr. Rickett's backers were quite fruitless.

Emperor Haile Selassie cleared up the mystery in good part by his statement last Sunday that the British Government could hardly interfere with a concession granted to American citizens. "As a sovereign State we have the right to do anything we please in our own territory," he informed the correspondent of the Associated Press. "The United States is not a party to the 1906 treaty, in which England, France and Italy merely pledged themselves to do nothing to encroach on the interests of others. That is one of the reasons why I gave the concession to Standard Oil." In view of this statement it quickly developed on Monday that the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., owned jointly by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., were actually behind the transaction. Officials of these companies conferred with State Department officials in Washington and on the advice of Secretary Hull they announced immediate relinquishment of the concession, Tuesday. President Roosevelt declared on Wednesday that "dollar diplomacy" no longer is recognized by the United States Government, and that the developments relating to the concession may be taken as proof of that circumstance. Cancellation of the grant cleared the diplomatic air for the League Council meeting at Geneva.

The Council meeting started on Wednesday with more than a score of items on the agenda, but other problems were neglected in view of the primary importance of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute. The chief roles in the drama again were played by Captain Anthony Eden for Great Britain, Premier Pierre Laval for France, and Baron Pompeo Aloisi for Italy. Ethiopia was represented by her French adviser, Prof. Gaston Jeze. Captain Eden conferred once again with French officials as he journeyed toward the League city, and there were rumors of an improved understanding between the British and French after the conference, but actual evidence to that effect was lacking. More impressive were substantial British shipments of anti-aircraft guns and gas-masks to Malta, and the heavy concentration of the British Mediterranean fleet around the Suez Canal. On the eve of the League session the special Italo-Ethiopian conciliation and arbitration commission, appointed to assess the blame for the border

clash at Ualual last December, reached a decision to the effect that neither country was to blame for the incident. The Ethiopians were quite content with this ruling, but the Italians found it a matter for resentment.

In this atmosphere, then, the League Council gathered at Geneva and started its deliberations late Wednesday. Captain Eden was the first to speak in the public session and he presented the British case ably and well. After outlining the course of the Paris discussions in mid-August, Captain Eden declared that Britain would do all in its power to insure a peaceful settlement of the dispute. He invoked the spirit of the League and declared that failure of its authority in this conflict would impair its influence gravely. Collapse of the League and of the new conception of international order for which it stands would be a world calamity, the British delegate argued. "It is our duty to use the machinery of the League that lies to hand," he added. Premier Laval, in presenting next the French viewpoint, also expressed attachment to the League. Disregarding the earlier decision of the conciliation commission that neither country was to blame for the border clash, M. Laval suggested that an "equitable settlement" might be reached such as would "insure to Italy the satisfaction she can legitimately claim without failing to recognize the essential rights of Ethiopian sovereignty."

The Italian declaration was eagerly awaited and promptly made by Baron Aloisi. It created a sensation even though it followed only the anticipated course of a bitter attack against Ethiopia, coupled with a firm statement that Italy would take her own course in that African country. The Italian Government holds, said Baron Aloisi, that Ethiopia has "systematically and openly violated all the conventional undertakings she had assumed" both toward Italy and the League. The fitness of Ethiopia to take part in the Geneva discussions on equal terms was denied, and Italy made "all reservations" as to its future course. All possibility of peaceful collaboration with Ethiopia was denied and that country termed the "permanent enemy" of Italy, owing to alleged provocations, demonstrations, brigandage and acts of violence against peaceful frontier populations. Baron Aloisi referred in scornful terms to Ethiopia's representation by European advisers. The African Empire is not worthy of belonging to a community of civilized nations, he said, and the "error" committed in 1923 when Ethiopia was admitted to the League should not be continued.

Professor Jeze, speaking for Ethiopia, expressed surprise at such charges and after denying them briefly asked for time to formulate an extended reply. The reply was made on Thursday with remarkable eloquence but most distressing results, for the Ethiopian statements were considered insulting by the Italian delegate, who left the Council chamber. On calm examination the Ethiopian statements seem to be no more offensive than those made the previous day by Italy, but an affront to Ethiopia is one thing and an affront to Italy quite another. It was, perhaps, impolitic for the representative of a small and weak State to declare, as Prof. Jeze did, that there is a proverb in every country which describes the maneuver contemplated by Italy. "In France, people say that if a man wishes to drown his dog he accuses it of being mad," he remarked. "The Italian Government, having resolved to conquer and suppress

Ethiopia, begins by declaring that Ethiopia has gone mad. As for the outrageous insults that are cast upon her, Ethiopia takes them at their real value. She recalls that the Italian Government, turn by turn, leveled at all its European neighbors in recent years, according to the moods of its policy, the most ignominious insults. The Ethiopian Government is aware that if it possessed in sufficient quantity the arms and munitions necessary for its defense, as is the case in European countries, those verbal assaults, notwithstanding their violence, would not be followed by acts of war. That, unfortunately, is not the case, and that is why the peril is a very serious one."

The Italian delegate, at this point, rose and left the room to telephone for instructions. He returned in a few minutes and asked for a suspension of the sitting, and when this was not granted he made a point of declaring an intention to leave the Italian seat vacant. The Ethiopian delegate, continuing his address, appealed most eloquently to the League not to abandon a little State, threatened by a powerful Government. He was followed by the Russian Foreign Commissar, Maxim Litvinoff, who assailed the Italian argument that Italy is entitled to invade Ethiopia on the ground that the African country is "barbarous." He referred to the great variety of governments now prevalent and remarked that the League Covenant makes no distinctions between skin color, racial characteristics or stages of civilization. The Italian withdrawal from the Council session presented the problem, of course, whether Italy thereby withdraw from the League. Rome dispatches made it plain that this was not intended and that the action was taken merely in accordance with the Italian determination not to become involved in an argument with Ethiopia before the Council. It also was made clear by Government spokesmen in Rome that Italy has no intention of starting hostilities against Ethiopia while the League session continues. Somewhat encouraging, meanwhile, are London and Geneva intimations that Premier Mussolini may still be content with factual control of most of Ethiopia, after a brief punitive expedition by Italian forces. That Britain and France are willing to accord such control to Italy, if war thus could be averted, is not doubted, and their joint representations at Addis Ababa might suffice to insure Ethiopian acceptance of a "compromise" of this sort.

Soviet-American Relations

ALTHOUGH the recent exchange of notes between the United States and Soviet Russian Governments regarding the activities of the Communist International was unsatisfactory in almost all respects, there is every indication that the matter now will be allowed to rest. After registering a "most emphatic protest" against the "flagrant" violation by Russia of its pledge not to permit organizations on its territory to advocate the overthrow of American institutions by force, and after receiving the tart Russian reply refusing to entertain the protest, the State Department at Washington apparently considered for some days whether to continue the diplomatic exchanges of communications. The decision evidently was in the negative, for a public statement was issued last Saturday which seems to bring the matter to an end, for the time being at least. In his public declaration Secretary of State Cordell Hull recapitulated the American arguments and ended with the statement that relations between the coun-

tries cannot but be "seriously impaired" if Russia continues to disregard its pledge. Dispatches from Moscow indicate that the Russian authorities were not particularly impressed by the statement and do not intend to pursue the subject further. Meanwhile, Japan found it advisable to register an oral protest in Moscow against the activities of the Communist International, similar action having been taken previously by Great Britain, Italy and Latvia. The Russian Government, in reply, is said to have directed the attention of the Japanese Foreign Office to anti-Soviet activities of White Russians in Manchuria.

The State document which Secretary Hull issued for consumption in this country comments on the recent exchange of notes, which is said to raise the issue whether the Soviet Government, in disregard of an express agreement entered into at the time of recognition in 1933, will permit organizations or groups operating on its territory to plan and direct movements contemplating the overthrow of the political or social order in the United States. The Soviet pledge given at the time recognition was extended irrefutably covered the activities of the Communist International, Mr. Hull contended, but the Soviet Government in its recent note "almost in so many words repudiated the pledge." It was revealed in the statement that the United States Government previously had made oral complaints of failure by the Soviet regime to live up to its promise, and the formal note which followed was written so that there might be "continued development of friendly and official relations and valuable collaboration in many beneficial ways." The Soviet reply, Mr. Hull added, "struck a severe blow at the fabric of friendly relations between the two countries." In view of the plain language of the pledge, he said, it is not possible for the Soviet Government to disclaim its obligation to prevent activities on its territory directed toward overthrowing the political or social order in the United States. It remains to be seen to what extent the intention indicated by the Soviet Government's reply, which is directly contrary to the fixed policy declared in its pledge, will be carried into effect, the statement continued. "If the Soviet Government pursues a policy of permitting activities on its territory involving interference in the internal affairs of the United States, instead of preventing such activities as its written pledge provides, the friendly and official relations between the two countries cannot but be seriously impaired," Mr. Hull stated.

Little Entente Conference

FOREIGN Ministers of the three countries of the Little Entente held one of their periodic conferences last week at Bled, Yugoslavia, in order to review the current European situation and formulate the policies to be adopted. Any decisions reached in common by Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Rumania naturally are sure to prove highly important, but the official statement issued last Saturday, at the close of the conference, does not reveal any new tendencies. The deep attachment of these Succession States to the League of Nations was reiterated. The possibility of a Hapsburg restoration in Austria has bothered the Little Entente greatly of late, since the Austrian Government has taken formal steps for a return of that family to Vienna. Friendly and peaceful co-operation of the Little Entente States with Austria would prove impossible if the Haps-

burgs were restored to the throne, the statement indicated, and hostility was expressed to "any measures aimed at paving the way for such restoration." Although the present European situation seems to make the proposed Eastern European and Danubian pacts little more than the remnants of a dream, Little Entente statesmen still hope to see the treaties negotiated and signed. The Eastern Locarno, as proposed by Britain and France last February, was endorsed without reserve in the official statement. Additional examination of the suggestions for a Danubian pact was held advisable, but the conviction was expressed that such a treaty would serve as the basis for friendly co-operation between the Little Entente on the one hand, and Austria and Hungary on the other. A brief meeting of the Balkan Entente, which includes Yugoslavia, Rumania, Greece and Turkey, was held soon after the Little Entente meeting ended, but no indications were given of the course of the discussions.

Latin American Debts

INCREASING evidence is available that various Latin American countries are giving more earnest consideration than for several years past to the problems presented by their defaulted dollar bonds outstanding in this market. The Peruvian Government is the latest to take tentative steps toward resumption of payments. When the budget for 1936 was presented on Tuesday to the Peruvian Congress it was accompanied by a statement that as soon as recovery symptoms begin to appear the Lima Government will deem it necessary to resume payments on external obligations. The incomplete available reports suggest that full resumption of service probably will not be attempted, for the time being. Rio de Janeiro dispatches for several months have intimated that the Brazilian Government might default completely on its external obligations, despite the Aranha agreement of 1934 which calls for very modest payments over a trial period of four years. But Finance Minister Arthur de Souza Costa last week denied such rumors and stated that the Brazilian authorities intend to continue paying the stipulated sums as long as possible on all Federal, State and Provincial debts held abroad. Less favorable is a dispatch from Panama to the New York "Times," of last Monday, to the effect that an attempt will be made to obtain a reduction in the interest rate on the \$12,000,000 issue of Panama 5% bonds of 1963, on which only one-third of the interest now is being paid. Of much interest, also, is an Argentine Supreme Court decision of last Wednesday, reported to the same journal, which holds that suits in connection with defaults on Argentine Provincial bonds must be directed against the bankers in the United States, rather than the Provincial officials. This ruling appears to be entirely on the technical ground that the loan contracts give the bankers the power of attorney to act for the investors, and it was claimed that no evidence had been presented to show that the New York fiscal agents had refused to request the payments due.

Social Credit Experiment

SOcial CREDIT rule was formally inaugurated in the Canadian Province of Alberta, Tuesday, when William Aberhart was sworn in as Prime Minister of the first Social Credit Government in the world. The ceremony was well attended, but imme-

diately after it ended the new Prime Minister found it advisable to call a Cabinet meeting in order to consider the financial crisis now facing the Provincial regime. Like the outgoing Prime Minister, R. G. Reid, Mr. Aberhart insisted in public statements that the finances of Alberta are sound. He promised a strong, sound and stable Government to the Province and declared that his first concern will be to maintain the credit of the Government. It appears, however, that a difficult task faces the Prime Minister, and application already has been made to the Dominion Government at Ottawa for aid. Eager as the citizens of Alberta are to receive the \$25 a month in non-negotiable credit dividends for which they voted almost unanimously, they seem to have little real faith in the means whereby those dividends are to be provided. It has not yet been found possible to resume payments on the Provincial savings certificates, which are secured by Provincial bonds, for there is no market for the bonds. The certificates on which payment now can be required are estimated in excess of \$4,000,000, and it is stated in a report to the New York "Herald Tribune" that the demands for payments have reached \$2,000,000. The Province is said in some dispatches to face \$15,000,000 in obligations before the fiscal year ends next March, and this figure also represents the extent of the aid desired from Ottawa. Before assuming office, Mr. Aberhart remarked that 18 months would be required to start the Social Credit scheme going, but the present difficulties would seem to indicate that a still longer period will be necessary.

Discount Rates of Foreign Central Banks

THERE 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 Sept. 6	Date Established	Pre-vious Rate	Country	Rate in Effect Sept. 6	Date Established	Pre-vious Rate
Austria	3½	July 10 1935	4	Hungary	4	Aug 28 1935	4½
Batavia	4	July 1 1935	4½	India	3½	Feb. 16 1934	4
Belgium	2	May 15 1935	2½	Ireland	3	June 30 1932	3½
Bulgaria	6	Aug. 15 1935	7	Italy	4½	Aug. 12 1935	3½
Canada	2½	Mar. 11 1935	-	Japan	3.65	July 3 1933	3
Chile	4	Jan. 24 1935	4½	Java	4½	June 2 1935	3½
Colombia	4	July 18 1933	5	Jugoslavia	5	Feb. 1 1935	6½
Czechoslovakia	3½	Jan. 25 1933	4½	Lithuania	6	Jan. 2 1934	7
Danzig	6	May 3 1935	4	Morocco	6½	May 28 1935	4½
Denmark	3½	Aug. 21 1935	2½	Norway	3½	May 23 1933	4
England	2	June 30 1932	2½	Poland	5	Oct. 25 1933	6
Estonia	5	Sept. 25 1934	5½	Portugal	5	Dec. 13 1934	5½
Finland	4	Dec. 4 1934	4½	Rumania	4½	Dec. 7 1934	6
France	3	Aug. 8 1935	3½	South Africa	4	Feb. 21 1933	5
Germany	4	Sept. 30 1932	5	Spain	5	July 10 1935	5½
Greece	7	Oct. 13 1933	7½	Sweden	2½	Dec. 1 1933	3
Holland	6	July 26 1935	5	Switzerland	2½	May 2 1935	2

Foreign Money Rates

IN LONDON open market discount for short bills on Friday were 9-16@5/8% as against 9-16% on Friday of last week, and 5/8% for three-months' bills as against 9-16@5/8% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was 1/2%. At Paris the open market rate remains at 3¼%, and in Switzerland at 2¾%.

Bank of England Statement

THE statement for the week ended Sept. 4 shows a gain of £31,517 in bullion but as this was attended by an expansion of £2,058,000 in circulation, reserves declined £2,026,000. Gold holdings now aggregate £194,115,078 as compared with £192,328,463 a year ago. Public deposits fell off £3,500,000 and other deposits increased £5,320,045. Of the latter amount, £3,127,503 was an addition to bankers' accounts and £2,192,542 to other accounts. The reserve

ratio dropped from 38.19% last week to 36.30%; a year ago the ratio was 45.67%. Loans on Government securities rose £2,140,000 and those on other securities £1,726,365. The latter consists of discounts and advances and securities which increased £1,145,916 and £580,449 respectively. No change was made in the rate of discount which remains 2%. Below we show a comparison of the different items for several years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Sept. 4 1935	Sept. 5 1934	Sept. 6 1933	Sept. 7 1932	Sept. 9 1931
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	401,623,000	381,283,577	375,225,961	365,122,461	353,930,664
Public deposits	5,859,000	29,635,051	21,454,197	7,618,226	21,807,574
Other deposits	138,708,983	125,877,355	142,400,608	124,803,583	105,378,419
Bankers' accounts	100,662,601	88,946,917	97,422,678	91,506,603	64,845,474
Other accounts	38,646,382	36,930,438	44,977,930	33,296,980	50,532,945
Govt. securities	83,415,999	85,029,164	83,535,963	69,333,094	51,145,906
Other securities	26,921,501	17,698,686	22,117,791	30,884,915	36,033,940
Disct. & advances	14,080,503	6,935,180	9,694,892	12,273,627	8,291,359
Securities	12,840,998	10,763,506	12,422,899	18,611,288	27,742,581
Reserve notes & coin	52,493,000	71,044,886	76,433,305	49,835,214	58,275,580
Coin and bullion	194,115,078	192,328,463	191,659,266	139,957,675	137,206,244
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	36.30%	45.67%	46.64%	37.63%	45.81%
Bank rate	2%	2%	2%	2%	4½%

Bank of France Statement

THE weekly statement dated Aug. 30 records a gain in gold holdings of 133,015,762 francs. The total of gold is now 71,741,662,620 francs, in comparison with 82,036,782,507 francs a year ago and 82,277,928,401 francs two years ago. An increase also appears in French commercial bills discounted of 1,071,000,000 francs, while the items of advances against securities and creditor current accounts register decreases of 18,000,000 francs and 38,000,000 francs respectively. Notes in circulation show an expansion of 1,555,000,000 francs, bringing the total of notes outstanding up to 82,238,506,975 francs. Circulation last year stood at 81,732,265,820 francs and the previous year at 82,865,239,410 francs. The Bank's ratio is now 74.61% in comparison with 80.04% a year ago and 79.61% a year before. A comparison of the different items for three years appears below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Changes for Week	Aug. 30 1935	Aug. 31 1934	Sept. 1 1933
		Francs	Francs	Francs
Gold holdings	+133,015,762	71,741,662,620	82,036,782,507	82,277,928,401
Credit bals. abroad	No change	6,733,122	13,297,077	1,290,625,883
a French commercial bills discounted	+1,071,000,000	7,574,063,059	3,116,422,256	2,634,452,277
b Bills bought abrd	No change	1,169,322,000	1,068,510,308	1,348,116,608
Adv. against secur.	-18,000,000	3,102,362,022	3,140,365,664	2,763,333,372
Note circulation	+1,555,000,000	82,238,506,975	81,732,265,820	82,865,239,410
Credit current acct.	-38,000,000	13,909,282,392	20,763,499,576	20,485,690,243
Proport'n of gold on hand to sight liab.	-1.06%	74.61%	80.04%	79.61%

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

Bank of Germany Statement

THE statement for the last quarter of August shows an increase in gold and bullion of 24,000 marks. The Bank's gold is now at 94,779,000 marks, in comparison with 74,907,000 marks last year and 307,320,000 marks the previous year. A decrease appears in reserve in foreign currency of 70,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 115,035,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 8,325,000 marks, in other assets of 14,732,000 marks and in other daily maturing obligations of 26,096,000 marks. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation is now 2.48%, compared with 2.1% a year ago and 10.9% two years ago. Notes in circulation record a gain of 393,363,000 marks, bringing the total of the item up to 4,031,831,000 marks. Circulation last year aggregated 3,823,908,000 marks and the previous year 3,521,202,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks, advances, investments and other liability register increases, namely 495,890,000 marks, 22,227,000 marks, 445,000 marks, and 26,-

096,000 marks, respectively. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Changes for Week	Aug. 31		
		1935	1934	1933
Assets—				
Gold and bullion	+24,000	94,779,000	74,907,000	307,320,000
Of which depos. abroad	No change	29,629,000	14,449,000	93,778,000
Reserve in foreign curr.	-70,000	5,301,000	3,630,000	74,373,000
Bills of exch. and checks	+495,890,000	4,035,103,000	3,542,766,000	3,163,759,000
Silver and other coin	-115,035,000	341,754,000	212,911,000	196,619,000
Notes on other Ger. bks.	-3,325,000	4,761,000	4,870,000	3,559,000
Advances	+22,227,000	54,091,000	128,207,000	163,075,000
Investments	+445,000	664,272,000	737,187,000	320,210,000
Other assets	-14,732,000	664,252,000	649,492,000	548,620,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation	+393,363,000	4,031,831,000	3,823,908,000	3,521,202,000
Other daily matur. oblig.	-26,096,000	742,602,000	716,589,000	415,489,000
Other liabilities	+13,157,000	238,626,000	180,676,000	217,693,000
Proport. of gold & for'n curr. to note circul'n	-0.27%	2.48%	2.1%	10.9%

New York Money Market

THERE was little activity this week in any department of the New York money market. The excessively low rates of recent weeks were continued without change, and they found a reflection in dividend reductions on stocks of several large banking institutions. The Treasury sold late last week an issue of \$50,000,000 discount bills due in 273 days, and the average discount on awards was 0.151%, computed on an annual bank discount basis. There was a little activity early in the week in commercial paper, but rates were unaltered, while charges on bankers' bills also were continued unchanged. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange held to 1/4%, and time loans for all maturities up to six months also were at that figure. The comprehensive tabulation of brokers' loans prepared by the New York Stock Exchange indicated an increase of \$3,096,720 during August, and the aggregate of such loans was \$772,031,468 at the end of that month.

New York Money Rates

DEALING in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 1/4 of 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 and no transactions have been reported. The market for prime commercial paper has shown no apparent change this week. The demand has been good and the supply of paper has been fairly large. Rates are 3/4% for extra choice names running from four to six months and 1% for names less known.

Bankers' Acceptances

DEALINGS in prime bankers' acceptances have been extremely dull this week. Few bills have come out and very little interest has been shown. Quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to and including 90 days are at 3-16% bid and 1/8% asked; for four months, 1/4% bid and 3-16% asked; for five and six months, 3/8% bid and 5-16% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is 1/2% for bills running from 1 to 90 days, 3/4% for 91- to 120-day bills, and 1% for 121- to 180-day bills. The Federal Reserve banks' holdings of acceptances remain unchanged at \$4,685,000. 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	3/16	3/16	3/16	3/16	1/4	3/16
	90 Days		60 Days		30 Days	
	Bid	Asked	Bid	Asked	Bid	Asked
Prime eligible bills	3/16	3/16	3/16	3/16	3/16	3/16

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

Eligible member banks	3/4% bid
Eligible non-member banks	3/4% bid

Discount Rates of the Federal Reserve Banks

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

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

Federal Reserve Bank	Rate in Effect on Sept. 6	Date Established	Previous Rate
Boston	2	Feb. 8 1934	2 1/2
New York	1 1/2	Feb. 2 1934	2
Philadelphia	2	Jan. 17 1935	2 1/2
Cleveland	1 1/2	May 11 1935	2
Richmond	2	May 9 1935	2 1/2
Atlanta	2	Jan. 14 1935	2 1/2
Chicago	2	Jan. 19 1935	2 1/2
St. Louis	2	Jan. 3 1935	2 1/2
Minneapolis	2	May 14 1935	2 1/2
Kansas City	2	May 10 1935	2 1/2
Dallas	2	May 8 1935	2 1/2
San Francisco	2	Feb. 16 1934	2 1/2

Course of Sterling Exchange

STERLING exchange is easier in terms of the dollar, but in relation to French francs or gold the pound is firmer. The foreign exchange market both here and abroad is more than ordinarily dull and hesitant as bankers on the other side await the final outcome of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute before the League of Nations. The range for sterling this week has been between \$4.93 1/8 and \$4.96 5/8 for bankers' sight bills, compared with a range of between \$4.97 1/4 and \$4.98 1/8 last week. The range for cable transfers has been between \$4.93 1/4 and \$4.96 3/4, compared with a range of between \$4.97 3/8 and \$4.98 1/4 a week ago.

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

MEAN LONDON CHECK RATE ON PARIS

Saturday, Aug. 31	75.156	Wednesday, Sept. 4	75.093
Monday, Sept. 2	75.187	Thursday, Sept. 5	75.02
Tuesday, Sept. 3	75.166	Friday, Sept. 6	74.945

LONDON OPEN MARKET GOLD PRICE

Saturday, Aug. 31	140s. 1 1/2d.	Wednesday, Sept. 4	140s. 4d.
Monday, Sept. 1	140s. 3d.	Thursday, Sept. 5	140s. 7 1/2d.
Tuesday, Sept. 2	140s. 3d.	Friday, Sept. 6	140s. 10d.

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

Saturday, Aug. 31	\$35.00	Wednesday, Sept. 4	\$35.00
Monday, Sept. 1	35.00	Thursday, Sept. 5	35.00
Tuesday, Sept. 2	35.00	Friday, Sept. 6	35.00

Seasonal influences are beginning to work in favor of the dollar and from now on until after the turn of the year, under normal conditions, quotations for sterling might be expected to move downward. Such factors cannot be relied upon, however, as they could under the conditions prevailing before the war, as tariff barriers, exchange controls, quotas and restrictions of many kinds have greatly curtailed the volume of international trade. Tourist requirements have been an important factor supporting not only sterling but all the Continental currencies this year, as traffic reached the highest levels since 1929. It is estimated that approximately 75,000 tourists left the United States this season and about 30,000 are not yet returned.

Aside from returning tourist traffic and the great limitations placed upon foreign exchange requirements because of international commercial impediments, the present market is excessively curtailed because British and Continental bankers and business interests are hesitant, awaiting the outcome of the negotiations at Geneva. This was especially evident on Wednesday, when the war preparations and the

attendant uncertainties sent down all the Continental currencies. The French franc fell to near the lower gold point in terms of the dollar, followed more or less closely by the other gold bloc units and the Italian lira made a new record low in the New York market of 8.14 and was quoted still lower in London, as compared with new dollar parity of 8.91. The present dullness may be expected to last until something definite comes from Geneva.

Trading has been limited for the past month to such an extent that the British exchange control kept sterling steady in terms of the French franc without much effort. In fact the extraordinary curtailment in international trade since Great Britain abandoned the gold standard in 1931 has made the task of the exchange control less arduous. Under present conditions, however, only the intervention of the British control prevents sterling from going much higher in terms of gold. London continues to pride itself on the fact that for more than three months the fluctuations of sterling with reference to the franc have been kept within less than 1%.

At present the London open market gold price shows a much easier undertone and on several occasions during August, particularly toward the end of the month, the rate for gold went fractionally below the Bank of France buying price. The easing off in the gold price is not in the least an indication of a lessening in acquisition of the metal for account of hoarders. Practically all the gold coming to the market continues to be taken for account of private hoarders, but until about two months ago there had been active buying of gold for speculative account as, when on March 6 the London open market reached a high of 149s. 4d. The London authorities and the Continental central bank authorities, aided by the Bank for International Settlements at Basle, have been taking strong measures to prevent speculation in the metal. The present ease in the gold price is attributed to the liquidation of speculative holdings established months ago. Gold in the London open market had for a long time been ruling at a premium in terms of the gold currencies. Considerable comment was evoked in London last week when the premium vanished, with gold around and often under 140s., the lowest quotations since December. The practice still is to base the London price of gold on the gold currencies, having reference especially to the French franc rate. As these currencies rise or fall in terms of sterling, the open market gold price rises or falls. Speculative trading was chiefly responsible for the premium and the premium's disappearance points distinctly to speculative liquidations. The hoarding demand for gold and the consequent high price of the metal may be expected to continue as long as international trade uncertainties persist.

The great demand for gold, together with the purchases of silver for United States Treasury account, is an important factor giving firmness to sterling and may well counteract seasonal influences arising on commercial account. Furthermore, the steady flow of funds to London for safety has a strengthening effect on sterling. No matter what the outcome of the Italo-Ethiopian dispute, uneasy money will still seek refuge in London. A counter movement of funds from London and from other European centers through London is directed toward the New York security market. If improvement in business continues on this side, as seems highly probable, this

flow of European money may be expected to attain considerable volume.

Money rates in London continue easy and unchanged from last week. Call money against bills is in supply at $\frac{1}{2}\%$. Two-months' bills are 9-16%, three-months' bills are 9-16% to $\frac{5}{8}\%$, four-months' bills are $\frac{5}{8}\%$, and six-months' bills are 11-16% to $\frac{3}{4}\%$. Gold on offer in the London open market continues to be taken for unknown destinations, predominantly for account of private hoarders. On Saturday last there was available £277,000, on Monday £213,000, on Tuesday £230,000, on Wednesday £15,700, on Thursday £220,000 and on Friday £85,000. On Friday the Bank of England bought £47,511 in gold bars.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Sept. 4, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, AUG. 29-SEPT. 4, INCLUSIVE

<i>Imports</i>	<i>Exports</i>
\$2,827,000 from Canada	
2,498,000 from India	
64,000 from Nicaragua	None
4,000 from Guatemala	
\$5,393,000 total	

Net Change in Gold Held Earmarked for Foreign Account
Decrease \$536,000

Note—We have been notified that approximately \$267,000 of gold was received from China at San Francisco.

The above figures are for the week ended on Wednesday. On Thursday \$1,490,300 of gold was received from India; there were no exports of the metal, but gold held earmarked for foreign account decreased \$350,000. On Friday there were no imports or exports of the metal or change in gold held earmarked for foreign account. It was reported on Friday that \$111,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from China.

Canadian funds during the week were quoted in terms of the dollar at from a discount of 9-16% to a discount of 5-16%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was easier in terms of the dollar. Bankers' sight was \$4.96 $\frac{1}{8}$ @\$4.96 $\frac{5}{8}$, cable transfers \$4.96 $\frac{1}{4}$ @\$4.96 $\frac{3}{4}$. On Monday, Labor Day, there was no market in New York. On Tuesday sterling was dull and easier. The range was \$4.95 $\frac{5}{8}$ @\$4.96 for bankers' sight and \$4.95 $\frac{3}{4}$ @\$4.96 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Wednesday exchange on London was dull and inclined to ease. Bankers' sight was \$4.94 $\frac{7}{8}$ @\$4.95 $\frac{5}{8}$ and cable transfers \$4.95@\$4.95 $\frac{3}{4}$. On Thursday trading continued inactive, with sterling showing an easier undertone. The range was \$4.94 $\frac{1}{8}$ @\$4.94 $\frac{5}{8}$ for bankers' sight and \$4.94 $\frac{1}{4}$ @\$4.94 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was lower, the range was \$4.93 $\frac{1}{8}$ @\$4.93 $\frac{7}{8}$ for bankers' sight and \$4.93 $\frac{1}{4}$ @\$4.94 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were \$4.93 $\frac{3}{8}$ for demand and \$4.93 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at \$4.93 $\frac{1}{4}$, 60-day bills at \$4.92 $\frac{3}{8}$, 90-day bills at \$4.92, documents for payment (60 days) at \$4.92 $\frac{3}{8}$, and seven-day grain bills at \$4.92 $\frac{7}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at \$4.93 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Continental and Other Foreign Exchange

FRENCH francs and the Continental currencies generally are displaying ease in relatively inactive markets, due principally to uneasiness felt over the Italo-Ethiopian situation. This concern is also believed to have set up a movement of funds away from the Continental currencies to safer markets.

Most of this money migration has been to London and Switzerland and to some extent to New York. The dulness in sterling exchange and its ease in terms of the dollar are factors also partly responsible for the lower average quotations for the French franc and other Continentals. On Wednesday and Thursday the French franc went well below dollar parity and ruled only slightly above the lower point for gold from Paris to New York. The factors which have been dominating the foreign exchange situation for the past few weeks, such as the fears of devaluation of European gold currencies, is hardly operative in the current market.

The French situation is improving and sufficient funds seem to have come from the great French hoards to Paris to make money rates there easier. According to recent declarations of the French Finance Minister, the French budget has been reduced from 51,000,000,000 francs in 1931 to 47,500,000,000 francs last year, and since the economy decreases this year has been further cut to 42,000,000,000 francs. The Government now considers that the Treasury will not have to borrow further for normal budgetary needs. The fiscal receipts are still, however, lower than estimated. Furthermore, in order to combat unemployment, the Government has decided to draw up a vast plan of public works, partly as a charge on the State and partly as a charge on the towns or departments which will participate. Such State expenditure would not be included in the budget, as it is proposed that they should be covered by advances from the National Safe Deposit Bank. This public bank will use for that purpose funds collected through the workmen's compulsory insurance scheme. Towns and departments will raise the necessary funds by borrowing. In short, the State no longer will borrow to cover normal expenditures, but loans will be required to finance the proposed public works program.

The Belgian unit, which has been exceptionally firm since the devaluation of the belga at the end of March, is again showing weakness, especially in the Paris and London markets. Par of the belga is 16.95 and the unit declined in New York on Tuesday to 16.81. It is theoretically possible to ship gold from Belgium to New York when the rate moves down to 16.84. It is somewhat doubtful, however, that gold will be shipped at the present juncture. Following the devaluation of the belga a heavy flow of European funds set in to Antwerp, to profit from the post-devaluation boom. This rush of funds increased the gold reserves of Belgium by approximately 239,000,000 belgas between April 4 and June 20. The devaluation boom, if such it could be called, seems to have come to an end in June, as for the past eight weeks there has been no change in the unemployment figures. The National Bank of Belgium has been losing considerable gold to Paris since June 20. The gold is sold to buy French francs, which in turn are sold to buy belgas in the exchange markets to counteract sales of belgas on private account. The final statement of the National Bank of Belgium for August showed gold reserves of 3,464,000,000 belgas, compared with the peak of 3,609,000,000 belgas on June 20.

Italian lire are, of course, exceptionally weak owing to the war preparations. Theoretically, at least, the Italian exchange control endeavors to maintain a stabilized parity of 8.22 lire in terms of the dollar.

New dollar par of the lira is 8.91. In Thursday's market the unit dropped to 8.14. Italy is only nominally on the gold standard. Whether or not war finally comes, it is generally believed that the Italian unit will decline still further, as Italy is bound to lose a large percentage of its gold reserves and will find it extremely difficult to effect a reduction in her import surplus for some years.

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	6.59¼ to 6.61
Belgium (belga)-----	13.90	16.95	16.81 to 16.84
Italy (lira)-----	5.26	8.91	8.14 to 8.18
Switzerland (franc)-----	19.30	32.67	32.52 to 32.62
Holland (guilder)-----	40.20	68.06	67.61 to 67.72

The London check rate on Paris closed on Friday at 74.90 against 75.17 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished on Friday at 6.59½, against 6.60¾ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 6.59¼ against 6.61⅝, and commercial sight bills at 6.56¼, against 6.58⅝. Antwerp belgas closed at 16.81½ for bankers' sight bills and at 16.82 for cable transfers, against 16.83 and 16.84. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 40.20 for bankers' sight bills and 40.21 for cable transfers, in comparison with 40.24 and 40.25. Italian lire closed at 8.13 for bankers' sight bills and at 8.14 for cable transfers against 8.17½ and 8.18½. Austrian schillings closed at 18.90 against 18.95; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 4.13¾, against 4.14¾; on Bucharest at 0.81, against 0.85; on Poland at 18.86, against 18.92; and on Finland at 2.18½ against 2.20¼. Greek exchange closed at 0.93½ for bankers' sight bills and at 0.94 for cable transfers, against 0.93¾ and 0.94¼.

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war is irregularly lower in sympathy with the trend of sterling, the French franc and the belga. Independently of this movement, the Dutch guilder is showing exceptional weakness. Dollar parity of the guilder is 68.06. Frequently during the week the rate went as low as 67.62. However, it is not thought that a gold movement to New York will ensue immediately, if at all. The extremely limited extent of foreign exchange operations at present and the peculiar hesitancy of the market due to fears of war, would obscure the real market trend of the guilder or any other currency. In a more nearly normal market doubtless the Bank of the Netherlands would promptly ship gold in order to correct exchange disparities. However, it is believed that some gold has been shipped to Paris from Amsterdam during the week. At present the hesitancy in the guilder market is due to the fact that Premier Colijn proposes to make public his plans on Sept. 17 to reduce the budget and promote economic recovery.

Swiss francs are likewise easier in terms of the dollar, but not enough to arouse comment. Par of the Swiss unit is 32.67. The range this week has been between 32.52 and 32.62. The Swiss currency is exceptionally firm and it is thought in well informed quarters that rumors of possible devaluation of the Swiss franc may be safely discounted. Swiss sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the franc at its present gold parity of 19.30 in terms of the old dollar.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 67.61 against 67.71 on Friday of last week; cable

transfers at 67.62 against 67.72, and commercial sight bills at 67.59, against 67.69. Swiss francs closed at 32.51 for checks and at 32.52 for cable transfers, against 32.59 and 32.62. Copenhagen checks finished at 22.03 and cable transfers at 22.04, against 22.17 and 22.18. Checks on Sweden closed at 25.44 and cable transfers at 25.45, against 25.61 and 25.62; while checks on Norway finished at 24.79 and cable transfers at 24.80, against 24.95 and 24.96. Spanish pesetas closed at 13.65 for bankers' sight bills and at 13.66 for cable transfers, against 13.69 and 13.70.

EXCHANGE on the South American countries presents no new features of importance from week to week. Recent dispatches from Buenos Aires were to the effect that the Argentine Treasury returns showed a sharp rise in August, with total receipts amounting to 92,700,000 pesos (\$30,600,000 at the official rate of exchange), as compared with 69,700,000 pesos (\$23,000,000) in the same month last year. For the first eight months of this year the total cash receipts amounted to 579,500,000 pesos (\$191,240,000) as compared with 525,700,000 pesos (\$173,490,000) in the same period of 1934. Cash holdings as of Aug. 31 amounted to 15,500,000 pesos (\$5,120,000), compared with 4,560,000 pesos (\$1,510,000) on the same date last year.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday, official quotations, at 33 for bankers' sight bills, against 33 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 33, against 33¼. The unofficial or free market close was 26.75@ 26.95, against 26.90. Brazilian milreis, official rates, are 8¼ for bankers' sight bills and 8¼ for cable transfers, against 8¼ and 8.30. The unofficial or free market close was 5.40 against 5.35. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted on the new basis at 5.19, against 5.19. Peru is nominal at 23.90 against 23.90.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries is again complicated as a result of a renewal of banking difficulties in China. United Press dispatches during the week from Hong Kong reported the closing of the Bank of Canton as a result of a run reported to be due to reduced remittances to the bank from overseas. Almost concurrently the National Commercial and Savings Bank of Hong Kong, which was suffering a run, restricted withdrawals of savings accounts to 20% at 10-day intervals. The Chinese bank difficulties are attributed to the silver situation and the American silver policy, which is draining silver from those countries which use it as a circulating medium.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 29.06 against 29.39 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 49¾@50 1-16, against 49¼@ 49 13-16; Shanghai at 37 3-16@37⅞, against 36⅞@ 37 1-16; Manila at 49.85, against 49.85; Singapore at 57.85, against 58.20; Bombay at 37.30, against 37.53, and Calcutta at 37.30, against 37.53.

Foreign Exchange Rates

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922 AUG. 31 1935 TO SEPT. 6 1935 INCLUSIVE

Country and Monetary Unit	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York Value in United States Money					
	Aug. 31	Sept. 2	Sept. 3	Sept. 4	Sept. 5	Sept. 6
Europe—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling	.188925*		.189008*	.188808*	.188675*	.188575*
Belgium, belga	.168187		.168026	.168076	.168046	.168069
Bulgaria, lev	.013375*		.013125*	.013125*	.013000*	.013000*
Czechoslovakia, krone	.041450		.041392	.041382	.041364	.041357
Denmark, krone	.221575		.221353	.221036	.220722	.220225
England, pound sterl'g	4.964000		4.958750	4.951250	4.944553	4.934000
Finland, markka	.021870		.021850	.021840	.021780	.021770
France, franc	.066044		.065985	.065970	.065938	.065905
Germany, reichsmark	.402035		.402114	.402100	.401978	.401992
Greece, drachma	.009410		.009395	.009397	.009402	.009385
Holland, guilder	.676985		.676935	.676257	.676092	.676042
Hungary, pengo	.296375*		.296250*	.296250*	.296250*	.296250*
Italy lira	.081614		.081525	.081448	.081393	.081373
Norway, krone	.249358		.249107	.248825	.248375	.247850
Poland, zloty	.188800		.188700	.188620	.188380	.188360
Portugal, escudo	.045007		.044991	.044991	.045000	.044900
Rumania, leu	.009000		.008220	.007980	.008200	.008200
Spain, peseta	.136903		.136714	.136703	.136621	.136521
Sweden, krona	.255925		.255661	.255308	.254908	.254416
Switzerland, franc	.325975		.325773	.325646	.325450	.325207
Yugoslavia, dinar	.022856		.022850	.022850	.022850	.022850
Asia—		HOLIDAY				
China—						
Chefoo (yuan) dol'r	.367500		.372083	.370833	.368750	.369375
Hankow (yuan) dol'r	.367916		.372500	.371250	.369166	.369791
Shanghai (yuan) dol.	.367500		.372083	.370625	.368750	.369166
Tientsin (yuan) dol'r	.367916		.372500	.371250	.369166	.369791
Hong Kong, dollar	.491562		.497812	.495000	.491250	.493750
India, rupee	.374440		.374335	.373795	.372960	.372595
Japan, yen	.293060		.292780	.292495	.291285	.290405
Singapore (S. S.) dol'r	.579687		.578125	.578125	.578125	.576250
Australasia—						
Australia, pound	3.943437*		3.942500*	3.934062*	3.923125*	3.913593*
New Zealand, pound	3.965537*		3.950000*	3.937812*	3.946250*	3.936093*
Africa—						
South Africa, pound	4.926000*		4.907250*	4.899250*	4.896000*	4.880250*
North America—						
Canada, dollar	.994630		.995223	.995338	.995859	.996119
Cuba, peso	.999200		.999200	.999200	.999200	.999200
Mexico, peso (silver)	.277125		.277675	.277425	.277300	.277675
Newfoundland, dollar	.992000		.993180	.992812	.993687	.993625
South America—						
Argentina, peso	.330825*		.330475*	.330200*	.329637*	.328675*
Brazil, milreis	.083600*		.083286*	.083216*	.083216*	.083216*
Chile, peso	.050000*		.050950*	.050950*	.050950*	.050950*
Uruguay, peso	.802750*		.802100*	.802000*	.801750*	.801500*
Colombia, peso	.537600*		.539100*	.539800*	.542000*	.543500*

* Nominal rates, firm rates not available.

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 Sept. 5 1935, together with comparisons as of the corresponding dates in the previous four years:

Banks of—	1935	1934	1933	1932	1931
England...	£ 194,115,078	£ 192,328,463	£ 191,659,266	£ 139,957,675	£ 137,206,244
France, a...	573,933,293	656,294,260	658,223,427	657,847,420	468,541,754
Germany b.	3,257,500	2,896,700	12,438,750	35,254,150	63,548,050
Spain.....	90,773,000	90,582,000	90,391,000	90,264,000	91,924,000
Italy.....	54,694,000	68,812,000	75,643,000	61,652,000	58,093,000
Netherlands	49,272,000	71,950,000	68,885,000	85,880,000	53,978,000
Nat. Belg'm	99,832,000	75,557,000	76,900,000	74,720,000	45,380,000
Switzerland	46,370,000	63,675,000	61,462,000	89,165,000	33,970,000
Sweden...	19,884,000	15,427,000	13,942,000	11,443,000	12,774,000
Denmark...	7,394,000	7,337,000	7,337,000	7,400,000	9,544,000
Norway....	6,602,000	6,577,000	6,569,000	7,911,000	8,129,000
Total week.	1,146,126,871	1,251,496,423	1,263,510,443	1,261,494,245	982,188,048
Prev. week.	1,144,440,686	1,248,337,320	1,262,363,143	1,258,406,833	979,483,737

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 £1,491,450.

Federal Control of Inter-State Motor Buses and Trucks

The act of the recent session of Congress amending the Inter-State Commerce Act to include the regulation of inter-State or foreign commerce by motor buses or trucks embodies, in principle but not in great detail, a much-needed extension of Federal supervision and control to the inter-State or foreign commercial motor traffic which uses the common highways. The Act became law on Aug. 9 with the approval of President Roosevelt. An appropriation for its administration was not made because of the failure to pass the last deficiency bill, but it is expected that funds will be provided from other sources. The Act goes into effect on Oct. 1 unless postponed by a general or special order of the Interstate Commerce Commission, but the postponement may not be to a later date than April 1 1936. In form the new statute is an amendment of the Inter-State Commerce Act, the original Act with its numerous amendments becoming Part I and the new Act Part II. For the administration of Part II a new division has been cre-

ated by the Interstate Commerce Commission, with Joseph B. Eastman, Federal Co-ordinator of Transportation, as its chairman, which will act in co-operation with a new Bureau of Motor Carriers.

In a general way, the Act extends to motor traffic such major provisions of the Interstate Commerce Act as are applicable. Requirements regarding regular, safe and efficient service, reasonable rates for passengers and freight, avoidance of improper discrimination in rates, liability to shippers, submission of financial and other reports, access to records and properties for inspection purposes, hearings of complaints, and legal or judicial processes and remedies are, naturally, much the same for all forms of traffic. Motor traffic, on the other hand, in addition to being a recent and rapid growth, presents a number of special characteristics and problems which differentiate it from traffic by rail or water, and of these the new Act undertakes systematically to take account.

The special conditions to be dealt with and the objects sought to be attained are comprehensively indicated in the declared purpose of the Act. The policy of Congress, the Act declares, is "to regulate transportation by motor carriers in such manner as to recognize and preserve the inherent advantages of, and foster sound economic conditions in, such transportation and among such carriers in the public interest; promote adequate, economical and efficient service by motor carriers, and reasonable charges therefor, without unjust discriminations, undue preferences or advantages, and unfair or destructive competitive practices; improve the relations between, and co-ordinate transportation by and regulation of, motor carriers and other carriers; develop and preserve a highway transportation system properly adapted to the needs of the commerce of the United States and of the national defense, and co-operate with the several States and the duly authorized officials thereof and with any organization of motor carriers in the administration and enforcement of" the Act.

The purpose to avoid interference with State rights which this last provision contains (a purpose which has been considerably strengthened, one may suspect, by the limitations imposed by some recent court decisions) is further made prominent by the reservation that nothing in the Act "shall be construed to affect the powers of taxation of the several States, or to authorize a motor carrier to do an intra-State business on the highways of any State, or to interfere with the exclusive exercise by each State of the power of regulation of intra-State commerce by motor carriers on the highways thereof."

Not all motor transport that is inter-State or foreign is included in the Federal regulation which the Act provides. With an exception which will be mentioned later, the Act excludes motor vehicles used exclusively in transporting school children and teachers to and from school, taxicabs and similar vehicles as ordinarily used, hotel vehicles operating exclusively between hotels and carrier terminals, certain classes of motor vehicles in Government use, those "controlled and operated by any farmer and used in the transportation of his agricultural commodities and products thereof or in the transportation of supplies to his farm," together with those controlled and operated by a co-operative marketing association as defined in the amended Agricultural Marketing Act of 1929; electric trolley buses for

local passenger transportation, motor vehicles used solely for carrying live stock, fish or agricultural commodities (but not including manufactured products in the latter case), and motor vehicles which distribute newspapers. Casual transportation of persons or property by one not regularly engaged in the occupation or business of a carrier is also exempted. For some of these exemptions the reason is obvious, but the exclusion of motor vehicles used for the carriage of live stock or agricultural products seems difficult to justify on principle.

There is left the important subject of inter-State or foreign commerce within a municipality or a recognized metropolitan area. At this point the Act is permissive. The Commission may, if the execution of the policy of the Act seems to require it, exclude from the operation of the Act "the transportation of passengers or property in inter-State or foreign commerce wholly within a municipality, or between contiguous municipalities, or within a zone adjacent to and commercially a part of such municipality or municipalities, except when such transportation is under a common control, management or arrangement for a continuous passage or shipment to or from" an outside point. The proviso is added, however, that the motor carrier "engaged in such transportation of passengers over regular or irregular route or routes in inter-State commerce" shall also be "lawfully engaged in the intra-State transportation of passengers over the entire length of such inter-State route or routes in accordance with the laws of each State having jurisdiction."

Irrespective of the foregoing exceptions or exclusions, it is made the duty of the Commission to establish, for both common and private carriers, reasonable "qualifications and maximum hours of service of employees" and requirements for "safety of operation and equipment." No motor carrier who was not in bona fide operation as such on June 1 1935 is to be allowed to engage in "any inter-State or foreign operation on any public highway" unless authorized by a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. With the exception of special or charter operations, a certificate is not to be issued for operations "over other than a regular route or routes and between fixed termini," and no such certificate is to "confer any proprietary or property rights in the use of the public highways."

An important section of the Act makes it lawful, with the approval of the Commission and in accordance with the terms of an order which it is to issue, for "two or more motor carriers which are not also carriers by railroad to consolidate or merge their properties, or any part thereof, into one corporation" for separate ownership, management or operation, and for such carriers, as well as for individuals, to acquire control through purchase, lease or stock ownership; but the acquisition of such control, or its continuance if it already exists, whether directly or indirectly, "by use of common directors, officers or stockholders, a holding or investment company or companies, a voting trust or trusts, or in any other manner whatsoever," is expressly prohibited. The restraints of the anti-trust laws are removed from carriers or persons affected by the Commission's order, together with "all other restraints or prohibitions by or imposed under the authority of law, State or Federal, in so far as may be necessary to enable them to do anything authorized or required by such order."

The Act further authorizes "reasonable through routes and joint rates" by motor common carriers among themselves and with common carriers by rail, express or water. Discriminations of any kind against persons, ports, gateways, localities or descriptions of traffic are, of course, forbidden, and may be corrected or removed by the Commission upon complaints by "any person, State board, organization or body politic" or on the Commission's own motion. There is the important reservation, however, that the prohibition shall not extend to "discriminations, prejudice or disadvantage to the traffic of any other carrier of whatever description," and the further proviso that nothing in the Act "shall empower the Commission to prescribe, or in any manner regulate, the rate, fare or charge for intra-State transportation, or for any service connected therewith, for the purpose of removing discrimination against inter-State commerce or for any other purpose whatever." In determining the reasonableness of a rate or other charge, "there shall not be taken into consideration or allowed as evidence or elements of value of the property" of the carrier "either good will, earning power or the certificate under which such carrier is operating." Account is to be taken, however, among other things, of the need of revenue "sufficient to enable such carriers, under honest, economical and efficient management, to provide" such service as the Commission finds proper and needful.

It is clear from the foregoing summary that the Act does not undertake a complete regulation of motor transportation in inter-State and foreign commerce. Extensive powers of regulating the intra-State operations of inter-State carriers are still, apparently, left to the States, and States and municipalities must still wrestle with such problems as the proper use of highways, parking, loading and unloading, and the pressing issues of traffic congestion and the minimization of noise. As a first step, however, the Act is promising. It will, or in any event should, facilitate the development and consolidation of bus and truck systems, eliminate dishonest and incompetent carriers, improve passenger and freight service, encourage and stabilize joint rates over two or more independent lines, and put an end to the excessive hours of labor which are now too often exacted from employees. The provision for joint rates with rail or water lines looks forward, perhaps, to a unification of all forms of inter-State transportation. The most important provision, from the standpoint of the hard-pressed railroads, is that which authorizes a railroad, with the approval of the Commission, to "consolidate, or merge with, or acquire control of, any motor carrier, or to purchase, lease, or contract to operate its properties or any part thereof." It is along this line that some relief from the evils of excessive competition seems likely to come. It is to be hoped that, if and when it comes, the combined systems may be relieved of the extreme regulation which the railroads now suffer.

The Breakdown of Internationalism and the Outlook for Nationalism

Thoughtful observers of international affairs must often have wondered why Italy, in its dispute with Ethiopia, has had the temerity to defy the League of Nations and announce its intention to deal with Ethiopia to all intents and purposes as if the League

did not exist. As a signatory of the Covenant of the League, it took upon itself certain obligations involving co-operative effort by the members of the League for the maintenance of peace. In the event of a dispute which threatened to develop into a war it bound itself, if it was a party to the controversy, to submit the matter to examination by the League, to accept the League's good offices and, by implication at least, to acquiesce in such decision as the League might reach regarding a settlement. It further rendered itself liable to sanctions in case it were adjudged an aggressor. However indefinite the language of the Covenant may have been, there could be no doubt about the underlying purpose to pledge the signatory Powers, large as well as small, to a common effort for the avoidance of war, and to provide penalties which would be likely to deter any but a reckless or predatory member from repudiating its obligations and becoming, in the view of the Covenant, an aggressor. Yet in spite of the undertakings which it has assumed, some trivial frontier incidents for which, as an investigating commission now reports, neither Ethiopia nor Italy was responsible, have been magnified by Italy into a *casus belli*, and elaborate preparations for the forcible acquisition of a considerable portion of Ethiopian territory are under way.

The explanation of what seems an extraordinary situation, however, is not far to seek. It has become increasingly apparent, especially during the past four or five years, that the idea of internationalism which the League was supposed to exemplify had only slender foundations in political reality. The notion that fifty and more nations, with the widest variations in area, population, political and economic development, culture, history and practical independence, could be welded into a world organization in which their separate interests and ambitions would be deliberately subordinated to peace and ideal conceptions of a common good, has been proved an illusion. We know now, as we also knew but did not realize when President Wilson was forcing the League upon the Peace Conference, that aggregation is not unity, that every nation is governed primarily by self-interest and that the interests of small and large States are not the same, that there is no such thing as an international morality higher or more potent than the morality of individual peoples and their governments, and that the desire for peace is not a controlling factor in national policy when injustices rankle, or ambitions are thwarted, or war seems to offer profit or prestige. For God and country men by the millions have been glad to fight and die, but there is nothing in the idea of the League for which the average citizen of any nation would be moved to risk a minor bruise.

We know also, what at first was not clearly perceived, that the real and ostensible purposes of the League were not the same and are not the same now. Ostensibly, the League was set up to work for universal peace through inquiry, conciliation and general disarmament, and for the establishment and development of international justice through the judicial processes of the World Court. Actually, the primary purpose in creating the League was to ensure the maintenance of the peace terms which the Peace Conference laid down. The inequity and unwisdom of much of the peace settlement have long since become matters of common knowledge, but the League has contributed virtually nothing to

remedying the defects. Germany and its former allies, together with Russia, were excluded from membership for years after the war was over, a merely formal connection existed between the League and the various adjustments of reparations, disarmament was debated year after year until the very term became a by-word, and without producing any practical results, and political considerations were written large across the decisions of the World Court.

What has happened in other international relations is, accordingly, what should have been expected. To speak of the League as in any sense whatever the mouthpiece of world opinion is to use words without meaning. Great Britain, France and Italy have dominated the League, used it for their own purposes when convenient and when not convenient have ignored it, and have paid lip service to it while in practice pursuing their joint or several policies. A few minor political controversies have been settled without open rupture and a few others temporarily adjusted, but in more critical matters the record is virtually one of failure. The Corfu incident ended about as Italy intended it should end notwithstanding representations from Geneva, and the attempt to end the war in the Chaco was rebuffed. Japan openly flouted the League in the Manchurian occupation and terminated its membership, and the investigation of the controversy by the Lytton Commission did nothing to enhance the League's prestige. Germany also, after being at last admitted, withdrew when it found that equality in armaments was to be denied it, and a long list of treaties and regional agreements has been concluded without consultation with the League, without its knowledge even until the facts were announced, and with no apparent regard to the international solidarity and common action which the League was supposed to embody.

Why, then, with the idea of internationalism, as represented by a working union of most of the nations of the world, becoming year by year more and more a shadow, should Italy pay respect to the League? If ever a weak and backward State needed support and protection that State is Ethiopia, but at every step in the controversy in which Ethiopia has become entangled the League has hesitated, evaded and procrastinated. To the extent that it may be said to have acted at all it has been swayed this way or that by Great Britain and France, or by whichever of those Powers has seemed for the moment to be in the ascendent, and it has obviously feared to antagonize Italy because Italy is strong and aggressive. A Power much less resourceful and ambitious than Italy might well, under such humiliating circumstances, have felt that it was entitled to take the measure of the League's weakness and incapacity, challenge the League to act but knowing well that no serious action would be forthcoming, and go its way with an eye, not to the resolutions that might be voted at Geneva, but only to the impediments that Great Britain or France might possibly put in its path.

At this writing there seems little likelihood that such impediments will be serious, if indeed there be any at all. At the session of the Council on Wednesday the Italian delegate presented an elaborate indictment of Ethiopia, intended to show that Ethiopia, because of its tolerance of slavery and its record of misconduct at a number of other points, was not fit to remain a member of the League. On Thursday a suspension of the session was demanded on the ground of an alleged insulting reply by the representative of Ethiopia, and when the demand was refused the Italian delegate withdrew. In spite of a

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

As compared with the month of July, when the new capital flotations at \$644,452,155 were the largest of any month since March 1931, the issues for August fell close to 210 millions below that total. But the amount must nevertheless be considered relatively heavy, judged by standards since 1931, and it certainly runs well above the aggregate for the corresponding month of any year since 1929.

Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations, by holding, investment and trading companies, and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also Farm Loan and publicly-offered governmental agency issues. The grand total of the offerings of new securities under these various heads during August reached in exact figures \$435,921,218. For July the aggregate was \$644,452,155. In June it was \$511,909,748; in May it was \$472,428,568, and in April \$507,456,831. In the first quarter of 1935 the monthly grand totals were of smaller proportions. Thus in March the aggregate was \$290,478,900, in February \$95,726,359 and in January \$141,531,419. The grand total of \$435,921,218 for August this year compares with \$259,838,431 in August 1934, with only \$55,652,152 in August 1933, with \$173,234,467 in August 1932 and with \$126,961,055 in August 1931. Of the \$435,921,218 grand total of issues marketed during August of this year, corporate flotations comprised \$209,861,500; Farm Loan and publicly-offered governmental agency issues contributed \$85,562,000; a loan to the Dominion of Canada accounted for \$76,000,000, besides which \$64,497,718 of State and municipal securities were marketed. As has been the case in other recent months, refunding operations accounted for a substantial portion of the new issues in August, no less than \$284,384,700 out of the grand total of \$435,921,218 being for that purpose, and leaving the month's new capital application at \$151,536,518.

United States Government issues appeared in the usual order during the month of August. The month's financing amounted to \$298,684,000 and comprised four single offerings of Treasury bills on a bank discount basis and an offering of 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ % Treasury bonds on a competitive bid basis. The details in respect to these offerings are recorded further below. In view of the magnitude and importance of United States Government borrowings, we give below a summary of all Treasury issues marketed during August and also those sold during the seven preceding months, furnishing full particulars of the various issues and presenting a complete record in that respect for the eight months ended Aug. 31.

New Treasury Financing During the Month of August 1935

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau on Aug. 1 announced a new offering of 273-day Treasury bills in the amount of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts. The bills were dated Aug. 7 and will mature May 6 1935. Tenders to the issue amounted to \$150,119,000, of which \$50,102,000 was accepted. The average price for these bills was 99.947, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.070%. Issued to replace maturing bills.

Mr. Morgenthau on Aug. 11 announced an additional offering of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts of 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ % Treasury bonds of 1955-60. The bonds were offered at not less than par and accrued interest from Mar. 15 1935 to Aug. 19 1935. The bonds were dated Mar. 15 1935 and will mature Mar. 15 1960, but are redeemable at the option of the United States at par and accrued interest on and after Mar. 15 1955. The 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ % bonds are exempt both as to principal and interest from all taxation except estate or inheritance taxes and the surtaxes. Tenders for \$147,264,000 face amount of bonds were received, of which \$98,465,000 was accepted. The

average price for the bonds was 100 25-32, and a total premium of \$780,275 was received. Based on the average price at which the bonds were offered on Aug. 19, the yield was about 2.822% to the earliest call date, Mar. 15 1955, and about 2.829% to maturity, Mar. 15 1960. This financing represented an addition to the public debt.

On Aug. 8 Mr. Morgenthau announced a new offering of 273-day bills to the amount of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts. The bills were dated Aug. 14 and will fall due May 13 1936. Subscriptions to the offering totaled \$139,638,000, of which \$50,072,000 was accepted. The average price for these bills was 99.945, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.073%. These bills were offered to replace a maturing bill issue.

Mr. Morgenthau on Aug. 15 announced another new offering of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts of 273-day bills. The bills were dated Aug. 21 and will mature May 20 1936. Tenders to the issue amounted to \$123,036,000, of which \$50,045,000 was accepted. The average price for the bills was 99.938, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.082%. Issued to replace maturing bills.

A further new offering of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts of 273-day bills was announced by Mr. Morgenthau on Aug. 22. The bills were dated Aug. 28 and will mature May 27 1936. Applications to the issue totaled \$84,157,000, of which \$50,000,000 was accepted. The average price for the bills was 99.904, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.127%. Issued to replace a maturing bill issue.

Mr. Morgenthau on Aug. 27 announced a still further offering of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts of 273-day bills. The bills, however, were dated Sept. 4 and will mature June 3 1936, and hence will form part of the Government financing for the month of September. Tenders to the offering totaled \$163,683,000, of which \$50,046,000 was accepted. The average price for the bills was 99.885, the average rate on a bank discount basis being 0.151%. Issued to replace maturing bills. The rate of 0.151% on the above bill issue compares with 0.127% (273-day) for bills dated Aug. 28; 0.082% (273-day) for bills dated Aug. 21; 0.073% (273-day) for bills dated Aug. 14, and 0.070% (273-day) for bills dated Aug. 7.

The Treasury Department announced Aug. 12 that approximately 375,000 persons paid in cash from March 1 to July 31 1935, inclusive, \$114,353,595 for \$152,471,460 maturity value of United States savings bonds, so-called "baby bonds."

In the following we show in tabular form the Treasury financing done during the first eight months of this year. The results show that the Government disposed of \$7,871,203,195, of which \$6,388,251,600 went to take up existing issues and \$1,482,951,595 represented an addition to the public debt. For August by itself, the disposals aggregated \$298,684,000, of which \$200,219,000 was for refunding, leaving \$98,465,000 as an addition to the public debt.

UNITED STATES TREASURY FINANCING DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1935

Table with 7 columns: Date Offered, Dated, Due, Amount Applied for, Amount Accepted, Price, Yield. Rows include monthly totals from Dec. 25 to May 26, and a grand total for \$449,351,000.

Table with 7 columns: Date Offered, Dated, Due, Amount Applied for, Amount Accepted, Price, Yield. Rows include monthly totals from May 28 to Aug. 22, and a grand total for \$7,871,203,195.

y Amount of sales to July 31 1935 based on purchase price. * Average rate on a bank discount basis.

USE OF FUNDS

Table with 5 columns: Dated, Type of Security, Total Amount Accepted, Refunding, New Indebtedness. Rows include monthly totals from Jan. 2 to Aug. 28, and a grand total for \$7,871,203,195.

y Amount of sales to July 31 1935 based on purchase price.

Features of August Private Financing

With reference to the new corporate securities offered during August, we find that industrial and miscellaneous issues led in volume with \$101,037,500, which, however, compares with no less than \$202,733,000 for that group in July. Railroad offerings in August amounted to \$73,412,000 as against a total of only \$651,000 during July, while on the other hand, public utility issues fell from \$338,591,000 in July to only \$35,412,000 for August.

Total corporate offerings of all kinds during August, as already stated, aggregated \$209,861,500, composed of \$180,499,500 long-term issues, \$5,000,000 of short-term maturity and \$24,362,000 of stock flotations. The portion of the month's corporate total used for refunding purposes was \$180,066,700, or more than 81% of the total. In July the portion devoted to refunding operations was no less than \$486,885,330, or nearly 90% of the total. In June, too, the refunding portion, at \$115,488,000 out of \$129,164,000, was also close to 90%. In May the refunding portion was \$81,566,666, or about 64% of the total. In April it was \$133,890,800, or over 85% of that month's total. In March it was \$112,220,000, or slightly over 93% of the total. In February it was \$23,291,000, or about 78% of the month's total, and in January it was \$2,459,000, or about 31% of the total for that month.

In August 1934 the amount for refunding was \$10,000,000, or about 55% of the month's corporate total of only \$18,019,000. There were several important refunding issues marketed during August of this year, namely: \$50,000,000 Pennsylvania Company 4% secured bonds, 1963, used entirely for refunding. An offering of \$25,000,000 American Smelting & Refining Co. 1st mtge. and 1st lien 4% bonds, 1950, all of which with an issue of \$5,000,000 of the same company's serial notes represented refunding. Two issues by the Cudahy Packing Co., one comprising \$20,000,000 1st mtge. 3 3/4s "A," 1955, and the other an offering of \$5,000,000 conv. deb. 4s, 1950, provided \$17,062,700 for refunding. In addition, there was an issue of \$16,900,000 Philadelphia Suburban Water Co. 1st mtge. 4s, 1965, all of which represented refunding.

The total of \$180,066,700 raised for refunding of corporate issues in August 1935 comprised \$151,104,700 of new long-term issues to refund existing long-term issues, \$5,000,000 of short-term debt to refund long-term debt, and \$23,962,000 of new preferred stocks to replace existing preferred stocks.

The largest corporate offering in August was \$50,000,000 Pennsylvania Company (subsidiary of the Pennsylvania RR. Co.) 4% secured bonds, 1963, floated at par. Other railroad issues comprised \$15,282,000 Pennsylvania RR. equipment trust 4s, series E, 1936-49, offered at prices yielding from 0.375% to 3.075%, and \$8,130,000 Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. ref. mtge. 4s, 1966, placed privately at par.

Industrial and miscellaneous issues of importance in August consisted of \$25,000,000 Amer. Smelting & Ref. Co. 1st mtge. & 1st lien 4s, 1950, placed privately at par, together with an issue of \$5,000,000 serial notes; \$20,000,000 the Cudahy Packing Co. 1st mtge. 3 3/4s "A", 1955, offered at par; \$5,000,000 of the same company's conv. deb. 4s, 1950, also offered at par; 137,620 shares of the M. A. Hanna Co. \$5 cum. pref. stock, offered in exchange for the company's outstanding \$7 cum. pref. stock; \$6,000,000 Champion Paper & Fibre Co. 6% cum. pref. stock, priced at \$100 per share, and \$5,500,000 of 4 3/4% debts. of the latter company, offering of which was made at par.

Public Utility financing during August was featured by the following issues: \$16,900,000 Philadelphia Suburban Water Co. 1st mtge. 4s, 1965, priced at 101 1/2, to yield 3.90%; \$5,400,000 Public Service Co. of New Hampshire 1st mtge. 3 3/4s "C," 1960, offered at 102.04, to yield 3.62%, and \$4,500,000 Savannah Electric & Power Co. 1st ref. mtge. 5s "F," 1955, floated at par.

There were two new fixed investment trust offerings during August, namely:

Commodity Corp. common stock, offered by Security Agency, Inc., at \$28 per share.

Standard Utilities common stock, offered by John Nickerson & Co., Inc., at market.

Three of the August offerings contained provisions for converting into or acquiring common stock. The issues were as follows:

\$5,000,000 the Cudahy Packing Co. conv. 4% deb., 1950, each debenture convertible into 16 shares of common stock from Mar. 1 1936 and thereafter to Sept. 1 1938, into 15 shares from Sept. 1 1938 to Sept. 1 1941, and into 14 shares on Sept. 1 1941 and thereafter to Sept. 1 1944.

\$5,500,000 the Kresge Foundation coll. trust 4s, 1945, each note convertible into 33 shares of S. S. Kresge Co. common stock from Sept. 1 1936 and thereafter to June 30 1937; thereafter for two years into 31 shares; thereafter for two years into 29 shares; thereafter for two years into 27 shares, and during the last two years into 25 shares.

40,000 shares Sonotone Corp. cum. conv. pref. stock convertible into common stock at the ratio of 4 shares of common stock for each preferred share; each share also carries a warrant entitling the holder to purchase 2 shares of common stock at \$3 per share at any time prior to Oct. 1 1940.

There was one foreign government loan floated in our market during August. The loan, as already stated, was for the account of the Dominion of Canada and comprised \$76,000,000 10-year 2 1/2% bonds, due Aug. 15 1945, priced at 97 3/4.

The month's financing also included an auction offering of \$100,000,000 Federal Farm Mortgage Corp. 1 1/2% bonds, due Sept. 1 1939. Subscriptions to the issue amounted to only \$85,592,000 of which \$85,262,000 was accepted at an average price of 99, equivalent to a yield basis of 1.762%.

There was also a refunding issue of \$500,000 Fletcher Joint Stock Land Bank 3% and 3 1/4% bonds, priced at par.

Final Summary

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, State and city, foreign government, as well as Farm Loan issues—for August and for the eight months ended with August:

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

1935	New Capital	Refunding	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Month of August—			
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	29,394,800	151,104,700	180,499,500
Short-term.....	-----	5,000,000	5,000,000
Preferred stocks.....	400,000	23,962,000	24,362,000
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----
Short-term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----
Short-term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate.....	29,794,800	180,066,700	209,861,500
Canadian Government.....	-----	76,000,000	76,000,000
Other foreign Government.....	-----	-----	-----
Farm Loan and Government agencies.....	85,262,000	300,000	85,562,000
*Municipal—States, cities, &c.....	36,479,718	28,018,000	64,497,718
United States Possessions.....	-----	-----	-----
Grand total.....	151,536,518	284,384,766	435,921,218
Eight Months Ended Aug. 31—			
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	135,131,804	1,048,918,696	1,184,050,500
Short-term.....	8,485,000	38,615,000	47,100,000
Preferred stocks.....	33,470,000	48,333,800	81,803,800
Common stocks.....	8,367,000	-----	8,367,000
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----
Short-term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----
Short-term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate.....	185,453,804	1,135,867,496	1,321,321,300
Canadian Government.....	-----	76,000,000	76,000,000
Other foreign Government.....	-----	-----	-----
Farm Loan and Government agencies.....	94,762,000	851,893,700	946,655,700
*Municipal—States, cities, &c.....	512,309,550	239,687,285	751,976,835
United States Possessions.....	568,000	4,430,000	4,998,000
Grand total.....	793,093,354	2,307,858,487	3,100,951,835

* These figures do not include funds obtained by States and municipalities from any agency of the Federal Government.

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables on the succeeding pages we compare the foregoing figures for 1935 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offerings, showing separately the amounts for all the different classes of corporations.

Following the full-page tables we give complete details of the new capital flotations during August, including every issue of any kind brought out in that month. Full details as to the separate issues for each of the preceding months dating back to the beginning of our compilations in March 1921, can be found in the monthly articles for those months, these articles now appearing usually on the first or the second Saturday of the month.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST FOR FIVE YEARS

MONTH OF AUGUST	1935			1934			1933			1932			1931		
	New Capital	Refunding	Total	New Capital	Refunding	Total	New Capital	Refunding	Total	New Capital	Refunding	Total	New Capital	Refunding	Total
Corporate—															
Domestic—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Long-term bonds and notes	29,394,800	151,104,700	180,499,500	8,019,000	3,500,000	11,519,000	15,185,000	56,034,000	71,219,000	21,485,500	5,000,000	26,485,500	21,485,500	5,000,000	26,485,500
Short-term	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	---	6,500,000	6,500,000	---	---	---	12,550,000	800,000	13,350,000	12,550,000	800,000	13,350,000
Preferred stocks	400,000	23,962,000	24,362,000	---	---	---	3,683,805	---	3,683,805	1,200,000	---	10,475,000	1,200,000	---	10,475,000
Common stocks	---	---	---	---	---	---	10,365,808	---	10,365,808	600,000	---	600,000	1,686,622	---	1,686,622
Canadian—	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Long-term bonds and notes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Short-term	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Preferred stocks	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common stocks	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other foreign—	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Long-term bonds and notes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Short-term	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Preferred stocks	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Common stocks	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total corporate	29,794,800	180,066,700	209,861,500	8,019,000	10,000,000	18,019,000	14,049,613	---	14,049,613	26,280,500	107,114,000	133,394,500	46,197,122	5,800,000	51,997,122
Canadian Government	---	76,000,000	76,000,000	---	50,000,000	50,000,000	---	---	---	2,000,000	---	2,000,000	---	---	---
Other foreign Government	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Farm Loan and Govt. agencies	85,262,000	300,000	85,562,000	153,111,100	11,000,000	164,111,100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
*Municipal—State, cities, &c	36,479,718	28,018,000	64,497,718	19,227,548	8,480,783	27,708,331	31,739,775	9,862,764	41,602,539	33,743,867	4,096,100	37,839,967	74,257,250	706,683	74,963,933
United States Possessions	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grand total	151,536,518	284,384,700	435,921,218	180,357,648	79,480,783	259,838,431	45,789,388	9,862,764	55,652,152	62,024,367	111,210,100	173,234,467	120,454,372	6,506,683	126,961,055

* These figures do not include funds obtained by States and municipalities from any agency of the Federal Government.

CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST FOR FIVE YEARS

MONTH OF AUGUST	1935			1934			1933			1932			1931		
	New Capital	Refunding	Total	New Capital	Refunding	Total	New Capital	Refunding	Total	New Capital	Refunding	Total	New Capital	Refunding	Total
Long-Term Bonds and Notes	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Railroads	15,282,000	58,130,000	73,412,000	1,204,000	---	1,204,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,295,000	---	2,295,000
Public utilities	3,277,000	32,135,000	35,412,000	6,315,000	---	6,315,000	---	---	14,185,000	56,034,000	70,219,000	10,680,500	5,000,000	15,680,500	
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c	---	25,000,000	25,000,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Equipment manufacturers	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Motors and accessories	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	6,410,000	---	6,410,000
Other industrial and manufacturing	10,835,800	27,179,700	38,015,500	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oil	---	5,660,000	5,660,000	500,000	3,500,000	4,000,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Land, buildings, &c	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rubber	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shipping	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Inv. trusts, trading, holding, &c	---	3,000,000	3,000,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Miscellaneous	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,000,000	---	1,000,000	---	---	---
Total	29,394,800	151,104,700	180,499,500	8,019,000	3,500,000	11,519,000	---	---	---	15,185,000	56,034,000	71,219,000	21,485,500	5,000,000	26,485,500
Short-Term Bonds and Notes	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Railroads	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Public utilities	---	5,000,000	5,000,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Equipment manufacturers	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Motors and accessories	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other industrial and manufacturing	---	---	---	---	6,500,000	6,500,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oil	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Land, buildings, &c	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rubber	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shipping	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Inv. trusts, trading, holding, &c	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Miscellaneous	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,345,500	---	5,345,500	---	---	---
Total	---	5,000,000	5,000,000	---	6,500,000	6,500,000	---	---	---	9,295,500	51,080,000	60,375,500	12,550,000	800,000	13,350,000
Stocks	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Railroads	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Public utilities	---	13,762,000	13,762,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Iron, steel, coal, copper, &c	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Equipment manufacturers	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Motors and accessories	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other industrial and manufacturing	400,000	10,200,000	10,600,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oil	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Land, buildings, &c	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rubber	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Shipping	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Inv. trusts, trading, holding, &c	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Miscellaneous	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	400,000	23,962,000	24,362,000	---	---	---	---	---	---	14,049,613	---	14,049,613	12,161,622	---	12,161,622
Total corporate securities	29,794,800	180,066,700	209,861,500	8,019,000	10,000,000	18,019,000	14,049,613	---	14,049,613	26,280,500	107,114,000	133,394,500	46,197,122	5,800,000	51,997,122

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING AUGUST 1935
LONG-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS)

Amount	Purpose of Issue	Price	To Yield About	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered
\$ 50,000,000	Railroads—		%	
15,282,000	Refunding	100	4.00	Pennsylvania Co. 4% Secured Bonds, due 1963. Offered by Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
	New equipment	---	0.375-3.075	Pennsylvania RR. Co. 4% Equip. Trust Series E Cfs., due Jan. 15 1936-1949. Offered by Salomon Bros. & Hutzler; R. W. Pressprich & Co.; Dick & Merle-Smith; Stroud & Co., Inc.; Freeman & Co., and R. L. Day & Co.
8,130,000	Refunding	100	4.00	Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry. Ref. M. 4s, 1966. Placed privately with insurance companies.
73,412,000				
425,000	Public Utilities—			
	General corporate purposes	Placed privately		Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. 1st Lien & Ref. M. 4s, 1954. Offered by Edward B. Smith & Co.; E. W. Clark & Co., and Maine Securities Co.
1,000,000	New construction	102½	3.30	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. 1st Ref. M. 3½s, 1965. Placed privately with the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.
3,000,000	Refunding	103½	3.80	Coast Counties Gas & Electric Co. 1st M. 4s B, 1965. Offered by Dean, Witter & Co.; Blyth & Co., Inc.; Wm. R. Staats Co.; Mitchum Tully & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.; Schwabacher & Co.; Wm. Cavalier & Co.; Elworthy & Co.; Bancamerica Co. and Conrad, Bruce & Co.
3,000,000	Refunding	92½	7.40	Laclede Gas Light Co. Coll. Trust 6s, 1942. Offered to holders of co.'s 5½% notes due Aug. 1 1935.
1,187,000	Refunding	99½-100	---	Orange & Rockland Electric Co. 1st M. 4s, 1960. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc., as Agents.
16,900,000	Refunding	101½ b	3.90	Philadelphia Suburban Water Co. 1st M. 4s, 1965. Offered by Hornblower & Weeks; Cassatt & Co., Inc.; First Boston Corp.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Lee Higginson Corp.; Chas. D. Barney & Co.; Clark, Dodge & Co.; Dominick & Dominick; G. M-P. Murphy & Co.; White, Weld & Co.; Field, Gloré & Co.; W. E. Hutton & Co.; Singer, Deane & Scribner; Bell & Beckwith; Paul H. Davis & Co.; O'Brien, Potter & Co.; Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood, and Reed & Co., Inc.
5,400,000	Refunding	102.04	3.62	Public Service Co. of New Hampshire 1st M. 3½s, C, 1960. Offered by Paime, Webber & Co.; Graham, Parsons & Co.; Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc., and Lawrence M. Marks & Co.
4,500,000	Refunding, add'ns., &c.	100	5.00	Savannah Electric & Power Co. 1st Ref. M. 5s, F, 1955. Offered by Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.; The First Boston Corp.; Brown, Harriman & Co., Inc., and Bonbright & Co., Inc.
35,412,000				
25,000,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c.	100	4.00	American Smelting & Refining Co. 1st M. & 1st Lien 4s, 1950. Sold privately to a group of five insurance companies.
c6,000,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.—			
5,500,000	Refunding; retire current debt	Placed privately	4.75	American Cyanamid Co. Deb. 4s, 1955. Placed privately.
20,000,000	Refunding; retire bank debt	100	3.75	The Champion Paper & Fibre Co. 4¾% Deb. 1950. Offered by W. E. Hutton & Co., and Goldman, Sachs & Co.
5,000,000	Refunding; retire bank debt	100	4.00	The Cudahy Packing Co. 1st M. 3½s, A, 1955. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; F. S. Moseley & Co.; Central Republic Co.; A. G. Becker & Co.; Hallgarten & Co.; Shields & Co.; Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; Hayden, Stone & Co.; Paime, Webber & Co.; Blair, Bonner & Co.; First of Michigan Corp.
1,000,000	Refunding	98	4.50	The Cudahy Packing Co. Conv. 4% Deb. 1950. (Each \$1,000 debenture convertible into 16 shares of common stock from March 1 1936 and thereafter to Sept. 1 1938, into 15 shares from Sept. 1 1938 to Sept. 1 1941 and into 14 shares on Sept. 1 1941 and thereafter to Sept. 1 1944. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; F. S. Moseley & Co.; Central Republic Co.; A. G. Becker & Co.; Hallgarten & Co.; Shields & Co.; Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; Hayden, Stone & Co.; Paime, Webber & Co.; Blair, Bonner & Co.; First of Michigan Corp.
515,500	Refunding	100	6.00	Garlock Packing Co. 1st M. 4½s, 1945. Placed privately with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.
38,015,500				
5,500,000	Land, Buildings, &c.—			
	Refunding	100	4.00	Hill Manufacturing Co. 6s, 1945. Offered to holders of company's 6½% bonds, due May 1 1935.
160,000	Refunding	100	5.50	The Kresge Foundation Coll. Trust 4s, 1945. (Each \$1,000 note convertible into 33 shares of S. S. Kresge Co. com. stock from Sept. 1 1936, and thereafter to June 30 1937, thereafter for two years into 31 shares, thereafter for two years into 29 shares, thereafter for two years into 27 shares, and during the last two years into 25 shares.) Offered by Blyth & Co., Inc.; Merrill, Lynch & Co.; Cassatt & Co., Inc.; White, Weld & Co.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; Kidder, Peabody & Co., and First of Michigan Corp.
5,660,000	Miscellaneous—			
3,000,000	Refunding	Placed privately		Lynchburg (Va.) Theatre Corp. 1st M, 5½s, due Aug. 1 1936-45. Offered by Galleher & Co., Richmond.
				Abraham & Straus, 4% Notes, 1950. Placed privately.

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

Amount	Purpose of Issue	Price	To Yield About	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered
\$ 5,000,000	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c.—		%	
	Refunding	Placed privately		American Smelting & Refining Co., Notes due serially to 1940. Placed privately with banks.

STOCKS

Par or No. of Shares	Purpose of Issue	(a) Amount Involved	Price per Share	To Yield About	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered
\$ *137,620shs	Iron, Steel, Coal, Copper, &c.—	\$ 13,762,000	d	%	The M. A. Hanna Co. \$5 Cum. Pref. Stock. Offered to holders of company's \$7 cum. preferred stock.
6,000,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.—	6,000,000	100	6.00	The Champion Paper & Fibre Co. 6% Cum. Pref. Stock. Offered by W. E. Hutton & Co.; Goldman, Sachs & Co.
4,200,000	Retire 1st pref. stock	4,200,000	101	4.95	Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co. 5% Preferred Stock. Offered by Lehman Brothers.
40,000 shs	Pay bank loan; add'l wkg. cap.	400,000	10	6.00	Sonotone Corp. Cum. Conv. Pref. Stock. (Convertible at the option of the holder, prior to its redemption into common stock at the ratio of four shares of common stock for each preferred share. Each share also carries a warrant entitling the holder to purchase two shares of common stock at \$3 per share at any time prior to Oct. 1 1940. Offered by Van Alstyne, Noel & Co., Inc., New York City.
		10,600,000			

FARM LOAN AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY ISSUES

Amount	Issue and Purpose	Price	To Yield About	Offered by
\$ 85,262,000	Federal Farm Mortgage Corp. 1½% bonds due Sept. 1 1939 (provide funds for loan purposes)	99	1.762	United States Treasury.
300,000	Fletcher Joint Stock Land Bank 3% bonds due 1940 and 3¼% bonds due 1942 (ref'g)	100	3-3.25	Fletcher Trust Co. to holders of Fletcher Joint Stock Land Bank 5% bonds due 1951.
85,562,000				

ISSUES NOT REPRESENTING NEW FINANCING

Par or No. of Shares	(a) Amount Involved	Price	To Yield About	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered
\$ 15,000 shs	\$ 345,000	Mkt. approx. \$23	%	Muskegon Piston Ring Co. Common Stock. Offered by Haskell, Scott & Geyer, Inc., Chicago.

* Shares of no par value.
a Preferred stocks of a stated par value are taken at par, while preferred stocks of no par value and all classes of common stocks are computed at their offering prices.
b Holders of various called issues given the privilege of exchanging their bonds for bonds of this issue.
c Approximate figure.
d Offered on basis of 1 1-20 shares of new \$5 cum. pref. stock for each 1 share of \$7 cum. pref. stock.

The Course of the Bond Market

The bond market has been quiet in the holiday week. Prices strengthened toward the end of the week. United States Governments have been in the foreground, with the offer of 2¾% 10-12-year bonds and 1½% 3½-year notes in exchange for the last of the Liberty bonds, called for redemption on Oct. 15. At the same time the Treasury made a

public offering for cash of the 1½% notes, which was largely oversubscribed and closed in one day, revealing a gratifying demand for Treasury issues after last week's failure to place in its entirety a Government-guaranteed issue. United States Government bond prices remained firm after a partial recovery from the decline of the last few weeks.

High-grade and second-grade railroad bonds have been somewhat stronger. Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s, 1992, closed at

Premier Mussolini has done, in his characteristically flamboyant fashion, is to strip away the last pretences of the League as the guardian and promoter of international peace, and show it once more as an organization which any Power that feels itself strong enough need not hesitate to defy. Henceforth the battle will be to the strongest and shrewdest, and every nation must look out for itself.

A good deal has been said and written of late about the evils and perils of nationalism, as if nationalism, actual or imminent, were the primary source of most of the ills from which the world now suffers or which it must expect to meet. There is no question that nationalism means rivalry for power or influence, intense competition for markets, struggle for colonies, dependencies and spheres of influence, and often war. An indictment of nationalism, however, is practically equivalent to an indictment of human society. The world has always been national. It is for a national status that peoples have always struggled, for national independence that they have often fought. They have labored to preserve their na-

tional languages and cultures, their forms of government, the integrity of their economic systems, and their freedom of action in international relations. None of these things was waived or surrendered when the nations entered the League, and the history of the League has not shaken their essential force.

It is for a marked revival of nationalism that the world must now prepare. Even if some patched-up arrangement is made that will satisfy Italy for the time being and avert open war, internationalism will have gained nothing from the compromise, for Italy will have dictated the terms and it will be the League Powers that have surrendered. It is a disturbing outlook, for the success of Italy, whether it conquers Ethiopia or accepts some equivalent gain elsewhere, will have fateful repercussions throughout the world and encourage other nations with grievances or ambitions to press their claims. After fifteen years of internationalist dreams we face the hard facts of political realities, and to those facts the policies of nations will now be adjusted.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Sept. 6 1935.

Business receded somewhat during the week. It was a disappointing start for the fall season, following the best summer in several years. Retail business, however, continued to gain despite very unfavorable weather. Car loadings and bituminous coal production were larger, and lumber mills reported the best business in many months. Bank clearings, too, increased 21.2%. On the other hand, steel mills operations dropped to 45.8% of capacity. Electric output fell off slightly from that of the previous week, but it widened its gain over last year to 11.2%. The stock market was recently more active and firmer. The decline in steel operations was attributed to the holiday influence and reduced buying by automobile manufacturers and tin plate makers. The demand, however, from other sources was steady. Wholesale business was smaller. Commodity markets were generally quiet and reactionary. Cotton moved irregularly in light trading, which consisted largely of switching from October to later deliveries by pool brokers. Wheat was fairly active at times and showed considerable firmness of late, owing to larger Canadian exports, stronger outside markets and unfavorable European crop news. Rubber declined sharply because of an increase in Malayan shipments, whereas a decrease had been expected. Coffee was weaker due to disappointing Brazilian cables. Sugar was quieter and somewhat easier. Hides were quite active and rather steady. A terrific hurricane roared up the west coast of Florida, inflicting millions of dollars worth of property damage, the death of several hundred persons, and considerable crop destruction. All the passengers and crew of the Morgan liner Dixie, which was hurled onto French Reef on Monday, were rescued after three harrowing days in hurricane lashed waters. Captain Sundstrom remained with the ship. He is a veteran of four other hurricanes and said this was the worst. On the 5th inst. the storm was said to be abating and heading back across the State. The citrus crop loss in Florida was estimated at anywhere from 25 to 75%. Tornadoes in the hurricane's wake swept rain-soaked inland Virginia on the 5th inst., killing one person, injuring many and causing considerable damage to property. In New York rather heavy rains fell almost daily. Floods were feared in parts of Pennsylvania, where the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers were rising rapidly after three days of intermittent rain. Philadelphia had a rainfall of three inches in a period of 18 hours on the 5th inst. To-day it was raining and cool here, with temperatures ranging from 64 to 68 degrees. The forecast was for fair to-night and Saturday, and probably Sunday; not much change in temperature. Overnight at Boston it was 66 to 74 degrees; Baltimore, 66 to 70; Pittsburgh, 54 to 76; Portland, Me., 58 to 76; Chicago, 50 to 68; Cincinnati, 52 to 74; Cleveland, 58 to 66; Detroit, 48 to 72; Charleston, 74 to 84; Milwaukee, 52 to 68; Dallas, 64 to 76; Savannah, 74 to 78; Kansas City, 56 to 76; Springfield, Mo., 56 to 74; Oklahoma City, 60 to 78; Denver, 58 to 86; Salt Lake City, 64 to 92; Seattle, 54 to 70; Montreal, 54 to 70, and Winnipeg, 36 to 64.

Revenue Freight Car Loadings Continue Upward Trend

Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended Aug. 31 1935 totaled 679,861 cars. This is a gain of 53,488 cars or

8.5% over the preceding week, a rise of 32,330 cars or 5.0% from the total for the like week of 1934, and a gain of 6,083 cars or 0.9% for the total loadings for the corresponding week of 1933. The loadings for the current week reached the highest total registered for any seven-day period since November 1931. For the week ended Aug. 24 loadings were 3.2% above the corresponding week of 1934, but 1.6% under those for the like week of 1933. Loadings for the week ended Aug. 17 showed a gain of 2.2% when compared with 1934 and a drop of 4.4% when comparison is with the same week of 1933.

The first 18 major railroads to report for the week ended Aug. 31 1935 loaded a total of 318,838 cars of revenue freight on their own lines, compared with 299,241 cars in the preceding week and 304,662 cars in the seven days ended Sept. 1 1934. A comparative table follows:

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

	Loaded on Own Lines— Weeks Ended—			Received from Connections— Weeks Ended—		
	Aug. 31 1935	Aug. 24 1935	Sept. 1 1934	Aug. 31 1935	Aug. 24 1935	Sept. 1 1934
Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.....	19,694	18,733	21,481	4,759	4,523	5,155
Baltimore & Ohio RR.....	29,945	26,588	25,412	13,347	11,857	14,082
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.....	22,899	20,930	21,117	9,023	8,258	9,360
Chicago Burl. & Quincy RR.....	16,036	15,240	17,757	7,589	6,985	6,717
Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pac. Ry.....	20,646	19,115	21,279	7,170	6,944	6,613
y Chicago & North Western Ry.....	15,481	15,206	17,165	9,266	8,356	9,006
Gulf Coast Lines.....	2,192	2,166	2,160	1,331	1,289	1,243
International Gt. Northern RR.....	2,465	2,295	3,364	1,765	1,617	1,756
Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.....	4,713	4,693	5,315	2,521	2,532	2,907
Missouri Pacific RR.....	14,852	13,703	15,612	7,506	7,529	7,686
New York Central Lines.....	38,029	36,573	36,828	36,344	32,842	35,506
New York Chic. & St. Louis Ry.....	5,088	4,897	4,741	7,967	7,417	7,643
Norfolk & Western Ry.....	20,750	19,360	18,756	3,729	3,368	4,035
Pennsylvania RR.....	61,532	56,541	53,236	35,480	31,060	31,497
Pere Marquette Ry.....	5,655	5,361	4,340	4,413	3,797	3,923
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.....	5,615	5,352	4,798	5,449	5,369	4,758
Southern Pacific Lines.....	27,525	26,951	25,709	x	x	x
Wabash Ry.....	5,721	5,537	5,592	7,229	7,358	6,417
Total.....	318,838	299,241	304,662	164,888	151,701	158,304

x Not reported. y Excluding ore.

TOTAL LOADINGS AND RECEIPTS FROM CONNECTIONS
(Number of Cars)

	Weeks Ended—		
	Aug. 31 1935	Aug. 24 1935	Sept. 1 1934
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.....	22,937	21,689	24,573
Illinois Central System.....	30,258	27,737	29,002
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.....	13,599	12,797	13,494
Total.....	66,794	62,223	67,069

The Association of American Railroads in reviewing the week ended Aug. 24, reported as follows:

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended Aug. 24, totaled 626,373 cars. This was an increase of 11,367 cars above the preceding week, and 19,456 cars above the corresponding week in 1934 but a reduction of 11,137 cars below the corresponding week in 1933.

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week ended Aug. 24, totaled 240,007 cars, and increase of 1,330 cars above the preceding week, 18,370 cars above the corresponding week in 1934 and 21,554 cars above the corresponding week in 1933.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 159,794 cars, an increase of 480 cars above the preceding week, but a reduction of 940 cars below the corresponding week in 1934, and 9,028 cars below the same week in 1933.

Coal loading amounted to 99,933 cars, an increase of 9,940 cars above the preceding week...

Grain and grain products loading totaled 40,452 cars, a decrease of 2,362 cars below the preceding week...

Live stock loading amounted to 15,042 cars, an increase of 763 cars above the preceding week...

Forest products loading totaled 30,756 cars, and increase of 216 cars above the preceding week...

Ore loading amounted to 35,204 cars, an increase of 648 cars above the preceding week...

Coke loading amounted to 5,185 cars, an increase of 352 cars above the preceding week...

All districts reported increases for the week of Aug. 24, compared with the corresponding week last year...

Loading of revenue freight in 1935 compared with the two previous years follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1935, 1934, 1933) and 2 rows of freight loading data for various periods from January to August 24.

In the following table we undertake to show also the loadings for separate roads and systems for the week ended Aug. 24 1935...

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS (NUMBER OF CARS)—WEEK ENDED AUG. 24

Main table with 6 columns: Railroads, Total Revenue Freight Loaded (1935, 1934, 1933), Total Loads Received from Connections (1935, 1934). Includes sections for Eastern, Allegheny, Pocahontas, Southern, and Southwestern districts.

Note—Figures for 1934 revised. * Previous figures. a Not available. b Includes figures for the Boston & Albany RR., the C. O. C. & St. Louis RR., and the Michigan Central RR.

vanced this week to 167.2, the highest level for the year to date and since early 1930. The Index closed on Friday at 167.2 against 165.0 a week ago.

Most of the rise was due to the advance in grain prices, but in addition hides, wool, and cocoa advanced, while rubber and silk declined. The other items in the index remained unchanged.

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

Fri., Aug. 30	165.0	2 Weeks Ago, Aug. 23	165.6
Sat., Aug. 31	not compiled	Month Ago, Aug. 9	165.4
Mon., Sept. 2	Holiday	Year Ago, Sept. 7	154.4
Tues., Sept. 3	165.0	1934 High, Aug. 29	156.2
Wed., Sept. 4	166.4	Low, Jan. 2	126.0
Thurs., Sept. 5	167.2	1935 High, Sept. 5	167.2
Fri., Sept. 6	167.2	Low, Mar. 18	148.4

United States Department of Labor Reports Drop of 0.4% in Wholesale Commodity Prices During Week of Aug. 31

During the week ending Aug. 31 the combined index of wholesale commodity prices declined 0.4%, according to an announcement made Sept. 5 by Commissioner Lubin of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor. "The decrease during the week of Aug. 31 partly offset the steady advance of the five weeks preceding, bringing the composite index to 80.5% of the 1926 average," Mr. Lubin said. "This marks the first significant decline that has taken place during the past three months," he noted, adding:

Compared with the corresponding week of 1934, the combined index shows an increase of 3.9% and is 15.5% above two years ago when the indexes were 77.5 and 69.7, respectively.

The decline during the week was confined to only four of the 10 major commodity groups—farm products, foods, chemicals and drugs, and miscellaneous commodities. On the other hand, advances were reported for four of the other groups—hides and leather products, textile products, building materials and housefurnishing goods. The index for two groups—fuel and lighting materials and metals and metal products—remained unchanged. Aside from farm products, which declined nearly 2%, changes in the individual groups were small. Of the 47 sub-groups, 12 were lower, 14 showed a higher average and 21 remained unchanged.

The level of the large industrial group which includes all commodities other than farm products and processed foods was unchanged at 78.1. The index for this group is 0.4% below the level of the corresponding week in 1934, but compared with two years ago shows an increase of 4.7%. During the present year, the average for all this group has moved within narrow limits. The index for Jan. 5 was 78.0 and the lowest point—77.2—was reached during the week of April 6. These minor fluctuations indicate that prices of industrial products have been remarkably stable throughout the year.

Six of the 10 major commodity groups show higher averages when compared with the corresponding week of 1934. The increases ranged from 0.1% for metals and metal products to 12.3% for foods. The declines ranged from 0.6% for textile products to 4.6% for miscellaneous commodities. Compared with the corresponding week of 1933, eight of the 10 groups show increases and two show decreases. The advances range from 2.9% for miscellaneous commodities to 38.7% for farm products. Compared with the corresponding week of 1932 all commodity groups show a substantial gain. The increases range from 3.7% for miscellaneous commodities to 57.1% for farm products. The industrial group shows an advance of 4.7% over two years ago and 10.9% over three years ago.

Group indexes for the week of Aug. 31 and the corresponding weeks of 1932, 1933 and 1934 and the per cent change are shown in the table below, as contained in Mr. Lubin's announcement of Sept. 5:

Commodity Groups	Aug. 31 1935	Sept. 1 1934	PerCent Change	Sept. 2 1933	PerCent Change	Sept. 3 1932	PerCent Change
All commodities	80.5	77.5	+3.9	69.7	+15.5	65.5	+22.9
Farm products	79.2	73.5	+7.8	57.1	+38.7	50.4	+57.1
Foods	86.0	76.6	+12.3	65.3	+31.7	61.6	+39.6
Hides & leather products	90.4	84.5	+7.0	92.9	-2.7	70.6	+28.0
Textile products	70.9	71.3	-0.6	74.2	-4.4	54.2	+30.8
Fuel & lighting materials	75.4	75.1	+0.4	67.2	+12.2	72.2	+4.4
Metals & metal products	86.0	85.9	+0.1	81.4	+5.7	80.2	+7.2
Building materials	85.3	86.3	-1.2	81.0	+5.3	69.9	+22.0
Chemicals and drugs	79.0	76.3	+3.5	72.2	+9.4	73.2	+7.9
Housefurnishing goods	81.8	82.9	-1.3	77.0	+6.2	74.8	+9.4
Miscell. commodities	67.1	70.3	-4.6	65.2	+2.9	64.7	+3.7
All commodities other than farm products & foods	78.1	78.4	-0.4	74.6	+4.7	70.4	+10.9

From the announcement the following is also taken;

Due to a 4% decrease in the average for the sub-group of livestock and poultry and a 1% decline for other farm products including cotton, apples, lemons, peanuts, seeds, white potatoes and wool, the farm products index dropped 1.9%. Although corn and rye showed declining prices, higher prices for barley, oats and wheat caused the index for the sub-group of grains to advance 0.4%. The present index of farm products is 7.8% above the corresponding week of 1934 and is 38.7% higher than two years ago.

Average prices of mixed fertilizers declined 0.7% to a new low for the year. The decrease for this sub-group and the decline of 0.4% for chemicals caused the group of chemicals and drugs to move downward 0.4%. Fertilizer materials showed no change and the sub-group of drugs and pharmaceuticals was also firm.

Following the steady rise of the past two months, wholesale food prices showed a slight reaction during the week, declining 0.1%. The decrease was largely accounted for by the 1.3% drop in average prices of meats. Other important foods showing price declines were macaroni, corn meal, canned fruits, lard, peanut butter and vegetable oils. Among food products showing a higher average were butter, cheese, rye and wheat flour, dried fruits, copra, eggs, canned salmon, raw sugar and edible tallow. The present index of foods—86.0—is 12.3% higher than a year ago and 31.7% above two years ago.

The sub-group of cattle feed declined 1.1% to a new low for the year. Crude rubber averaged 0.4% lower than a week ago. Paper and pulp and automobile tires and tubes remained unchanged. The index for the miscellaneous commodity group was 0.1% below the level of the preceding week.

Textile products continued the advance which began the third week in June. The increase for the week was 0.3%. The 2.2% rise in the sub-group of knit goods and the 1.6% increase for silk and rayon accounted for the increase. Cotton textiles, due to a sharp reduction in tire fabrics, were

fractionally lower and clothing and woolen and worsted goods remained unchanged. The average for the week is more than 3% above the low for the year, which was reached during the week of April 6, when the index was 68.7.

The index for the hides and leather products group advanced slightly due to higher average prices for hides and skins and leather. The sub-group of hides and skins, which increased 0.8%, moved to a new high for the year. No change was reported in the prices of boots and shoes.

Higher prices for lumber caused the building materials group index to advance 0.2%. Brick and tile, cement, and plumbing and heating materials showed no change from the preceding week. Slightly lower prices for linseed oil caused the index for the paint and paint materials sub-group to decline fractionally. Important items recording higher average prices were china-wood oil, rosin, turpentine, doors and window sash. The index for the group—85.3—reached the high previously recorded during the week of June 15.

The housefurnishing goods group advanced 0.1% due to minor increases in furnishings. Average prices for furniture showed no change.

Although anthracite showed another fractional seasonal advance the index for the fuel and lighting materials group remained at the preceding week's level. Other price changes within the group were minor with practically all sub-groups remaining stationary.

Nonferrous metals increased slightly and iron and steel items moved to fractionally lower levels. Fluctuating prices within the group resulted in no change in the index for metals and metal products. Agricultural implements and motor vehicles did not change in the general average. Increasing prices were reported for pig lead, quicksilver, copper sheets and copper wire. Lower prices were shown for pig tin, wire nails and wire fence.

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.

The following table shows index numbers for the main groups of commodities for the past five weeks and for the weeks of Sept. 1 1934 and Sept. 2 1933:

Commodity Groups	Aug. 31 1935	Aug. 24 1935	Aug. 17 1935	Aug. 10 1935	Aug. 3 1935	Sept. 1 1934	Sept. 2 1933
All commodities	80.5	80.8	80.5	80.1	79.6	77.5	69.7
Farm products	79.2	80.7	80.3	79.7	78.4	73.5	57.1
Foods	86.0	86.1	85.4	84.2	83.4	76.6	65.3
Hides & leather products	90.4	90.2	90.1	90.1	90.0	84.5	92.9
Textile products	70.9	70.7	70.5	70.1	70.0	71.3	74.2
Fuel & lighting materials	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.4	75.0	75.1	67.2
Metals & metal products	86.0	86.0	85.8	85.8	85.8	85.9	81.4
Building materials	85.3	85.1	85.1	85.0	85.3	86.3	81.0
Chemicals and drugs	79.0	79.3	78.7	78.5	78.5	76.3	72.2
Housefurnishing goods	81.8	81.7	81.7	81.7	81.9	82.9	77.0
Miscell. commodities	67.1	67.2	67.2	67.5	67.5	70.3	65.2
All commodities other than farm products & foods	78.1	78.1	78.0	78.0	77.9	78.4	74.6

Wholesale Commodity Price Index of National Fertilizer Association Advanced Slightly During Week of Aug. 31

There was a slight advance in wholesale commodity prices in the week ended Aug. 31, according to the index of the National Fertilizer Association. This index last week was 78.6% of the 1926-1928 average, compared with 78.5 in the preceding week, 78.4 a month ago, and 75.9 a year ago. In noting the foregoing, an announcement issued by the Association on Sept. 3 also said:

Advances were shown in six of the component groups of the index and only one group, textiles, declined. The grains, feeds and livestock group advanced from 86.5 to 87.4 with the advance in the price of hogs more than offsetting the declines in the prices of corn, oats, wheat, feedstuffs, and sheep and lambs. The rise in the index of the fats and oils group was due to the upward prices of butter and most vegetable oils; prices for lard were lower. The fertilizer materials group advanced only slightly with the price of tankage advancing and cottonseed meal declining. Slight advances were also shown in the building materials, miscellaneous commodities, and metals groups as a result of higher prices for lumber, hides and calfskins, and copper wire and tin. The decline in the textile group was a result of lower prices for cotton and burlap offsetting higher prices for wool, hemp, and silk.

Prices of 23 commodities included in the index advanced during the week while 27 declined; in the preceding week 25 advanced and 22 declined; in the second preceding week there were 32 advances and 28 declines.

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

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF THE NATIONAL FERTILIZER ASSOCIATION (1926-1928=100)

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index	Group	Latest Week Aug. 31 1935	Preceding Week	Month Ago	Year Ago
23.2	Foods	84.9	84.9	84.1	74.6
16.0	Fuel	68.5	68.5	69.1	71.9
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock	87.4	86.5	86.9	78.4
10.1	Textiles	66.0	66.3	68.1	71.9
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities	69.5	69.4	69.2	68.4
6.7	Automobiles	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.7
6.6	Building materials	77.7	77.5	77.5	81.5
6.2	Metals	82.2	82.1	81.6	81.9
4.0	House furnishing goods	84.6	84.6	84.7	85.8
3.8	Fats and oils	73.6	72.8	69.4	60.2
1.0	Chemicals and drugs	95.4	95.4	95.4	93.4
.4	Fertilizer materials	64.7	64.6	64.6	64.8
.4	Mixed fertilizers	71.0	71.0	71.4	76.3
.3	Agricultural implements	101.6	101.6	101.6	99.8
100.0	All groups combined	78.6	78.5	78.4	75.9

Electric Output Below Previous Week But 11.2% Above Like Week of 1934

The Edison Electric Institute in its weekly statement disclosed that the production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Aug. 31 1935 totaled 1,809,716,000 kwh. Total output for the latest week indicated a gain of 11.2% over the corresponding week of 1934, when output totaled 1,626,881,000 kwh.

Electric output during the week ended Aug. 24 1935 totaled 1,839,815,000 kwh. This was a gain of 11.6% over the

The bank makes the further statement, however, that "this analysis, to be sure, does not cover the situation completely, for there is ample evidence of a disrupted economic organization in the unemployment, and in the huge Government expenditures carried on to make up for the purchasing power which is lost through unbalanced production and inequitable price relations." The bank adds:

Likewise there is a question as to the stability of the agricultural improvement, by reason of its dependence upon overhead control and support, and the uncertain constitutional status of the AAA. However, the immediate trade situation is not in danger. The emphasis for the time being is upon the increased farm income this fall and the rising activity of the industries.

Business Conditions in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—Seasonal Improvement in Evidence Since Latter Part of July

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia states that "business conditions in the Third (Philadelphia) District on the whole have shown signs of seasonal improvement since the latter part of July, although current activity varies materially in the different lines of production and distribution." In its "Business Review" of Sept. 2 the bank also had the following to say:

Output of manufacturers and crude oil in July was at a somewhat greater rate than usual, while that of anthracite and bituminous coal registered exceptional declines. The increase of 4% in the total volume of industrial production during the first seven months this year over last has been due entirely to larger output of manufactures and crude oil.

The value of retail and wholesale trade sales in July showed greater decline from June than usual but for the year to date has continued somewhat larger than last year. Decreases in sales of new passenger automobiles during the month were not as large as is to be commonly expected, and the number of units sold has been considerably larger so far this year than last.

Manufacturing

Demand for manufactured products has increased seasonally since the middle of last month, and current sales have been larger than last year. A number of important lines, such as textiles, leather products and some of the building materials and supplies report gains in orders for immediate or nearby manufacture; the volume of unfilled orders in the aggregate appears to be larger than a year ago in most lines.

Prices of manufactured goods have continued fairly steady since early June, although lately advances have been apparent in several cases. The price index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which includes fuel and lighting materials, on Aug. 17 was 78% of the 1926 average or the same as in June and July; a year ago it was 78.4 and two years ago 74.2.

Output of manufactures has continued at a somewhat higher level than usual. This bank's preliminary index of productive activity, which is adjusted for working days and seasonal variation, rose from 68 in June to 70 in July, relative to the 1923-1925 average, following declines in the previous two months. The high level of 74 was reached in April this year. The rate of factory production has continued 5% higher in the first seven months this year than last.

New Business Gains at Lumber Mills; Almost Equals Output

New business booked at the lumber mills during the week ended Aug. 24 1935 was the heaviest of any week of 1935 with the exception of the pre-strike weeks of April. It was 8% above the revised figure of the preceding week. Lumber production and shipments maintained about the same high levels as the preceding week; revised figures will probably show a slight increase. Shipments were 2% and orders 4% below output. All items were appreciably above a year ago. For the 34 weeks of the year to date shipments were 8% and orders 11% above production, compared with 14% and 20% above during the first 26 weeks. These comparisons are based upon reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional associations covering the operation of leading hardwood and softwood mills. During the week ended Aug. 24, 622 mills produced 226,260,000 feet; shipped 221,786,000 feet; booked orders of 217,878,000 feet. Revised figures for the preceding week were: Mills, 631; production, 230,094,000 feet; shipments, 222,953,000 feet; orders, 202,505,000 feet. The reports furnished to the Association further showed:

West Coast and Northern hardwood were the only regions to report orders above production during the week ended Aug. 24. Total softwood orders were 3% below production; hardwood orders, 13% below hardwood output. All regions but Southern cypress and Northern pine reported orders; all but Northern pine reported shipments, and all regions reported production above similar items of corresponding week of 1934. Softwood orders were 33% above and hardwood orders more than twice those of similar week of 1934.

Identical softwood mills reported unfilled orders on Aug. 24 as the equivalent of 31 days' average production and stocks of 139 days' compared with 26 days' and 165 days' a year ago.

Forest products car loadings totaled 30,756 cars during the week ended Aug. 24 1935. This was 216 cars more than in the preceding week, 9,196 cars above similar week of 1934, and 3,574 cars above the same week of 1933.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Aug. 24 1935 by 527 softwood mills totaled 206,746,000 feet, or 3% below the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 209,967,000 feet, or 2% below production. Production was 213,396,000 feet.

Reports from 116 hardwood mills give new business as 11,132,000 feet, or 13% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 11,819,000 feet, or 8% below production. Production was 12,864,000 feet.

Unfilled Orders and Stocks

Reports from 717 mills on Aug. 24 1935 give unfilled orders of 774,144,000 feet and gross stocks of 3,894,388,000 feet. The 512 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 696,723,000 feet on Aug. 24 1935, or the equivalent of 31 days' average production, compared with 586,001,000 feet, or the equivalent of 26 days' average production on similar date a year ago.

Identical Mill Reports

Last week's production of 516 identical softwood mills was 211,710,000 feet, and a year ago it was 154,714,000 feet; shipments were, respectively, 208,875,000 feet and 166,446,000 feet, and orders received 205,952,000 feet and 155,357,000 feet. In the case of hardwoods, 114 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 12,649,000 feet and 8,294,000 feet; shipments, 11,625,000 feet and 5,798,000 feet, and orders, 10,887,000 feet and 4,938,000 feet.

Summary of Canadian Crop Situation by Dominion Bureau of Statistics—Harvesting Reported Going Forward Despite Damp and Cloudy Weather

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa, Canada, issued on Sept. 4 the last of a series of 15 weekly telegraphic reports covering crop conditions in the three Prairie Provinces of Canada. The Bureau said that 40 correspondents distributed over the agricultural area supply the information on which the reports are based. The following summary of the report issued Sept. 4 was made available by the Bureau:

Despite a considerable amount of damp and cloudy weather in some sections, harvesting has gone forward without extensive delays. Cutting is practically completed in southern Manitoba and threshing is now general. In the north there is still a considerable amount of cutting to be done. The yield of wheat is low and the grade is poor. Fair harvest weather has prevailed in Saskatchewan. 80% of the wheat is cut and threshing has commenced. Yields of grain in the rust-infested districts are somewhat worse than was formerly anticipated. In Alberta the grain has been maturing slowly due to cool, cloudy weather. Frost is taking a serious toll and promises to reduce both the yield and grade of wheat and coarse grains.

Increase Noted in Farm Price Index of Bureau of Agricultural Economics from July 15 to Aug. 15

The farm price index rose 4 points, from 102 to 106, during the month ended Aug. 15, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. The advance was due largely to sharp price gains in hogs and wheat. Thirteen other farm commodities increased in price during the month. In an announcement issued Aug. 30 by the Department of Agriculture it was also stated:

Feed crop prices declined during the period, and cotton prices were lower. Prices received by farmers for 28 items were less in mid-August than in mid-July. By groups of products, meat animals were up 13 points in price during the month; chickens and eggs, up 4 points; dairy products, up 1; miscellaneous items, up 17; grain, no change; truck crops, down 1 point; cotton and cottonseed, down 5, and fruit, down 11.

Compared with a year ago, meat animal prices were 61 points higher in mid-August this year; prices of chickens and eggs were up 25 points; and dairy products were up 1 point. Grain prices were 10 points lower than a year ago; cotton and cottonseed were down 10 points; fruit, down 14 points; truck crops, down 16 points, and miscellaneous items, down 23 points. All prices combined, however, are 10 points higher in the index than a year ago.

Decrease in World's Visible Supply of Coffee Sept. 1 Reported by New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange

The world's visible supply of coffee, exclusive of restricted stocks in Brazil aggregated 7,748,522 bags on Sept. 1, against 8,498,972 on Sept. 1 1934, a decrease of 750,450 bags or 8.8%, the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange announced Sept. 5. Stocks last Aug. 1 amounted to 7,670,240 bags, the Exchange said, adding:

Stocks "in and afloat" for various consuming ports of Europe dropped from 3,439,000 bags a year ago to 3,157,000 bags on Sept. 1 this year, while United States supplies were 1,346,522, against 1,446,972 a year ago and stocks in various Brazilian ports amounted to 3,245,000 bags, against 3,613,000 bags on Sept. 1 1934.

United States [Refined Sugar Exports January-July Above Same Period of 1934

Refined sugar exports by the United States during the first seven months of 1935, January to July, inclusive, totaled 47,120 long tons, as compared with 33,275 tons during the same period in 1934, an increase of 13,845 tons, or 41.6%, according to Lamborn & Co. The exports for January-July 1935 are the largest of any corresponding seven months' period in six years, or since 1929, when the shipments totaled 64,336 tons, the firm said on Aug. 29, adding:

Practically every corner of the world is included in the 50 different countries to which United States refined sugars were shipped during the first seven months of 1935. The United Kingdom leads the list with 13,732 tons, being followed by Uruguay and Norway with 5,491 tons and 4,566 tons respectively.

Petroleum and Its Products—West Coast Oil Men Act on Curtailment Plan—California Producers Veto Proposed Shut-down—Independents Protest Crude Cuts to Department of Justice—Trade Watches Special Session in Texas—Oil Shortage Doubtful by W. E. Pratt—Crude Production Off in Week

Officials of the oil producers' associations in California have determined upon a definite course of action to be followed in seeking to complete a satisfactory crude production control plan and already are engaged in the project at the close of the week.

Directors of the Oil Producers Agency of California held a meeting Thursday in collaboration with members of the Committee of Seven, and the directors of the Southern California Oil Producers Association, Neal H. Anderson, president of the Agency, announced.

"At a meeting attended by representatives from fields throughout the State, it was agreed that the Oil Producers Agency, Southern California Oil Producers Association and the Independent Oil Producers Agency of the San Joaquin Valley, use every effort between now and September 9 to secure the required signatures to the producers' agreement," he disclosed.

"On Sept. 10, the Committee of Seven will meet at the offices of the Agency to canvass the situation, and will report back to the officers and directors of the independent organizations named. It is the plan of the Committee to seek an early date for a meeting with the major oil companies to report the results of the canvass, ask the marketers to set a date on which the curtailment agreed upon shall become effective, and when curtailment has reached the consumptive demand figure that will be determined to restore equitable prices.

"It was reported that 451 operators in the State had signed the agreement, representing 80.3% of the State's total production," he closed.

A mid-week meeting of more than 300 members of the Southern California Oil Producers Association vetoed a proposal to shut down operations in the Signal Hill, Sante Fe Springs and Huntington Beach fields as an answer to the sharp price cuts posted last week by major oil companies.

The proposed action would have meant complete shutdown of all wells of the members of the association until crude oil prices had been restored to their formal levels. Representatives of independent producer-refiners opposed the shutdown proposal on the basis that such a step would ruin their best customers—the independent refinery—by the resultant stoppage of their crude supply.

An appeal to the assembled oil men by R. J. Wood, President of the association, asking support through additional signers to the new curtailment program was unsuccessful. Replies from several operators indicated that they would not sign the tentative agreement under existing conditions.

Meeting earlier in the week, the Playa del Rey Oil Producers' Committee, representing approximately 75% of the crude output from the Playa del Rey field, recommended to producers in that field that they refuse to sell any crude at the present low prices. The movement among producers in this field for a complete shutdown until prices have been restored is reported strong, only a few producers holding out against the proposal.

The major companies hold to the same platform announced by Standard of California when it posted the price cut on Aug. 29 concerning their price for crude. Not only are they maintaining the new low posted prices, but it is understood that large buyers of crude are restricting their purchases to crude produced within the former allowables.

A wire of protest was sent to Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings by the Independent Petroleum Association of California Aug. 30 protesting the crude price cut and charging that a monopoly existed in the West Coast oil fields.

"The Standard Oil Co. of California, yesterday, without an hour's notice and regardless of the fact that demand has been in excess of production, announced a drastic cut in the price of all refinable grades of crude oil from \$1 to 50 cents, which was followed immediately by all other major companies controlling most all crude purchases in California," the wire declared.

"This act demonstrates the complete power of the oil monopoly—ruthlessly exercised and vitally affecting every one in California's largest industry including producers, refiners, marketers and affiliated industries," it was continued.

"We urge the Department of Justice to take immediate notice of this situation and request prompt and energetic action based upon the facts which are clearly revealed by this act of the group of major companies dominating the industry in this State."

Prices in the Pennsylvania oil fields were advanced late in the week. The South Penn Oil Co. Friday posted an advance of 5 cents a barrel in Southwest Penn Pipe Line to \$1.72, and Eureka Pipe Line to \$1.67 a barrel. Buckeye Pipe Line held unchanged at \$1.52 a barrel. The Tidewater Pipe Line, Ltd., lifted Bradford and Alleghany crude 5 cents a barrel to \$2.

The oil industry is awaiting the special session of the Texas Legislature, scheduled for Sept. 16, with considerable concern due to the fact that it is almost certain that some form of oil legislation will be enacted during the session.

It is understood that a preliminary report will be made by the investigating committee of the Texas House which has been engaged in a probe of the "hot" oil situation throughout the State. Another unsettling factor is the attitude taken by the Railroad Commission in setting up its latest proration order. It virtually disregarded a court ruling ordering that proration be based on a well-per-acreage basis and what action will result is worrying the trade.

The movement to dislodge the Railroad Commission from its present position of control over the oil industry in the State also might cause some reverberations at the special session. For a long time, dissatisfied operators have been wanting to enact an act creating a separate gas and oil commission. Whether they can muster sufficient political strength at the forthcoming session is problematical.

The Railroad Commission disclosed early in the week that it had been notified that receivership for all refineries in the East Texas field, which were found guilty of violating its orders have been dismissed and 11 of the plants have resumed operations on tendered or legal oil.

It also revealed that Attorney-General McCraw on Aug. 31 filed 16 applications in district in Austin to require that purchases of oil confiscated by the State be placed under bond to pay for the destruction of earthen pits in which the oil was stored, to pay for court receiverships to protect the oil and to pay other expenses of the transaction.

It was pointed out by the Attorney-General's office that the applications involved suits in which court judgments have been obtained ordering the sale of approximately 1,600,000 barrels of confiscated crude oil, and were especially designed to bring about immediate destruction of the 16 affected pits at the expense of the purchaser of the seized oil.

Recent predictions that there is an impending shortage of crude petroleum near in the United States were contradicted in an article by Wallace E. Pratt, Vice-President of the Humble Oil & Refining Co., in the August issue of the "Lamp," official publication of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

Mr. Pratt, who forecast the finding of many new large fields in this country, warned, however, that a billion barrels yearly must be found to maintain the reserves, and that discoveries in the last four years have averaged only at the rate of 580,000,000 barrels yearly. Reserves established in 1935 already are equal to the year's probable requirements, he contended.

Substitute sources for gasoline will mean higher prices "at the pump," Mr. Pratt said, adding that to postpone such a rise in motoring costs, three factors are needed—conservation, scientific production of present reserves and reasonable imports from abroad to conserve the domestic supply.

Since the commercial possibilities of oil were first realized in 1859, he asserted, oil producers in this country have never had "an even break," operating at a loss since that time. He added, "if one knows anything of the cost of producing oil, he is immediately struck with the suspicion that the producing operation so far cannot have been very profitable."

Mr. Pratt cited statistics in support of his contention that the conception of the oil industry as a money making enterprise that has yielded marvelous profits is "ill-founded." From the date of its inception in 1859 down to 1934, the American oil industry has produced 16,700,000,000 barrels of oil for which it has received a little more than 17 billion dollars, or slightly over \$1 a barrel.

During this period, a total of \$25,135 wells were drilled in the unending search for new pools and fields, he continued. Of this total, however, 191,870 were dry holes—and the money spent in their development had to be charged off. Since 1920, he concluded, crude oil has sold at an average of \$1.30 a barrel, but has cost the producer \$1.50 to produce.

A 6% gain over a year lifted daily average run of crude oil to stills during July to 2,739,000 barrels, the Bureau of Mines reported. The total was 15,000 barrels above the preceding month. The second successive monthly decline in imports was reported, the daily average slipping to 81,000 barrels, against 95,000 barrels in June.

The daily average receipts of domestic and foreign crude at domestic refineries during July were 2,712,000 barrels, consisting of 81,000 barrels of imports, 1,525,000 barrels from intra-State sources, and 1,106,000 barrels from inter-State sources, the report concluded.

Month-end pinch-backs in Oklahoma and California brought daily average crude oil production in the final week of August down 23,600 barrels to 2,665,100 barrels. This compared with the Bureau of Mines estimate of 2,600,600 barrels daily for August, and actual production of 2,422,150 barrels in the like 1934 period.

Oklahoma producers pared production 23,300 barrels to 471,700, against the suggested quota of 512,000 barrels. California, however, was far above its proposed quota of 510,000, production reaching 595,700 barrels despite a decline of 10,400 barrels. Texas showed a nominal gain of 900 barrels to 1,018,700 barrels, against 1,024,400 barrels suggested by the Bureau of Mines.

Price changes follow:

Sept. 6—South Penn Oil Co. lifted Pennsylvania grade crude in Southwest Penn Pipe lines 5 cents to \$1.72 and Eureka Pipe Line a similar amount to \$1.67. Bradford and Alleghany were advanced 5 cents a barrel to \$2 by the Tidewater Pipe Line, Ltd.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$2.00	Eldorado, Ark., 40	1.00
Lima (Ohio Oil Co.)	1.15	Rusk, Tex., 40 and over	1.00
Corning, Pa.	1.32	Dart Creek	.87
Illinois	1.12	Midland District, Mich.	.82
Western Kentucky	1.13	Sunnurst, Mont.	1.23
Mid-Cont., Okla., 40 and above	1.08	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 38 & over	.41
Hutchinson, Tex., 40 and over	.81	Huntington, Calif., 30 & over	.43
Spindletop, Tex., 40 and over	1.03	Kettleman Hills, 39 and over	.56
Winkler, Tex.	.75	Long Beach, 31 and over	.46
Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	\$0.70	Petrolia, Canada	1.10

REFINED PRODUCTS—"GAS" PRICES SLASHED ON WEST COAST—KEROSENE PRICES OUT AT NEW YORK—JERSEY STANDARD CUTS SOUTHERN GAS PRICES—MID-WEST AND GULF BULK MARKETS WEAKEN—JULY GAS DEMAND SETS RECORD—MOTOR FUEL STOCKS AGAIN DECLINE

A further readjustment of gasoline prices was made on the West Coast late in the week. A cut of 2 cents a gallon in

all three grades of gasoline posted Thursday night by Standard of California was followed by a slash of 2½ cents on regular and premium grades posted by the Shell Oil Co. in addition to meeting the 2-cent cut on third-grade gasoline. Union Oil, which previously has joined with the other majors in meeting Standard of California's cut, immediately met the lower lever initiated by Shell Oil.

The reductions, which did not affect the areas previously hit by price cuts, included northern California, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, the Hawaiian Islands and Alaska. They occasioned no surprise in trade circles which has been anticipating just such a readjustment since the crude oil price structure collapsed in California at the end of August.

Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., and other major marketers in the New York-New England marketing area Tuesday posted a reduction of ¼-cent a gallon in tank car prices of gasoline at New York, Boston and Providence. The barge price was set at ⅛-cent under the tank car price. No. 1 heating oil also was cut ¼-cent a gallon.

There were no other changes in the local market for refined products, although the passage of the Labor Day holiday, which normally marks the peak period for gasoline consumption, turned the attention of some factors in the trade toward possible gasoline-retail and wholesale-price cuts. The fact that California crude and gasoline prices are far under normal, coupled with a weakening in the mid-West and Gulf bulk export markets was viewed as bearish.

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey Wednesday announced a reduction of ½-cent a gallon in retail gasoline prices throughout North and South Carolina, pointing out that the cuts were made possible through a reduction in freight rates of gasoline by the railroads serving these two States.

Under the revised schedule, which went into effect on Sept. 5, "pump" prices for gasoline at Columbia were 14 cents a gallon, at Charlestown 12.7 cents, at Charlotte 14.4 cents and Raleigh 14.1 cents, all prices before total State and Federal taxes aggregating 7 cents a gallon.

A fractional recession in the tank car price of third grade gasoline developed in Chicago over the Labor Day week-end, prices slipping off ⅛ cent a gallon to 4⅝ cents a gallon. The wholesale market in the mid-West market has been stalling since early spring, but the passage of the period of the peak gasoline consumption is expected to intensify the weakness shown in the retail gasoline market through the mid-West in the past month or so.

Softening of the export price structure in the Gulf Coast market was reported with prices easing off around ¼ cent a gallon as demand showed its normal seasonal recession. U. S. motor gasoline was quoted at 4¾ cents, against 5 cents previously although no open sales at the new level have been made public as yet.

Under the lower price schedule, 400 end point and 390 end point are now 4⅞ cents a gallon, compared with 5 cents and 5⅝ cents a gallon, respectively, previously. The price of 64-66-375 end point in cargo lots for export is now 5 cents a gallon, off ¼ cent from the previous level.

A new record for domestic demand for motor fuel was established in July, the United States Bureau of Mines reported, the new peak of 41,203,000 barrels being far above the previous record of August 1931 and 10% above the corresponding period a year earlier.

While showing a drop of 3,022,000 barrels from June, exports of motor fuel during July were considerably in excess of those in the like 1934 period. Daily average motor fuel production rose to a new high of 1,339,000 barrels during July.

Total stocks of finished and unfinished gasoline on July 31 were 54,446,000 barrels, a decline of 3,061,000 barrels. While this was 839,000 barrels less than recommended, current reports of the American Petroleum Institute indicate that withdrawals in August are proceeding heavily enough to correct this situation.

A decline of 964,000 in stocks of finished gasoline during the final week of August brought the total for the four weeks of the period to 4,470,000 barrels, compared with withdrawals of 2,573,000 barrels in the like 1934 period, the American Petroleum Institute reported. The fact that refinery runs this year during August were far above those of a year ago indicates that withdrawals during the month just closed were extremely heavy.

A break-down of the report disclosed that an increase of 504,000 barrels in holdings of finished gasoline at bulk terminals pared a decline of 1,468,000 scored in holdings at refineries. A daily average run of crude oil to stills of 2,568,000 barrels represented an increase of 6,000 barrels, with refineries operating at 75.4% of capacity, up 0.2 points. Representative price changes follow:

- Sept. 2—Third-grade gasoline eased ⅛ cent a gallon in the Midwest bulk market to 4⅝ cents a gallon.
- Sept. 3—A reduction of ¼ cent a gallon in tank-car prices of kerosene at New York, Boston and Providence was posted by all major factors. No. 1 heating oil was cut ⅛ cent a gallon.
- Sept. 4—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey posted a reduction of ½ cent a gallon in retail gasoline prices in North and South Carolina, effective Sept. 5.
- Sept. 4—A sag of ⅛ to ¼ cent a gallon developed in the Gulf Coast bulk gasoline export market although no sales have been made yet at the lowered scale.
- Sept. 5—Standard Oil Co. of California cut all grades of gasoline 2 cents a gallon in all parts of its territory not affected by cuts hitherto posted. Other majors met the reduction.

Sept. 6—Shell Oil met the 2-cent a gallon cut posted by Standard of California but widened the reduction on regular and premium grades to 2½ cents, ⅛-cent below the Standard slash. Union Oil met the new Shell price schedule.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included		
z New York.....\$.193	Cincinnati.....\$.175	Minneapolis.....\$.169
z Brooklyn......188	Cleveland......175	New Orleans......21
Newark......17	Denver......20	Philadelphia......18
Camden......17	Detroit......167	Pittsburgh......19
Boston......165	Jacksonville......205	San Francisco.....16-165
Buffalo......17	Houston......17	St. Louis......172
Chicago......175	Los Angeles......145	

Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tank Car, F.O.B. Refinery		
New York	North Texas.....\$.03¼-.03¼	New Orleans.....\$.03¼-.04
(Bayonne).....\$.04¼-.04¼	Los Angeles.....\$.04¼-.05	Tulsa.....\$.03¼-.04

Fuel Oil, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal		
N. Y. (Bayonne)	California 27 plus D	Phila., bunker C.....\$.95
Bunker C.....\$.95	New Orleans.....\$ 1.15-1.25	
Diesel 28-30 D.....1.65	New Orleans C......80	

Gas Oil, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal		
N. Y. (Bayonne), 27 plus.....\$.04	Chicago, 32-36 GO.....\$.02¼-.02¼	Tulsa.....\$.02¼-.02¼

U. S. Gasoline, (Above 65 Octane), Tank Car Lots, F.O.B. Refinery		
Standard Oil N. J.....\$.06¼	New York	Chicago.....\$.05¼-.05¼
Socony-Vacuum......06¼	Colonial-Beacon.....\$.06¼	New Orleans.....\$.05¼-.05¼
Tide Water Oil Co......06¼	Texas......06¼	Los Ang., ex.....\$.04¼-.04¼
Richfield Oil (Calif.)......06¼	Gulf......06¼	Gulf ports.....\$.05¼-.05¼
Warner-Quinlan Co......06¼	Republic Oil......06¼	Tulsa.....\$.05¼-.05¼
	Shell East'n Pet......06¼	

z Not including 2% city sales tax.

World Zinc Output Increased During July

World production of zinc during July, by primary metallurgical works, amounted to 118,899 tons, against 118,664 tons in June and a monthly average since the beginning of the year of 119,719 tons, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. Production during the first seven months of 1935 totaled 838,034 tons, which compares with 725,496 tons in the same period last year. The United States produced 245,034 tons of zinc in the January-July period of the current year, against 592,992 tons for the rest of the world.

Production statistics for July and June 1935, by countries, in short tons, follow:

	July 1935	June 1935
United States.....	35,055	34,677
Other North America.....	17,013	15,715
x Belgium and Netherlands.....	18,100	16,700
France.....	4,498	4,389
Germany.....	11,443	10,990
Italy.....	2,450	2,357
Rhodesia.....	1,938	1,988
Spain.....	560	541
Anglo-Australian.....	12,442	12,107
y Elsewhere.....	15,400	19,200
Total.....	118,899	118,664

x Partly estimated. y Includes Norway, Poland, Japan and Indo-China, together with estimates for Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Russia.

World Copper Production for Second Quarter of 1935, Ex-United States

"Metal and Mineral Markets" in its issue of Aug. 29 published the following table of copper production in short tons, as compiled by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics:

An accounting of the production of copper in the world from ore originating outside of the United States, according to countries where produced as blister copper, with a few exceptions, during the first and second quarters of 1935, with comparable data for the fourth quarter of 1934, in short tons.

	Fourth Quarter 1934	First Quarter 1935	Second Quarter 1935
a United States, foreign ore.....	5,700	8,300	8,800
b Mexico.....	14,900	11,500	12,200
Canada.....	48,700	48,800	50,000
Chile.....	82,400	87,000	80,200
Peru.....	8,100	8,100	7,800
Germany.....	15,400	15,000	13,800
Russia.....	14,600	15,600	20,000
c Other Europe.....	22,600	22,200	18,500
d Japan.....	20,400	19,000	19,000
India.....	1,600	2,000	2,000
Other Asia.....	300	300	300
Australia.....	4,600	4,200	5,400
e Africa.....	83,000	83,800	77,500
Totals.....	322,300	325,800	315,500
Monthly averages.....	107,400	108,600	105,200
Daily averages.....	3,500	3,620	3,467

a Copper content of ore and matte imported, including receipts from Cuba, admitted free of duty. b Imports of blister copper into United States from Mexico. c Partly estimated; includes Great Britain, Spain, France, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Belgium ex Katanga. Copper from Katanga matte smelted in Belgium is credited to Africa. d Japanese production is given in terms of refined copper, which includes a certain proportion of reworked scrap and perhaps some other duplication. e Partly estimated; comprises Belgian Congo, Rhodesia and South Africa.

Daily Average Crude Oil Output Off 23,600 Barrels

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production for the week ended Aug. 31 1935 was 2,665,100 barrels. This was a drop of 23,600 barrels from the output of the previous week. The current week's figure however, remained above the 2,600,600 barrels calculated by the United States Department of the Interior to be the total of the restrictions imposed by the various oil producing States during August. Daily average production for the four weeks ended Aug. 31 1935 is estimated at 2,679,850 barrels. The daily average output for the week ended Sept. 1 1934 totaled 2,422,150 barrels. Further details as reported by the Institute follow:

Imports of petroleum for domestic use and receipts in bond at principal United States ports for the week ended Aug. 31 totaled 601,000 barrels,

a daily average of 85,857 barrels, compared with a daily average of 75,143 barrels for the week ended Aug. 24 and 120,464 barrels daily for the four weeks ended Aug. 31.

Receipts of California oil at Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports for the week ended Aug. 31 totaled 194,000 barrels, a daily average of 27,714 barrels compared with a daily average of 35,571 barrels for the week ended Aug. 24 and 30,571 barrels daily for the four weeks ended Aug. 31.

Reports received from refining companies owning 89.5% of the 3,806,000 barrels estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that 2,568,000 barrels of crude oil daily were run to the stills operated by those companies and that they had in storage at refineries at the end of the week, 25,269,000 barrels of finished gasoline, 5,579,000 barrels of unfinished gasoline and 106,380,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil. Gasoline at bulk terminals, in transit and in pipe lines amounted to 18,518,000 barrels.

Cracked gasoline production by companies owning 95.9% of the potential charging capacity of all cracking units, averaged 573,000 barrels daily during the week.

DAILY AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION (Figures in Barrels)

Table with 5 main columns: Dept. of Interior Calculations (August), Actual Production (Week End. Aug. 31 1935, Week End. Aug. 24 1935), Average 4 Weeks Ended Aug. 31 1935, Week Ended Sept. 1 1934. Rows include Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle Texas, North Texas, West Central Texas, West Texas, East Central Texas, East Texas, Conroe, Southwest Texas, Coastal Texas (not including Conroe), Total Texas, North Louisiana, Coastal Louisiana, Total Louisiana, Arkansas, Eastern (not incl. Mich.), Michigan, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Total Rocky Mtn. States, New Mexico, California, Total United States.

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

CRUDE RUNS TO STILL, FINISHED AND UNFINISHED GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED AUG. 24 1935 (Figures in thousands of barrels of 42 gallons each)

Table with 7 main columns: District, Potential Rate, Reporting Total, P. C., Daily Average, P. C. Operated, Stocks of Finished Gasoline, a Stocks of Unfinished Gasoline, b Stocks of Other Motor Fuel, Stocks of Gas and Fuel Oil. Rows include East Coast, Appalachian, Ind., Ill., Ky, Okla., Kan., Missouri, Inland Texas, Texas Gulf, La. Gulf, No. La.-Ark, Rocky Mtn., California, Totals week: Aug. 31 1935, Aug. 24 1935.

a Amount of unfinished gasoline contained in naphtha distillates. b Estimated. Includes unblended natural gasoline at refineries and plants; also blended motor fuel at plants. c Includes 26,737,000 barrels at refineries and 18,014,000 barrels at bulk terminals, in transit and pipe lines. d Includes 25,269,000 barrels at refineries and 18,518,000 barrels at bulk terminals, in transit and pipe lines.

85,485,000 Barrels of Crude Petroleum Produced During July

The monthly petroleum statement of the U. S. Bureau of Mines showed that the production of crude petroleum in July 1935, amounted to 85,485,000 barrels, a daily average of 2,757,600 barrels. This average represents an increase of 13,000 barrels over that of June 1935, and is 133,800 barrels (5%) higher than July, a year ago. The excess of actual production over the recommendations of the Bureau of Mines to Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes, increased slightly in July, following the decline in June. The statement further disclosed:

All the leading producing states except Texas reported gains in output in July, two of these, Kansas and Louisiana, continuing to establish new records. Production in California, which gained materially in June, increased from 557,000 barrels daily in June to 561,900 barrels daily in July. The output of the Oklahoma City field continued to decline but increases at Fitts, Edmonds, and other pools raised the average for the state to the highest point since May 1934. Production in most of the districts in Texas remained steady but the average for the state fell to 1,074,100 barrels from 1,089,800 barrels in June as daily average output in the east Texas field fell to below the 500,000-barrel mark.

Daily average crude runs in July were 2,739,000 barrels, or 15,000 barrels above the average in June. Exports of crude continued to exceed expectations, the total for July being 5,832,000 barrels, or 41% above the total of July 1934. The gain in crude production was insufficient to compensate

for the increased demand, hence withdrawals from storage increased. The total withdrawal from crude stocks in July was 5,406,200 barrels, which brought net refinable stocks down to 329,351,000 barrels as of July 31 1935.

The percentage yield of gasoline, which had been abnormally low, reflected the increased demand for gasoline and the lower demand for fuel oil and rose from 44.2% in June to 45.3% in July. Daily average motor fuel production accordingly rose to a new high level of 1,339,000 barrels. The domestic demand for motor fuel in July also established a new record, the total of 41,203,000 barrels, being considerably above the previous record of August 1931, and 10% above July 1934. Exports of motor fuel in July were 3,022,000 barrels, lower than in June but far above those of a year ago. Total stocks of finished and unfinished gasoline on July 31 were 56,446,000 barrels. Although the withdrawal from gasoline stocks in July (3,061,000 barrels) was 839,000 barrels less than recommended, current reports of the American Petroleum Institute indicate that this deficiency was overcome in August.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the price index for petroleum products for July 1935, was 52.9, compared with 53.2 for June 1935, and 51.3 for July 1934.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from refineries having an aggregate daily recorded crude-oil capacity of 3,709,000 barrels. Those refineries operated during July 1935, at 74% of their capacity, compared with an operating ratio of 74% in June.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS (Thousands of barrels of 42 gallons)

Table with 6 columns: July 1935, June 1935, July 1934, Jan.-July 1935, Jan.-July 1934. Rows include New Supply, Domestic production, Imports, Decrease in stocks, Demand, Exports, Domestic demand, Total domestic demand, Stocks.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY STATES AND PRINCIPAL FIELDS (Thousands of barrels of 42 gallons)

Table with 6 columns: July 1935 (Total, Daily AVer.), June 1935 (Total, Daily AVer.), Jan.-July 1935, Jan.-July 1934. Rows include Arkansas, California-Huntington Beach, Kettleman Hills, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs, Rest of State, Total California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana-Gulf Coast, Rest of State, Total Louisiana, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico, New York, Ohio-Central and Eastern, North-western, Total Ohio, Oklahoma-Oklahoma City, Seminole, Rest of State, Total Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas-Gulf Coast, West Texas, East Texas, Panhandle, Rest of State, Total Texas, West Virginia, Wyoming-Salt Creek, Rest of State, Total Wyoming, Other, Total U. S.

a Includes Missouri, Tennessee and Utah.

Makers of hot rolled carbon steel bars have introduced quantity differentials, which in line with other recent revisions benefit large consumers, make small users pay more. The base has been advanced \$1 a ton to \$37, Pittsburgh, and the quantity base made 10 to 25 a ton. To users who buy more than this at one time the actual price will be \$36 to \$35 a ton, while for tonnages less than base the extras range from \$1 to \$20 a ton.

The result of this and similar revisions, producers believe, will be to lead consumers to anticipate requirements, eliminating heavy expense in dealing with small orders. Except bars and merchant wire products, there have been no other changes in base prices since July, 1934. Railroad axles have been advanced \$3 a ton.

Since passage and approval of the Guffy coal bill, pig iron producers have virtually decided to advance prices after giving melters an opportunity to cover fourth quarter requirements. Pig iron prices also have been "frozen" since July last year, while scrap prices this year, as an average have advanced \$1.96 a ton. "Steel's" scrap composite last week rose 4 cents to \$12.37.

Scrap exports declined sharply in July, while skip increased, total iron and steel exports rising to 296,802 gross tons, 7,115 tons more than in June. The Ethiopian crisis as well as strained relations between Russia and the United States, is felt in a tightening of available supplies of ferromanganese from abroad, and a stronger price situation.

"Steel's" iron and steel price composite is up 6 cents to \$32.78, while the finished steel index has advanced 10 cents to \$54.10.

Steel ingot production for the week ended Sept. 2, is placed at about 45% of capacity, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 5. This compares with 50½% in the previous week and 49% two weeks ago. The "Journal" further stated:

U. S. Steel is estimated at 37%, against 41% in the two preceding weeks. Independents are credited with 50%, compared with 57% in the week before and 55% two weeks ago.

The following table gives a comparison of the percentage of production with the nearest corresponding week of previous years, together with the approximate changes, in points from the week immediately preceding:

	Industry	U. S. Steel	Independents
1935	45 -5½	37 -4	50 -7
1934	19 -1	19 -	19 -1½
1933	42 -7	41 -6	42½ -8
1932	13 -½	12 -½	13½ -1
1931	31 -1	34 -½	29 -1
1930	57½ -½	65 -1	51 -
1929	87½ -1½	93 -1	83 -2
1928	77½ +1½	77 -	77½ +2½
1927	67½ -½	70 -1	65 -

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding during the week ended Sept. 4, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$2,478,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000 compared with the preceding week and of \$8,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1934. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On Sept. 4 total Reserve bank credit amounted to \$2,472,000,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 for the week. This increase corresponds with increases of \$77,000,000 in money in circulation and \$63,000,000 in Treasury cash and deposits with Federal Reserve banks, and a decrease of \$13,000,000 in Treasury and national bank currency, offset in part by an increase of \$12,000,000 in monetary gold stock and decreases of \$118,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and \$21,000,000 in non-member deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts. Member bank reserve balances on Sept. 4 were estimated to be approximately \$2,670,000,000 in excess of legal requirements.

Relatively small changes were reported in holdings of discounted and purchased bills and in industrial advances. An increase of \$5,000,000 in holdings of United States Treasury notes was offset by a decrease of \$5,000,000 in holdings of Treasury bills.

Beginning with the week ended Oct. 31 1934, the Secretary of the Treasury made payments to three Federal Reserve banks in accordance with the provisions of Treasury regulations issued pursuant to sub-section (3) of Section 13-B of the Federal Reserve Act, for the purpose of enabling such banks to make industrial advances. Similar payments have been made to other Federal Reserve banks upon receipt of their requests by the Secretary of the Treasury. The amount of the payments so made to the Federal Reserve banks is shown in the weekly statement against the caption "Surplus (Section 13-B)," to distinguish such surplus from surplus derived from earnings, which is shown against the caption "Surplus (Section 7)."

The statement in full for the week ended Sept. 4, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on pages 1550 and 1551.

Changes in the amount of Reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ended Sept. 4 1935 were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	Sept. 4 1935	Aug. 28 1935	Sept. 5 1934
Bills discounted	\$ 11,000,000	+2,000,000	-13,000,000
Bills bought	5,000,000		
U. S. Government securities	2,430,000,000		-2,000,000
Industrial advances (not including \$27,000,000 commitments—Sept. 4)	29,000,000		+28,000,000
Other Reserve bank credit	-4,000,000	-1,000,000	-9,000,000
Total Reserve bank credit	2,472,000,000	+1,000,000	+5,000,000
Monetary gold stock	9,209,000,000	+12,000,000	+1,246,000,000
Treasury & National bank currency	-2,395,000,000	-13,000,000	-17,000,000
Money in circulation	5,650,000,000	+77,000,000	+231,000,000
Member bank reserve balances	5,228,000,000	-118,000,000	+1,321,000,000
Treasury cash and deposits with Federal Reserve banks	2,746,000,000	+63,000,000	-341,000,000
Non-member deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts	452,000,000	-21,000,000	+24,000,000

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

Below is the statement of the Federal Reserve Board for the New York City member banks and also for the Chicago member banks for the current week, issued in advance of full statements of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York City statement formerly included the brokers' loans of reporting member banks and showed not only the total of these loans but also classified them so as to show the amount loaned for their "own account" and the amount loaned for "account of out-of-town banks," as well as the amount loaned "for account of others." On Oct. 24 1934 the statement was revised to show separately loans to brokers and dealers in New York and outside New York, loans on securities to others, acceptances and commercial paper, loans on real estate, and obligations fully guaranteed both as to prin-

cipal and interest by the United States Government. This new style, however, now shows only the loans to brokers and dealers for their own account in New York and outside of New York, it no longer being possible to get the amount loaned to brokers and dealers "for account of out-of-town banks" or "for the account of others," these last two items now being included in the loans on securities to others. The total of these brokers' loans made by the reporting member banks in New York City "for own account," including the amount loaned outside of New York City, stood at \$852,000,000 on Sept. 4 1935, an increase of \$45,000,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES

	New York		
	Sept. 4 1935	Aug. 28 1935	Sep. 5 1934
Loans and investments—total	\$ 7,580,000,000	\$ 7,543,000,000	\$ 7,186,000,000
Loans on securities—total	1,584,000,000	1,534,000,000	1,505,000,000
To brokers and dealers:			
In New York	794,900,000	751,000,000	621,000,000
Outside New York	58,000,000	56,000,000	54,000,000
To others	732,000,000	727,000,000	830,000,000
Accepts. and commercial paper bought	126,000,000	129,000,000	241,000,000
Loans on real estate	122,000,000	122,000,000	137,000,000
Other loans	1,182,000,000	1,203,000,000	1,234,000,000
U. S. Government direct obligations	3,125,000,000	3,136,000,000	2,827,000,000
Obligations fully guaranteed by United States Government	371,000,000	359,000,000	1,242,000,000
Other securities	1,070,000,000	1,060,000,000	
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	2,250,000,000	2,333,000,000	1,332,000,000
Cash in vault	45,000,000	44,000,000	38,000,000
Net demand deposits*	8,063,000,000	8,100,000,000	6,284,000,000
Time deposits	595,000,000	603,000,000	661,000,000
Government deposits	230,000,000	247,000,000	598,000,000
Due from banks	94,000,000	95,000,000	59,000,000
Due to banks	2,089,000,000	2,055,000,000	1,571,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank			

	Chicago		
	Sept. 4 1935	Aug. 28 1935	Sept. 5 1934
Loans on investments—total	\$ 1,766,000,000	\$ 1,761,000,000	\$ 1,434,000,000
Loans on securities—total	194,000,000	190,000,000	238,000,000
To brokers and dealers:			
In New York	1,000,000	1,000,000	21,000,000
Outside New York	29,000,000	25,000,000	26,000,000
To others	164,000,000	164,000,000	191,000,000
Accepts. and commercial paper bought	21,000,000	21,000,000	44,000,000
Loans on real estate	15,000,000	15,000,000	21,000,000
Other loans	235,000,000	247,000,000	246,000,000
U. S. Government direct obligations	939,000,000	933,000,000	584,000,000
Obligations fully guaranteed by United States Government	88,000,000	83,000,000	301,000,000
Other securities	274,000,000	272,000,000	
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	473,000,000	483,000,000	514,000,000
Cash in vault	35,000,000	35,000,000	36,000,000
Net demand deposits*	1,729,000,000	1,737,000,000	1,431,000,000
Time deposits	383,000,000	382,000,000	373,060,000
Government deposits	28,000,000	29,000,000	32,000,000
Due from banks	231,000,000	229,000,000	153,000,000
Due to banks	522,000,000	508,000,000	426,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank			

* Figures subsequent to Aug. 23 1935 include Government deposits.

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

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

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business Aug. 28:

The condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 91 leading cities on Aug. 28, issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, shows a decrease for the week of \$81,000,000 in loans on securities and increases of \$9,000,000 in other loans, \$38,000,000 in investments and \$49,000,000 in reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities to brokers and dealers in New York declined \$70,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district and \$71,000,000 at all reporting member banks; loans to brokers and dealers outside New York declined \$4,000,000; and loans on securities to others declined \$12,000,000 in the New York district and \$6,000,000 at all reporting member banks. Holdings of acceptances and commercial paper bought and real estate loans showed little change for the week, while "other loans" increased \$6,000,000 in the New York district, \$4,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$9,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

Holdings of United States Government direct obligations increased \$50,000,000 in the New York district, \$16,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$27,000,000 at all reporting member banks, and declined \$13,000,000 in the Boston district, \$12,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$8,000,000 in the Minneapolis district and \$7,000,000 in the Richmond district. Holdings of obligations fully guaranteed by the United States Government increased \$11,000,000, while holdings of other securities showed no net change for the week.

Licensed member banks formerly included in the condition statement of member banks in 101 leading cities, but not now included in the weekly statement, had total loans and investments of \$1,267,000,000 and net demand (including Government) and time deposits of \$1,417,000,000 on August 28.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the reporting member banks, in 91 leading cities, that are now included in the statement, together with changes for the week and the year ended Aug. 28, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	Aug. 28 1935	Aug. 21 1935	Aug. 29 1934
Loans and Investments—total.....	18,533,000,000	-34,000,000	+825,000,000
Loans on securities—total.....	2,899,000,000	-81,000,000	-348,000,000
To brokers and dealers:			
In New York.....	778,000,000	-71,000,000	+56,000,000
Outside New York.....	152,000,000	-4,000,000	-18,000,000
To others.....	1,969,000,000	-6,000,000	-386,000,000
Accepts. and com'l paper bought.....	297,000,000	+1,000,000	
Loans on real estate.....	945,000,000	-1,000,000	-109,000,000
Other loans.....	3,201,000,000	+9,000,000	
U. S. Govt. direct obligations.....	7,310,000,000	+27,000,000	+683,000,000
Obligations fully guaranteed by the United States Government.....	927,000,000	+11,000,000	+599,000,000
Other securities.....	2,951,000,000		
Reserve with Fed. Reserve banks.....	4,129,000,000	+49,000,000	+997,000,000
Cash in vault.....	305,000,000	+9,000,000	+62,000,000
Net demand deposits*.....	15,952,000,000	+153,000,000	+3,026,000,000
Time deposits.....	4,387,000,000	-11,000,000	-123,000,000
Government deposits.....	518,000,000	-4,000,000	-685,000,000
Due from banks.....	1,890,000,000	+25,000,000	+330,000,000
Due to banks.....	4,575,000,000	-5,000,000	+843,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks.....			-5,000,000

* Figures subsequent to Aug. 23 1935, include Government deposits.

League Council Seeks to Avert Hostilities Between Ethiopia and Italy—Meeting at Geneva Protests from Disputants—Great Britain and France Lead in Peace Efforts

A final effort to adjust the controversy between Italy and Ethiopia and to avert open warfare between the two countries was made this week by the Council of the League of Nations, which met on Sept. 4 at Geneva. At the initial meeting of the Council Baron Pompeo Aloisi, the Italian delegate, assailed Ethiopian actions in the dispute, and later told newspaper men that either Ethiopia or Italy would have to withdraw from the League. On the following day (Sept. 5) Gaston Jeze, one of the Ethiopian delegates, sharply attacked Italy before the Council. His remarks provoked such displeasure among the Italian delegates that they left the meeting in a body. Reporting the happenings that day United Press accounts from Geneva Sept. 5 said in part:

Italy to-night again obstructed the League's conciliation machinery by refusing to permit Great Britain and France to serve on a special commission to consider the dispute between Italy and Ethiopia.

Baron Pompeo Aloisi, Italian delegate, who was in frequent telephone communication with Premier Benito Mussolini at Rome, placed a barrier against the two powers which have sought to dissuade Italy from war by offers of concessions in Ethiopia.

Italy's stand was revealed shortly before the council was scheduled to open its second public session on the Italo-Ethiopian question. It caused consternation among diplomats, who hurriedly conferred, deferring meeting over an hour until 7:20 p. m.

Council members had hoped to turn the problem over to a commission to-night but Baron Aloisi's ultimatum ended that hope.

As Gaston Jeze, famous French jurist and Ethiopian legal expert, began his defenses against Italy's charge that Haile Selassie's empire was savage and unfit for League membership, the Italian delegation arose and marched from the chamber.

Jeze paused, nonplused. A hush spread over the galleries. Faces of diplomats, tense in the hour of crisis to peace and the whole League structure, blanched.

"Has Italy quit the League as she threatened?" everyone asked.

In a few moments the Italians made it clear that the withdrawal did not mean Italy's departure from Geneva.

After Jeze's speech, Guido Rocco, Italian envoy, re-entered the chamber and asked Premier Pierre Laval to suspend the session to allow examination of Jeze's speech. Laval declined, with a gesture which to the galleries appeared almost brusque.

However, the Council adjourned at 8:20 p. m. for the day, its second day's effort to deal with the Italo-Ethiopian question again dominated by Italy's refusal to accept Ethiopia as an equal.

The original conciliation commission makeup, submitted to Aloisi after a meeting of Capt. Anthony Eden, Laval and the League secretariat, was Britain, France, Poland, Spain and Turkey. However, Aloisi refused to tolerate membership of Britain and France.

The Commission would not be drawn under any specific article of the League covenant although, if unsuccessful, it might report to the Council with recommendations.

At the first meeting of the Council on Sept. 4 Anthony Eden, representing Great Britain, pledged his country's efforts in the maintenance of peace. Premier Laval of France also sought an amicable adjustment of the dispute within the framework of the League. A summary of this meeting, together with an outline of the Italian declarations, is given below, as contained in part in a Sept. 4 dispatch from Geneva to the New York "Times":

The Italians are staying here and continuing to discuss. That is a distinct gain. On the other hand, their position, as stated in a lengthy declaration by Baron Pompeo Aloisi, can be described only as uncompromising.

Reserve Liberty of Action

They deny the fitness of Ethiopia to take part on equal terms in the discussion now opening. They make "all reservations" as to their future course. But they have not actually demanded the expulsion of Ethiopia from the League, as it had been expected they would. However, Baron Aloisi's declaration, a bitter indictment of Ethiopia's action, closed with this paragraph:

As we are concerned here with vital interests of primordial importance for Italian security and civilization, the Italian Government would be failing in its most elementary duties if it did not finally withdraw all its confidence with regard to Ethiopia and if it did not reserve to itself full liberty of action, with the view to adopting all measures that prove necessary for the security of her colonies and for safeguarding her own interests.

In press conferences in his hotel following the Council session Baron Aloisi was even more uncompromising.

Won't Reply to Ethiopia

"You all heard my declaration on behalf of the Italian Government," he said. "It is irrevocable and unchangeable; it is our last position. In future discussions my part will be passive. I will not reply to Ethiopia, but, of course, I shall talk with other powers."

The proceedings began with the presentation by Anthony Eden, of Great Britain of his report on the outcome of the Paris negotiations between Britain, France and Italy. The report naturally contained a detailed statement of the offer made to Italy and mention of its rejection. Baron Aloisi listened with a stony countenance.

Mr. Eden closed by remarking that he understood the French representative agreed with this account. Then he proceeded to make "a few observations on behalf of His Majesty's Government." That Government, said Mr. Eden, would do all in its power to insure a peaceful settlement of this dispute. In these post-war years nations had striven laboriously, sincerely and with some measure of success to create a new order which should spare mankind the scourge of war, he went on. They had done so because they had learned the bitter lesson that war was the enemy of progress, he stressed.

"A new machinery set up by the League covenant is here in Geneva," said Mr. Eden. "It is its spirit also is here we cannot fail."

"We all know, we cannot fail to know, and this is not the time to blind ourselves to the truth, that if in the judgment of the world the League fails in this dispute its authority for the future would be grievously shaken and its influence gravely impaired. And collapse of the League and the new conception of international order for which it stands would be a world calamity."

No Conflict with Italy

In this dispute there is no question of any political or economic conflict between Britain and Italy, said Mr. Eden. The sole concern of the British Government, he asserted, was as a member of the League and as a signatory of the Pact of Paris. Then he added significantly:

"In the position in which we find ourselves to-day the nature of the task before the Council is plain. It is our duty to use the machinery of the League that lies to our hand. Let us set it to work forthwith. If we obtain the loyal collaboration of the two parties to the dispute then we shall not fail to achieve that peaceful settlement which we so earnestly desire."

Premier Laval, who followed Mr. Eden, stressed France's profound attachment to conciliation under the authority of the League and her conviction that peace might still be found within the framework of the League covenant.

"This means," continued Premier Laval, "that in the accomplishment of the duty that now falls upon the Council the collaboration of the representative of France always will be fully assured. I refuse to believe that this supreme effort is to prove vain and that an equitable settlement cannot be reached such as would insure to Italy the satisfaction she can legitimately claim without failing to recognize the essential rights of Ethiopian sovereignty."

"The covenant binds us all. Throughout the world the questions are being asked as to whether this institution will stand the test to which it is submitted to-day. I retain all my confidence in the future. I have always seen the Council, in the midst of most formidable difficulties, effectively discharge its lofty and noble mission."

"We shall continue our efforts. We shall fulfill our duty, neglecting nothing that may insure a peaceful solution of the dispute which is now submitted to our recommendation. We are all anxious to respect the obligations of the covenant. We all have the will to serve peace."

Aloisi's Declaration Bitter

In contrast there next came Baron Aloisi's declaration. From its opening sentence to the close it was a bitter denunciation of Ethiopia and an expression of Italy's determination while remaining in the League to take her own course in consequence of Ethiopia's actions. His government, said Baron Aloisi, considered that Ethiopia had "systematically and openly violated all the conventional undertakings which she had assumed" both toward Italy and the League. That was why it had been impossible for Italy even to consider the program proposed in Paris, he stressed.

The Council, said Baron Aloisi, would find in the Italian memorandum—a huge document with accompanying photographs, pamphlets and magazine articles simultaneously circulated to members—irrefutable proof of the attitude of Ethiopia as contrasted with the undeserved confidence which Italy had so long accorded her.

Reference to the Italian-Ethiopian dispute was made in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 31, page 1360.

U. S. Petroleum Interests Abandon Ethiopian Concessions Endangering American Neutrality—Secretary Hull Announces Leases Have Been Canceled—President Roosevelt Hails Action as End of "Dollar Diplomacy"

American petroleum interests have agreed to abandon a concession obtained from Ethiopia last week, it was announced on Sept. 3 by Secretary of State Hull, after he had conferred in Washington with officials of the Standard-

Vacuum Oil Company. The concession in question was regarded as endangering the neutrality of the United States and Great Britain in the dispute between Italy and Ethiopia. President Roosevelt on Sept. 4 said at his press conference that the negotiations which had resulted in the abandonment of the concession were "another proof that since March 4 1933 dollar diplomacy is no longer recognized by the American Government." He added that he had not been concerned that possession of the oil leases would involve the United States in any way in Ethiopian or Italian problems. The President said that the only danger lay in the effect of the leases on negotiations at Geneva, and that withdrawal of the concession was a fine thing because it cleared the air for those conferences.

United Press advices of Aug. 30 from Addis Ababa described the granting of the concessions as follows:

Anglo-American interests to-day were granted important oil and mineral concessions in Ethiopia by Emperor Haile Selassie.

The concession, granting authority to prospect for and exploit oil and mineral resources, was said to involve a section of Southern Harrar Province near the Ogaden Desert.

The deal was effected by an Englishman, F. W. Rickett. Rights worth millions of dollars are involved in the deal made as the Emperor continued preparations to ready his nation for possible war with Italy.

Negotiations were carried on for eight days in Gebbi Palace, with both day and night conferences.

At midnight Thursday Rickett was called from bed for a final conference with the Emperor and his advisors. At its conclusion at dawn the deal was signed.

Rickett left immediately for London.

Mr. Hull, in his statement on Sept. 3 announcing the abandonment of the oil concessions, said that the central point in the United States policy with regard to the Italian-Ethiopian controversy is the preservation of peace. The Secretary's announcement, which was read at a press conference on Sept. 3, was as follows:

Mr. George S. Walden and Mr. H. Dundas, Chairman of the Board and Vice-President, respectively, of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, called on Sept. 3 1935, to make known to the department that their company is the owner and an extensive oil concession granted by the Emperor of Ethiopia on Aug. 29 last, to the African Exploration and Development Corp., a subsidiary of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, and to seek the Department's advice on the situation created by the grant.

The officials of the above-mentioned company were informed that the granting of this concession had been the cause of great embarrassment, not only to this government, but to other governments who are making strenuous and sincere efforts for the preservation of peace.

In the circumstances, the company officials were informed of the views of this government that it was highly desirable that the necessary steps should be taken at the earliest possible moment to terminate the present concession.

The Secretary of State was later informed by the above officials of the company that the company has decided to withdraw from the concession and is notifying the Emperor to that effect, and giving the following statement to the press:

"G. S. Walden, Chairman of the board of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, jointly owned by Socony-Vacuum Oil Company and Standard Oil Company (New Jersey), who has just returned from Europe, to-day issued the following explanation of his company's position in the negotiations with the Ethiopian Government relating to the oil concession reported as having been granted to the African Exploration and Development Corp.

"For more than 20 years the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company and its predecessor have been engaged in the petroleum business in Ethiopia and interested in the possibilities of crude petroleum production in Ethiopia, as well as in other countries in which it is doing business. Early this year Mr. Francis W. Rickett of London approached us on the possibilities of negotiating on our behalf a petroleum exploration and development agreement with the Kingdom of Ethiopia.

"After considerable discussion with Mr. Rickett, it seemed probable that he might be able to secure a concession, whereupon the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company organized a corporation in Delaware known as the African Exploration and Development Corp. as a wholly owned subsidiary to acquire such concession when granted.

"On Friday, last, I was informed that an agreement had been signed with the Kingdom of Ethiopia, though I have not seen a copy of it as executed. The agreement which Mr. Rickett was authorized to negotiate relates to the development of crude petroleum production and provides for no payment or loan of money, nor has any been made. The agreement calls for a geological survey within one year. If this survey indicates the presence of petroleum in such quantities as the African Exploration and Development Corp. should desire to continue to hold the concession, then it must begin drilling in five years. Hereafter, in the event petroleum is discovered in commercial quantities, the operation of the properties is to be in accordance with customary development practice. Ethiopia then would receive a royalty on all petroleum produced.

"This matter was handled in the regular course of business as a private transaction with Ethiopia, but without consultation with any other government.

"In view of the misleading nature of the news comments in Saturday morning papers, I felt it necessary to give all the facts to our State Dept. before issuing any public statement. To-day I have done this, and after conference with the Secretary of State have decided to advise the Ethiopian Government of our intention to abandon the concession."

Lloyds Ends Dealings in Lire

From Nice, France, Aug. 27 United Press advices published in the New York "Herald Tribune," said:

Banks to-day were paying only 108 francs for 100 lire, as compared with 124 last week. Lloyds Nice branch was ordered by London to-day to cease dealing in lire.

Finland Plans Loan to Pay U. S.

From Helsingfors, Finland, Aug. 28, wireless advices to the New York "Times," said:

In order to expedite redemption of Finland's outstanding indebtedness to the United States the Cabinet proposes to launch an internal loan of 300,000,000 marks.

Italian Credit Move Explained

Under date of Sept. 3 United Press advices from Rome (Italy) said:

In order to eliminate any wrong interpretation of the requisition on credits in foreign countries as well as conversion of both Italian and foreign credits issued abroad into 5% 9-year Treasury bonds, the Government announced to-night that the measure will neither affect foreign bonds issued in Italy nor provide any obligatory cession of foreign credits and bonds in the possession of foreign citizens.

The measures proposed by Italy's Minister of Finance were referred to in these columns last week (page 1360) in a resume of the Italian-Ethiopian situation.

Italy Held Prepared to Settle Credits—Corporations Group Announces Nation Will Uphold Its Commercial Tradition

With a view to reassuring foreign exporters incident to what it terms "misleading statements (in the British press) of payments under the clearing arrangement with Italy," the business and financial report of the Association of Italian Corporations declares that "the scrupulous respect of commercial obligations is a fine Italian tradition, and the country is determined at all costs to settle the 'frozen commercial credits' which have been accumulating recently and to prevent their recurrence." The New York "Times" of Sept. 1, from which the foregoing is taken, went on to say:

The report has been issued in this country through the Commercial Attache of the Italian Embassy.

Admitting that "the agreement with Great Britain is not working satisfactorily," the report says that under the clearing arrangement adopted to insure the regular supply of the sterling-lira exchange required for settlement of the reciprocal trade accounts, it is "compulsory on all Italian traders to make their sterling credits and deposit the lira value of their purchase with the Bank of Italy."

No such obligation exists in Great Britain, the summary contends, and "as a result the sterling exchange required to effect the transfers is not forthcoming to the extent required. If this situation is not promptly remedied it will become essential, in the interest of both countries, to make the arrangement compulsory in Great Britain as well."

In attacking the British press for its attitude, the report holds that "while the outstanding Italian liability for goods and shipping service figures as an unsettled arrear, no account is taken of any outstanding balance due from British importers to Italian exporters and shippers."

Incidentally, it may be observed, press advices from London Aug. 27 reported:

Financial newspapers said to-night all British banks have asked their Italian customers not to utilize credits hitherto available. The move was not instigated by the Government. It was designed solely to avoid a possible Italian standstill credit decree.

Secretary Hull Declares Anew That Soviet Russian Government Repudiates Pledges to Prevent Anti-American Activities Against United States by Communist International

Supplementing the diplomatic communications which have passed between the United States and the Soviet Russian Government on alleged violations by the latter of a pledge to prevent anti-American activities against the United States by the Communist International, Secretary of State Hull made public at Washington on Aug. 31 a statement as to the attitude of this country.

In his statement Secretary Hull warns that relations between this country and Russia will be "seriously impaired" if the Soviet continues what this Government regards as a violation of its promise to prevent efforts from its territory to overthrow the social and political structure of this country. Mr. Hull's formal statement was a sequel to a protest which had been delivered to the Soviet Union by Ambassador Bullitt, and the Soviet reply disclaiming any responsibility for the acts complained of. The protest and official reply were described in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 31, pages 1360 and 1361.

Mr. Hull said that on the "attitude and action of the Soviet" would depend whether relations are to be impaired "and co-operative opportunities for vast good to be destroyed."

Among the results of the controversy with the Soviet was further delay in plans for spending \$1,100,000 to build an American embassy in Moscow, and it was believed in Washington that no such expenditure would be made until the position of the Soviet Union is further clarified. It was not anticipated, however, that any formal reply would be made to Mr. Hull's statement of Aug. 31. A Washington dispatch of Aug. 31 to the New York "Times" discussed the statement as follows:

To-day's statement, which obviously has not the official character that a note addressed to the Soviet Government would have, was interpreted as a move to give the Russians another opportunity to reconsider their position as expressed in the reply of last Tuesday (Aug. 27).

The Russian reply was carefully studied for four days, Mr. Roosevelt himself taking as much of a hand in the proceedings as his manifold activities in preparation for leaving for Hyde Park would permit. There is no question that the final action had his complete approval.

In addition to the Russian experts of the State Department, Mr. Hull called into consultation during the past two days Dr. Stanley Hornbeck, chief of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs.

Secretary Hull's statement of Aug. 31 follows:

In connection with the protest lodged by Ambassador Bullitt against the violation by the Soviet Government of its pledge of Nov. 16 1933, with regard to non-interference in the internal affairs of the United States

and the reply of the Soviet Government thereto, the Secretary of State to-day made the following statement:

The recent note of this Government to the Government of the Soviet Union and the reply of that Government raises the issue whether that Government, in disregard of an express agreement entered into at the time of recognition in 1933, will permit organizations or groups operating on its territory to plan and direct movements contemplating the overthrow of the political or social order of the United States.

For 16 years this Government withheld recognition—as did many other governments—mainly for the reason that the Soviet Government had failed to respect the right of this Nation to maintain its own political and social order without interference by organizations conducting in or from Soviet territory activities directed against our institutions.

In 1933 this Government, observing the serious effects upon peace and prosperity of the many partial or dislocated international relationships throughout the world, took up anew the question whether the United States and the Soviet Union, two of the largest nations, could not find a way to establish more natural and normal relations, which would afford a basis for genuine friendship and collaboration to promote peace and improve material conditions both at home and abroad.

After various stipulations in writing had first been carefully drafted and agreed upon by representatives of the two governments, recognition was accorded to the Government of the Soviet Union by this Government, in November 1933. One of the most important provisions of the agreement thus reached was the pledge of the Soviet Government to respect the right of the United States "to order its own life within its own jurisdiction in its own way and to refrain from interfering in any manner in the internal affairs of the United States, its territories or possessions."

The essence of this pledge was the obligation assumed by the Soviet Government not to permit persons or groups on its territory to engage in efforts or movements directed toward the overthrow of our institutions. The representative of the Soviet Government declared in writing that

"Coincident with the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two governments, it will be the fixed policy of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics:

"4. Not to permit the formation or residence on its territory of any organization or group—and to prevent the activity on its territory of any organization or group, or of representatives of officials of any organization or group—which has as an aim the overthrow or the preparation for the overthrow of, or the bringing about by force of a change in the political or social order of the whole or any part of the United States, its territories or possessions."

The language of the above-quoted paragraph irrefutably covers activities of the Communist International, which was then, and still is, the outstanding world Communist organization, with headquarters at Moscow.

In its reply of Aug. 27 1935 to this Government's note of Aug. 25 1935, the Soviet Government almost in so many words repudiates the pledge which it gave at the time of recognition that "it will be the fixed policy of the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics . . . not to permit . . . and to prevent" the very activities against which this Government has complained and protested.

Not for a moment denying or questioning the fact of Communist International activities on Soviet territory involving interference in the internal affairs of the United States, the Soviet Government denies having made any promise "not to permit . . . and to prevent" such activities of that organization on Soviet territory, asserting that it "has not taken upon itself obligations of any kind with regard to the Communist International."

That the language of the pledge as set out above, is absolutely clear and in no way ambiguous, and that there has been a clean-cut disregard and disavowal of the pledge by the Soviet Government is obvious.

The American Government, having previously made oral complaints of failure by the Soviet Government to carry out its pledge and being deeply concerned over the growing instability of international relations and the dangerous consequences thereof to peace and economic recovery, sought most earnestly in its note of Aug. 25 to impress upon the Soviet Government the sanctity of its pledge, to the end that there might be between the two nations continued development of friendly and official relations and valuable collaboration in many beneficial ways. When in its reply the Soviet Government indicated an intention entirely to disregard its promise "to prevent" such activities as those complained of it struck a severe blow at the fabric of friendly relations between the two countries.

To summarize, in view of the plain language of the pledge, it is not possible for the Soviet Government to disclaim its obligation to prevent activities on its territory directed toward overthrowing the political or social order in the United States. And that Government does not and cannot disclaim responsibility on the ground of inability to carry out the pledge, for its authority within its territorial limits is supreme and its power to control the acts and utterances of organizations and individuals within those limits is absolute.

It remains to be seen to what extent the intention indicated by the Soviet Government's reply, which is directly contrary to "the fixed policy" declared in its pledge, will be carried into effect. If the Soviet Government pursues a policy of permitting activities on its territory involving interference in the internal affairs of the United States instead of "preventing" such activities as its written pledge provides, the friendly and official relations between the two countries cannot but be seriously impaired. Whether such relations between these two great countries are thus unfortunately to be impaired and co-operative opportunities for vast good to be destroyed will depend upon the attitude and action of the Soviet Government.

Press Censorship Void in Argentina—Attorney-General Rules Against Law Requiring Foreign Writers to Post Bonds

A ruling in which it is held that the Argentine Government cannot constitutionally put press associations or newspaper correspondents under bond or establish censorship of news, has been handed down by the Attorney-General, it is learned from Buenos Aires advices Aug. 20 to the New York "Times," which had the following to say regarding the ruling:

His ruling kills the Government's decree of July 13 requiring correspondents to put up large cash bonds and to keep copies of all dispatches sent, so that these might be examined by postoffice inspectors to determine whether they were of a nature to stir up public opinion or discredit the country.

The Attorney-General ruled the Government had no power to punish correspondents who sent false or exaggerated news unless it was of such a nature as to constitute a crime under the penal code. In such case, the offender would be punishable by the courts, not by the executive branch.

Scores of newspapers and institutions had called on the Government to withdraw its decree. Newspaper correspondents held several meetings of protest and sent a committee with a formal protest to President Augustin P. Justo. The New York "Times" and "The Times" of London an-

nounced they would not maintain correspondents under bond. The New York "Times" prepared to move its South American headquarters to Montevideo, Uruguay. At least one press association announced it would not send any news from Argentina as long as the decree was enforced.

As a result, Minister of the Interior Leopoldo Melo delayed putting the decree into effect and sent it to the Attorney-General for a ruling.

That ruling, however, does not affect the secret censorship the postal authorities maintain in cable and radio offices. Counter clerks are compelled to act as censors with imperative orders to refuse transmission to any dispatch "detrimental to the country." This phrase has sometimes been interpreted as prohibiting the transmission of unfavorable market news. The sender is not informed that his dispatch has been held up.

The censorship established by Argentina on outgoing news was referred to in our July 27 issue, page 516.

Spanish Bond Conversion

Madrid advices (United Press) Sept. 6 said:

The 305,000,000 peseta (\$41,693,000) 6% gold bond conversion to 4% funds was consummated successfully, the Ministry of Finance announced to-day.

Foreign bondholders owned 42,000,000 pesetas (\$5,741,000) worth of the bonds, the Ministry said, but demands for reimbursement in gold or foreign currency came from interests holding only 26,000,000 pesetas (\$3,554,000) worth of the issue.

The percentage of Spanish bondholders who asked for cash payment was "insignificant," according to the announcement.

To-morrow the Government will effect conversion of the 99,000,000 peseta (\$13,353,000) 5% amortizable debt into 4% obligations. Only 46,000,000 pesetas (\$6,288,000) of this issue may be demanded in cash.

Bank of Canton, Hong Kong, Closes—Files Petition of Liquidation—Another Institution Limits Withdrawals

In United Press advices from Hong Kong, China, Sept. 4, it was reported that the Bank of Canton had closed its doors that day because of a run reported to be due to reduced remittances to the bank from overseas. Soon afterward, the advices also said, the National Commercial & Savings Bank, also suffering a run, restricted withdrawal of savings accounts to 20% at 10-day intervals.

On the following day (Sept. 5) the Bank of Canton filed a petition of liquidation, according to Associated Press advices that day from Hong Kong, which added:

The court appointed a chartered accountant as special manager, while the court registrar becomes temporary liquidator pending a hearing on the petition.

The suspension of the bank created much nervousness among the Chinese who are operating other Chinese banks. Foreign banks have not been affected.

Observers discounted the danger of a general collapse, pointing out there always is a glut of money here due to invisible exports—tourists' expenditures and the like—although these recently have shrunk.

While certain banks attribute the difficulties to the general depression and to the decline of remittances from Chinese abroad, experts generally expressed the opinion that the real reason for the embarrassment is losses in exchange speculation consequent upon the uncertainties of America's silver-buying policy.

Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. (Japan), to Open Branches in Central American Countries

A cablegram to the New York "Times" from San Salvador, El Salvador, Sept. 4 had the following to say:

The Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. (Japan), will establish agencies and branches in Central American countries, according to reports received here.

This move is attributed to Japan's rapidly growing export business to Latin America and a desire to increase and facilitate commercial exchange. It is understood the first branch will be established at San Jose, Costa Rica.

Bondholders Committee Requests Cuba to Set Up Trust Fund to Pay Defaulted Interest on Public Works Bonds—Senator Nye, Chairman, Returns to United States

A request that the Cuban Government set aside in a trust fund a sufficient amount to pay interest in default and accruing on \$40,000,000 of Cuban public works bonds during the current fiscal year has been made to President Carlos Mendieta by a bondholders' committee representing American investors, according to a statement issued in Havana Aug. 31, by that committee, it was stated in a cablegram from that place to the New York "Times" of Sept. 1. The letter delivered to the Cuban Chief Executive was signed by Senator Gerald P. Nye, chairman, before his departure for the United States Aug. 30, the advices said. The bondholders committee arrived in Havana Aug. 28 to negotiate toward a settlement of the defaulted interest. On Aug. 29 President Mendieta told the committee that the present Cuban Government would take no action with respect to the defaulted interest but would leave the matter to the next Government. Reference to this was made in our columns of Aug. 31, page 1361.

From the cablegram advices of Aug. 31 to the New York "Times," we also take the following regarding the letter sent that day to President Mendieta:

The counsel of the committee pointed out that delay in payment of interest on these bonds would seriously injure Cuba's credit abroad and would bring untold hardship on many small investors throughout the United States. He asked the Government to set aside \$6,600,000 out of the more than \$10,000,000 which the Government expects to receive from taxes this year for this purpose and which is now being diverted into general Treasury funds.

The letter declared:

In view of your assurance to the United States to-day that Cuba firmly intends to pay all its rightful debts, we now ask you to afford American

investors in public works bonds a minimum of protection to which they are by right entitled and that your Government place the money pledged from the special public works funds in a separate trust account to be held inviolate until the payment of interest due on these bonds is officially resolved by the constitutional Government to be elected next December.

Argentine Court Rules That Holders of Defaulted Bonds Must Sue Bankers of United States Rather Than Province—Supreme Court Says Buyers of Securities Give Power of Attorney to the Bankers

In a cablegram under date of Sept. 4 from its Buenos Aires correspondent, the New York "Times" reports that the Argentine Supreme Court has ruled that holders of defaulted provincial bonds must sue United States bankers for redress rather than the province which issued the bonds and then defaulted.

The cablegram to the "Times" goes on to say:

It is customary for South American National and Provincial Governments to appoint a United States bank as its fiscal agent for each loan floated in the United States. Although this appointment is made by the Government issuing the loan the Supreme Court rules that these bankers are the sole legal agents of the bondholders and that the purchase of a bond constitutes a power of attorney to the bankers to represent the bondholder. The purchaser of a bond having thus issued a power of attorney to the bankers, he cannot bring suit in his own name.

\$10,000,000 Loan Involved

The ruling was made in a suit brought against the Province of Santa Fe by the holder of a \$1,000 bond of a \$10,000,000 loan floated in New York in 1925 by White, Weld & Co. The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. was appointed fiscal agent by the Province of Santa Fe. According to the contract between the Province and the Chatham Bank the latter could at any time initiate any negotiations with the Province in the name of any or all of the bondholders.

Attorneys for the Province established the defense that any action must be brought by the Chatham Bank as fiscal agents or the bondholders would be acting at cross-purposes as in the present instance where one bondholder is suing the Province while the Chatham Bank is negotiating with the provincial government on other matters in a friendly manner. The Supreme Court upheld this defense.

The loan was guaranteed by revenues from the provincial tax on tobacco and alcoholic beverages. The Province agreed to deposit these revenues weekly with the Bank of the Nation for the payment of coupons.

The bondholder who brought the suit charged that no deposits had been made and that the pledged revenues had been spent for other purposes. The Court ruled that the complaining bondholder had failed to show that the Chatham Bank had refused to request payments from the Province in the name of the bondholders and that until the bondholders had proved the bank had refused to make such a request they were not relieved from the power of attorney which was granted to the bank by the purchase of a bond in which the bank was named fiscal agent.

Redress May Be Blocked

According to this ruling, as long as United States bankers who float loans can prove they have made periodical perfunctory requests to the defaulting governments that they make interest payments the bondholders cannot bring suit. If the bankers, seeking further business with the governments, are not inclined to push the bondholders' claims for fear of losing future business the bondholders have no redress.

The Argentine Supreme Court holds that the power of attorney granted to the lending Government's fiscal agent by the bondholders when they purchase bonds is irrevocable.

As to the loan the "Times" said:

\$7,412,000 Is Outstanding

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. was absorbed in February 1932 by the Manufacturers Trust Co., and the latter succeeded the Chatham Phenix as fiscal agent of the Province of Santa Fe 7% loan of 1924.

The loan, which was originally marketed here in the amount of \$10,188,000 in June 1935 by White, Weld & Co. and Dillon, Read & Co., is at present outstanding in the amount of \$7,412,000. The loan went into default as to principal and interest on Sept. 1 1932.

On June 6 1934 the Province announced an offer to resume service payments on the bonds on an adjusted basis, involving the reduction of interest coupons due Sept. 1 1934 to March 1 1939, inclusive, from 7% to 4%.

The matured unpaid interest, from Sept. 1 1932 to March 1 1934, was to be reduced to 5½% and to be satisfied by adding the aggregate amount thereof to the principal of the bonds, without increasing the amount of interest to be paid on the bonds. The plan was not conditioned upon the assent of any specified percentage of bondholders.

Brazil's Finance Minister Indicates Intention to Continue Payments on Debts Abroad

The intention of the Brazilian Government to continue paying as long as possible the services due monthly and fortnightly on all Federal, State and municipal debts abroad was indicated on Aug. 26 by Finance Minister Arthur de Souza Costa in denying repeated statements by Opposition leaders and newspapers that suspension must come soon. The views voiced by the Finance Minister were made known in Associated Press accounts from Rio de Janeiro Aug. 26, in which it was also stated:

Payments in dollars, pounds sterling, gold and paper francs and florins are involved, totaling for 1935 about \$39,500,000, about half to holders of bonds sold through American bankers.

Although the Finance Minister would not say whether the present scheme of payments, in force until 1937, would be carried out to the end, Valentine F. Boucas, Technical Secretary for the Commission on State and Municipal Debts, said:

"It may be said certainly that there will be no suspension this year."

The present scheme was planned and put into operation by Ambassador Oswaldo Aranha, now in Washington, who was Minister of Finance until May of last year. It is understood he has written to Mr. Costa insisting the payments be continued, despite opinions to the contrary.

Forecasters and advocates of suspension argue that Brazil's trade balance is becoming smaller day by day. How can the foreign commitments be paid, they ask, when the balance may not reach £5,000,000 for 1935 and the commitments are well over £20,000,000.

Against suspension is reliably reported to be Foreign Minister Jose Carlos de Macedo Soares, who caused a reversal of policy last January after a decision to suspend had caused repercussions abroad considered unfavorable.

Balanced Budget for Peru Proposed In 1936 Estimates to Congress—Plans for Resumption of Service on Foreign Debt

A balanced budget for 1936, including provision for resumption of foreign debt payments, was sent to the Peruvian Congress for its consideration on Sept. 3 by the Finance Minister. The budget, which, according to United Press advices from Lima, is the highest ever planned for Peru, is expected to show a surplus of 2,500,000 soles (\$732,500). Receipts are estimated at 139,026,747 soles (\$40,734,836), 5,000,000 soles (\$1,465,000) more than 1935 receipts.

From the same advices (United Press) we quote:

"If, as is hoped, Peru continues to enjoy internal and external peace, the estimated increase in receipts will not be exaggerated," the Minister said.

Although provision is made for resumption of service on the foreign debt, defaulted in 1930, no amount for the payments is mentioned.

Asserting that no blame can be attached to this country's action in defaulting on the payments, "because the first necessity of any country is to live," the Finance Minister said that as soon as recovery symptoms begin to appear the Peruvian Government will deem it its duty and honor to resume payments.

"We have started to come out of the crisis," he added, "but our currency has dropped to half its value in relation to the dollar and the pound sterling quotations of 1929."

Mention of possible resumption of debt payments in the budget is believed the first formal step taken by the Government to renew service on the external debt. It is also reported that Richard Madueno, a high Finance Ministry official, left for New York recently to negotiate a plan with representatives of the bondholders.

Service will be resumed, however, "only within the economic power of the country," according to the Finance Minister.

Peru Bond Issue Asked—Increase of 1930 Authorization to 33,000,000 Soles Sought

A cablegram from Lima, Peru, Aug. 19, to the New York "Times" stated that Minister of Finance Carlos Concha has submitted to Congress a bill authorizing the Government to increase to 33,000,000 soles the 18,000,000-sole bond issue authorized in February 1930, for consolidation of the internal debt. The cablegram also had the following to say:

He states that the new issue would settle all credits pending from 1934 and that in the 1936 budget a special account would be opened to pay interest at 6% and 2% amortization as authorized under the legislation.

A special assignment set aside for payment of credits due for public works would be repealed. In the 1935 budget the sum of 7,277,844 soles was set aside for the service of the internal debt, he declared.

Tenders of Argentine 6% Gold Bonds, Due Oct. 1 1959, and 6% Gold Bonds of Public Works Loan of 1926 for Purchase for Sinking Fund—\$297,815 to Be Available for Former Issue and \$160,620 for Latter

J. P. Morgan & Co. and the National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agents, are notifying holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1959, that \$297,815 will be available on or before Oct. 1 1935, for the purchase for the sinking fund of so many of these bonds as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. The bankers are also notifying holders of Argentine Government Loan 1926 external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, Public Works issue of Oct. 1 1926, due Oct. 1 1960, that \$160,620 will be available on or before Oct. 1 1935, for the purchase for the sinking fund of so many of these bonds as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. The notice from the bankers, it is stated, follows receipt of word from the Argentine Ambassador that \$297,090 will be paid into the sinking fund on or before Oct. 1 in the instance of the former issue, and \$159,965 in the case of the latter issue. The difference between the amounts to be placed in the sinking funds and that announced as being available on Oct. 1, an announcement issued in the matter Sept. 3 said, represents unexpended moneys in the funds.

Tenders to both issues, it is stated, should be made to the fiscal agents at a flat price, below par, before 3 p.m. Oct. 3. Should tenders so accepted be insufficient to exhaust the available moneys in either instance, additional purchases upon tender, below par, may be made up to Dec. 30.

Sept. 1 Interest on 7% External Sinking Fund Loan Due 1947 of Pernambuco (Brazil) to Be Paid at Rate of \$7 per \$35 Coupon—Rules by New York Stock Exchange on Bonds

Funds have been remitted to White, Weld & Co., special agent, for the payment of the Sept. 1 1935 coupons appertaining to the 7% external sinking fund loan due March 1 1947 of the State of Pernambuco (United States of Brazil). Such coupons will accordingly be paid on and after Sept. 4 1935, at the rate of \$7 per \$35 coupon at the offices of White, Weld & Co., 40 Wall St., New York.

Rulings on the bonds by the New York Stock Exchange were issued as follows on Sept. 4 by Ashbel Green, Secretary of the Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Committee on Securities

Sept. 4 1935

Notice having been received that payment of \$7 per \$1,000 bond will be made on Sept. 4 1935 on surrender of the coupon due Sept. 1 1935 from State of Pernambuco 7% External Secured Sinking Fund Gold Bonds due 1947.

The Committee on Securities rules that transactions made on and after Sept. 5 1935 shall be settled by delivery of bonds bearing only the Sept. 1

1931 to March 1 1934, inclusive (ex Sept. 1 1934 to Sept. 1 1935, inclusive), March 1 1936 and subsequent coupons; and

— That bonds shall continue to be dealt in "Flat."

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Funds Received for Payment of 22½% of Sept. 1 Coupons on San Paulo (Brazil) 7% Gold Bonds External Water Works Loan of 1926—Rulings on Bonds by New York Stock Exchange

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., as special agents for the State of San Paulo (Brazil) 7% secured sinking fund gold bonds external water works loan of 1926, announced Sept. 4 that, pursuant to the terms of Decree No. 23,829 of the Chief of the Provisional Government of the United States of Brazil, funds have been deposited with them sufficient to pay 22½% of the face amount of the Sept. 1 1935 coupons of the above loan. The announcement continued:

► Acceptance of such payment is optional with holders of the above bonds and coupons, but, if accepted by them, must be accepted in full payment of such coupons and of the claims for interest represented thereby. Coupon holders will receive \$7.875 per \$35 coupon and \$3.9375 per \$17.50 coupon, upon surrender of coupons for cancellation accompanied by appropriate letter of transmittal, at the office of either of the special agents.

The New York Stock Exchange issued on Sept. 3, through its Secretary Ashbel Green, the following rulings on the bonds:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Committee on Securities

Sept. 3 1935

Notice having been received that payment of \$7.875 per \$1,000 bond will be made on Sept. 4 1935, on surrender of the coupon due Sept. 1 1935, from State of San Paulo 7% secured sinking fund bonds external water works loan of 1926, due 1956:

The Committee on Securities rules that transactions made on and after Sept. 4 1935, shall be settled by delivery of bonds bearing only the March 1 1932 (\$29 paid), to March 1 1934, inclusive (ex-Sept. 1 1934 to Sept. 1 1935, inclusive), March 1 1936, and subsequent coupons; and

That the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "Flat."

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Partial Payment to Be Made on Sept. 1 Coupons on Two 6½% Bond Issues of State of Minas Geraes (Brazil)—New York Stock Exchange Rules on Bonds

Funds have been deposited with The National City Bank of New York, special agent, sufficient to make a payment of 22½% of the face amount of coupons due Sept. 1 1935 on the State of Minas Geraes (United States of Brazil) 6½% secured sinking fund gold bonds of 1928, due March 1 1958 and secured external gold loan of 1929 series A 6½% bonds due Sept. 1 1959, amounting to \$7.3125 for each \$32.50 coupon and \$3.65625 for each \$16.25 coupon. Holders may obtain payment of these amounts upon presentation of their coupons at the office of the bank, 55 Wall Street, New York.

Ashbel Green, Secretary of the New York Stock Exchange, issued the following announcements on Sept. 6 of rulings by the Exchange affecting the above bonds:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Committee on Securities

Sept. 6 1935

Notice having been received that payment of \$7.3125 per \$1,000 bond is now being made on surrender of the coupon due Sept. 1 1935 from State of Minas Geraes 6½% secured external sinking fund gold bonds of 1928, due 1958:

The Committee on Securities rules that transactions made on and after Sept. 9 1935 shall be settled by delivery of bonds bearing only the March 1 1932 (\$6.56 paid) to March 1 1934, inclusive (ex Sept. 1 1934 to Sept. 1 1935, inclusive), March 1 1936 and subsequent coupons; and

► That the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "Flat."

Sept. 6 1935

Notice having been received that payment of \$7.3125 per \$1,000 bond is now being made on surrender of the coupon due Sept. 1 1935 from State of Minas Geraes secured external gold loan of 1929, series A, 6½% bonds, due 1959:

The Committee on Securities rules that transactions made on and after Sept. 9 1935 shall be settled by delivery of bonds bearing only the March 1 1932 (\$6.56 paid) to March 1 1934 inclusive (ex Sept. 1 1934 to Sept. 1 1935, inclusive), March 1 1936, and subsequent coupons; and

► That the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "Flat."

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

SEC Extends Registration Date for Foreign Bonds—Government and Corporate Issuers Given Until March 31 1936—Extension Follows Conference with Officials of New York Stock Exchange

Issuers of foreign government and foreign corporate bonds were granted additional time on Aug. 30 until March 31 1936 to register their securities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Previously the time was fixed at Dec. 31 1935. The change was made by an amendment to Rule AN7. An announcement issued Aug. 30 by the Securities and Exchange Commission incident to the granting of the additional time, follows:

The SEC announced to-day the granting of an extension until March 31 1936, for the registration of the bonds of foreign governments and political subdivisions, which had been temporarily registered.

By virtue of the above action applications for the registration of such securities should be filed in such time as to become effective by March 31 1936. Except for such extension, the registration of such securities would have had to become effective by Dec. 31 1935.

► Since communications in regard to filings necessarily must be made in large part by mail certain issuers, due to the distance from this country,

would have had great difficulty in obtaining an effective statement by the time previously prescribed. In order to obviate any inconvenience on that score the Commission had consequently taken the above action, so that there could be no possible difficulty in filing.

For the same reasons the Commission has granted a similar extension as to foreign corporate issuers, for which registration would otherwise have had to be effective on Dec. 31 1935.

The Commission advised that in case any question should arise in the minds of any parties interested as to what information was required, it hoped that they would address themselves to the Commission, which would gladly furnish any explanations or clarifications which would be necessary.

The extension was granted by the SEC after a conference in Washington with Charles R. Gay, President of the New York Stock Exchange, and Frank Altschul, Chairman of the Committee on Stock List of the Exchange. As to this conference Washington advices, Aug. 29, to the New York "Times" of Aug. 30, stated:

The Stock Exchange officials came here to advise such action, stating that the former deadline, Dec. 31, did not permit the Governments time to comply with the requirements in the registration form. The delay, it was indicated, also would give the foreign issuers an opportunity, if they so desire, to consult with the commission concerning the exact nature of the information required.

Mr. Gay estimated that the listed value of bonds of foreign governments and their subdivisions now enjoying temporary registration on the Stock Exchange was approximately \$4,500,000,000.

Gay Explains Visit

Mr. Gay said the only subject that he and Mr. Altschul discussed with the Commission was the necessity for an extension but agreed that it would give the representatives of the foreign issuers ample time to negotiate with the Commission if they felt that necessary.

The Stock Exchange acted, he added, to protect the interests of American owners of foreign bonds now listed on the Exchange. He explained that while Dec. 31 was the deadline, it would have been necessary for the foreign issuers to have their applications in the hands of the Stock Exchange by Nov. 15, so that they could be certified to the SEC and that body given an opportunity to determine whether the requirements for permanent registration had been met.

Mr. Gay said that he did not take up with the SEC the question whether the registration form was too severe and should be modified. "All we wanted to do," he said, "was to point out that Nov. 15 was a very short time within which to meet the requirements."

Joseph P. Kennedy, Chairman of the SEC, said that no protests had been received from any foreign government by the SEC concerning the form. He agreed that it required more information than the Stock Exchange's rules did when the bonds were listed, but expressed the hope and belief that the foreign governments would find it possible to comply.

Holders of 7% External Loan Gold Bonds of Bremen (Germany) Offered Two Alternatives for Amounts Due Sept. 1 in View of Embargo on Transfer of Funds from Germany

The State of Bremen (Germany) is notifying holders of its 10-year 7% external loan gold bonds that, in view of the embargo on transfer of funds from Germany preventing it from placing at the disposal of bondholders in New York in dollars amounts due Sept. 1 1935, it is offering holders two alternatives. The State offers, it is announced, either to extend the maturity of the bonds to Sept. 1 1940, reducing the interest rate to 6%, or to make repayment in "blocked" Reichsmarks, the only medium of payment now permitted. Empire Trust Co. 120 Broadway, New York, is subdepository under the offer.

Functions of Securities Markets Outlined by Charles R. Gay—Head of N. Y. Stock Exchange Says Its Securities Represent More Than One-Quarter of All Wealth in United States

The value of the securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange approximates \$75,000,000,000, or more than one-quarter of the total wealth of the United States, Charles R. Gay, President of the Exchange, said at the opening session of the fall term of the Stock Exchange Institute on Sept. 5. Speaking on "The Need for Stock Exchanges," Mr. Gay stressed the fact that the Exchange neither buys nor sells securities and does not "make" prices, nor put them up or down. Paraphrasing Article I of the Constitution of the New York Stock Exchange, he said:

Its objects shall be to provide a free and open market for the purchase and sale of securities by financial institutions, business organizations, governmental bodies, and individuals; to supply the public with a gauge of supply and demand through daily quotations on such securities for its guidance in buying and selling; to add the value of marketability to such securities; to increase their acceptability as collateral for loans for the benefit of their owners; and to provide the public with practical assurances of the financial and moral responsibilities of their agents in such transactions.

Success in the business of security trading, Mr. Gay said, demands industry, study and willingness to learn. Discussing the part which the Exchange has played in the "building of the Nation," he asserted that the development of industries and inventions has been made possible through the agencies of the free and open markets upon which the securities of new enterprises have been traded.

The New York Stock Exchange, Mr. Gay continued, has increased the facilities for the transaction of the business of its members until it has reached a higher state of efficiency than any other exchange in the world. He added, in part:

This, however, has not been all that has been accomplished. Along with this ever-increasing efficiency has gone something much more important, more fundamental. This has been the realization over all these years that the Exchange must, in every conceivable way, safeguard the interests of that public from which it derives its franchise. It has been alive to this obligation and has, by constant addition of rules and standards of conduct, imposed upon its members the obligation that their business must, in very

truth, be governed by "just and equitable principles of trade." It is our pride that no such standard of business ethics has ever been conceived by any other business or profession; it is also our pride that our members realize this obligation.

SEC Conducts Hearings on Reorganization of Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Investigation Follows Congressional Authorization for Study of Protective Committee Methods

The Securities and Exchange Commission continued hearings in New York City last week on the reorganization of the Cuba Cane Sugar Corporation and the Cuban Cane Products Company, following an inquiry which had been opened in Washington on Aug. 20. The hearings were held after similar studies of reorganizations conducted by the Protective Committee Division of the SEC, and are designed to lay the foundation for possible legislation on corporate reorganization. The principal witness at the several hearings was Charles Hayden, of Hayden, Stone & Co., and former Chairman of the company.

Hearings were the result of a Congressional authorization for the Commission to investigate protective and reorganization committees and report back its findings, together with recommendations, by Jan. 3 1936. A Washington dispatch of Aug. 20 to the "Wall Street Journal" summarized testimony at the opening hearing as follows:

Mr. Hayden and Manuel Rionda, New York sugar broker, outlined the original capitalization of the company and its subsequent security issues, together with the story of its affiliations with banks through directorships.

Considerable emphasis was placed by commission examiners on a bank "rescue" loan of \$10,000,000 in 1921, to which the large part of the debenture issue was subordinated by vote of holders, regardless of a negative covenant in the original indenture forbidding the placing of any lien ahead of the issue except for the purchase of new properties.

The witnesses were questioned as to whether the covenant was violated either technically or in spirit when a subsequent issue of \$10,000,000 of mortgage bonds by the subsidiary Eastern Cuba Sugar Corp. was placed ahead of the debenture issue and used in part to pay for transfer of property already owned by another wholly-controlled subsidiary of the Cuba Cane Company. Attorneys for the company claimed that the covenant was not technically violated.

The final hearing in Washington was described in part as follows in a dispatch of Aug. 27 from that city to the New York "Herald Tribune":

Charles Hayden, head of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Hayden, Stone & Co., testifying to-day before the Securities and Exchange Commission on the reorganization of the Cuban Cane Products Company, Inc., now the Atlantic Gulf Sugar Company, declared in favor of a Federal law which would require members of reorganization and protective committees to announce their holdings of securities of the company, together with additional statements of purchases and sales during the period that the committees are in operation. He also indicated that he might favor turning over profits made in security transactions by committee members during the period of their reorganization service to the company.

The statement of the New York banker came during examination by William Q. Douglas, Director of the SEC Protective Committee study, as to Mr. Hayden's theory on the work of protective committees, a subject on which the SEC will make recommendations to Congress for restrictions next January. Pointing out that the Securities Act of 1933 requires directors to reveal their stock holdings, monthly stock transactions and forces them to return to the company profits made in trading issues of the company within a six-month period, Mr. Hayden said, "I see no reason why that should not apply to reorganization and protective committees."

Troubles Cited

Mr. Hayden's testimony brought up to date the last reorganization of the sugar company a year ago, which brought forth the Atlantic Gulf Sugar Company, stock of which is held by the Cuban Atlantic Sugar Company. With the SEC minutely examining the process of the reorganizations, Mr. Hayden, with L. A. Crosby, of the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, were questioned on a variety of subjects ranging from the resignation of Irene du Pont from a protective committee to difficulties the concern had from fear of confiscation by the Cuban Government.

Filing of Registration Statements Under Securities Act

The filing of 14 additional registration statements (Nos. 1599-1612, inclusive) under the Securities Act of 1933 was announced on Sept. 3 by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The total involved is \$127,173,250, of which \$118,573,250 represents new issues. The Commission stated:

Included in this total is \$30,000,000 of first and refunding mortgage gold bonds and \$27,500,000 of debentures filed by the Southern California Edison Co., Ltd. (2-1602, Form A-2, included in release No. 472).

Also included in the total is \$50,000,000 of 15-year 3½% debentures, due Oct. 15 1950, filed by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc. (2-1605, Form A-2, included in release No. 473).

Also included in the total is \$5,000,000 of general mortgage bonds, 4¼% series, due 1955, and 13,000 shares of \$100 par value 6% cumulative preferred stock of the Atlanta Gas Light Co. (2-1609 and 2-1610, Forms A-2, included in Release No. 475).

The filing of these registration statements was referred to in our issue of Aug. 31, pages 1363-1364. The SEC on Sept. 3 said that the securities involved in the 14 registration statements are grouped as follows:

No. of Issues	Type of Issue—	Total
11	Commercial and industrial	\$118,573,250
2	Certificates of deposit	5,150,000
1	Reorganizations	3,450,000

The securities for which registration is pending, as announced by the SEC, follow:

Eastern States Financial Corp. (File 2-1599, Form A-1) of Boston, Mass., seeking to register 500,000 shares of \$1 par value common stock, to be offered at \$1.25 a share. Harry L. Blits, of Wakefield, Mass., is President of the company. Filed Aug. 21 1935.

Union Mortgage Co. (2-1600, Form A-1) of New York, N. Y., seeking to issue 1,000 reorganization certificates, to be offered as follows. The registrant and Union Servicing Corp. plan to effect a consolidation, to become effective when debentures have been sold to net the company \$50,000 but such amount must be assured by Oct. 1 1935. The above certificates are offered to all stockholders at \$80 a certificate, entitling them to receive on consolidation of the two companies, for each certificate, one \$100 par value debenture and one share of \$1 par value common stock of the new corporation. Frank H. Mann, of New York, is President of the registrant. Filed Aug. 21 1935.

Anaconda Mining & Milling Co. (File 2-1601, Form A-1) of Denver, Colo., seeking to issue 500,000 shares of \$1 par value common stock, to be offered at \$1 a share. Approximately 120,000 shares of this stock has previously been sold since January 1934 and the stockholders who purchased this stock will have the opportunity to rescind their subscriptions on receipt of the prospectus, and to obtain their purchase money, if desired. Martin H. Brede, of Denver, is President of the company. Filed Aug. 22 1935.

Zoller Brewing Co. (2-1603, Form A-1) of Davenport, Iowa, seeking to issue 458,846 2-13 shares of 50-cent par value common stock, to be offered at \$.65 a share. Baker, Simonds & Co., of Detroit, Mich., is the underwriter. Carleton S. Smith, of Davenport, Iowa, is President of the company. Filed Aug. 23 1935.

South Mountain Mining Co. (File 2-1604 Form A-1) of Phoenix, Ariz., seeking to issue 400,000 shares of \$1 par value common stock. It is contemplated that Miller-Murray & Co., of New York City will sell the stock at \$1, \$1.50, and \$2, to net the company \$.80, \$1.20, and \$1.60 a share. J. W. Tompson, of Phoenix, is President of the company. Filed Aug. 23 1935.

The Investors Independence Fund, Inc. (2-1606, Form A-1) of Jersey City, N. J., seeking to issue 1,000,000 shares of \$.01 par value common stock. The stock is to be offered initially at \$2.52 a share, and thereafter at liquidating value. Investors Independence Corp. of Denver, Colo., is the underwriter, and Charles F. Smith, of Denver, is President of the company. Filed Aug. 26 1935.

Protective Committee, First Lien Collateral 10-Year 5½% Gold Bonds, Series 1928, Indiana Central Telephone Co. (2-1607, Form D-1) of Chicago, Ill., seeking to issue certificates of deposit for \$1,700,000 first lien collateral 10-year 5½% gold bonds, series 1928, of the Indiana Central Telephone Co., of Dover, Del. The market value of the bonds, as of Aug. 24, was \$408,000. Filed Aug. 26 1935.

Bruce Consolidated Mining Co. (2-1608, Form A-1) of Denver, Colo., seeking to register 500,000 shares of 25-cent par value common stock. Of these shares, 160,500 belong to directors for services, 120,000 were sold to A. Downs of Denver, 200,000 were paid for a lease, and 19,500 are in the treasury. William A. Lamb, of Idaho Springs, Colo., is President of the company. Filed Aug. 26 1935.

American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co. (2-1611, Form D-1A) of Boston, Mass., seeking to issue certificates of deposit for 75,000 shares of \$25 par value cumulative preferred stock. As of Aug. 6 1935, the market value of the stock was \$3,450,000. Howard I. Young, of St. Louis, Mo., is President of the registrant. Filed Aug. 27 1935.

American Zinc, Lead & Smelting Co. (2-1612, Form A-2) of St. Louis, Mo., seeking to register 75,000 shares of \$25 par value prior preferred stock and 450,000 shares of \$1 par value common stock, to be offered to its preferred shareholders at the ratio of one share of prior preferred and six shares of common stock for each one share of preferred stock held by them, conditional upon being accepted by holders of 80% of the preferred stock outstanding. H. I. Young, of St. Louis, Mo., is President of the registrant. Filed Aug. 27 1935.

In making available the above list the SEC on Sept. 3 said:

In no case does the act of filing with the Commission give to any security its approval or indicate that the Commission has passed on the merits of the issue or that the registration statement itself is correct.

The last previous list of registration statements appeared in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1363.

Consumers Power Co. of Jackson, Mich., Files Registration Statement for \$19,172,000 First Lien and Unifying Mortgage Bonds

A registration statement (No. 1642) was filed on Aug. 31 under the Securities Act of 1933 by the Consumers Power Co. of Jackson, Mich., for \$19,172,000 first lien and unifying mortgage bonds. In reporting the filing of this statement the Securities and Exchange Commission on Sept. 3 said:

The bonds are to be designated "first mortgage bonds" on or about Jan. 1 1936, provision having been made to make the lien of the mortgage a first lien upon substantially all of the property of the company.

This is the second filing within three months under the Securities Act by Consumers Power Co. On June 7 1935, the company filed an application for the registration of \$18,594,000 first lien and unifying mortgage bonds, 3¼% series of 1935, due 1965.

The net proceeds of the issue are to be used in part to redeem \$15,872,900 principal amount of Consumers Power Co. first lien and unifying mortgage gold bonds series C (5%, due 1952), to be called for redemption on Nov. 1 1935 at 104, amounting to \$16,506,880 and to reimburse the company for expenditures for improvements and additions to its property.

The registration statement states that: "In the opinion of counsel, the registrant, under order dated Aug. 19 1935, of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, is required to sell the bonds at prices which will result in its receiving not less than 97½% of their principal amount or bonds bearing not more than 3¼% interest maturing not earlier than 1955. The interest rate, maturity, redemption provisions, price to the public, and underwriting discounts or commissions cannot be definitely determined until arrangements for sale or underwriting of the bonds have been completed. This information will be submitted by amendment to the registration statement."

The names of the principal underwriters, will be supplied by amendment to the registration statement.

Consumers Power Co. is described as the Michigan operating unit of the Commonwealth and Southern system. Wendell L. Wilkie is Chairman of the Board, and T. A. Kenney is President of Consumers Power Co.

Registration Statement of Bellanca Aircraft Corp.—Correction Announced by SEC

The Securities and Exchange Commission has announced that its release of Aug. 26 (given in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1363) contained a typographical error. In correcting its earlier statement the Commission says

In the announcement of the filing of a registration statement by Bellanca Aircraft Corp. (2-1597, Form A-1) one of the underwriters of the issue was

	Market Value	Average Price		Market Value	Average Price
1933—			1934—		
July 1	\$36,348,747,926	\$28.29	Aug. 1	\$30,752,107,676	\$23.76
Aug. 1	32,762,207,992	25.57	Sept. 1	32,618,130,662	24.90
Sept. 1	36,669,889,331	28.42	Oct. 1	32,319,514,504	24.61
Oct. 1	32,729,938,196	25.32	Nov. 1	31,615,348,531	24.22
Nov. 1	30,117,833,982	23.30	Dec. 1	33,888,023,435	25.97
Dec. 1	32,542,456,452	25.13	1935—		
1934—			Jan. 1	33,933,882,614	25.99
Jan. 1	33,094,751,244	25.59	Feb. 1	32,991,035,033	25.29
Feb. 1	37,364,990,391	28.90	Mar. 1	32,180,041,075	24.70
Mar. 1	36,657,646,692	28.34	Apr. 1	30,936,100,491	23.73
Apr. 1	36,699,914,685	23.37	May 1	33,548,348,437	25.77
May 1	36,432,143,818	28.13	June 1	34,548,762,904	26.50
June 1	33,816,513,632	26.13	July 1	56,227,609,618	27.78
July 1	34,439,993,735	26.60	Aug. 1	38,913,092,273	29.76
			Sept. 1	39,800,738,378	30.44

Settlement Reached in Actions Growing Out of Plan Subsequently Dropped of New York Stock Exchange to Move to Newark

The termination on Sept. 4 of litigation growing out of plans to move the New York Stock Exchange to Newark, N. J., in September 1933, came through a compromise settlement between the City of Newark and Herbert J. Hanoeh, receiver for the City Center Corp. A Newark dispatch to the New York "Times" making known the settlement, said:

The corporation occupied the Center Market here when the city took it over to lease it to the New Jersey Stock Exchange, formed by representatives of the New York Exchange.

The receiver had filed suit in Supreme Court here for \$500,000 damages for trespass and unlawful eviction against the city, city officials, the New Jersey Exchange, Richard Whitney, then President of the New York Stock Exchange, and companies that were engaged to prepare the building for a stock market. The city filed a counter claim for more than \$400,000 back rent. Mr. Hanoeh sued also the New York Stock Exchange and Mr. Whitney and others in Federal Court in New York for \$250,000.

The city sought to collect on a \$50,000 certificate of deposit in the New Jersey Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Jersey City, put up by the corporation to cover rent, but the bank contended that the corporation owed it \$28,442 and refused to pay.

Under the settlement announced by Jules E. X. Tepper, Assistant Corporation Counsel of Newark, the bank will pay the city \$25,000 against the certificate of deposit, and will pay \$15,000 to the receiver. The city's claim for rent stands as one of the claims against the bankrupt company, but all suits are discontinued.

As explained in Newark advices Sept. 4 to the New York "Herald Tribune" the Stock Exchange contemplated the move in 1933 because John P. O'Brien, then Mayor of New York City, had threatened a tax on stock shares. The Center Market, Newark, occupied by the City Center Corp. as a public market, was leased for the Exchange and the corporation was evicted. But the proposed tax was dropped and the Stock Exchange abandoned its plans.

A reference to the action resulting from the proposed removal of the Exchange appeared in our issue of Jan. 20 1934, page 415.

Forms 10 and 11 No Longer to Be Used by Issuers Recently Emerged from Bankruptcy or Reorganization Proceedings—Foreign Private Issuers Also to Use Other Forms with Certain Exception

Amendments to the rules for the use of Form 10 for corporations and Form 11 for unincorporated issuers, were announced by the Securities and Exchange Commission on Sept. 4. Both forms are used for registering under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The amendments, the Commission said, provide that such forms may not be used by an issuer which, within six months prior to the filing of its application for registration, has emerged from bankruptcy or receivership or reorganization proceedings pursuant to Section 77 or 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act, nor by an issuer which was organized for the purpose of acquiring substantially all of the assets of another issuer and which acquired such assets within six months prior to the filing of its application for registration. Special forms for the registration of securities of such issuers are now in course of preparation, the Commission pointed out.

Further amendments to the rules for the use of Form 10 and Form 11, the SEC said, make clear that, with certain exceptions stated in the rules for the use of Form 10, such forms may not be used for the registration of securities of foreign private issuers for which applications may be made on Form 20 or Form 21.

Corresponding changes have been made in the instruction books for the use of the respective forms.

New York Federal Reserve Bank Notifies Members in New York State That Interest on Time and Saving Deposits Is Not to Exceed 2% After Oct. 1—Rate Fixed by State Banking Board to Apply to National Banks Under Banking Act of 1935

At the request of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, J. H. Case, Federal Reserve Agent of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, advised member banks in New York State, on Aug. 30, after Oct. 1 that the rate of interest to be paid by such member banks on time and savings deposits is not to be in excess of 2% per annum. Mr. Case calls attention to a provision in the Banking Act of 1935 which prohibits a National bank from paying a higher rate of interest than that authorized by law to apply to State bank and trust companies in the States in which they operate. He says, however, that the Board of Governors of

the Federal Reserve System "will not object to the payment of interest by a National bank at a rate greater than 2% per annum in accordance with the terms of, and until the termination of, any contract existing on the date on which such bank receives this notice of the limitations effective after Oct. 1 1935, provided such rate is otherwise in conformity with the provisions of Regulation Q and the contract is terminated as soon as possible under the terms thereof." The following is the circular addressed to member banks in New York by Mr. Case:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
[Circular No. 1583, Aug. 30 1935]

Rate of Interest Lawfully Payable After Oct. 1 1935 on Time and Savings Deposits by Member Banks in the State of New York To All Member Banks in the State of New York:

The Banking Board of the State of New York has adopted a regulation which reads as follows:

"RESOLUTION NO. 200

"Regulation of the Banking Board adopted June 21 1935, prescribing 2% per annum as the maximum interest or dividend rate payable after Oct. 1 1935 by banks, trust companies, private bankers and savings banks.

"1. No bank, trust company or private banker shall pay interest accruing after Oct. 1 1935 on any time, thrift or savings deposit or any part thereof, at a rate in excess of 2% per annum, compounded quarterly; provided, however, that a bank, trust company or private banker may pay interest in accordance with the terms of any certificate of deposit or other contract which was lawfully entered into in good faith prior to June 26 1935, and in force on that date, and which may not legally be terminated or modified by such bank, trust company or private banker, at its or his option, but no such certificate of deposit or other contract shall be renewed or extended, unless it be modified to conform with the provisions of this regulation and all such certificates of deposit or other contracts shall be terminated, or modified to conform with this regulation, at the earliest possible date, in accordance with the terms thereof. This regulation shall not prevent the compounding of interest at other than quarterly intervals, provided the aggregate amount of interest so compounded shall not exceed the aggregate amount of interest at 2% per annum, compounded quarterly.

"2. No savings bank shall pay any dividend accruing after Oct. 1 1935 on any deposit therewith at a rate in excess of 2% per annum compounded quarterly. Dividends may be compounded at other than quarterly intervals if the aggregate of dividends so compounded shall not exceed the aggregate of dividends at 2% per annum, compounded quarterly."

Section 208 of the Banking Act of 1935, approved Aug. 23 1935, amends Section 24 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, to provide, in part, as follows:

"Any such (National banking) association may continue hereafter as heretofore to receive time and savings deposits and to pay interest on the same, but the rate of interest which such association may pay upon such time deposits or upon savings or other deposits shall not exceed the maximum rate authorized by law to be paid upon such deposits by State banks or trust companies organized under the laws of the State in which such association is located."

Subsection (c) (3) of Section III and subsection (c) (3) of Section V of the Federal Reserve Board's Regulation Q, effective Feb. 1 1935, provide, respectively, as follows:

"The rate of interest paid by a member bank upon a time deposit shall not in any case exceed (i) the maximum rate prescribed in paragraph 1 of this subsection, or (ii) the maximum rate authorized by law to be paid upon such deposits by State banks or trust companies organized under the laws of the State in which such member bank is located, whichever may be less."

"The rate of interest paid by a member bank upon a savings deposit shall not in any case exceed (i) the maximum rate described in paragraph 1 of this subsection, or (ii) the maximum rate authorized by law to be paid upon such deposits by State banks or trust companies organized under the laws of the State in which such member bank is located, whichever may be less."

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has requested me to advise you that it is its view that by virtue of the regulation of the Banking Board and of the provisions of Section 24 of the Federal Reserve Act, as amended, and the Board's Regulation Q set forth above, the rate of interest accruing after Oct. 1 1935, and during the period that such regulation is legally in effect, with a National bank or other member bank located in the State of New York may lawfully pay on time or savings deposits may not exceed the rate of 2% per annum prescribed in such regulation of the Banking Board.

For your further information, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has advised me that it will not object to the payment of interest by a National bank at a rate greater than 2% per annum in accordance with the terms of, and until the termination of, any contract existing on the date on which such bank receives this notice of the limitations effective after Oct. 1 1935, provided such rate is otherwise in conformity with the provisions of Regulation Q and the contract is terminated as soon as possible under the terms thereof.

J. H. CASE, Federal Reserve Agent.

The regulation of the New York Banking Board of last June was referred to in our issue of June 29, page 4312.

First National Bank of Boston Warns of Rising Federal Expenditures—Says Present Tax Measures Are Inadequate to Balance Budget

"The magnitude of the spending by the Federal Government has been forcibly brought to public attention by the pending Congressional legislation to obtain additional tax revenue," says the First National Bank of Boston in its "New England Letter" released Aug. 28. Continuing, the bank says:

It was discovered that the so-called "soak the rich" measure would produce only about \$270,000,000 in taxes. Large as this sum is, it is but 7% of the estimated deficit for the present fiscal year and less than sufficient to pay Federal expenses for two weeks. The Senate Finance Committee recommended broadening the base, but even by tapping income in the very low brackets it was found that the estimated yield would scarcely exceed \$450,000,000.

This should be a warning that the day of reckoning is not far distant. Sources of taxable revenue are not unlimited, and it is only from taxation that the billions we are now spending can be ever repaid. The Government cannot create wealth or income. It can only collect and distribute income that has been produced by private enterprise.

Federal expenditures for the three fiscal years, 1934-5-6, would almost defray all the expenses of this Republic for the first 25 years of its existence.

If State and local government expenditures are added to those of the Federal Government the total is staggering. The aggregate estimate for 1934 was \$15,500,000,000. Only \$9,500,000,000 was collected in taxes, so that outlay exceeded income by nearly 40%. The gap has been bridged

by borrowing, and at the end of this fiscal year the total public debt will exceed \$50,000,000,000. Reducing the national balance sheet to a simple arithmetical basis we find that the per family income in 1934 was \$1,587; total public debt, \$1,663; governmental costs, \$517, and taxes collected, \$317. For the past year governmental cost represented 33% of the average family budget and taxes collected were 20%. Our taxes in relation to income in 1934 were nearly as high as in Great Britain, but Great Britain's budget is balanced and the national debt is only 2.6% above 1929, while the national debt of this country at the end of this fiscal year will be 80% above the 1929 figure.

No nation can long go on with its budget scale so badly out of balance without inviting repudiation or inflation with its disastrous consequences. The cheering thought is this: In good times from 35 to 40 billion dollars are annually spent on durable goods, and these industries provide direct employment for approximately 10,000,000 workers. The bulk of the unemployment is now in these heavy industries. Because of the prolonged depression there is a tremendous potential demand for durable goods. These industries can and will be stimulated into activity when the uncertainty caused by the strain on the Federal credit and the threat to our monetary standard is removed. Sincere and vigorous efforts to work toward a balanced budget and to have done with experimenting will remove this uncertainty and set in motion the only wheels that can produce real recovery.

Three Partners Resign From J. P. Morgan & Co. and Two From Drexel & Co. to Form Investment Securities Firm—Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc., Also Comprises Two Former Morgan Officials—Harold Stanley, President of \$7,500,000 Concern

Announcement was made on Sept. 5 of the retirement of three partners from J. P. Morgan & Co., New York, and two from Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, who together with two former Morgan officials are forming a new organization under the name of Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc., to deal in the underwriting and wholesaling of investment securities. The new concern, with a paid in capital of \$7,500,000, will open its offices for business in New York on Sept. 16. It will carry on the investment banking business terminated by J. P. Morgan & Co. in 1934 in complying with the Banking Act of 1933. Provisions of the Banking Act prohibit a firm from dealing both in the deposit banking business and the investment banking business.

The three partners who have retired from J. P. Morgan & Co. are Harold Stanley, William Ewing and Henry S. Morgan, a son of J. P. Morgan. Those leaving Drexel & Co. are Perry E. Hall and Edward H. York, Jr. These men, in addition to John M. Young and A. W. Jones, formerly managers of the Bond and Statistical Departments of the Morgan firm, are the executive officers of the new corporation of which Mr. Stanley is to be President.

The announcement of the retirement of the partners from the Morgan and Drexel firms and the formation of the new investment securities house, was contained in two statements, one emanating from the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. and the other issued by Morgan Stanley & Co. The statement of the Morgan firm given out by Thomas W. Lamont, follows:

We have to announce with regret the resignations of the following members of J. P. Morgan & Co. and of Drexel & Co. who, with other valued members of our staffs, have, under the name of Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc., undertaken to organize and carry on a securities business of the character formerly handled by our firms: Harold Stanley, William Ewing, Henry S. Morgan, Perry E. Hall, Edward H. York, Jr.

The withdrawal of these partners and associates, and their formation of a separate and independent securities company, is, we consider, a logical step following upon our firm's decision a year ago, to carry on our banking business rather than the securities business; thus acting in accordance with the banking and securities provisions of the Banking Act of 1933, recently confirmed by the Banking Act of 1935, just enacted. We believe that the members of the new organization will be able, with the ample experience which they have heretofore had, to serve usefully the investment interests of the community.

The firms of J. P. Morgan & Co. and Drexel & Co. will continue as heretofore to carry on their business as private bankers.

The following is the statement issued by Mr. Stanley in behalf of Morgan Stanley & Co.

A group of partners and staff members of J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York and Drexel & Co. of Philadelphia, formerly active in the securities business of the firms, have withdrawn and are forming a new organization for the underwriting and wholesaling of investment securities, to be known as Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc. Harold Stanley, William Ewing, and Henry S. Morgan of J. P. Morgan & Co., Perry E. Hall and Edward H. York, Jr., of Drexel & Co., and John M. Young and A. W. Jones, heretofore managers of the Bond and Statistical Departments of J. P. Morgan & Co., are to be the executive officers of the new corporation. Mr. Stanley will be the President of the new corporation.

The new securities corporation will have a paid in capital of \$7,500,000 divided into common and preferred stock. The common shares, which have sole voting rights in the election of the directorate, are to be held exclusively by the officers and staff of the corporation. The preferred shares will be held by members of this group and by certain individual partners of J. P. Morgan & Co. The corporation will open its offices for business at No. 2 Wall Street, New York City, on Sept. 16 next.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" of Sept. 6 we take the following:

Mr. Stanley has been a partner of J. P. Morgan & Co. since Jan. 1 1928. He entered the employ of the National Commercial Bank of Albany in 1908, and from 1910 to 1915 was with J. G. White & Co. From 1910 to 1927 he was with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, for most of the time as a vice-president. He is a Director of United Corporation, Columbia Gas and Electric Co. and the Niagara Hudson Corp. and is commonly credited with being the Morgan expert in the utilities field.

Mr. Ewing has been with J. P. Morgan & Co. since 1916 and a partner since 1926. He is a Director of Bankers' Trust Co., Associated Dry Goods Corp., J. I. Case Co., Standard Brands, Inc., Utah Copper Co., Lord & Taylor and the Richmond-Washington Co.

H. S. Morgan, now in his 35-year, began as a clerk in the Morgan firm in 1923 and has been a partner since 1928.

Indiana State Bank Law Held Valid—Stockholders Must Pay Assessment

The following from Noblesville, Ind., Aug. 30, is from the Indianapolis "News":

In a ruling by Judge C. M. Gentry, of Hamilton Circuit Court, affecting 60 stockholders in the Citizens State Bank of Carmel, the new Indiana Banking Law, enacted in 1933 and amended in 1935, was held to be Constitutional. The defendants sought to be released from payment of a 100% assessment on their stock, levied by the Department of Financial Institutions of Indiana, which has had charge of the bank since it was closed two years ago.

Treasury Offers 10-12-Year 2¾% Bonds and 3½-Year 1½% Notes in Exchange for Called Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼% Bonds—Interest on Bonds New Low—1½% Notes Also Offered in Amount of \$500,000,000—Cash Books Closed First Day—Subscriptions in Excess of \$1,270,000,000—Secretary Morgenthau Restricts Publicity on Government's Operations in Bond Market

Despite its failure last week to dispose of an entire issue of 1½% bonds of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation, which are guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States Government, the Treasury this week floated in a single day an issue of \$500,000,000, or thereabouts, of 3½-year 1½% Treasury notes of Series C-1939. The notes were offered on Sept. 3 and the cash books were closed at the close of business the same day, with subscriptions placed in the mail before midnight Sept. 3 being considered as a timely subscription. In making public final figures on the cash subscriptions to the offering, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau on Sept. 5 said that reports received from the Federal Reserve banks show that the subscriptions aggregated more than \$1,270,000,000. It was stated that subscriptions in amounts up to and including \$5,000 were allotted in full and those in amounts over \$5,000 were allotted 40%, but not less than \$5,000 on any one subscription. Secretary Morgenthau said that further details as to subscriptions and allotments will be announced with final reports from the Reserve banks. The offering of bonds of the FFMC last week (referred to in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1367) was in amount of \$100,000,000, or thereabouts. Subscriptions accepted totaled but \$85,592,000.

The 1½% Treasury notes were also offered on Sept. 3, in exchange for the Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds included in the fourth and final call for redemption on Oct. 15. At the same time the Treasury also offered an issue of 10-12-year 2¾% Treasury bonds of 1945-47 in exchange for the called Liberty bonds. The Liberty Loan bonds affected by the fourth and final call are those bearing serial numbers ending in the digit 3 or 4, such serial numbers in the case of permanent bonds being prefixed by the corresponding distinguishing letter C or D, respectively. The calling of these bonds, of which approximately \$1,250,000,000 are outstanding, was referred to in our issue of April 20, page 2625. In his announcement of the offerings of Sept. 2 Secretary Morgenthau said that "no further exchange offering will be made to the holders of the Fourth-called Fourth 4¼s, and if such bonds are not now exchanged they should be presented for redemption on Oct. 15."

Both the 2¾% Treasury bonds and 1½% Treasury notes will be dated Sept. 15 and will bear interest from that date at their respective rates, payable semi-annually. Incidentally, the 2¾% rate carried by the bonds is the lowest ever quoted on a direct Treasury obligation of this type. The Treasury bonds will mature on Sept. 15 1947, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after Sept. 15 1945. The notes will mature on March 15 1939; they will not be subject to call for redemption before that date. The bonds will be issued in two forms—bearer bonds with interest coupons attached, and bonds registered both as to principal and interest; while the notes will be issued only in bearer form with coupons attached. Both types of securities are exempt from such taxation as accorded previous issues of notes and bonds, respectively.

The amount of the offerings of the Treasury notes and bonds in exchange for the Fourth Liberty Loan bonds will be limited to the amount of the Liberties tendered and accepted in each instance. Secretary Morgenthau said that both the notes and bonds will be issued at par, "with the right reserved to the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the issue price of the bonds by public announcement effective as to subscriptions tendered after the time fixed by the Secretary, which time will be after the date of the announcement and in no event earlier than Sept. 10."

Incident to the closing of the cash subscription books on the offering of 1½% Treasury notes, the following announcement was issued for publication Sept. 4 by the Treasury Department:

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau to-day announced that the subscription books for the offering of 1½% Treasury notes of Series C-1939 closed at the close of business Sept. 3 1935 for the receipt of cash subscriptions. Cash subscriptions placed in the mail before 12 o'clock midnight Sept. 3 will be considered as having been entered before the close of the subscription books. The subscription books for this offering of notes, and the subscription books for 2¾% Treasury bonds of 1945-47, will remain open until further notice for the receipt of subscriptions for

which payment is to be tendered in fourth called Fourth Liberty Loan bonds.

Announcement of the amount of cash subscriptions and the basis of allotment will probably be made on Sept. 6.

In reporting the closing of the cash books on the note offering the same day they were opened, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" in advices of Sept. 3 said:

Obviously elated at the speedy sale of the note issue, contrasting sharply with the undersubscription last week of \$100,000,000 of 4-year FFMC 1½% bonds, Mr. Morgenthau was brief in his comment to-day. Terming the note issue a "success," the Secretary merely said: "It was well over-subscribed."

While Mr. Morgenthau confined his comment to the statement of the oversubscription, other Treasury officials were not reticent in expressing the belief that the successful offering to-day was the answer to any fears concerning the Government's credit that may have arisen from the undersubscription of the FFMC issue . . .

The Secretary said that since announcement of the failure of the subscription there have been several offers for the remaining approximately \$15,000,000 of FFMC bonds, all of which have been refused up to the present time pending a decision as to need for the additional money. Offers for the remainder came on both Friday (Aug. 30) and Saturday (Aug. 31), Mr. Morgenthau said, with one New York bank asking for the entire amount at above 99, the average price at which the issue was sold.

At a press conference on Sept. 3 Secretary Morgenthau announced that hereafter he would not make any public statement about the Treasury's activity in its own bond market. The Department's buying and selling operations in the bond market will be as secret as the stabilization fund activities, he declared. In noting this, Washington advices Sept. 3 to the New York "Times" of Sept. 4 added:

This policy of secrecy is being adopted, he explained, because newspaper commentators in New York accused the Treasury of supporting the bond market last Thursday (Aug. 29) after the failure of the FFMC bond issue had been announced. The Secretary appeared piqued by these stories. He had previously announced that the Treasury would not meddle with the market during financings.

From the same advices we also take the following:

Mr. Morgenthau was obviously of the opinion that last week's failure has been redeemed in full by to-day's showing on the \$500,000,000 note issue. Two differences, however, distinguished to-day's note issue from the bond issue last week.

First, the notes were sold at par on a straight subscription basis. The bonds were sold to the highest bidders under the so-called "auction system," which bond dealers have openly criticized.

Second, the interest rate on the notes was slightly higher in relation to rates on comparable outstanding paper than the rate on the bonds had been. Both of these factors are believed to have contributed to the better reception accorded to to-day's offering.

In Washington press advices of Sept. 4 it was pointed out that the new policy of Secretary Morgenthau respecting the publicity of the Treasury's current activities in the Government bond market does not extend to the official statement of net purchases or sales issued each month.

At the Treasury's announcement of the offering of the 2¾% bonds and 1½% notes in exchange for the called Fourth Liberty Loan bonds, Washington advices Sept. 2 appearing in the New York "Times" of Sept. 3 had the following to say:

With the refunding of the last block of Fourth Liberty bonds now outstanding the Administration will have accomplished the retirement of the last of the Liberty Bond series. When President Roosevelt assumed office there remained in the hands of institutions and individuals approximately \$8,201,000,000 of these securities, representing \$6,268,000,000 of the Fourth issue, carrying 4¼% interest, and \$1,933,000,000 of the First issue, all but about half a billion paying 3½%.

Roughly, it is estimated that when the present exchange transaction is completed, the lower interest-bearing bonds and notes, which have been issued as exchanges or to obtain cash with which to pay off holders of Liberties who turned them in for cash redemption, will represent a saving of between \$120,000,000 and \$125,000,000 annually in the service charge which the Government pays on its outstanding debt.

Conversion Began in 1933

The gigantic conversion operations were begun in October 1933, when Secretary Woodin issued the first call for the redemption in the following April of a block of the Fourth Liberties. The bonds then offered as exchanges paid 4¼% interest for the first year and 3¼% thereafter. As the money market eased, lower interest-bearing bonds were offered, in some instances along with the notes, in subsequent exchange offerings.

About \$2,304,000,000 of the Liberties have been exchanged for 2¾% bonds, maturing in 1960 and callable in 1955, this representing the lowest interest-bearing refunding bonds used until the present offering of 2¾% bonds, which, however, are of a much shorter maturity than the 2¾s.

Below we give Secretary Morgenthau's announcement of Sept. 2 (made available for publication on Sept. 3):

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau to-day announced an offering of 10-12-year 2¾% Treasury bonds of 1945-47, and of 3½-year 1½% Treasury notes of Series C-1939, both in exchange for Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds of 1933-38 called for redemption on Oct. 15 1935 (fourth called Fourth 4¼s), and at the same time invited cash subscriptions at par for \$500,000,000, or thereabouts, of the Treasury notes. About \$1,250,000,000 of the Fourth Liberty Loan bonds are included in the fourth and final call for redemption on Oct. 15 1935.

The Treasury bonds now offered in exchange for fourth called Fourth 4¼s will be dated Sept. 6 1935, and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 2¾% per annum, payable semi-annually. They will mature Sept. 15 1947, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after Sept. 15 1945.

The Treasury notes of Series C-1939 now offered for cash subscription and in exchange for fourth called Fourth 4¼s will be dated Sept. 16 1935 and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 1½% per annum, payable semi-annually. They will mature March 15 1939 and will not be subject to call for redemption before that date.

The Treasury bonds will be issued in two forms: Bearer bonds with interest coupons attached, and bonds registered both as to principal and

interest; both forms will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The Treasury notes will be issued in the same denominations but only in bearer form with coupons attached.

The Treasury bonds and the Treasury notes will be accorded the same exemptions from taxation as are accorded other issues of Treasury bonds and Treasury notes, respectively, now outstanding, these provisions being specifically set forth in the official circulars issued to-day.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks and branches, and at the Treasury Department, Washington. Banking institutions generally will handle applications for subscribers, but only Federal Reserve banks and the Treasury Department are authorized to act as official agencies.

With respect to cash subscriptions for Treasury notes, applications from incorporated banks and trust companies for their own account will be received without deposit but will be restricted in each case to an amount not exceeding one-half of the combined capital and surplus of the subscribing bank or trust company. Applications from all others must be accompanied, if for more than \$5,000, by payment of \$5,000 or 5% of the amount of notes applied for, whichever is the greater; and if for \$5,000 or less by payment in full.

With respect to exchange subscriptions for either bonds or notes, applications should be accompanied by a like face amount of Fourth called Fourth 4¼s tendered in payment. Such bonds will be received on exchange at par and interest thereon will be paid in full to Oct. 15 1935, the date all Fourth called Fourth 4¼s cease to bear interest. Both the 2¾% Treasury bonds of 1945-47 and the 1½% Treasury notes of Series C-1939 will be issued at par, with the right reserved to the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the issue price of the bonds by public announcement effective as to subscriptions tendered after the time fixed by the Secretary, which time will be after the date of the announcement and in no event earlier than Sept. 10 1935.

The right is reserved to close the books as to any or all subscriptions or classes of subscriptions at any time without notice, either with respect to the cash offering of Treasury notes or with respect to the exchange offerings of either Treasury bonds or Treasury notes, or both.

No further exchange offering will be made to the holders of the Fourth called Fourth 4¼s, and if such bonds are not now exchanged they should be presented for redemption on Oct. 15 1935, in accordance with the provisions of Treasury Department Circular No. 539, dated May 13 1935.

The following are the official Treasury circulars bearing on the offerings of the bonds and notes:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2¾% Treasury Bonds of 1945-47

Dated and bearing interest from Sept. 16 1935. Due Sept. 15 1947

Redeemable at the option of the United States at par and accrued interest on and after Sept. 15 1945

Interest payable March 15 and Sept. 15

Offered Only in Exchange for Fourth-Called Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds

I. Exchange Offering of Bonds

1. The Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant to the authority of the Second Liberty Bond Act, approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, for refunding purposes, invites subscriptions from the people of the United States for 2¾% bonds of the United States, designated Treasury bonds of 1945-47, in payment of which only Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds of 1933-38 included in the fourth and final call for redemption on Oct. 15 1935 (hereinafter referred to as Fourth called Fourth 4¼s) may be tendered. The amount of the offering will be limited to the amount of Fourth called Fourth 4¼s tendered and accepted. Fourth Liberty Loan bonds not included in the fourth and final call for redemption on Oct. 15 1935, all of which have previously been called for redemption and on which interest has ceased, will not be accepted for exchange under this circular.

2. Fourth called Fourth 4¼s will be received on exchange at par, and 2¾% Treasury bonds of 1945-47 will be issued at par, with the right reserved by the Secretary of the Treasury to increase the issue price by public announcement effective as to subscriptions tendered after the time, not earlier than Sept. 10 1935 fixed in the announcement.

3. In addition to the exchange offering under this circular, holders of Fourth called Fourth 4¼s are offered the privilege of exchanging all or any part of such called bonds for 3½-year 1½% Treasury notes of Series C-1939, which offering is set forth in Department Circular No. 551, issued simultaneously with this circular.

II. Description of Bonds

1. The bonds will be dated Sept. 16 1935 and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 2¾% per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis on March 15 and Sept. 15 in each year until the principal amount becomes payable. They will mature Sept. 15 1947, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after Sept. 15 1945, in whole or in part, at par and accrued interest, on any interest day or days, on four months' notice of redemption given in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe. In case of partial redemption the bonds to be redeemed will be determined by such method as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. From the date of redemption designated in any such notice, interest on the bonds called for redemption shall cease.

2. The bonds shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, or gift taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds authorized by the Second Liberty Bond Act, approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owned by any individual, partnership, association or corporation shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in clause (b) above.

3. The bonds will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege and will not be entitled to any privilege of conversion.

4. Bearer bonds with interest coupons attached, and bonds registered as to principal and interest, will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. Provision will be made for the interchange of bonds of different denominations and of coupon and registered bonds and for the transfer of registered bonds under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

a Pursuant to the fourth and final call for redemption (see Department Circular No. 539, dated May 13 1935) all outstanding Fourth Liberty Loan 4¼% bonds of 1933-38 bearing serial numbers ending in 3 or 4 (in the case of permanent coupon bonds preceded by the distinguishing letter C or D, respectively) have been called for redemption on Oct. 15 1935, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

5. The bonds will be subject to the general regulations of the Treasury Department, now or hereafter prescribed, governing United States bonds.

III. Subscription and Allotment

1. Subscriptions will be received at the Federal Reserve banks and branches and at the Treasury Department, Washington. Banking institutions generally will handle applications for subscribers, but only the Federal Reserve banks and the Treasury Department are authorized to act as official agencies.

2. The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any subscription, in whole or in part, and to close the books as to any or all subscriptions at any time without notice; and any action he may take in these respects shall be final. Subject to these reservations, all subscriptions will be allotted in full. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment.

IV. Terms of Payment and Issue

1. Treasury bonds offered under this circular will be issued at par, or at such increased issue price as may be fixed by public announcement in the case of bonds issued upon subscriptions tendered to a Federal Reserve Bank or branch or to the Treasury Department after the time stated in the announcement. The effective time for any increase which may be made in the issue price will be after the date of the announcement and in no event earlier than Sept. 10 1935. Any such announcement fixing an increase in the issue price and the time when such increase becomes effective will be communicated promptly to the Federal Reserve banks. Payment for any bonds allotted under this circular may be made only in Fourth called Fourth 4½s, which will be accepted at par, provided that payment of the premium by reason of any increase in the issue price shall be made in cash or other immediately available funds. The bonds tendered in payment, and the premium, if any, should accompany the subscription.

2. On all exchanges, interest on Fourth called Fourth 4½s will be paid in full to Oct. 15 1935, on which date interest on all Fourth called Fourth 4½s will cease. Such payments will be made, in the case of coupon bonds, through payment of coupons dated Oct. 15 1935, when due, which coupons should be detached by holders before presentation of the bonds for exchange, and in the case of registered bonds through the issue of interest checks for final interest due Oct. 15 1935, in accordance with the assignments on the bonds surrendered.

V. Surrender of Fourth Called Fourth 4½s on Exchange

1. *Coupon Bonds*—Fourth called Fourth 4½s in coupon form tendered in exchange for Treasury bonds offered hereunder, should be presented and surrendered with the subscription to a Federal Reserve Bank or to the Treasurer of the United States. Coupons dated April 15 1936, and all coupons bearing dates subsequent to April 15 1936, should be attached to such coupon bonds when surrendered, and if any such coupons are missing the subscription must be accompanied by cash payment equal to the face amount of the missing coupons.^b The bonds must be delivered at the expense and risk of the holder. Facilities for transportation of bonds by registered mail insured may be arranged between incorporated banks and trust companies and the Federal Reserve banks, and holders may take advantage of such arrangements when available, utilizing such incorporated banks and trust companies as their agents. Incorporated banks and trust companies are not agents of the United States under this circular.

2. *Registered Bonds*—Fourth called Fourth 4½s in registered form tendered in exchange for Treasury bonds offered hereunder should be assigned by the registered payee or the assignee thereof, in accordance with the general regulations of the Treasury Department governing assignments for transfer or exchange, in one of the forms hereafter set forth, and thereafter should be presented and surrendered with the subscription to a Federal Reserve bank or to the Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington. The bonds must be delivered at the expense and risk of the holder. If Treasury bonds are desired registered in the same name as the Fourth called Fourth 4½s surrendered, the assignment should be to "The Secretary of the Treasury for exchange for Treasury bonds of 1945-47;" if Treasury bonds are desired registered in another name, the assignment should be "The Secretary of the Treasury for exchange for Treasury bonds of 1945-47 in the name of -----;" if Treasury bonds in coupon form are desired, the assignment should be to "The Secretary of the Treasury for exchange for Treasury bonds of 1945-47 in coupon form to be delivered to -----."

VI. General Provisions

1. As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions, to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts, to issue allotment notices, to receive payment for bonds allotted, to make delivery of bonds on full-paid subscriptions allotted, and they may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive bonds.

2. The Secretary of the Treasury may at any time, or from time to time, prescribe supplemental or amendatory rules and regulations governing the offering which will be communicated promptly to the Federal Reserve banks.

HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, Sept. 3 1935.
Department Circular No. 550 (Public Debt Service).

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1½% Treasury Notes of Series C-1939

Dated and bearing interest from Sept. 16 1935. Due March 15 1939.

Interest payable March 15 and Sept. 15

Offered for Cash and in Exchange for Fourth Called Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds

I. Offering of Notes

1. The Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant to the authority of the Second Liberty Loan Act, approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, invites subscriptions from the people of the United States, for 1½% notes of the United States, designated Treasury notes of Series C-1939.

2. Cash subscriptions are invited at par and accrued interest. The amount of the issue for cash will be \$500,000,000, or thereabouts.

3. Exchange subscriptions, in payment of which only Fourth Liberty Loan 4½% bonds of 1933-38 included in the fourth and final call for redemption on Oct. 15 1935 (hereinafter referred to as Fourth called Fourth

^b The final coupon attached to temporary coupon bonds became due on Oct. 15 1920. The holders of any such temporary bonds which are included in the fourth and final call for redemption on Oct. 15 1935 will receive past-due interest from Oct. 15 1920 if such bonds are tendered for exchange under this circular.

4½s) may be tendered, are invited at par.^a The amount of the issue upon exchange subscriptions will be limited to the amount of Fourth called Fourth 4½s tendered and accepted. Fourth Liberty Loan bonds not included in the fourth and final call for redemption on Oct. 15 1935, all of which have previously been called for redemption and on which interest has ceased, will not be accepted for exchange under this circular.

4. In addition to the exchange offering under this circular, holders of Fourth called Fourth 4½s are offered the privilege of exchanging all or any part of such called bonds for 10-12 year 2¾% Treasury bonds of 1945-47, which offering is set forth in Department Circular No. 550, issued simultaneously with this circular.

II. Description of Notes

1. The notes will be dated Sept. 16 1935 and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 1½% per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis on March 15 and Sept. 15 in each year. They will mature March 15 1939 and will not be subject to call for redemption prior to maturity.

2. The notes shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except estate or inheritance taxes, or gift taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority.

3. The notes will be accepted at par during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the notes.

4. The notes will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege.

5. Bearer notes with interest coupons attached will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The notes will not be issued in registered form.

III. Subscription and Allotment

1. Subscriptions will be received at the Federal Reserve banks and branches and at the Treasury Department, Washington. Banking institutions generally will handle applications for subscribers, but only the Federal Reserve banks and the Treasury Department are authorized to act as official agencies. Cash subscriptions from incorporated banks and trust companies for their own account will be received without deposit but will be restricted in each case to an amount not exceeding one-half of the combined capital and surplus of the subscribing bank or trust company. Cash subscriptions from all others must be accompanied, if for more than \$5,000, by payment of \$5,000 or 5% of the amount of notes applied for, whichever is the greater; and if for \$5,000 or less by payment in full. The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to close the books as to any or all subscriptions or classes of subscriptions at any time without notice.

2. The Secretary of the Treasury reserves the right to reject any subscription, in whole or in part, to allot less than the amount of notes applied for, to make allotments in full upon applications for smaller amounts and to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, or to adopt any or all of said methods or such other methods of allotment and classification of allotments as shall be deemed by him to be in the public interest; and his action in any or all of these respects shall be final. Subject to these reservations, cash subscriptions for amounts up to and including \$5,000 will be given preferred allotment, and cash subscriptions for amounts over \$5,000 will be allotted on an equal percentage basis, but not less than the maximum preferred allotment; and exchange subscriptions will be allotted in full. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of the allotment will be publicly announced.

IV. Terms of Payment and Issue

1. *Cash Subscriptions*—Payment at par and accrued interest, if any, for notes allotted on cash subscriptions must be made or completed on or before Sept. 16 1935, or on later allotment. In every case where payment is not so completed, the payment with application up to 5% of the amount of notes applied for shall, upon declaration made by the Secretary of the Treasury in his discretion, be forfeited to the United States. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for notes allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district.

2. *Exchange Subscriptions*—Payment for notes allotted on exchange subscriptions may be made only in Fourth called Fourth 4½s, which will be accepted at par, and should accompany the subscription. On all exchanges, interest on Fourth called Fourth 4½s will be paid in full to Oct. 15 1935, on which date interest on all Fourth called Fourth 4½s will cease. Such payments will be made, in the case of coupon bonds, through payment of coupons dated Oct. 15 1935, when due, which coupons should be detached by holders before presentation of the bonds for exchange, and in the case of registered bonds through the issue of interest checks for final interest due Oct. 15 1935, in accordance with the assignments on the bonds surrendered.

V. Surrender of Fourth Called Fourth 4½s on Exchange

1. *Coupon Bonds*—Fourth called Fourth 4½s in coupon form tendered in exchange for Treasury notes offered hereunder should be presented and surrendered with the subscription to a Federal Reserve Bank or to the Treasurer of the United States. Coupons dated April 15 1936, and all coupons bearing dates subsequent to April 15 1936, should be attached to such coupon bonds when surrendered, and if any such coupons are missing, the subscription must be accompanied by cash payment equal to the face amount of the missing coupons.^b The bonds must be delivered at the expense and risk of the holder. Facilities for transportation of bonds by registered mail insured may be arranged between incorporated banks and trust companies and the Federal Reserve banks, and holders may take advantage of such arrangements when available, utilizing such incorporated banks and trust companies as their agents. Incorporated banks and trust companies are not agents of the United States under this circular.

2. *Registered Bonds*—Fourth called Fourth 4½s in registered form tendered in exchange for Treasury notes offered hereunder should be assigned by the registered payee or the assignee thereof to "The Secretary of the Treasury for exchange for Treasury notes of Series C-1939," in accordance with the general regulations of the Treasury Department governing assignments for transfer or exchange and thereafter should be presented and surrendered with the subscription to a Federal Reserve

^a Pursuant to the fourth and final call for redemption (see Department Circular No. 539, dated May 13 1935) all outstanding Fourth Liberty Loan 4½% bonds of 1933-38 bearing serial numbers ending in 3 or 4 (in the case of permanent coupon bonds preceded by the distinguishing letter C or D, respectively) have been called for redemption on Oct. 15 1935, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.

^b The final coupon attached to temporary coupon bonds became due on Oct. 15 1920. The holders of any such temporary bonds which are included in the fourth and final call for redemption on Oct. 15 1935 will receive the past-due interest from Oct. 15 1920 if such bonds are tendered for exchange under this circular.

bank or to the Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington. If the Treasury notes are to be delivered for the account of other than the registered payee or the assignee thereof, the assignment should be to "The Secretary of the Treasury for exchange for Treasury notes of Series C-1939 to be delivered to -----" The bonds must be delivered at the expense and risk of the holder.

VI. General Provisions

1. As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions, to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts, to issue allotment notices, to receive payment for notes allotted, to make delivery of notes on full-paid subscriptions allotted, and they may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive notes.

2. The Secretary of the Treasury may at any time, or from time to time, prescribe supplemental or amendatory rules and regulations governing the offering, which will be communicated promptly to the Federal Reserve banks.

HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington, Sept. 3 1935.
Department Circular No. 551 (Public Debt Service).

\$163,683,000 Tendered to Offering of \$50,000,000 of 273-Day Treasury Bills Dated Sept. 4—\$50,046,000 Accepted at Average Rate of 0.151%

The tenders received at the Federal Reserve banks and branches thereof up to 2 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, Aug. 30 (as noted in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1366) totaled \$163,683,000, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of Treasury, announced Aug. 30. Of the bids received \$50,046,000 were accepted, the Secretary said, adding:

The accepted bids ranged in price from 99.909, equivalent to a rate of 0.120% per annum, to 99.870, equivalent to a rate of about 0.171% per annum, on a bank discount basis. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted. The average price of Treasury bills to be issued is 99.885 and the average rate is about 0.151% per annum on a bank discount basis.

New Offering of 273-Day Treasury Bills in Amount of \$50,000,000 or Thereabouts—To Be Dated Sept. 11 1935

Announcement of a new offering of \$50,000,000, or thereabouts, of 273-day Treasury bills was made on Sept. 5 by Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury. The bills, which will be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders, will be dated Sept. 11 1935. They will mature on June 10 1936, and on the maturity date the face amount will be payable without interest. An issue of similar securities in amount of \$50,052,000 will mature on Sept. 11.

Tenders to the new offering, Secretary Morgenthau said, will be received at the Federal Reserve banks, or the branches thereof, up to 2 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday, Sept. 9. Tenders will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington. The announcement of the Secretary continued:

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 Sept. 9 1935, 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 Sept. 11 1935.

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. (Attention is invited to Treasury Decision 4550, ruling that Treasury bills are not exempt from the gift tax.) 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.

Offering of \$12,500,000 of 1½% Debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks—Books Closed Following Over-subscription

On Sept. 5 Charles R. Dunn, fiscal agent of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, offered approximately \$12,500,000 of 1½% debentures of the system, and the books were closed the same day following a heavy over-subscription. The debentures were sold at a small premium over par value.

The debentures are dated Sept. 16 1935 and will mature in one year. Approximately \$27,000,000 of similar securities of the banks will mature on Sept. 16, which, according to Mr. Dunn, will reduce the outstanding debentures of the system by about \$10,000,000, the remainder being attributed to a few private sales. Following this transaction, it is

estimated, the Credit banks will have debentures in amount of \$159,000,000 outstanding.

Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau Regards U. S. Operating Within Budget

Secretary Morgenthau in commenting on the Treasury figures for the first two months of the fiscal year beginning June 30 concluded on Sept. 5 that "we are within the President's budget." Mr. Morgenthau backed up his statement that the government is "well within" its budget for the current fiscal year by explaining that the increased expenditures and deficit as compared with the previous fiscal year are due to "recoverable expenses," primarily loans by the Commodity Credit Corp. and the Reconstruction Finance Corp. The observations made by Secretary Morgenthau were further indicated as follows Sept. 5:

The two months' deficit, July 1 to Aug. 31, was shown by Treasury reports to be \$672,000,000, as compared with \$476,000,000 a year ago, a gain of \$196,000,000. All this increase could be traced to a net increase of \$245,000,000 in loans made by the RFC and Commodity Credit Corp., he said.

The RFC and Commodity Credit Corp. each reported an increase of \$188,000,000 in loans. Against this gain of \$376,000,000 the PWA showed a reduction in lending of \$131,000,000, leaving a net gain in loans of \$245,000,000, which covered the entire \$196,000,000 increase in the deficit.

Further reporting that Mr. Morgenthau predicted additional reductions in Federal administrative costs as a result of the Budget Bureau's new control over emergency agencies. The New York "Times" Washington advices Sept. 5 (from which the above information is taken), had the following to say:

Besides demanding that New Deal boards and bureaus reduce their running expenses this year, Secretary Morgenthau, according to unofficial reports, is urging the President to cut by \$2,300,000,000 the Government's expenditures for the fiscal year which opens July 1 1936.

This would mean a reduction in Federal outlays from an estimated \$8,500,000,000 this fiscal year to \$6,200,000,000 next year. The Secretary declines to discuss his activity in this field, and the President's attitude toward the proposal is not known.

Revenues Exceed Estimates

Although he announced that the Government was living within its budget for the current fiscal year, Secretary Morgenthau declined to make any forecast of the year's outcome. President Roosevelt in his budget message estimated expenditures of \$8,520,413,609, revenues of \$3,991,904,639, and a deficit of \$4,528,508,970. Since the deficit stood at \$672,000,000 at the end of August, the deficit for the full year would be only \$4,032,000,000 if present conditions prevail throughout the year.

Revenues were above estimates and expenditures were slightly below at the end of August, the second month of the fiscal year, Mr. Morgenthau announced, adding that "the more you go into the first two months the better they look."

Transfer Stamp Liability on Securities of Dissolved Corporations—Interpretation by R. M. Smythe, Inc.

Under date of Sept. 2 R. M. Smythe, Inc., New York City, draw attention to rulings recently received by them from the United States Treasury Department and the New York State Transfer Tax Bureau in regard to the stamp tax liability on transfers of securities of corporations which have been legally dissolved.

It is pointed out that until recently holders of securities of defunct corporations were not certain whether the sale or transfer of such securities involved any stamp tax liability. The question was whether such securities of defunct corporations were to be considered as merely record vouchers of property formerly owned or whether they were to be forever regarded as securities and liable to transfer tax in event of sale or transfer. This uncertainty has caused holders of such securities to hesitate in selling them as in most cases the transfer stamps cost more than the holder could realize on the certificates. From the announcement by R. M. Smythe, Inc., we quote:

The ruling by the United States Treasury Department is interpreted by R. M. Smythe, Inc. to the effect that if the issuing corporation has actually gone out of existence either by surrendering its charter, or by having its charter revoked by the State of its incorporation, with or without a liquidating value, the certificates are not really certificates of stock because the corporation is no longer in existence. In such a case, no stamp tax liability is incurred in the transfer or sale of stock certificates formerly issued by such dissolved corporation. However, as to corporations which are still in existence, the transfer of their stock certificates is subject to tax although the certificates are known to be definitely worthless. Similar rules govern the tax liability on the transfer of corporate bonds.

The New York State Transfer Tax Bureau concurs with the United States Treasury Department on the aforementioned points and generally speaking rules that the Stock Transfer Tax Law of New York does not apply to sales or transfers of certificates occurring subsequent to the legal dissolution of the corporation issuing such certificates. Hence no stock transfer tax is due on the sale or transfer of certificates of such corporations.

The Federal and State officials are also in general accord in regard to transfer of stocks and bonds legally dissolved corporations but exchangeable for new certificates in a successor company. The ruling of the United States Treasury Department in such cases is that where certificates of a dissolved corporation are exchangeable for stock certificates in a successor corporation, the transfer of the certificates of the dissolved corporation effects a transfer of the right to receive stock of the successor corporation, and that therefore such transfer is subject to tax. However, where there is a limited period of time within which certificates of a dissolved corporation may be exchanged for stock of a successor corporation and where it is stated that certificates of the dissolved corporation will have no value other than such right of exchange, then a sale of such certificates, after the last exchange day, is not taxable. The tax liability on bonds, having the same exchange rights, would be governed by the same rules.

These rulings are of importance to banks, trust companies, lawyers, receivership and other estates, &c., desirous of disposing of worthless securi-

he said. "Back in President Coolidge's time, the White House roof leaked. It was quite dangerous, because some of the beams had rotted.

"Now, the White House goes back to 1796. The first person to live in it was President John Adams, Washington, whom he succeeded, used to come to stay with Adams. And the White House has been occupied ever since.

"In that time there has been a great deal of rebuilding and renovating and repairing. But it has remained the same White House, with the same architecture, the same dignity, the same beauty.

"President Coolidge had the roof fixed. This year we found that in a period of 30 years the White House had not been rewired. We found that the wires put in in 1905, in T. R.'s day, were no longer good. Some of the wires had worn and the materials and processes for wiring in 1905 were not so good as the materials and processes of 1935.

"So we are rewiring the White House with up-to-date type of wiring. We are making it safer so there will be less chance of the building burning up. We are making repairs in better materials than they knew about in 1905.

"But when I go back it will be the same old White House that the American people have known for nearly 140 years.

"Not Worried" About Future

"I think that is a very useful parable to think about in this day. We are not changing the White House. We are making it a safer place to live in—no matter who is President 4 years or 8 years or 100 years from now. In the same way we're trying to make safer and better every White House in every farm, every city, every community in the country. That's why I am not very much worried about the future of the United States."

Mr. Roosevelt went on to say that the session of Congress which has just closed was "very interesting and very useful—probably one of the most important sessions the Congress of the United States has ever had in 160 years."

He explained that he was still busy vetoing bills.

Busy Vetoing Bills

"I got the veto habit in Albany," he said. "After the first session of the Legislature, in 1929—at the end of what we call the 30-day period—I asked the counselor to the Governor how many bills I had vetoed. He said 'you have vetoed 24% of all the bills passed.' It occurred to me to look up the record of another Governor of New York who had been famous for his vetoes—Grover Cleveland. I found he had vetoed only 22% of the bills passed."

Text of Resolution Signed by President Roosevelt Barring Suits Against Government by Holders of Federal Securities Carrying Gold Clause Provisions

We are giving below the text of the resolution passed at the late session of Congress, and signed by President Roosevelt on Aug. 27, barring, after Jan. 1 1936, holders of Government securities containing the "gold clause" provision, from bringing suits against the Government for damages which might be charged to devaluation and nullification of gold payment promises. The signing of the resolution by the President was noted in these columns a week ago (page 1369) but the date of its signing was made to appear as Aug. 28, instead of Aug. 27, the text of the resolution follows:

[PUBLIC RESOLUTION—NO. 63—74TH CONGRESS]
[H. J. Res. 348]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing exchange of coins and currencies and immediate payment of gold-clause securities by the United States; withdrawing the right to sue the United States thereon; limiting the use of certain appropriations; and for other purposes.

Whereas in order to maintain the uniform value of all coins and currencies of the United States, Public Resolution Numbered 10 of June 5, 1933, declared provisions known as "gold clauses" to be against public policy, prohibited their use in obligations thereafter incurred, and provided that money of the United States legal tender for obligations generally was legal tender for all obligations with or without gold clauses; and

Whereas the United States has paid and will continue to pay to the holders of all its securities their principal and interest, dollar for dollar, in lawful money of the United States; Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lawful holders of the coins or currencies of the United States shall be entitled to exchange them, dollar for dollar, for other coins or currencies which may be lawfully acquired and are legal tender for public and private debts; and that the owners of the gold clause securities of the United States shall be, at their election, entitled to receive immediate payment of the stated dollar amount thereof with interest to the date of payment or to prior maturity or to prior redemption date, whichever is earlier. The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to make such exchanges and payments upon presentation hereunder in the manner provided in regulations prescribed by him. The period within which the owners of gold clause securities shall be entitled hereunder to receive payment prior to maturity shall expire January 1, 1936, or on such later date, not after July 1, 1936, as may be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. Any consent which the United States may have given to the assertion against it of any right, privilege, or power whether by way of suit, counterclaim, set-off, recoupment, or other affirmative action or defense in its own name or in the name of any of its officers, agents, agencies, or instrumentalities in any proceeding of any nature whatsoever (1) upon any gold clause securities of the United States or for interest thereon, or (2) upon any coin or currency of the United States, or (3) upon any claim or demand arising out of any surrender, requisition, seizure, or acquisition of any such coin or currency or of any gold or silver and involving the effect or validity of any change in the metallic content of the dollar or other regulation of the value of money, is withdrawn: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to any suit heretofore commenced or which may be commenced by January 1, 1936, or to any proceeding referred to in this section in which no claim is made for payment or credit in an amount in excess of the face or nominal value in dollars of the securities, coins or currencies of the United States involved in such proceeding.

Sec. 3. Except in cases with respect to which consent is not withdrawn under section 2, no sums, whether heretofore or hereafter appropriated or authorized to be expended, shall be available for, or expended in, payment upon securities, coins, or currencies of the United States except on an equal and uniform dollar for dollar basis.

Sec. 4. As used in this resolution the phrase "gold clause" means a provision contained in or made with respect to an obligation which purports to give the obligee a right to require payment in gold, or in a particular kind of coin or currency of the United States, or in an amount in money of the United States measured thereby, declared to be against public policy by Public Resolution Numbered 10 of June 5, 1933; and the phrase "secur-

ities of the United States" means the domestic public debt obligations of the United States, including bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, and Treasury bills, and other obligations for the repayment of money, or for interest thereon, made, issued or guaranteed by the United States.

Approved, August 27, 1935, six p. m., E. S. T.

President Roosevelt, in Signing Resolution Designed to Preserve Neutrality of United States, Says Policy of This Country "Is Definitely Committed to Maintenance of Peace"

Upon the occasion of the signing, on Aug. 31, by President Roosevelt of the so-called "neutrality" legislation, the President issued a statement in which he said that his approval was given "as an expression of the fixed desire of the Government and the people of the United States to avoid any action which might involve us in war." In referring to the completion of Congressional action on the legislation, in our Aug. 31 issue (page 1370), the date of its signing by the President was given erroneously as Aug. 29. The resolution, designed to insure the neutrality of the United States in the event of war between Italy and Ethiopia, is limited in operation to six months. On Aug. 28 the President was reported as having indicated his satisfaction with the legislation, except for the fact that it fails to include power over loans and finance, which are integral parts of commerce. Under the resolution the President is authorized to decide when a state of war exists between foreign nations, and then provides for a mandatory embargo on shipments of war implements to those countries. In his statement, made with the signing of the resolution, on Aug. 31, the President said that "in several aspects further careful consideration of neutrality needs is most desirable, and there can well be an expansion to include provision dealing with other important aspects of our neutrality policy which have not been dealt with in this temporary measure." The President's statement follows:

I have given my approval to S. J. Resolution 173—the neutrality legislation which passed the Congress last week.

I have approved this joint resolution because it was intended as an expression of the fixed desire of the Government and the people of the United States to avoid any action which might involve us in war. The purpose is wholly excellent, and this joint resolution will, to a considerable degree, serve that end.

It provides for a licensing system for the control of carrying arms, &c., by American vessels, for the control of the use of American waters by foreign submarines, for the restriction of travel by American citizens on vessels of belligerent nations, and for the embargo of the export of arms, &c., to both belligerent nations.

The latter section terminates at the end of February 1936. This section requires further and more complete consideration between now and that date. Here again the objective is wholly good. It is the policy of this Government to avoid being drawn into wars between other nations, but it is a fact that no Congress and no Executive can foresee all possible future situations. History is filled with unforeseen situations that call for some flexibility of action.

It is conceivable that situations may arise in which the wholly inflexible provisions of Section I of this Act might have exactly the opposite effect from that which was intended. In other words, the inflexible provisions might drag us into war instead of keeping us out.

The policy of the Government is definitely committed to the maintenance of peace and the avoidance of any entanglements which would lead us into conflict. At the same time it is the policy of the Government by every peaceful means and without entanglement to co-operate with other similarly minded governments to promote peace.

In several aspects further careful consideration of neutrality needs is most desirable, and there can well be an expansion to include provisions dealing with other important aspects of our neutrality policy which have not been dealt with in this temporary measure.

From the Philadelphia "Record" we take the following from Washington, Aug. 31:

Effective Until Feb. 29

The neutrality resolution compels the President, until Feb. 29 1936 to ban shipment of arms to belligerents "upon the outbreak or during the progress of war" between two foreign nations. There is an accompanying ban against American ships carrying arms or implements of war to any port of belligerent countries or to a neutral port for transshipment to a belligerent.

After Feb. 29 these provisions of the legislation will remain in force: A licensing system for the manufacture and export of arms and munitions under the supervision of a board of Cabinet officers.

Discretionary authority for the President to restrict or close the territorial waters or ports of the United States to belligerent submarines, to prohibit American citizens from traveling on ships of warring nations except at their own risk—unless in flight from a country at war—and to require bond of any vessel suspected to be about to carry men or supplies to a belligerent ship at sea.

Hope to Expand Policy

The authority to prohibit citizens from traveling on ships of warring nations except at their own risk is in sharp contrast to this country's policy in the World War.

The sinking by German submarines of British and other ships carrying American passengers was one of the important factors in this country's declaration of war in 1917.

Members of the Senate Munitions Committee will try at the next session to make the new policy permanent and to expand it to include prohibitions against loans to belligerents.

Scope of Neutrality Resolution Explained by Representative McReynolds

The "neutrality" resolution (signed by President Roosevelt on Aug. 31) places embargoes only on "visible munitions of war." Representative Sam D. McReynolds (Dem., Tenn.), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said on Aug. 30, according to United Press accounts from Cleveland, Tenn., which further reported:

Chairman McReynolds said the resolution would not bar shipment of cotton, copper, steel, scrap iron, chemicals and other "raw materials" to warring nations.

The statement came after Mr. McReynolds read a United Press dispatch from London in which British statesmen were represented as awaiting an interpretation of the neutrality resolution passed by the United States Congress before making final decision on Great Britain's policy in the Italo-Ethiopian crisis.

It was pointed out in London that if Italy could buy raw materials needed for war purposes from the United States, she might be able to flout possible League of Nations embargo action.

Chairman McReynolds said that the House Foreign Affairs Committee went thoroughly into the nature of embargoes in its discussion of the bill, and that no raw products were affected.

Embargoes made mandatory under the Act on nations at war, he said, "apply only to visible munitions of war such as guns and ammunition, and do not bar shipment to warring nations of cotton, steel, scrap iron, nickel and chemicals."

Mr. McReynolds stopped here briefly en route from Washington to his home at Chattanooga, Tenn.

President Roosevelt Signs Bill Embodying Amendments to the Act Creating the TVA

The bill embodying amendments to the Act creating the Tennessee Valley Authority was signed by President Roosevelt on Aug. 31. Congress disposed of the new legislation on Aug. 21 when both the House and the Senate adopted the conference report. Details of the conferees' action were given in our Aug. 24 issue, page 1202. Noting that the bill amending the TVA Act is designed to extend that experiment in regional, social and economic planning and specifically authorize some of its power "yardstick" operations which are under attack in the Federal courts, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune" on Aug. 31 said:

The TVA amendment bill was signed in the presence of Senator George W. Norris, insurgent Republican of Nebraska, and Representative John E. Rankin, Democrat of Mississippi, who sponsored it on its long legislative course through Congress. Three pens were used, one for Senator Norris, one for Representative Rankin, and a third to be given to Representative Samuel B. Hill, Democrat of Alabama.

Under the amendment Act signed to-day the TVA is specifically authorized to make loans to States, counties and other governmental subdivisions to acquire and initiate operation of existing electrical transmission facilities; to issue up to \$50,000,000 in bonds, doubling its resources; to establish rates for the resale of power it may sell and to acquire power facilities serving farms and small villages.

The Act also specifically provides that the TVA, when practicable, is to sell its surplus power at rates sufficient to pay costs of production.

President Roosevelt Vetoes Bill Amending Grazing Act—Action Based on Objections Voiced By Secretary Ickes

Based on a memorandum by Secretary of the Interior Ickes, who found much to criticize in the measure, President Roosevelt on Sept. 5 vetoed the bill amending the Taylor Grazing Act, which was enacted in 1934 as part of President Roosevelt's program. That Act, as noted in a Hyde Park (N. Y.) account to the New York "Times," limited for the first time heretofore unrestricted grazing on Federal land and cut down to 80,000,000 acres the amount on which stockmen and sheepmen could place livestock. The vetoed bill, it is added, would have raised the limit to 142,000,000 acres. The same advice observed:

In vetoing the Grazing Bill, which was introduced by Representative DeRouen of Louisiana, the President wrote that some of its administrative provisions had been recommended by the Department of the Interior, but then pointed out that in the form passed by Congress it involved "radical alterations in the principles of the proposed law."

From Mr. Ickes's analysis the President concluded that the amendments "would nullify in large measure the benefits of the Taylor Grazing Act and would make the administration of that act along sound conservation lines virtually unattainable." "Herald Tribune" advices from Hyde Park, in indicating this, went on to say:

In his letter to the President Mr. Ickes said he would not believe that "the majority of the legislative branch understood the vicious cycle of events that might follow the enactment of this apparently beneficent measure."

He concluded a 3,500-word analysis with the following reasons for disproving it:

Some of its provisions would promote "monopolistic private control" of grazing lands and "tend to destroy the small stockman and homesteader."

It would "practically destroy" the two principal objectives of the present grazing law: Conservation of grazing land and stabilization of the livestock industry.

It would turn over to local control the management of a national resource. It would subvert the Administration's whole conservation program.

"One hundred and sixty-five million acres of land that belong to the people as a whole should not be permitted to be alienated as the result of obscure language, the implications of which were undoubtedly not understood when this act was pending, Mr. Ickes wrote, "I cannot believe that the Congress intended to do indirectly what it has thus far refused to do directly. The chosen officials of the people must vigilantly guard the common heritage of the people."

President Roosevelt Vetoes Bill Which Would Have Provided Automatic Promotions For Customs Inspectors

Announcement was made on Sept. 5 of the veto by President Roosevelt of a bill which would have provided automatic promotions for approximately 2,300 customs inspectors and station inspectors at an estimated annual charge to the Treasury of between \$400,000 and \$425,000. In its advices from Hyde Park, N. Y. on Sept. 5 the New York "Herald Tri-

bune" reported that in vetoing the measure the President said:

"The bill involves estimated annual expenditures of \$400,000 to \$425,000. "It appears this bill seeks only to put customs inspectors and station inspectors on a plane of equality with immigration inspectors with respect to the single feature of automatic pay increases in the two lower grades. The bill does not attempt complete uniformity of pay as to comparable employment within the two services. More significantly, it ignores other groups of customs employees who will no doubt seek legislation in their own behalf at an early date. Thus the era of unscientific classification will be further extended."

President Roosevelt Declares Basic Program of New Deal Has Reached Substantial Completion and "Breathing Spell" For Industry Is Here—Regards Conditions Such As To Offer Substantial Recovery

President Roosevelt in a letter in support of the New Deal, declares that the condition of the country when the Administration came into power required "drastic and far-reaching action;" the basic program he says "has now reached substantial completion and the 'breathing spell' . . . is here—very decidedly so." The President gave his views in a letter to Roy W. Howard, publisher of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, who, in a letter to the President, reported fears of business men and asserted, "There is need to undo the damage that has been done by misinterpreters of the New Deal." In his answer to Mr. Howard, the President expressed it as "a source of great satisfaction that at this moment conditions are such as to offer substantial and widespread recovery." In defense of his taxation legislation the President said, "the tax program of which you speak is based upon a broad and just social and economic purpose. Such a purpose, it goes without saying, is not to destroy wealth, but to create broader range of opportunity, to restrain the growth of unwholesome and sterile accumulations and to lay the burdens of government where they can best be carried. This law affects only those individual people who have incomes over \$50,000 a year, and individual estates of decedents who leave over \$40,000." The President's reply to Mr. Howard follows in full:

My Dear Mr. Howard:

I appreciate the tone and purpose of your letter, and fairness impels me to note with no little sympathy and understanding the facts which you record, based on your observations as a reporter of opinion throughout the United States. I can well realize, moreover, that the many legislative details and processes incident to the long and arduous session of the Congress should have had the unavoidable effect of promoting some confusion in many people's minds.

I think we can safely disregard the skeptics of whom you speak. Skeptics were present when Noah said it was going to rain and they refused to go into the Ark. We can also disregard those who are actuated by a spirit of political partisanship or by a willingness to gain or retain personal profit at the expense of, and detriment to, their neighbors. Then there were those who told us to "do nothing." We had heard of the do-nothing policy before and from the same sources and in many cases from the same individuals. We heard it when Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson proposed reforms. The country has learned how to measure that kind of opposition. But there are critics who are honest and nonpartisan and who are willing to discuss and to learn. I believe we owe, therefore, a positive duty to clarify our purposes, to describe our methods and to reiterate our ideals. Such clarification is greatly aided by the efforts of those public-spirited newspapers which serve the public well by a true portrayal of the facts and an unbiased printing of the news.

However, experience is the best teacher and results are the best evidence. As the essential outline of what has been done rises into view, I am confident that doubts and misapprehension will vanish. I am confident, further, that business as a whole will agree with you and with me that the interests of what we broadly term business are not in conflict with, but wholly in harmony with, mass interests.

I note what you say of the hostility emanating from "financial racketeers, public exploiters and sinister forces." Such criticism it is an honor to bear. A car with many cylinders can keep running in spite of plenty of carbon—but it knocks. When it is overhauled an important part of the job is the removal of that carbon.

In the large, the depression was the culmination of unhealthy, however innocent, arrangements in agriculture, in business and in finance. Our legislation was remedial, and as such, it would serve no purpose to make a doctrinaire effort to distinguish between that which was addressed to recovery and that which was addressed to reform. The two, in an effort toward sound and fundamental recovery, are inseparable. Our actions were in conformity with the basic economic purposes which were set forth three years ago.

As spokesman for these purposes I pointed out that it was necessary to seek a wise balance in American economic life, to restore our banking system to public confidence, to protect investors in the security market, to give labor freedom to organize and protection from exploitation, to safeguard and develop our national resources, to set up protection against the vicissitudes incident to old age and unemployment, to relieve destitution and suffering and to relieve investors and consumers from the burden of unnecessary corporate machinery. I do not believe that any responsible political party in the country will dare to go before the public in opposition to any of these major objectives.

Tax Program

The tax program of which you speak is based upon a broad and just social and economic purpose. Such a purpose, it goes without saying, is not to destroy wealth, but to create broader range of opportunity, to restrain the growth of unwholesome and sterile accumulations and to lay the burdens of government where they can best be carried. This law affects only those individual people who have incomes over \$50,000 a year, and individual estates of decedents who leave over \$40,000.

Moreover, it gives recognition to the generally accepted fact that larger corporations enjoying the advantages of size over smaller corporations possess relatively greater capacity to pay. Consequently the act changes the rate of tax on net earnings from a flat 13¾% to a differential ranging from 12½% to 15%. No reasonable person thinks that this is going to destroy competent corporations or impair business as a whole. Taxes on 95% of our corporations are actually reduced by the new tax law. A small excess profits tax is also provided as well as an intercorporate dividend tax,

which will have the wholesome effect of encouraging the simplification of overly complicated and wasteful intercorporate relationships.

Congress declined to broaden the tax because it was recognized that the tax base had already been broadened to a very considerable extent during the past five years. I am aware of the sound arguments advanced in favor of making every citizen pay an income tax, however small his income. England is cited as an example. But it should be recalled that despite complaints about higher taxes our interest payments on all public debts, including local governments, require only 3% of our national income as compared with 7% in England.

The broadening of our tax base in the past few years has been very real. What is known as consumers' taxes, namely the invisible taxes paid by people in every walk of life, fall relatively much more heavily upon the poor man than on the rich man. In 1929, consumers' taxes represented only 30% of the national revenue. To-day they are 60%, and even with the passage of the recent tax bill the proportion of these consumers' taxes will drop only 5%.

"Breathing Spell" Here

This administration came into power pledged to a very considerable legislative program. It found the condition of the country such as to require drastic and far-reaching action. Duty and necessity required us to move on a broad front for more than two years. It seemed to the Congress and to me better to achieve these objectives as expeditiously as possible in order that not only business but the public generally might know those modifications in the conditions and rules of economic enterprise which were involved in our program. This basic program, however, has now reached substantial completion and the "breathing spell" of which you speak is here—very decidedly so.

It is a source of great satisfaction that at this moment conditions are such as to offer further substantial and widespread recovery. Unemployment is still with us, but it is steadily diminishing and our efforts to meet its problems are unflagging. I do not claim the magician's wand. I do not claim that government alone is responsible for these definitely better circumstances. But we all know the very great effect of the saving of banks, of farms, of homes, the building of public works, the providing of relief for the destitute and many other direct government acts for the betterment of conditions. And we do claim that we have helped to restore that public confidence which now offers so substantial a foundation for our recovery. I take it that we are all not merely seeking but getting the recovery of confidence, not merely the confidence of a small group, but that basic confidence on the part of the mass of our population, in the soundness of our economic life and in the honesty and justice of the purposes of its economic rules and methods.

I like the last sentence of your letter, and I repeat it: "With all its faults and with the abuses it has developed, our system has in the past enabled us to achieve greater mass progress than has been attained by any other system on earth. Smoke out the sinister forces seeking to delude the public into believing that an orderly modernization of a system we want to preserve is revolution in disguise."

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

The following is the text of the letter addressed to the President by Mr. Howard under date of Aug. 26

My Dear Mr. President:

As an independent editor keenly interested in the objectives of the New Deal, I have been seeking reasons for the doubts and uncertainties of these business men who are skeptics, critics, and outright opponents of your program at a time when there is no commensurate dissatisfaction being evidenced by others of the electorate.

I do not accept it as a fact that the interests of what we broadly term business necessarily are in conflict with mass interests.

I expect to continue in support of your stated interpretation of American liberalism—notwithstanding my dissent and disagreement as to some details and some theories. Therefore, it is in a friendly, and I hope constructive, spirit that I attempt a few observations and opinions which I believe timely and pertinent. These represent, I believe, a composite of the most frequently expressed criticisms of your administration.

That certain elements of business have been growing more hostile to your administration is a fact too obvious to be classed as news. So long as this hostility emanated from financial racketeers, public exploiters and the sinister forces spawned by special privilege, it was of slight importance. No crook loves a cop. But any experienced reporter will tell you that throughout the country many business men who once gave you sincere support are now not merely hostile—they are frightened. Many of these men, whose patriotism and sense of public service will compare with that of any men in political life, have become convinced and sincerely believe:

That you fathered a tax bill that aims at revenge rather than revenue—revenge on business;

That the Administration has sidestepped broadening the tax base to the extent necessary to approximate the needs of the situation;

That there can be no real recovery until the fears of business have been allayed through the granting of a breathing spell to industry, and a recess from further experimentation until the country can recover its losses.

I know that you have repeatedly stated your position on sections of the Nation's problems, but as an editor I know also the necessity for repetition and reiteration. There is need to undo the damage that has been done by misinterpreters of the New Deal.

I know that you feel as I do—that with all its faults, and the abuses it has developed, our system has in the past enabled us to achieve greater mass progress than has been attained by any other system on earth. Smoke out the sinister forces seeking to delude the public into believing that an orderly modernization of a system we want to preserve is revolution in disguise.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

ROY W. HOWARD

President Roosevelt Declines Offer of Loan of \$1,000,000 by International Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers to Establish Railroad Retirement Board—Provision Therefor Had Been Made in Third Deficiency Bill, Which Failed of Enactment by Congress

On Aug. 30 President Roosevelt, in a telegram to President Robertson of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, expressed his "deep appreciation" of the Brotherhood's offer of a loan of \$1,000,000 to the Government to set up a new Railroad Retirement Board; the President, however, explained that the law governing Federal disbursements made it impossible to accept the "generous and patriotic offer." Provision for the Board is

made in the railroad pension bill, which became a law when President Roosevelt affixed his signature to the measure on Aug. 29. In the item referring to the approval of the bill in our Aug. 31 issue, page 1372, it was noted that the Third Deficiency bill, defeated in the last hours of Congress, carried an appropriation of \$600,000 for the administration of the Railroad Pension Act until March 1, when it becomes effective. The Brotherhood offered the loan of \$1,000,000 for one year. President Roosevelt's telegram of appreciation follows:

The White House, Washington, Aug. 30 1935.

D. B. Robertson, International President Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, Cleveland, Ohio:

I acknowledge and deeply appreciate your telegram of Aug. 29 proffering a loan of \$1,000,000 to the Government to initiate the program contemplated by the Railroad Retirement Act.

However, the laws governing the receipt and disbursement of public funds and the incurring of Government obligations preclude acceptance of your generous and patriotic suggestion. At the same time, I am sure you will be pleased to know that we hope to work out a plan which will cover all preliminaries necessary to begin the far-reaching activities authorized by the Act. I believe that Congress will promptly provide sufficient funds when it convenes in January next. Please accept and extend to your associates my thanks for your thoughtful telegram.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

President Roosevelt Sets Aside \$2,000,000 In Behalf of Farmers—Sum Made Available to RRA Out of \$4,000,000,000 Work Relief Fund

The sum of \$2,000,000 was set aside by President Roosevelt on Sept. 5 out of the \$4,000,000,000 work relief fund, making the money available to the Rural Resettlement Administration to defray the expenses of 15,000 volunteer workers operating in 45 States to bring debtors and creditors together. United Press advices from Washington, Sept. 5 said:

The allocation transferred the task from the old Farm Credit Administration, organized in 1933, to Rexford Guy Tugwell, whose job under the work relief program is to rehabilitate agriculture.

The FCA, according to Governor Wm. I. Myers, worked in every State except Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont. It saved some 150,000 farm homes from foreclosure, and probably kept 500,000 rural residents off Federal relief rolls.

Tugwell explained the "agreements" made under FCA "are now being terminated and foreclosures are becoming imminent." He pointed out that "improved price levels for agricultural commodities are making it more difficult to adjust farm debts in line with ability to pay."

Tugwell will continue paying salaries to regional debt adjustment specialists, but the bulk of the \$2,000,000 will go to pay "out-of-pocket" expenses of volunteer workers.

From a Washington dispatch Sept. 5 to the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following:

A joint letter signed by R. G. Tugwell, Resettlement Administrator, and William I. Myers, Governor of the FCA, and written to Frank C. Walker, director of the National Emergency Council, recommending the \$2,000,000 allocation, said in part:

"As pointed out to President Roosevelt in a memorandum dated April 25 1935, which was signed jointly by the National Grange and American Farm Bureau Federation, the emergency which required the activities of farm-debt voluntary conciliation or adjustment committees has not disappeared.

"If the activities of these County and State Committees should not be continued in the next twelve months' period many farm families who would be forced into foreclosure would then become relief cases. Already it is known that actually thousands of farmers have been prevented from going on relief by the voluntary debt adjustments effected by the State and County Committees."

President Roosevelt Signs Administration Tax Bill

The Administration tax bill was placed on the statute books on Aug. 30 when President Roosevelt affixed his signature (at 6 p. m.) to the measure. The final Congressional action on the bill was reported in these columns Aug. 24, page 1207. As noted in a dispatch Aug. 30 from Washington to the New York "Times," the tax bill approved by the President was a much different measure than the one he expected in the late spring when he sent a message to Congress suggesting the assessing of inheritance taxes, in addition to estate taxes; the raising of rates charged against very large incomes, and the division of rates on corporation incomes so that large corporations would pay higher rates than small ones. The dispatch added:

The bill finally reached him bereft of inheritance taxes which had been written into it by the House but thrown out by the Senate, and containing in their stead a new schedule of higher estate and gift taxes.

Higher surtaxes were decreed by Congress for incomes in excess of \$50,000 instead of those over \$1,000,000, as recommended by Mr. Roosevelt, and the bill was broadened to include half a dozen tax fields he had not mentioned in his message.

A section also was written into the bill to permit liquidation of certain classes of corporations without the showing of gains or losses for taxation purposes. This was interpreted as encouragement to utility holding companies to divest themselves of subsidiaries in advance of the time three years hence when many such dissolutions must take place under the terms of the Utilities Holding Company Act.

Under the wealth tax bill signed by the President, the new and higher levies on estates, estimated to bring in \$80,000,000 a year, became effective immediately, said Associated Press accounts from Washington Aug. 30, which likewise said:

Gift levies become effective Jan. 1 1936; the rates on individual income, corporation income, intercorporate dividends and personal holding companies, the first full taxable year, in most instances the year beginning Jan. 1; excess profits, the first full taxable year ending after June 30 1936; capital stock, the year ending June 30 1936.

Bills Vetoed by President Roosevelt—Bonuses to Soldiers in Philippines in Spanish-American War and One Granting Pensions to Certain Civil War Veterans Among Measures Disapproved—One Would Have Reimbursed Farmers for Losses on Cotton Burned Prior to Completion of Arrangements for Loan by CCC

Since the adjournment of Congress on Aug. 26, President Roosevelt has vetoed a number of bills, most of them of a minor nature, these including one which would have given bonuses to the 15,000 soldiers who were in the Philippines at the conclusion of the Spanish-American War. In vetoing this bill on Sept. 2 the President said:

The Comptroller-General, in his report of Feb. 23 1935, advises that the enactment of this bill would authorize payment of travel pay at the rate of one day's pay and one ration for each 20 miles, inclusive of the distance by water from the Philippine Islands to San Francisco, approximately 8,000 miles; and that such payments for the water travel alone will exceed one year's pay plus one day's ration for each day of such period. It is estimated the cost of the legislation will approximate \$7,000,000.

Such payments, the President added (we quote from a dispatch from Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 2 to the New York "Times"), would constitute "a benefit utterly without war rank," in view of the fact that the men concerned were given appropriate pay and allowances for the travel incurred, that to all were awarded bonuses of two months' pay in recognition of their service in the Islands, and that all payments to pensioners of the Spanish-American War have been restored to their full rate.

Other bills vetoed by the President on the same date (Sept. 2), according to the "Times" dispatch, included four which would have conferred special benefits on individual former soldiers, a practice that the President has strongly opposed in previous veto messages to Congress. The President also vetoed on Sept. 2 House Resolution 512, which (said Washington advices to the New York "Herald Tribune") would have reimbursed 25 cotton producers to the extent of \$3,078.40 for cotton destroyed in a warehouse fire while they were seeking a Government loan.

On Sept. 3 President Roosevelt vetoed seven additional measures, as to which we quote the following from Hyde Park (N. Y.) advices to the New York "Herald Tribune":

The President's Vetoes

The bills vetoed were:

House Resolution 8426, which would have granted pensions to 20 Civil War veterans, of whom 19 were members of irregular State military organizations which were never mustered into the military service of the United States and one was a veteran who had been dropped from the pension rolls after the War Department disclosed that his first period of service had not been honorably terminated.

House Resolution 8425, which would have granted pensions to 184 helpless children of Civil War veterans and increased the pensions of six other such children. The ages of the children ranged from 19 to 85, but most of them were more than 16 at the time of the veterans' deaths and thus were not entitled to regular pensions.

Pension Increases Vetoed

House Resolution 8424, which would have increased the pensions of 516 disabled widows of Civil War veterans.

House Resolution 8423, which would have increased the pensions of 33 disabled remarried widows of Civil War veterans.

House Resolution 8422, which would have granted pensions to 32 former widows of Civil War veterans who are not covered by general pension legislation, in most cases because they did not marry the veterans until after June 27 1905.

House Resolution 8421, which would have granted pensions to 463 widows of Civil War veterans, most of whom are ineligible under existing law because they did not marry the veterans prior to June 27 1905.

Senate Joint Resolution 168, authorizing the President to invite the States and foreign countries to participate in the International Petroleum Exposition at Tulsa, Okla., in May 1936. Vetoed because Congress ignored the request of the Treasury Department that, in accordance with the usual practice, the Treasury be reimbursed for the necessary expense incurred by the customs service in connection with the entry and custody of articles for which a special exemption from duty was authorized by the bill.

Next Session of Congress in View of Speaker Byrns Will Be Devoted Mainly to Supply and Minor Bills

The bulk of controversial legislation was acted upon in the last session of Congress, and the coming session preceding the National conventions will be devoted to the supply bills and minor legislation, in the view of Speaker Byrns. The views of Speaker Byrns were indicated on Sept. 4 before his departure from Washington for his home in Nashville, where he will rest until he joins the Congressional party going to the Philippines on Oct. 15. The foregoing is from a Washington account to the New York "Times," which went on to say:

The Speaker and other Congressional leaders, while confident that the Administration will not offer any excessively controversial measures or new bills dealing with economic and recovery problems, fear, however, that the immediate cash payment of the bonus will come before the next Congress. This legislation has gained much support recently among members of Congress, and some leaders believe that the demand will be so strong next year as to compel Congress to surrender to the veterans. The opinion prevails that the sentiment might be so strong for immediate payment of the bonus that it would be passed over the expected veto of the President, if he should follow his opposition indicated in his last veto message.

Speaker Byrns expressed the hope that if the bonus legislation was passed it would provide for the payment out of revenues and not through expansion of the currency by inflationary methods. Those demanding inflation intend to use the bonus legislation to force this action with the currency and there are many advocates of such a plan in Congress.

"This has been the hardest worked Congress in history, notwithstanding the World War period," Speaker Byrns said. "I hope and believe that the next session will be much briefer. I think that we should not attempt to enact much more legislation with the elections coming in 1936."

"Of course, you can never tell what will turn up by next January," he added. "It is my personal belief, however, that we have enacted sufficient legislation already and this should be given time to take hold before starting new work."

The Speaker thought that the next session, if devoted entirely to routine matters, should end some time in April.

President Roosevelt Leaves Washington for Hyde Park, N. Y., Following Adjournment of Congress—Plans for Western Trip Reported Indefinite

Following the adjournment of Congress on Aug. 26, President Roosevelt left Washington for his mother's home at Hyde Park, N. Y., arriving there on Sept. 1. Later the President is scheduled to make a Western trip, visiting the Pacific Exposition at San Diego, Cal. As to his proposed trip we quote the following from Washington advices Aug. 31 to the New York "Times":

The White House and the President have conceded thus far only that he plans to speak at Boulder Dam and at San Diego, but he is reported to be considering making a number of speeches on his trip westward.

There have been persistent reports that he would speak in Little Rock in behalf of Senator Robinson, the majority leader, and he is tentatively scheduled to deliver another talk by radio from Uvalde, Texas, the home of Vice-President Garner.

As the President prepared to leave Washington to-night both the length of his stay at Hyde Park and the actual date of his departure on the Western trip were uncertain, partly because of lack of definite plans and partly because of doubt as to when the White House would be habitable again.

President's Plans Indefinite

Within a few hours after Mr. Roosevelt's departure the electric current and water supplies of the Executive Mansion were to be cut off to permit renovating work, that had been long delayed awaiting a time when the house would be unoccupied. Engineers believed that the work would require three weeks and possibly longer.

Accordingly, President Roosevelt was uncertain whether he would make a previously announced radio address on Sept. 23, in connection with the conference on Mobilization for Human Needs, from the White House or from Hyde Park. It was equally uncertain whether he could return here and take up residence again before departing on the Western trip.

While the President has reiterated that his plans for the Western trip are indefinite, it is understood that he has promised to arrive at San Diego before the end of September, which would indicate the need of departing from the East by about Sept. 25 at latest, since he has expressed a desire to visit some of the National parks en route to Boulder Dam and San Diego.

If there is to be a speech-making tour, this will require more time. Mr. Roosevelt's plans for returning home from San Diego may not be made until he embarks on the trip westward, as he cherishes a hope that circumstances will permit him to go aboard a cruiser there for a voyage homeward to Washington via the Panama Canal.

House Group to Sail for Honolulu to Hold Hearings on Question of Making Hawaii 49th State

Committee of eight members of the House of Representatives will sail Sept. 27 for Honolulu to hold public hearings on making the Territory of Hawaii the 49th State of the Union. As to this Associated Press advices from Washington said:

Samuel W. King, Hawaiian delegate, to-day called together a House Territories subcommittee, which held hearings on Hawaiian and Puerto Rican statehood two months ago in Washington, and announced plans for departure.

Mr. King said the committee would spend about 16 days in the mid-Pacific island, visiting at least three of the largest in the group and inviting Hawaiian legislators, business men, land-owners, farmers and others to express their views on joining the Union.

Members of the subcommittee who will go to Hawaii are Representatives Cannon of Wisconsin, Dempsey of New Mexico, Nichols of Oklahoma, Blackney of Michigan, Parsons of Illinois, Mott of Oregon, Lunden of Minnesota and Mr. King.

Puerto Rico Bill in House Failed of Two-thirds Vote for Reconstruction Program

Last-minute intercession from the White House failed on Aug. 24 to obtain passage through Congress of the important Tydings-Kocjalkowski revolving fund bill for the Puerto Rican Reconstruction Administration. Reporting this Associated Press accounts from Washington added:

The measure was brought up for consideration in the rush of House business and defeated for lack of sufficient votes to carry a two-thirds majority. The count was 167 for the bill and 98 against, nine votes under the necessary number.

The measure, creating a more or less permanent disbursement unit for the \$40,000,000 appropriated out of work relief money for a five-year rehabilitation program in Puerto Rico, was brought up under suspension of the rules, which requires a two-thirds favorable vote for passing a measure.

Senate Committee Investigating Utility Lobbying Activities Adjourns for Several Weeks—H. C. Hopson Among Principal Witnesses at Final Hearings—W. B. S. Winans Testifies on Cities Service Expenditures

The Senate Committee which has been investigating lobbying activities incident to utility legislation in Congress adjourned temporarily on Aug. 24. Senator Black, Chairman of the committee, announced that it would resume its investigations after a few weeks' rest, and that in the meantime representatives of the committee would continue checking the files of companies which opposed the passage of the utility holding company bill. A recent reference to the committee's inquiry appeared in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 17, page 1031.

Harold C. Hopson, head of the Associated Gas & Electric Company, continued as the principal witness at the final committee hearings before adjournment. Mr. Hopson according to press accounts admitted before the committee on Aug. 20 that the company had claimed losses in its income tax returns for the years 1925 to 1932, inclusive, while reporting operating profits to stockholders. A dispatch of Aug. 20 to the New York "Times" from Washington outlined this testimony in part as follows:

Chairman Black of the Senate Lobby Committee, reading from Internal Revenue Bureau records to-day, brought out the reports of losses, and then compelled Mr. Hopson to admit that reports to stockholders had told of substantial profits.

The witness explained that reports to stockholders showed only operating profits, whereas the income tax returns included capital losses as well.

Mr. Hopson confirmed earlier testimony that from 1929 to 1933, while the A. G. E. was paying no dividends, his personally owned companies serving the A. G. E. system were netting him profits totaling \$3,187,064. . . .

Mr. Hopson told Senator Black that the 198 subsidiaries made their income tax returns to the parent company, which the latter accounted for on its own return. This method, he declared, was a common corporate practice and entirely legal.

Committee Warns the Witness

The committee had been in executive session to discuss Mr. Hopson's beligerent attitude yesterday. So far, the committee has been unanimous in all decisions, and to-day was no exception.

"Mr. Hopson, I have a statement I am going to read into the record," said Senator Black. "It is the statement of every member of this committee and it means just what it says."

"This committee," the statement read, "has been very patient with the witness H. C. Hopson. It has not yet pressed the charges of contempt which are pending before the Senate. It has during four sessions afforded him great latitude in the answering of its questions.

"The committee is determined that it will no longer permit the practice of this witness of evading questions by making speeches or criticism of the committee, or by asking other questions, or by going far beyond the scope of the question in the answer, and by continuing to talk after he is called to order.

"The committee is interested in ascertaining facts on specific questions and intends to limit this witness to answering questions with facts."

The principal witness before the committee on Aug. 21 was William B. S. Winans, Comptroller of Cities Service Co. United Press Washington advices of that date noted his testimony as follows:

Mr. Winans emphasized repeatedly that his organization was willing to cooperate at all times with the committee.

"You will not have to subpoena any officials of the company or its records necessary for your investigation," . . . Mr. Winans said.

Mr. Winans was asked about a form letter sent out to all company employees and various forms of letters which might be used in protesting enactment of the Wheeler-Rayburn bill. The witness said he knew of no such letter and seemed surprised when Senator Black handed him a copy of one.

One of the letters protested that the bill would destroy every investment in public securities.

Senate Inquiry into Government's Silver Purchase Plan to Begin Shortly

Hearings will get under way in the next two or three weeks in the special investigation by the Pittman Committee of the Senate on the Government's silver purchase program and its effect on economic conditions in silver-using countries, it was stated on Sept. 4, according to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," who added:

The inquiry was ordered by the Senate shortly before the close of the last session. Meetings of the Committee will be held in the Western States for the convenience of the members, each of whom comes from that section of the country.

Experts selected to aid the Committee are now preparing the groundwork for the inquiry and examining data supplied by the Treasury and Commerce Departments relative to the effect of the purchase program both here and abroad. It is expected that the Committee will be ready to report back to the Senate shortly after the next session begins in January.

Increased Compensation to Spanish War Veterans—New Pension Checks to 210,000, Including Dependents

In a Washington dispatch Aug. 28 to the New York "Times" it was stated that increased compensation checks would be sent out Sept. 1 by the Veterans' Administration to about 210,000 Spanish-American War veterans and their dependents as the result of Congressional action in restoring these claimants to the benefits they enjoyed previous to the passage of the Economy Act of 1933. The advices added:

Meanwhile 15,000 other beneficiaries dropped by the Economy Act, will be restored to previous allowances as fast as the Veterans' Administration can re-examine their claims.

These 15,000 veterans either suffered from disabilities not incurred in service, had private incomes prohibited by the Economy Act, or reported disabilities in lesser degree than the minimum required to obtain compensation.

This class is confined to actual veterans and not dependents. The Veterans' Administration order restoring full benefits to the 210,000 veterans and dependents also ordered a rapid and orderly adjudication of these claims.

About \$45,000,000 will be the annual cost of the increase approved by Congress and signed by President Roosevelt on Aug. 13, Administration spokesmen have estimated.

The 210,000 veterans and dependents will receive a 25% increase in the next checks sent out, while the 15,000 completely severed from the beneficiary rolls by passage of the Economy Act will be returned to the same status they held at that time.

The increase will apply from the date the President signed the measure. General Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, has appealed to the veterans affected by the restoration measure not to apply to Wash-

ington for individual action in their respective cases. They will be automatically returned to full benefits and receipt of large numbers of requests will only clutter up the machinery in the headquarters here, he explained.

The following table shows how dependents of the veterans will benefit through restoration of full benefits:

Class—	Widows	
	(Per Month)	
	Present Pension	Full Pension
Widow	\$22.50	\$30.00
Widow with one child	27.00	36.00
Widow with two children	31.50	42.00
Widow with three children	36.00	48.00
Widow with four children	40.50	54.00
Widow with five children	45.00	60.00
Widow with six children	49.50	66.00
Widow with seven children	54.00	72.00
Children		
One child	\$27.00	\$36.00
Two children (each)	15.75	21.00
Three children (each)	12.00	16.00
Four children (each)	10.12	13.50
Five children (each)	9.00	12.00
Six children (each)	8.25	11.00
Seven children (each)	7.71	10.28

Stockholders of Central Republic Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago Question Legality of RFC Loans—Action Criticized by Corporation—Two Chicago Law Firms Deny Charges of Chairman Jones

A suit filed recently in the Federal District Court at Chicago contesting the legality of the \$90,000,000 loans advanced in 1932 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the Central Republic Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, of which General Charles G. Dawes was former Chairman of the Board, was criticized on Sept. 3 by Jesse H. Jones, Chairman of the RFC. The suit was filed by a group of stockholders of the bank, it was disclosed Aug. 29, and was brought counter to an action by the RFC to collect \$14,000,000 from the stockholders to make up an alleged deficiency in repayment of the loans, of which approximately \$50,000,000 are still outstanding. The group was headed by John A. Lynch, who was Chairman of the Board of the National Republic Bank & Trust Co. prior to its consolidation with the Central Republic Bank & Trust Co. after which he became a director and Vice-Chairman of the latter institution.

As to the action of the group of stockholders, the Chicago "Tribune" of Aug. 30 said:

In their defense against the Government suit, Mr. Lynch and the other stockholders contend the advance of the last \$50,000,000 made to the bank in October 1932 was a violation of the amendment to the RFC Act which prohibited loans to financial institutions any of whose officers had served as directors of the RFC during the preceding 12 months.

Mr. Charles G. Dawes was Chairman and a director of the bank during most of 1932 and until May of that year was a director of the RFC. The stockholders assert Mr. Dawes resigned as an officer of the bank on Oct. 5, the day prior to the execution of the \$50,000,000 RFC note. The \$40,000,000 loaned to the bank earlier in the year had been approved before Congress adopted the RFC amendment.

Question Mr. Dawes' Resignation

"The act of Charles G. Dawes," the stockholders assert, "in resigning as a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Republic Bank & Trust Co. and as an officer after completion of all arrangements toward the making of the loan of \$50,000,000 was ineffective to avoid the prohibition cited."

The answer was made on behalf of 28 stockholders of whom Mr. Lynch, with 3,553 shares, is the largest. All the defendants before the Central-Republic merger were stockholders in the Republic bank. Attorney Don M. Peebles filed the answer to the RFC suit on behalf of this group of stockholders.

An echo of the hectic days which preceded that merger is contained in one section of their plea. They assert while they did not oppose the merger with the Central Trust it was brought about by a misunderstanding of actual conditions.

A similar suit to the one brought in the Chicago court was filed in Federal Court at New York on Aug. 28 by Priscilla Alden Briggs and Joseph A. Baer, as trustees of the Helen Cecile Bear trust fund. The suit charged that the loans were contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Illinois, and contended, as in the Chicago suit, that the Government could not recover the \$50,000,000 loan because of a provision in an amendment to the RFC Act that no loans should be approved for any financial institution that included among its officers or directors any one who had been an RFC director within 12 months.

In his criticism of the suit filed in the Federal District Court at Chicago, Chairman Jones said that "there appears to be a difference between getting money from the Government and paying it back." Mr. Jones said that two of four Chicago law firms, which had given the RFC written opinions respecting stockholders' liability before the loans were granted, "now take the position that the stockholders' liability is not enforceable," and are acting as counsel for some of the stockholders. The following are Mr. Jones' remarks made at Washington under date of Sept 3:

John A. Lynch, a stockholder, director and Vice-Chairman of the Central Republic Bank & Trust Co., now resisting his liability as a stockholder, was one of the directors of the Central Republic Bank & Trust Co. who signed the resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing application for the \$95,000,000 loan—\$90,000,000 of which was taken by the RFC and \$5,000,000 by other Chicago banks. The resolution certified that, in the opinion of the directors who signed it, including Mr. Lynch, the collateral offered (\$118,000,000 face, or book value) was full and adequate security for the repayment of the loan.

In addition to the collateral specifically pledged to secure the loan, the RFC relied upon the stockholders' liability. We secured the written opinion of four well-known law firms of Chicago respecting the stockholders' liability. The capital stock of the bank was \$14,000,000.

These opinions were given the RFC prior to disbursement of the last \$50,000,000 of the loan, and after the legislation had been enacted to which Mr. Lynch referred in his pleadings. The opinions are in writing and were by Messrs. Pam & Hurd, Messrs. Cassels, Potter & Bentley, Messrs. Mayer, Meyer, Austrian & Platt and Messrs. Winston, Strawn & Shaw.

Sec. 6 of Article XI of the Illinois Constitution reads as follows:

Every stockholder in a banking corporation or institution shall be individually responsible and liable to its creditors, over and above the amount of stock by him or her held, to an amount equal to his or her respective shares so held, for all its liabilities accruing while he or she remains such stockholder.

While it is never pleasant to sue people, especially for a double liability on bank stock when they have already lost their original investment, nevertheless when it became obvious that the assets of the bank would not liquidate for enough to pay its debts to the Corporation, our Board had no other choice than to start action against the stockholders.

Some stockholders are resisting payment of their liability, and some of these are represented by two of the firms that had previously given us their opinions on the stockholders' liability. These firms are Messrs. Pam & Hurd and Messrs. Winston, Strawn & Shaw.

Notwithstanding their previous written opinions, given to the RFC prior to disbursement of the last \$50,000,000 of the loan and upon which the RFC relied, these two law firms now take the position that the stockholders' liability is not enforceable.

There appears to be a difference between getting money from the Government and paying it back.

The law firms of Pam & Hurd and Winston, Strawn & Shaw denied the allegations of Chairman Jones on the following day (Sept. 4). In reporting this action, advices from Chicago, Sept. 4, to the New York "Times" of Sept 5 stated:

Silas H. Strawn, former President of the United States Chamber of Commerce and a partner in one of the firms, declared that Mr. Jones evidently did not have the facts before him. Harry B. Hurd denied his firm at any time represented the RFC in the matter referred to by Mr. Jones.

Consistency Is Contended

"We have conducted extensive negotiations with the RFC and its Counsel, and in the course of such negotiations expressed our views as to certain legal problems involved," Mr. Hurd declared. "Nothing which we have done in the pending stockholders' liability suit is in the slightest degree inconsistent with our previous expressions.

"In fact, we have taken no active part in this suit and have confined our conduct to such formal steps as were necessary to place a few stockholders, whom we have long represented, in such a position that they will not be at an unfair advantage if claims made by other defendants, represented by more than 100 different lawyers, should prevail."

Mr. Strawn said that at the time of the sale of the assets of the Central Republic to the new bank, City National Bank & Trust Co., which took place after the loan was made by the RFC to Central Republic, his firm's opinion was asked as to whether the proposed transfer of assets would affect the right of the RFC to pursue stockholders on their liability, if any.

"Our opinion was not asked or given as to the question of the existence or non-existence of any such stockholders' double liability," he said.

Denies Advising RFC

"Neither in that opinion nor at any other time did we advise the RFC that double stock liability of the stockholders of Central Republic existed or could be collected. All we said was that knowledge of the RFC of the arrangement between the two banks did not prejudice whatever legal rights the RFC might have against stockholders.

"We are not taking any position in the present controversy which is contrary to or inconsistent with the opinion heretofore given the RFC."

The stockholders of the bank recently attempted in Federal District Court at Chicago to have the suit of the RFC dismissed. This motion was overruled on Aug. 13 by Judge James H. Wilkerson at which time he gave the stockholders until Sept. 9 to file objections to his ruling. However, on Sept. 3, Judge Wilkerson extended this time until Oct. 1. Judge Wilkerson's ruling of Aug. 13 was referred to in our issue of Aug. 17, page 1030.

Foreign Policy Association Urges Immediate Provisional Stabilization of Dollar, Pound and Franc as Prelude to Restoration of Gold Standard

The immediate provisional stabilization limited to the dollar, the pound sterling and the franc, is urged in a report prepared by John C. de Wilde, of the staff of the Foreign Policy Association. The report, which declares that economic recovery throughout the world is retarded by chaotic monetary conditions, recommended a period of provisional currency stabilization as a prelude to restoration of the gold standard. The report said:

During this time it would be possible to ascertain whether the conditions essential to proper functioning of the gold standard could be realized. There would be also an opportunity to test the feasibility of the new exchange rates and to alter them after a certain period, should that prove necessary.

The proposed trial stabilization agreement would probably best be confined to the dollar, sterling and the franc, and the other currencies left free to adjust themselves accordingly. Possibly, however, France might wish some assurance regarding the future course of the German mark and the United States some commitment as to the exchange value of the Japanese yen.

The re-establishment of international monetary stability is unlikely to be permanent unless the governments of the world are prepared to observe the conditions essential to proper operation of the gold standard. They must be willing to abandon efforts to achieve economic isolation and permit reasonably free movement of goods and capital.

They should watch closely the balance of international payments and correct by timely intervention any fundamental disequilibria that may give rise to large transfers of gold. Closer supervision should probably be established over foreign investments, particularly the movement of short-term funds. Above all, the central banks should keep closely in touch with each other. Probably the Bank for International Settlements offers the best possible agency for such collaboration.

A Washington dispatch Sept. 1 also quoted the report as saying:

Whatever benefits have accrued to individual countries from devaluation and depreciation of their currencies has been obtained at the expense of

the nations still clinging to the gold standard, the report declared. The gold-bloc countries have had to resort to drastic deflation, in the face of the almost universal depreciation, but have not thus far "deflated with sufficient ruthlessness to bring their cost and price levels into harmony with those of countries whose currencies have depreciated," the report said.

Quotas and exchange restrictions are the usual defense mechanisms against the dumping constantly feared by nations with high-value currencies, according to the report. He found that 31 countries have exchange restrictions of various sorts, which have been used in negotiating clearing and barter arrangements, "the effect of which has been to promote the bilateral canalization of international trade and curtail the volume of triangular and multilateral trade which has in the past enabled the world to profit from the greatest possible division of labor."

Powers of Board Under Wagner National Labor Relations Act Limited to Unfair Labor Practices Affecting Inter-State Commerce, According to J. W. Madden, Chairman

In speaking from Washington, on Sept. 1, over a Columbia Broadcasting System network, J. Warren Madden, Chairman of the new National Labor Relations Board, declared that the new law creating the Board was "planted squarely" on the Constitution "as interpreted by the Congress and the courts." Continuing, he said:

The Board's powers are expressly limited to the prevention of unfair labor practices "affecting commerce," and "commerce" is expressly defined as inter-State or foreign commerce, except as to territories and the District of Columbia.

The consequence of these limitations set by the Constitution upon the powers of Congress, and by the terms of the Act itself, is that the powers of the Board will not apply to a number of situations where there are unfair labor practices but where those practices do not affect nor tend to create a situation which will affect the free flow of commerce.

Recognizing the limitations placed by the Constitution on Federal powers, Mr. Madden, according to Washington advices, Sept. 1, to the New York "Herald Tribune," emphasized the need for defining the boundary of its operations. He pointed out that the new Act, which was passed to replace the system virtually knocked out by the Supreme Court's decision holding the National Industrial Recovery Act unconstitutional, does not enable the Board to deal with all conditions which cause labor troubles. These considerations are being given major consideration in the task of devising the new administrative machinery, he indicated, disclosing that the Federal Trade Commission's long-established procedure was being used as a model by the new agency. The "Herald Tribune" advices also said, in part:

The statute, he said, does not stop with declaring the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively, but "recognizes that in the past, certain employers have not permitted their employees to enjoy this right, but have, by a variety of means, prevented them from doing so" and specifies some of these means as "unfair labor practices."

Aimed at Bargaining Violations

"The Act is by no means directed at all the conditions which cause labor trouble. It is aimed merely at those practices which involve a violation of the rights of self-organization and collective bargaining. It does not suppose that every time a group of employers makes a choice of a representative, that choice will be a perfect choice, or that representative will wisely and honestly represent the group. All that it assumes is what we assume in our American political system, that by and large and in most instances, representatives chosen by a majority will be truly representative and that we have discovered no other device which gives promise of working more perfectly than that."

Declaring that the Act assumes, as the American system of government assumes, that the representatives chosen by the majority of the employees "will be truly representative and that we have discovered no device which gives promise of working more perfectly than that," Mr. Madden, according to the Washington advices, Sept. 1, to the New York "Times," said:

"It has happened, and will happen again, that strong labor organizations have demanded more than their employers could allow, and that damage to both parties and the public has resulted. It has happened that strong employers, dealing with employees, individually or with a weak organization, have imposed wages, hours or conditions damaging to the workers, the community and, indirectly, to the employers themselves.

"The Act contemplates a process of bargaining between parties of more nearly equal strength, trained in moderation by the exercise of the practices of democracy, which should, in the generality of cases, result in a moderate bargain, fair to the parties and beneficial to the public."

The enactment of the Wagner labor disputes law was noted in these columns July 6, pages 44 and 48.

Secretary of Labor Perkins Declares Responsibility for Obtaining Maximum Benefits for Workmen Under Social Security Act Rests with States—Labor Department's Five-Point Program

The responsibility for obtaining the maximum benefits for American workmen in the field of unemployment insurance under the provisions of the Social Security Act rests with the States, Miss Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, said in an address at Boston on Sept. 2 marking the forty-eighth anniversary of Labor Day. We quote from a Boston dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune," which stated that in addition to this emphasis placed upon the duty of the States, made in the course of a detailed discussion of the new social security legislation, Miss Perkins also announced a five-point program to which she said the Department of Labor is dedicated in fostering the welfare of American wage earners. The program outlined by Miss Perkins, who spoke over a Columbia Broadcasting System network, was given as follows in the dispatch:

1. The establishment of minimum basic standards for labor below which competition should not be permitted to force standards of health, wages or hours.
2. The making of arrangements which will make possible peaceful settlement of controversies and relieve labor of the necessity of resorting to strikes in order to secure equitable conditions and the right to be heard.
3. Through legislation and co-operation between employers and workers to make every job the best that the human mind can devise as to physical conditions, human relations and wages.
4. The encouragement of such organization and development of wage earners as will give status and stability to labor as a recognized important group of citizens having a contribution to make to economic and political thought and to the cultural life of the community.
5. The encouragement of mutuality between labor and employers in the improvement of production and in the development in both groups of a philosophy of self-government in the public interest. If labor's rights are defined by law and government, then certain obligations will, of course, be expected of wage earners, and it is for the public interest that those obligations should be defined by labor itself and such discipline as is necessary should be self-imposed and not imposed from without. This is the basis of all professional codes of ethics in modern society.

The dispatch quoted Miss Perkins as saying:

Let us hope that at least a part of this program becomes effective between now and another Labor Day in the interest of wage earners, employers and investors.

While the different State laws on unemployment insurance must make all contributions compulsory, the States, in addition to deciding how these contributions shall be levied, have freedom in determining their own waiting periods, benefit rates, maximum benefit periods and the like. Care should be taken that these laws do not contain benefit provisions in excess of collections. While unemployment varies greatly in different States, there is no certainty that States which have had less normal unemployment heretofore will in the future have a more favorable experience than the average for the country.

Administrative Expenditures of Seven Federal Agencies Brought by President Roosevelt Under Supervision of Budget Bureau

Under an Executive order signed by President Roosevelt on Sept. 4 the Administrative expenditures of seven additional special agencies of the Government were brought under the supervision of the Budget Bureau. The correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," in advices from Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 4, noted that this makes a total of 20 emergency and other special agencies outside the established departments which the President has ordered brought under Budget Bureau supervision. From the same advices we quote:

The President made it plain that he expects substantial reductions in personnel in a number of these agencies now that they have passed the peak of their activity, and that he expects the Budget Bureau to do a thorough job of eliminating overlapping activities.

Coincidentally with this announcement, made by the President at his regular press conference the White House offices at Hyde Park, the President's summer home, issued the following explanatory statement, according to the correspondent of the New York "Sun":

Under the terms of an Executive order signed to-day, seven additional agencies, with operations which do not come under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1931, are requested to submit to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget estimates covering expenditures for administrative purposes. These seven agencies are:

- The Agricultural Adjustment Administration.
- The Commodity Credit Corporation.
- The Federal Co-ordinator of Transportation.
- The Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works.
- The Federal Emergency Relief Administration.
- The National Recovery Administration.
- The Tennessee Valley Authority.

These agencies are requested not to incur, from and after Oct. 15 1935, any obligation for administrative expenses unless estimates for such expenditures have been approved by the Director of the Budget.

Amends Original Order

The Executive order issued to-day is an amendment of the original order issued Aug. 5. The original order referred to:

- The Federal Home Loan Bank Board.
- The Home Owners Loan Corporation.
- The Federal Savings and Loan System.
- The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.
- The Federal Housing Administration.
- The Farm Credit Administration.
- The Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation.

It requested these agencies not to incur obligations or administrative expenses, from and after Sept. 15, without prior approval by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The original order was amended by an Executive order signed Aug. 19. The order of Aug. 19 referred to:

- The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- The Federal Surplus Relief Administration.
- The Export-Import Bank of Washington, D. C.
- The Second Export-Import Bank of Washington, D. C.
- The Reconstruction Finance Corporation.
- The Electric Home and Farm Authority.

It made the terms of the original order applicable to these additional agencies, except that Oct. 1 was named as the date from and after which obligations should not be incurred for administrative expenses by the agencies named in this order without approval by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

To-day's order, therefore, represents a second amendment of the original order. It brings to a total of 20 the agencies brought under the budget by the three orders.

As to the President's order the New York "Times" advices from Hyde Park said:

To Merge Credit Agencies

He said to-day that the emergency agencies would have to cut their staffs soon, as the emergency phases of their work has for the most part been

completed and they now are becoming principally administrative agencies.

As one example, he cited the Home Owners Loan Corporation, which has completed receiving applications and hereafter will act more as a management corporation conserving the loans that have been made.

The National Recovery Administration, he added, has cut its staff from 4,900 to 3,300 persons and the personnel must be cut more deeply.

With the peak of the emergency passed, he went on, credit agencies also will probably be consolidated. As evidence of the passing of the credit emergency, the President cited work by the Government which, he said, has saved probably 1,000,000 homes for their owners, 1,000,000 farms on which mortgages otherwise would have been foreclosed and some 7,000 banks which otherwise would have been forced to close their doors.

The previous Executive orders were referred to in our issues of Aug. 10, page 843 and Aug. 24, page 1204.

Co-incidentally with this announcement, made by the President at his regular press conference at Hyde Park, the President's mother's home, issued the following explanatory statement, according to the correspondent of the New York "Sun".

Senator Thomas in Letter to President Roosevelt Declares that Demand of Cotton and Wheat Farmers Can Be Met by Further Cheapening of Dollar—Expects Administration's Silver Purchase Act to Become Major Issue of Next Congress

Plans of Senator Elmer Thomas (Dem.) of Oklahoma to study the silver issue first hand in Mexico and probably in Canada during the Congressional recess were made known by him on Aug. 26, at which time he addressed a letter to President Roosevelt urging higher prices for cotton and wheat farmers through the further cheapening of the dollar. In his letter Senator Thomas said:

The controversy in Congress must be interpreted as a demand for a higher price level to producers to enable them to live.

The demand of cotton and wheat farmers for higher prices can be met by raising the general price level by a further cheapening of the dollar.

This may be accomplished by a further devaluation of the gold content of the dollar, or by a wider use of silver, or by the expansion of the currency through the exercise of powers already in your hands.

According to United Press accounts from Washington Aug. 30 Senator Thomas threatened to desert the silver bloc in favor of a managed currency. We also quote in part from the dispatch:

"I'm rapidly drifting to the managed currency idea," he said. "If the Government doesn't proceed rapidly with its silver program, I'm going to switch."

Mr. Thomas said he expected to make his decision before the next session of Congress, convening in January. He expects the Treasury's administration of the 1934 Silver Purchase Act to become a major issue of that Congress.

This view was substantiated to-day in vigorous activity of Congressmen interested in silver. While two Senate committees pushed separate investigations the House Ways and Means Committee defended Treasury administration of the Silver Purchase Act.

Federal Court in New York Dismisses Suits for Temporary Injunction to Restrain Collection of Processing Taxes Under AAA

In dismissing, on Sept. 5, petitions for temporary injunctions brought by eight corporations to restrain the Federal Government from collecting processing taxes under the Agricultural Adjustment Act, Federal Judge Robert P. Patterson, in New York, held that the suits had been improperly filed. From the New York "Times" of Sept. 6 we quote:

The plaintiff, he decided, should pay the disputed taxes to the Collector of Internal Revenue and then bring suit to recover the amount of the levies.

If this course were pursued, the court pointed out, the corporations could then raise the question of whether or not the AAA, under provisions of which the taxes are levied, is constitutional.

In refusing injunctive relief and in dismissing the suits, the court pointed out that Section 3224 of the Revised Statutes provides that "no suit for the purpose of restraining the assessment of any tax shall be maintained in any court."

The plaintiffs had sought the relief on the contention that the AAA was unconstitutional, but Judge Patterson noted in his opinion that he need not consider that issue.

"I am of the opinion," he wrote, "that a case for preliminary injunctions has not been shown."

"If it [the Act] is unconstitutional, as the plaintiff says it is, it is still true that relief by way of injunction against the collectors is not a remedy open to those against whom the tax is imposed. It is for them to pay the tax and take proceedings to recover what they have paid, in which proceeding they may take issue with the Government as to the constitutionality of the statute imposing the tax."

David W. Peck, attorney who represented the plaintiffs, had asserted that a recent Act of Congress requiring claimants for reimbursement to prove that they had not passed the tax on to their customers would impose an impossible condition. The court dissented to this.

The plaintiffs included Henrietta Mills, Beaver Mills, Martel Mills Corp., Clyde Fabrics, Inc., the Panipous Co., P. Emil Klein Cigar Co., Borden Mills, Inc., and E. Regensburg & Sons.

Last month (Aug. 17) Judge Murray Hulbert in the United States District Court in New York dismissed suits by two cigar manufacturing companies seeking to restrain the Federal Government from collecting both the processing tax and the compensating tax under the AAA. At that time the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

The decision is the first of its kind in this district, where, according to Edward J. Ennis, Assistant United States Attorney, who handled the Government's case, about 15 other cases opposing the processing tax were pending. Large industries, including wheat, cotton and hogs, were represented, he said.

The plaintiffs were the D. Emil Klein Co., Inc., of 444 East 91st Street, and Schwab Bros. & Baer, Inc., 26 West 17th Street.

Cites Remedy at Law

Judge Hulbert ruled that the plaintiffs "have adequate remedy at law by an action to recover taxes illegally paid. Plaintiffs fear that there will be no moneys available to refund the tax if the Act is held unconstitutional is beyond the pale of consideration, as is also the contention that Congress might legislate against the recovery of such tax if paid."

In each case a temporary injunction had been sought. Judge Hulbert ruled that revised Federal statutes prohibited the courts from restraining the Government in the collection of taxes.

The court pointed out that a judge in the Western District of Tennessee had held the processing tax constitutional and the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, on the Pacific Coast, in a divided opinion, had refused to enjoin payment of the tax pending an appeal in October.

"Other district judges, notably in North Carolina, where the output of textiles is comparable in quantity to New England, have refused to pass upon the constitutionality of the Act, but have granted injunctions upon the condition that the amount of the tax be paid into the registry of the court," he said.

"The Supreme Court has shown great reluctance in declaring Acts of Congress unconstitutional. The duty is one of great delicacy and this court has the firm conviction that it is one to be performed only where the repugnancy is clear and the conflict is irreconcilable. Every doubt should be resolved in favor of the constitutionality of the statute."

Judge Hulbert said he did not feel that the plaintiffs had established such extraordinary and exceptional circumstances as the United States Supreme Court had in mind when it found the child labor tax unconstitutional because, though the revenue derived was intended to support the Government, in reality it was for the benefit of a class.

Validity of Processing Tax Under Amended AAA Upheld by Federal Court in Yazoo, Miss.

On Aug. 29 Federal Judge Edwin R. Holmes of Mississippi upheld the validity of the amended Agricultural Adjustment Act with reference to processing taxes on cotton, wheat and other agricultural commodities. In his decision Judge Holmes sustained the Government's argument that the revised statute preserved to processing tax payers adequate methods by which their rights could be passed on by the Courts. Associated Press advices from Yazoo City, published in the Jackson (Miss.) "News" further said:

Judge Holmes denied the application of the Stonewall Cotton Mills, of Stonewall, Miss., for a temporary injunction to stop collection of processing taxes asserted against it under the provisions of the farm act.

Government legal experts hailed the decision to-day as one of far-reaching importance. They pointed out that, although some 1,300 similar applications were either pending or acted upon in various sections of the country, Judge Holmes' decision was the first acted upon since the President signed the amended act. . . .

Attorneys representing the plaintiff company attacked the constitutionality of the act and pleaded the mills would "suffer irreparable injury" if collections of processing tax were to continue under the amended AAA.

Edward P. Hodges, special assistant to Attorney General Cummings and R. M. Bordeaux, Federal District attorney for South Mississippi, arguing for the Government, maintained the Stonewall Mill "as well as all other cotton processing taxpayers similarly situated," were given full recourse at law under the amended act.

Judge Holmes who rendered the decision verbally, and did not amplify his ruling, was recently appointed to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals by President Roosevelt to fill the place left vacant by the death of Judge Nathan P. Bryan. Congress did not act on his appointment before adjournment.

The application of the Stonewall Mills for a temporary injunction came before Judge Holmes following issuance Saturday [Aug. 24] of a temporary restraining order to the mills by Judge Rufus E. Foster, of the fifth circuit court of appeals at New Orleans.

Eugene Fly, collector of internal revenue for Mississippi, whom the mills' application sought to enjoin from collecting the processing taxes, announced his Department will resume collections immediately in view of Judge Holmes' decision.

President Green of A. F. of L. in Labor Day Address Says Labor Insists upon 30-Hour Week and Payment of High Wages

At a Labor Day celebration at Canton, Ohio, on Sept. 2, William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, declared that "we can enter into the spirit of Labor Day this year firm in the belief that better days are at hand." "Slowly, yet surely," he said, "we are moving toward the realization of a better economic and social order, increasing and enlarging our opportunities and improved conditions of employment." Mr. Green indicated it was his opinion that the Nation is at present in a formative period of a social justice program and policy which ultimately would be expanded, providing for the jobless, the dependent aged and sick, and for undernourished children. In part he also said:

The mind of labor is centered upon the solution of the nation's unemployment problem.

Labor proposed a remedy for unemployment which, while opposed by some employers, is being more widely accepted by all classes of people. We hold that the permanent solution of our unemployment problem can be brought about only through a reduction in the hours worked per day and per week so that the amount of work available may be more widely distributed, and through the development of mass purchasing power, so that the consuming ability of the Nation may more nearly correspond with its facilities of production. The mechanization of industry and the extended use of power, which in operation increased the efficiency and productivity of individual workers, has displaced working men and women and has constantly increased the army of unemployed.

Our country must choose between the maintenance of a permanent army of unemployed, dependent for relief upon our Government, or the creation of work opportunities, through an adjustment in working time, so that self-respecting working men and women may earn a living for themselves and their families.

Labor makes its choice. It prefers to see men and women employed, earning a livelihood, rather than to be fed as the wards of the Government.

For this reason labor insists upon the acceptance of its sound economic philosophy, the 30-hour work week and the payment of high wages, with the resultant creation of a high mass purchasing power.

The following is also taken from Mr. Green's address:

Since we celebrated Labor Day last year events have occurred which have been of tremendous importance to labor. This year can properly be designated as one of unusual social and economic experimentation. Labor has taken an active part in all that has taken place and has been affected, either favorably or unfavorably, by all the changes which have taken place.

When the Supreme Court held the National Recovery Act invalid, Section 7-A, which conferred upon labor the right to organize and bargain collectively, free from coercion and intimidation on the part of employers and which was incorporated in all industrial codes of fair competition, was nullified and set aside.

President Green of A. F. of L. Declares Nation Must Find Way to Overrule Supreme Court Decisions in Cases Like NRA

A statement that the Nation must find a way to overrule Supreme Court decisions which block social progress, was made by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor on Aug. 31. In his statement (to the labor press), Mr. Green recalled the Court's decision wiping out the National Recovery Administration codes and said:

Once before when the Supreme Court blocked the path of human welfare by the Dred Scott decision, the Nation wiped out that decision. It cost human blood and life and for years has blighted the economic progress of our Southern States.

We hope to solve our present constitutional problem by less costly methods. Greater familiarity with labor and industrial problems will teach judges the need for Federal action for regulation of industry for social purposes.

The sovereign nation must also establish its method of overruling any Governmental authority that blocks social progress.

Storm Kills Several Hundred in Florida—Veterans' Camp Demolished—Construction of Trans-State Canal Approved by President Roosevelt—Latter Orders Inquiry Into Loss of Life Among Veterans

Several hundred persons were killed this week in a storm which swept the southern section of Florida, destroying a veterans' camp on the Florida Keys. An estimate of the dead and injured, was contained in a memorandum sent from Miami, Fla. to Admiral Roosevelt at Hyde Park, N. Y. on Sept. 5 by Admiral Cary T. Grayson, Chairman of the American Red Cross.

"The Red Cross has set up a veterans' relief unit in Miami called the War Service Unit, composed of competent men in veterans' affairs. This is to help veterans and their families.

"Governor Sholtz has issued a proclamation designating the American Red Cross as the official relief agency.

"Official count of the Red Cross at 4 P. M. this afternoon is 256 known dead, of whom 200 were World War veterans; 252 injured, of whom 25% were seriously injured.

"The Red Cross reached hundreds of small islands along the Florida coast to-day where fishermen and their families were isolated, delivering to them ample supplies of foodstuffs and clothing material."

President Roosevelt on Sept. 5 ordered an investigation of the reasons why veterans engaged in government work-relief projects on the Keys were not rescued and why precautions were not taken for their safety. He also asked Brig.-Gen. Frank T. Hines of the Veterans Bureau to send a representative to the scene of the disaster and to co-operate with other government agencies in relief work.

It was announced on Sept. 3 that President Roosevelt had approved an allotment of \$5,000,000 to the Army Corps of Engineers for preliminary construction work on a sea-level canal across Florida, to extend by way of the St. John's River from its mouth to Palatka, then by way of the Oklawaha and Withlacoochee Rivers to the Gulf of Mexico. The annual saving in transportation costs expected to result from the use of the canal is \$7,500,000. It has been estimated that the cost of completing the project will be between \$99,000,000 and \$119,000,000.

A brief account of the destruction caused by the hurricane in Florida is given below, as contained in Associated Press advices from Miami Sept. 3:

Leaving more than 100 reported dead in its path through the Florida Keys, a tropical hurricane swept northwestward along the west coast to-night and lashed at the resort city of St. Petersburg and at Tampa, centre of the State's cigar industry.

The reported deaths, most of which lacked confirmation, were said in meager advices received here to have occurred largely in war veterans' camps in the Florida Keys.

As the storm, reported with a 100-mile an hour velocity at Boca Grande, south of St. Petersburg, whipped into Tampa Bay, two fishermen were reported missing in the Gulf and distress flares were seen in the stormy sky out in the Gulf.

Most of the communities along the Tampa Bay and Gulf waterfront were evacuated late to-day, but grave fears were felt for several thousand persons who usually live in exposed places.

With the hurricane winds at St. Petersburg came torrents of rain and most of the city where thousands spend their Winters basking in the sunshine was in darkness. Few persons ventured outside the buildings.

Waterfront sections of the city were reported flooded.

Seventy-eight persons, all but three of them war veterans, were killed at the Rock Harbor camp of war veterans on the Keys, Coast Guard headquarters advised. 47 veterans were reported injured and four doctors were said to have been among the killed.

Storm-battered refugees, braving the tossing waters of Snake Creek in small boats, came in to-night and variously fixed at 25 to 100 the death toll in Veterans Camp No. 1 on Upper Matecumbe Key.

Death of Mrs. Harold L. Ickes—Wife of Secretary of Interior Killed in Automobile Crash

Mrs. Harold L. Ickes, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, was killed on Aug. 31 when an automobile in which she was

riding collided with another car 30 miles north of Santa Fe, N. M. Mrs. Ickes was 61 years old. Another passenger in the automobile was critically injured, while the driver sustained injuries from which he later died. The funeral services for Mrs. Ickes were held at her home in a Chicago suburb on Sept. 3 and were attended by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, and by three Cabinet members, national and State officials, and neighbors and other friends. Mrs. Ickes had been active in politics before her husband was appointed to the Cabinet. A brief biography is given below, as contained in the New York "Herald Tribune" of Sept. 1:

The mother of four children and the grandmother of three, Mrs. Anna Wilmarth Thompson Ickes, wife of Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, enjoyed politics almost as much as her husband and with him had been active in Progressive Republican movements in the Mid-West for many years.

Being the wife of a Cabinet member was a mere incident in the life of Mrs. Ickes. She had served three terms in the Illinois State Assembly and for years was President of the board of trustees of the University of Illinois. She was also an authority on the culture and customs of Indians of the Southwest, and was the author of "Mesa Land," a work on this subject, published in 1933.

For years Mr. and Mrs. Ickes had had a small summer place at Coolidge, N. M., 20 miles from Gallup. There she had gone each summer in recent years to study the Navajos and the Pueblos.

In Washington, despite her attention to her own career of political and social work, Mrs. Ickes had been among the most active of the wives of Cabinet members.

Death of G. W. Hodges, Former President of Investment Bankers Association—Was Founder and President of Better Business Bureau of New York

George Winthrop Hodges, founder and President of the Better Business Bureau of New York, and a former President of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, died Sept. 5 at New York Hospital. He was 66 years old. Incident to Mr. Hodges' death the Better Business Bureau issued an announcement which said:

The officers and directors of the Better Business Bureau of New York City announce with sorrow the loss of their President and friend, George W. Hodges. He was held in deep affection and high esteem by all who knew him. He was one of the founders of the organization in 1922 and became its president in 1933. He worked devotedly to protect the integrity of business and to advance the public good.

The following summary of the career of Mr. Hodges is from the New York "Herald Tribune" of Sept. 6:

Mr. Hodges was born at Foxboro, Mass., and was educated at Hyde Park High School in Boston. First associated with the Boston firm of McIntosh, Klaus & Co., he joined the New York City branch of R. L. Day & Co., of Boston, in 1898. He was made a partner of the firm in 1907, and in 1913 became a partner with William Remick in Remick, Hodges & Co., investment brokers. He retired from business in 1929.

From 1912 to 1932 Mr. Hodges was, successively, a Governor, Vice-President and President of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, a Director and Vice-President of the Private Bankers' Association of New York, a Director of the New York State Bankers' Association and a member of the New York Stock Exchange. During the World War he was Chairman of sales for the Fifth Liberty Loan drive in the Metropolitan area.

At his death, Mr. Hodges was a member of the executive staff of the Standard Statistics Co., and a trustee of the Greenwich Savings Bank.

President Roosevelt Appoints L. J. Martin as Administrator of NRA

L. J. Martin, former compliance director of the National Recovery Administration, was appointed to the post of Administrator of the NRA on Aug. 24 by President Roosevelt. Mr. Martin succeeds James L. O'Neill who resigned from the post on July 31 to return to his duties as Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. The resignation of Mr. O'Neill was noted in our columns of Aug. 3, page 691.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

A membership on the New York Stock Exchange was sold Sept. 5 for \$120,000, an increase of \$15,000 from the last previous sale.

Arrangements were completed, Aug. 30, for the sale of a Chicago Stock Exchange membership at \$5,000, up \$800 from the last previous sale.

Arrangements were made Sept. 6 for the sale of a New York Curb Exchange membership at \$22,500, a decrease of \$5,000 from the previous sale.

The tenth anniversary of the opening of the New York Cocoa Exchange will be observed with a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, on Oct. 1, it was announced recently. Guests of honor will include presidents of commodity and security exchanges and outstanding figures in local and national public affairs. The Exchange reports that 1933 and 1934 were record-breaking years in regard to trading volume, both years having exceeded 1929 in volume of business.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City, held Sept. 3, Andrew L. Gomory, an Assistant Vice-President, was elected a Vice-President, it was announced on Sept. 4 by Harvey D. Gibson, President. The directors also promoted Francis Crave, John J. Hayes, Herman A. Kultzow, Joseph T. Reisler and Harold T. Taylor from Assistant Secretaries to Assistant

Vice-Presidents, and elected Edward S. Travers an Assistant Trust Officer and William Vanek an Assistant Secretary.

The Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York announced this week the election of Ody H. Lamborn to its Board of Directors. Mr. Lamborn, a native of Indiana, came to New York at the age of 14 and engaged in the sugar business, with which industry he has been continuously identified. He is President of Lamborn & Co., Inc., and also First Vice-President and director of the National Sugar Brokers Association.

Two New York City banks—the Bankers Trust Co. and the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.—this week lowered their dividend payments by 33½%. The initial action was taken by directors of the Central Hanover on Sept. 3, when it reduced its regular quarterly rate from \$1.50 a share to \$1. The reduction by the Bankers Trust Co. was announced shortly after that of the Central Hanover on Sept. 3, the new rate being 50c. a share as against 75c. heretofore. The rates of the two institutions before the changes on Sept. 3 had been in effect in each instance since July 1929. The new dividend to the stockholders of the Central Hanover is payable on Oct. 1 to stockholders of record on Sept. 17. In the case of the Bankers Trust the dividend is payable Oct. 1 to stockholders on record Sept. 12.

The New York State Banking Department on Aug. 26 authorized the Savings Bank of Richmond Hill, Richmond Hill (Long Island), N. Y., to change its name to Richmond Hill Savings Bank.

The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Bridgeport, Conn., has called a special meeting of its stockholders to be held Sept. 10 to act on recommendations of the directors to make changes in the capital structure of the institution. The present capital consists of \$1,000,000 common stock and \$1,000,000 preferred stock. The plans contemplate reduction of the common stock to \$250,000, changing the par value from \$20 to \$5 a share. The capital will then be increased from \$250,000 to \$500,000 by issuing \$50,000 new \$5 par share to stockholders of record Aug. 30 at \$5 a share. It is also proposed to issue 66,666 2/3 shares of \$7.50 par value preferred stock, thereby increasing the amount of preferred stock outstanding \$500,000 to \$1,500,000. We quote further from Bridgeport advices on Sept. 2 to the New York "Herald Tribune," from which the foregoing is learned:

Upon completion of the changes the bank will have \$500,000 common stock and \$1,500,000 preferred stock.

The notice issued to stockholders states that currently the bank is 73% liquid, and adds that "the last six years have been a period of continuous drastic liquidation in all lines of business, particularly banking, and in presenting the above recommendations your directors have endeavored to meet the resulting situation in a courageous and fearless manner, feeling that by so doing the interests of stockholders they represent are thus best served."

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the York Trust Co. of York, Pa., held Aug. 30, it was voted to open a branch office in Shrewsbury by amending the agreement for the merger of the York Trust Co. and the Citizens Savings & Trust Co. dated April 9 1929.

From Kane, Pa. advices, appearing in "Money & Commerce" of Aug. 31, we learn that the Kane Bank & Trust Co. has amended its articles of incorporation, including the reduction of its capital stock from \$150,000 to \$125,000 and the issuing of \$75,000 preferred stock.

W. J. Richards, former President of the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co., was elected President of the Safe Deposit Bank of Pottsville, Pa., at a reorganization meeting of the directors on Aug. 28. Mr. Richards succeeds the late Edwin C. Luther, who died on Aug. 8. At the same meeting T. R. Daddow was named First Vice-President to succeed the late D. W. Kaercher, and W. H. McQuail Jr. was elected Second Vice-President. A Pottsville dispatch, printed in "Money & Commerce" of Aug. 31, from which the above information is obtained, went on to say in part:

Mr. Richards has for many years been a prominent citizen and leader in this city. Born in Minersville, he attended the schools there and then became connected with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Co. at Ashland in 1882. He remained there as an engineer until 1889 when he was placed in charge of the Lehigh-Wilkes-Barre Coal Co. at Wilkes-Barre.

In 1893 he came to Pottsville as General Manager of the P. & R. C. & I. Co. In 1914 he was made President of the company and remained as its chief executive until 1927 when he was succeeded by the late Andrew J. Maloney.

More than 20,000 depositors of the Diamond National Bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., which closed Nov. 12 1932, were to be paid another 10% of their deposits on Sept. 3, bringing the total repayment to 60%. In announcing the dividend on Aug. 30, Robert R. Gordon, receiver, stated that it was made possible to a substantial extent through a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of Aug. 31, from which the foregoing is learned, continuing, said:

The statement of the closed bank for the quarter ended June 30 revealed that deposits totaled \$8,005,774.77 when the bank suspended operations, and that \$3,996,395.52 of that amount had been repaid. Previous to the present RFC loan, the Government had loaned the bank

\$650,800 through the same agency, of which \$650,300 had been repaid by June 30.

George C. Cutler, until recently a Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, was formally elected President of the Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Baltimore, Md., on Sept. 4 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Joseph B. Kirby in January. The directors at the same meeting elected Thomas B. Butler a Vice-President, while continuing as Secretary. John J. Nelligan will remain as Chairman of the Board and executive head of the institution. Mr. Cutler's resignation from the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York to accept his new office was noted in these columns in our Aug. 24 issue, page 1219.

Wilfred A. Roper, formerly a Vice-President of the Bank of Commerce & Trusts of Richmond, Va., was elected President of the institution at a meeting of the directors on Sept. 3 to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of John T. Wilson. At the same time, W. B. Street, Cashier of the bank, was appointed Vice-President, while retaining the Cashiership; Clarke W. Roper, Assistant Cashier, was given the additional title of Secretary, and Thomas A. Wilson, a director, was elected a member of the executive committee. In noting the changes the Richmond "Times-Dispatch" of Sept. 4 had the following to say, in part, regarding the careers of the newly-elected officers:

President Roper, a native of Richmond, was employed for a brief period in the Chesapeake & Ohio general offices here after leaving Richmond High School. He joined the Bank of Commerce & Trusts in 1907 at its main office, and after two years was transferred to the bank's branch at Third and Broad Streets.

Recalled to the main office, Mr. Roper successively served as Assistant Cashier, Cashier and Vice-President. He was elected a director of the bank in 1918 and became Cashier and Vice-President in 1919. Five years ago he surrendered the duties of Cashier and became the right-hand man of the President of the bank, the late John T. Wilson.

President Roper has served on many committees of the Richmond Clearing House Association and the Virginia Bankers Association, and now is a member of the latter body's important committee on taxation. For many years he was an officer and director of the Jefferson Realty Corp., operating the Jefferson Hotel here, and also an officer and director of the Powhatan Hotel, Washington, D. C., and other corporations.

Vice-President Street, like President Roper, is a veteran of the Bank of Commerce & Trusts organization. . . . Mr. Street was elected Assistant Cashier of the bank in 1918 and was promoted to the position of Cashier in 1930. As Cashier and Vice-President, he will be President Roper's chief assistant in operating the bank.

Clarke W. Roper, who retains his duties of Assistant Cashier in addition to being elected Secretary of the bank, became affiliated with the bank in 1915. Like his brother, President Roper, he is a former President of Richmond Chapter, American Institute of Banking. He was promoted to Assistant Cashier in 1922.

Payment of a 5% dividend amounting to \$80,000 was to be made to depositors of the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, Mich., on Sept. 6, we learn from a dispatch from that city on Aug. 30, printed in the Detroit "Free Press." The dividend, the fifth of 5% was made possible through earnings and collections, it was stated.

Depositors of the closed Southern State Bank, Milwaukee, Wis., will receive a fourth dividend of 10% by authority of Circuit Judge Gustav G. Gehrz on Aug. 16. The dividend, announced payment of a 12½% dividend to its 6,631 depositors, the second since the bank closed on Jan. 23 1933, according to the Milwaukee "Sentinel" of Aug. 31, which added:

The first dividend, also 10%, was paid May 29 1934; the second for 10% was paid Aug. 6 1934, and the third, 40%, Nov. 21 1934, according to Alfred Newlander, deputy banking commissioner.

The 40% dividend was made possible by a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which now has been fully repaid. The bank closed Oct. 26 1932.

The First National Bank of West Allis, Wis., on Aug. 30 announced payment of a 12½% dividend to its 6,631 depositors, the second since the bank closed on Jan. 23 1933, according to the Milwaukee "Sentinel" of Aug. 31, which added:

The dividend amounting to \$163,026, was ready for payment yesterday (Aug. 30). The first dividend of 62½% was disbursed in September 1934. Frank Gross Jr. is the receiver.

Associated Press advices from Grand Forks, N. D., on Aug. 30 stated that O. F. Grangaard had been elected President of two Greater Grand Forks banks through changes in the personnel of both institutions. We quote the dispatch:

Mr. Grangaard, who formerly was Vice-President of the Red River National Bank of Grand Forks, was elected President and director and also was named President and director of the Minnesota National Bank of East Grand Forks.

E. A. Hoff resigned the Presidency of the Minnesota National to accept the Vice-Presidency and a directorship in the First National Bank of Spring Valley, Minn.

Announcement was made on Aug. 28 by Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks for North Carolina, that the liquidation of the Bank of Moncure, Moncure, and the Severn Bank at Severn had been completed. In noting the matter, the Raleigh "News & Observer" supplied the following details:

Depositors in the Bank of Moncure were paid only \$2,272.11, Mr. Hood's statement said. The bank collected only 32.8%, or \$47,676.84, of its assets of \$145,075.30. Of the total collected, secured claimants were paid \$33,005.23 and preferred claimants got \$4,519.76. Expenses of liquidating the bank, which closed in April 1932, totaled \$7,013.82.

Depositors of the Severn Bank were paid \$37,229.15, or 83% of their claims. Preferred claims of \$50 and other small items were paid in full. The bank, which closed in February, 1933, collected \$41,213.31 or 47.2%, of its assets of \$87,474.48.

Payment of the fifth and final dividend to depositors of the defunct First National Bank of DeLand, Fla., was announced on Aug. 31 by M. G. McNair, the receiver, according to Associated Press advices from that place on Aug. 31, which also supplied the following details:

The dividend will be 4.85%, amounting to \$42,300, and will bring the total paid since the bank closed in July 1929 to 33.85%.

The promotion of Frank S. Meagher and A. L. Mills Jr. from Assistant Vice-Presidents to Vice-Presidents of the United States National Bank of Portland, Ore., was announced recently by Paul S. Dick, President of the institution.

That the First National Bank of Union, Ore., had been acquired by the First National Bank of Portland, Ore., and was to be opened on that day as a branch of the latter, was reported in the Portland "Oregonian" of Aug. 29. In announcing the purchase of the Union bank on Aug. 28, E. B. MacNaughton, President of the First National Bank of Portland, stated that the bank building, fixtures and all assets had been acquired and its deposit liabilities (in excess of \$400,000) assumed. The paper continued in part:

Mr. MacNaughton announced that J. F. Hutchinson, Cashier of the Union bank, will be Manager of the new branch. The employees of the bank will continue their work as employees of the branch bank.

G. W. Benson, for many years President of the Union bank, who is retiring from active banking work, expressed the belief that it was to the best interests of the community and of Union County to bring to his district the large resources of a metropolitan bank.

From a subsequent issue of the "Oregonian," Aug. 30, it is learned that purchase of the Wallowa National Bank of Enterprise, Ore., by the First National Bank of Portland was announced by President MacNaughton on Aug. 9. The acquired bank was to be opened as the twenty-first branch of the Portland institution on Sept. 3. In the transaction the First National Bank purchased the bank building, fixtures and all assets of the Enterprise bank and assumed its deposit liabilities, which, at the time of the transfer, exceeded \$600,000. A. M. Pace, formerly Cashier of the Wallowa National, will be Manager of the new branch, it was stated.

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings this week will again show an increase as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, Sept. 7) bank exchanges for all cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 11.5% above those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$4,483,795,909, against \$4,019,822,275 for the same week in 1934. At this center there is a gain for the week ended Friday of 10.8%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph Week Ending Sept. 7	1935	1934	Per Cent
New York	\$2,177,109,858	\$1,964,189,621	+10.8
Chicago	207,783,622	161,938,962	+28.3
Philadelphia	203,000,000	174,000,000	+16.7
Boston	128,000,000	114,000,000	+12.3
Kansas City	59,511,118	58,982,984	+0.9
St. Louis	54,300,000	45,800,000	+18.6
San Francisco	39,974,000	32,200,000	+20.6
Pittsburgh	68,928,848	57,143,645	+20.6
Detroit	56,037,176	39,826,723	+40.7
Cleveland	46,957,465	43,184,924	+8.7
Baltimore	38,106,292	35,501,339	+7.3
New Orleans	24,081,000	19,327,000	+24.6
Twelve cities, five days	\$3,153,789,379	\$2,796,095,198	+12.8
Other cities, five days	541,040,545	484,330,215	+11.7
Total all cities, five days	\$3,694,829,924	\$3,280,425,413	+12.6
All cities, one day	788,965,985	739,396,862	+6.7
Total all cities for week	\$4,483,795,909	\$4,019,822,275	+11.5

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 Aug. 31. For that week there is an increase of 25.2%; the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$4,980,270,577, against \$3,976,396,560 in the same week in 1934. Outside of this city there is an increase of 11.8%, the bank clearings at this center having recorded a gain of 35.1%. We group the cities according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, the totals show an expansion of 34.4%, in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 16.6%, and in the Boston Reserve District of 9.1%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are larger by 14.1%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 6.9%, and

CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Table showing clearing data for the United States, categorized by Federal Reserve District (Ninth, Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth). Columns include 'Month of August', '8 Months Ended Aug. 31', and 'Week Ended Aug. 31', each with sub-columns for 1935, 1934, and percentage change.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR AUGUST, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 29

Table showing Canadian clearing data for August, since January 1, and for the week ending August 29. Columns include 'Month of August', '8 Months Ended Aug. 31', and 'Week Ended Aug. 29', each with sub-columns for 1935, 1934, and percentage change.

a Not included in totals. b No clearings available. c Clearing House not functioning at present. * Estimated.

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Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' showing data for various bonds from August 31 to September 6, 1935. Columns include date, high/low/close prices, and total sales in \$1,000 units.

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

Small table showing transactions in registered bonds for Fourth 4 1/8s, Treasury 4 1/8-3/4s, and Treasury 3 1/4s 1944-46.

United States Treasury Bills—Friday, Sept. 6 Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

Table of United States Treasury Bills with columns for Bid and Asked prices for various dates from Sept. 11 1935 to Jan. 22 1936.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.—Friday, Sept. 6

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Table of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness with columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and Total Sales.

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

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

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange by day of the week (Saturday to Friday) with columns for Stocks, Railroad and Miscell., State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds, United States Bonds, and Total Bond Sales.

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange by month (1935 and 1934) with columns for Stocks—No. of shares, Bonds, State and foreign, Railroad & industrial, and Total.

CURRENT NOTICES

- Charles C. Bechtel, for the past two years active head of the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan, has become associated with H. V. Sattley & Co., Inc., Detroit, Mich., in charge of their statistical department. Bacon, Stevenson & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the admission to their firm as a general partner of Frederick W. Ludwig, a member of the New York Curb Exchange. J. L. Amberg, economist of Harriman & Keech, 11 Broadway, this city, has prepared a circular for investors showing effects on various companies of the complete Public Utility Act of 1935. G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., 40 Wall St., New York, is distributing a comparative tabulation of non-dividend paying public utility operating company preferred stocks.

FOOTNOTES FOR NEW YORK STOCK PAGES

- * Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. † Companies reported in receivership. ‡ Deferred delivery. a New stock. r Cash sale. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. 12 Adjusted for 25% stock dividend paid Oct. 1 1934. 13 Listed July 12 1934; par value 10s. replaced £1 par. share for share. 14 Par value 550 lire listed June 27 1934; replaced 500 lire par value. 15 Listed Aug. 24 1933; replaced no par stock share for share. 16 Listed May 24 1934; low adjusted to give effect to 3 new shares exchanged for 1 old no par share. 17 Adjusted for 66 2-3% stock dividend payable Nov. 30. 18 Adjusted for 100% stock dividend paid April 30 1934. 19 Adjusted for 100% stock dividend paid Dec. 31 1934. 20 Par value 400 lire; listed Sept. 20 1934; replaced 500 lire par value. 21 Listed April 4 1934; replaced no par stock share for share. 22 Adjusted for 25% stock dividend paid June 1 1934. 23 Listed under this name Aug. 9 1934; replacing no-par stock. Former name, American Beet Sugar Co. 24 From low through first classification, loan 75% of current. 25 From last classification and above, loan of 55% of current. 26 Listed April 4 1934; replaced no-par stock share for share. 27 Listed Sept. 13 1934; replaced no-par stock share for share. 28 Listed June 1 1934; replaced Socony-Vacuum Corp. \$25 stock share for share. The National Securities Exchanges on which low prices since July 1 1935 were made (designated by superior figures in tables), are as follows: 1 New York Stock 12 Cincinnati Stock 22 Pittsburgh Stock 2 New York Curb 13 Cleveland Stock 23 Richmond Stock 3 New York Produce 14 Colorado Springs Stock 24 St. Louis Stock 4 New York Real Estate 15 Denver Stock 25 Salt Lake City Stock 5 Baltimore Stock 16 Detroit Stock 26 San Francisco Stock 6 Boston Stock 17 Los Angeles Stock 27 San Francisco Stock 7 Buffalo Stock 18 Los Angeles Curb 28 San Francisco Minls 8 California Stock 19 Minneapolis-St. Paul 29 Seattle Stock 9 Chicago Stock 20 New Orleans Stock 30 Spokane Stock 10 Chicago Board of Trade 21 Philadelphia Stock 31 Washington (D.C.) 11 Chicago Curb

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), share prices, and a list of stocks with their respective prices and exchange information.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Sales for the Week

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1 On Basis of 100-share Lots

July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935 Range for 1934

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Aug. 31 to Friday Sept. 6), stock names, par values, sales for the week, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest, Low, High).

For footnotes see page 1552

Table with multiple 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 Aug. 31 1935; Range for Year 1934. Rows list various stocks like Elec Storage Battery, Elk Horn Coal Corp, etc.

For footnotes see page 1552.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Aug. 31 to Friday Sept. 6), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges. Includes sub-sections for STOCKS, NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, and various company names like Hayes Body Corp, Hazel-Atlas Glass Co, etc.

For footnotes see page 1552

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-sections for Stock, Exchange, Closed, Labor, and Day.

Main table listing individual stocks with columns for Sales for the Week, Stock Name, Par Value, Price per share, and Range for Year 1934. Includes companies like Mack Trucks Inc, Macy's, and various industrial firms.

For footnotes see page 1552.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Aug. 31 to Friday Sept. 6), Sales for the Week, and various stock listings with prices and ranges.

For footnotes see page 1552

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Sales for the Week

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1 On Basis of 100-share Lots

July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935

Main table containing stock prices for various companies, organized by sector (Stock, Labor, Day). Columns include daily prices (Saturday to Friday), weekly sales, and range since Jan 1. The table is densely packed with numerical data.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices and includes sub-sections for 'Exchange', 'Closed—', and 'Labor Day'.

Main table of stock prices for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include 'Range Since Jan. 1', 'Lowest', 'Highest', and 'July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935'. Lists various companies like Union Pacific, United Fruit, and others.

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On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds. NOTICE—Cash and deferred delivery sales are disregarded in the week's range, unless they are the only transactions of the week, and when selling outside of the regular weekly range are shown in a footnote in the week in which they occur. No account is taken of such sales in computing the range for the year.

Main table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Sept. 6, Interest Period, Range of Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, July 1 1935, Range Since Jan. 1, Foreign Govt. & Munic. (Com.), Range of Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, July 1 1935, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for U. S. Government, Foreign Govt. & Municipal, and various international bonds.

For footnotes see page 1567. NOTE—Sales of State and City securities occur very rarely on the New York Stock Exchange, dealings in such securities being almost entirely over the counter. Bid and asked quotations, however, by active dealers in these securities, will be found on a subsequent page under the general head of "Over-the-Counter Securities."

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Interest', 'Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked', 'Bonds Sold', 'July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935', 'Range Since Jan. 1', and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 6'. It includes various bond types like 'Foreign Govt. & Munic.', 'Railroad and Industrial Companies', and 'U.S. Govt.' bonds.

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BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 6				BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 6					
Interest	Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked	Bonds Sold	July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935	Range Since Jan. 1	Interest	Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked	Bonds Sold	July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935	Range Since Jan. 1
F	A	100	65%	97 3/8	103 1/4	100	65%	97 3/8	103 1/4
F	A	100	*101 1/2	102	63 1/2	100	65%	97 3/8	103 1/4
F	A	100	86 1/2	87 1/2	55	69 1/4	90 1/2	49	52 1/2
M	N	100	63 1/2	63 1/2	1	49	52 1/2	100	114 1/2
M	N	100	*121 1/2	124	100	114 1/2	122 1/2	42	63 1/2
M	N	100	85	86 1/2	122	100	114 1/2	102 1/2	108 1/2
M	N	100	*101 1/2	102 1/2	94	102 1/2	108 1/2	94	102 1/2
M	N	100	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2	108 1/2	101 1/2	108 1/2
M	N	100	113 1/2	113 1/2	100	110 1/2	113 1/2	91 1/4	114 1/2
M	N	100	115 1/2	116 1/2	9	114 1/2	120 1/2	83 1/2	108 1/2
M	N	100	109	110 1/2	13	108 1/2	111 1/2	84	108 1/2
M	N	100	109 1/2	110 1/2	17	96	105 1/2	85	102 1/2
M	N	100	*108	---	---	90 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	112 1/2
M	N	100	*110 1/2	112 1/2	---	87	105 1/2	87	108 1/2
M	N	100	*108	109	---	99	108 1/2	99	110 1/2
M	N	100	*105 1/4	109 1/2	---	89	108 1/2	89	110 1/2

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 6				BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 6					
Interest	Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked	Bonds Sold	July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935	Range Since Jan. 1	Interest	Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked	Bonds Sold	July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935	Range Since Jan. 1
F	A	100	105 1/2	106 1/2	29	107 1/2	42	99	104 1/2
F	D	100	107 1/2	108 1/2	22	108 1/2	37	88	99 1/2
F	J	100	104 5/8	105 1/8	19	93	102 1/2	93	102 1/2
F	J	100	28	28	1	19	19	19	35 1/4
F	J	100	---	---	20	20	32 1/4	20	32 1/4
F	J	100	---	---	23 1/2	23 1/2	25	23 1/2	25
F	J	100	*22 1/2	30	22	22	29 1/2	22	29 1/2
F	J	100	36 1/8	37	22	10	29 1/4	22	29 1/4
F	J	100	35 3/8	37 1/4	60	10	29 1/4	60	10 1/2
F	J	100	*104 1/4	105 1/8	98	103	105 1/2	98	103 1/2
F	J	100	105	105	22	105	105 1/2	98	105 1/2
F	J	100	103 1/4	103 1/4	5	68	99 1/2	68	99 1/2
F	J	100	94 1/8	95 1/8	36	49 1/2	93 1/2	49 1/2	93 1/2
F	J	100	94 1/8	95 1/8	24	69 1/2	93 1/2	69 1/2	93 1/2
F	J	100	105 1/2	105 1/2	6	99 1/2	104 1/2	99 1/2	104 1/2
F	J	100	104 1/4	104 1/4	2	75	101 1/2	75	101 1/2
F	J	100	103 1/4	103 1/4	1	65	97 1/2	65	97 1/2
F	J	100	48 1/4	50	17	15	37 1/2	15	37 1/2
F	J	100	41	42	5	13 1/2	29 1/2	13 1/2	29 1/2
F	J	100	44 1/4	45 1/4	4	13 1/2	28 1/2	13 1/2	28 1/2
F	J	100	39 1/2	39 1/2	3	15	23 1/4	15	23 1/4
F	J	100	105 1/8	105 1/8	8	102	105 1/8	102	105 1/8

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 6

Table of bond transactions for the week ended Sept. 6, 1935. Columns include bond description, interest period, bid/asked prices, and volume. Includes entries like Green Bay & West deb, Greenbrier Ry, and various municipal bonds.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 6

Table of bond transactions for the week ended Sept. 6, 1935. Columns include bond description, interest period, bid/asked prices, and volume. Includes entries like Lex & East 1st 50-yr, Liggett & Myers Tobacco, and various industrial bonds.

For footnotes see page 1567

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 (Aug. 31 1935) and ending the present Friday (Sept. 6 1935). 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 for STOCKS, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, July 1933 to Aug. 31 1935, Range Since Jan. 1 1935, and another set of columns for STOCKS (Continued), Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, July 1933 to Aug. 31 1935, and Range Since Jan. 1 1935. The table lists numerous securities such as Acome Wire, Adams Mills, Aero Supply, etc., with their respective prices and trading volumes.

For footnotes see page 1573.

Table with columns: STOCKS (Continued), Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935, Range Since Jan. 1 1935. Includes entries like Diamond Shoe Corp., Dictograph Products, Distilled Liquors Corp., etc.

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Table with columns: STOCKS (Continued), Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935, Range Since Jan. 1 1935. Includes entries like Hud Bay Min & Smelt, Humble Oil & Ref., Huylers of Delaware Inc., etc.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS (Continued)', 'Week's Range of Prices', 'Sales for Week', 'July 1 1933 to Aug. 31 1935', 'Range Since Jan. 1 1935', and 'BONDS (Concluded)'.

Table titled 'FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPALITIES' listing international and local government bonds with columns for bond name, price range, sales, and dates.

* No par value. a Deferred delivery sales not included in year's range. n Under the rule sales not included in year's range. r Cash sales not included in year's range. c Cash sales not included in weekly or yearly range are shown below: Grand Trunk West 4s 1950, Aug. 22 at 95 3/4.

Other Stock Exchanges

New York Real Estate Securities Exchange

Closing bid and asked quotations, Friday, Sept. 6

Table with columns: Unlisted Bonds, Bid, Ask, Unlisted Bonds (Concluded), Bid, Ask. Lists various real estate securities like Alden 6s, Allerton N Y Corp, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Low, High, Shares, Low, High, Range Since Jan. 1 1935. Lists stocks like U Shoe Mach Corp, Preferred, Utah Apex Mining, etc.

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Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Low, High, Shares, Low, High, Range Since Jan. 1 1935. Lists Baltimore stocks like Arundel Corp, Baltimore Transit Co, etc.

Boston Stock Exchange

Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Low, High, Shares, Low, High, Range Since Jan. 1 1935. Lists Boston stocks like American Cont Corp, Amer Pneumatic Serv Co, etc.

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Canadian Markets LISTED AND UNLISTED

Provincial and Municipal Issues

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Railway Bonds

Table listing railway bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and other details.

Dominion Government Guaranteed Bonds

Table listing Dominion Government Guaranteed Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and other details.

Montreal Stock Exchange

Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table showing Montreal Stock Exchange data for various stocks, including columns for Par, Last Sale Price, Week's Range, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1 1935.

Montreal Stock Exchange

Large table showing Montreal Stock Exchange data for various stocks, including columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1 1935 (Low, High).

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Table of Montreal Curb Market data with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1935 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange data with columns: Stocks (Concluded)—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1935 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange

Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange Curb Section data with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1935 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section

Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange Curb Section data with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1935 (Low, High).

Canadian Markets—Listed and Unlisted

Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section with columns for Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices Low High, Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1 1935 Low High.

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Table of Toronto Stock Exchange—Mining Section with columns for Stocks (Concluded) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices Low High, Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1 1935 Low High.

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Table of Toronto Stock Exchange—Mining Section (Aug. 31 to Sept. 6) with columns for Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices Low High, Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1 1935 Low High.

Toronto Stock Exchange—Mining Curb Section

Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange—Mining Curb Section with columns for Stocks—Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices Low High, Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1 1935 Low High.

Review of Business Conditions in Canada by S. H. Logan of Canadian Bank of Commerce

S. H. Logan, General Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, in a review of Canadian business issued Sept. 4, said in part:

The seasonal expansion in certain industries has come earlier than usual. Furthermore, the immediate prospects for these industries have brightened considerably.

Construction contracts awarded in August were not only the largest for that month since 1931, but were about 25% greater than in July and, together with the comparatively good volume of work let in the early summer, ensure the most active autumn season in the past four years.

Crop Report of Bank of Montreal—Rain Delays Grain Harvesting in Prairie Provinces

"Grain harvesting in the Prairie Provinces of Canada has been delayed by intermittent rains, but cutting is practically completed except in Northern Alberta and threshing is becoming general," according to the weekly crop report of the Bank of Montreal, issued Sept. 5.

Further damaging frosts have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan. Wheat outturns indicate that the major portion of the crop will be low both in yield and grade.

In Quebec, with harvesting under way, the crop outlook generally continues to be favorable. In Ontario, crops in general are good. Dry weather has facilitated threshing operations.

In British Columbia, favorable weather has been helpful and good crops are expected of grain, hay, apples, pears, plums and hops.

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New York State Bonds

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Description (e.g., Canal & Highway—5s Jan & Mar 1946 to 1971, World War Bonus—4 1/4s April 1940 to 1949).

Port of New York Authority Bonds

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Description (e.g., Port of New York Gen & ref 4s Mar 1 1975, Geo. Washington Bridge—4s series B 1930-50).

United States Insular Bonds

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Description (e.g., Philippine Government—4s 1946, Honolulu 5s, U S Panama 3s June 1 1961).

Federal Land Bank Bonds

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Description (e.g., 3s 1955 optional 1945—J&J, 3 1/4s '55 optional '45—M&N).

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Chicago Bank Stocks

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Description (e.g., American National Bank & Trust, Continental Ill Bank & Trust, First National).

For footnotes see page 1583.

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New York Trust Companies

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Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, Description (e.g., Bond & Mortgage Guar., Empire Title & Guar., Lawyers Mortgage, Lawyers Title & Guar.).

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Table of Miscellaneous Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of various bond issues.

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By Crockett & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities such as 500 Atlantic National Bank, Boston, Mass, par \$10, 10 National Shawmut Bank, par \$12.50, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities such as 25 Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co., par \$20, 30 Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, par \$10, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing securities such as 20 Zenda Gold Mines, par \$50.

Prices on Paris Bourse

Quotations of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week

Table with columns for dates (Aug. 31, Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) and stock names (Bank of France, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas, etc.).

Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures

Table with columns Bid, Ask, and security names. Includes FIC 1 1/2s Sept. 16 1935, FIC 1 1/2s Oct. 15 1935, etc.

Chain Store Stocks

Table with columns Par, Bid, Ask, and security names. Includes Bohack (H C) com., 7% preferred, Diamond Shoe pref., etc.

Soviet Government Bonds

Table with columns Bid, Ask, and security names. Includes Union of Soviet Soc Repub 7% gold rouble, 1943, etc.

AUCTION SALES

The following securities were sold at auction on Wednesday of the current week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table listing securities such as 856 Alexander Hamilton Institute (N. J.), common, no par, 90 Bond & Mortgage Guarantee Co. (N. Y.), par \$20, etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities such as 20 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co., par \$100, 5 Arlington Mills, par \$100, 25 Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co. (free), par \$25, etc.

The Berlin Stock Exchange

Closing prices of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week

Table with columns for dates (Aug. 31, Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) and stock names (Allgemeine Elektrizitaets-Gesellschaft, Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft, etc.).

CURRENT NOTICES

—Paul Howard, formerly of the "Wall Street Journal" and "Barron's Weekly," is now associated with the New York Stock Exchange firm of Dyer, Hudson & Co. —H. C. Clifford, formerly senior partner of the firm of Clifford & Co., is now associated with Winthrop, Mitchell & Co. in charge of their Bond Department. —James S. Bush and James A. Heitzmann have been admitted to general partnership in G. H. Walker & Co., members New York Stock Exchange. —Fred C. Soder and M. Sterling Ramos have become associated with R. H. Johnson & Co., Inc., in the sales department. —Bristol & Willett, 115 Broadway, New York, are distributing the September issue of their Over-the-Counter Review. —John B. Carroll & Co. announce that E. S. Hamilton has become associated with them in their Sales Department. —Homer & Co., Inc., 40 Exchange Place, New York, has prepared a special circular on high grade railroad bonds. —Reynolds & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce that Sheldon Abbott is now associated with them. —Harland W. Hoisington has been appointed Assistant Vice-President of Lazard Freres & Co., Inc. —Garfield Allswang is now with Robert C. Mayer & Co., Inc. in the trading department.

Blue Ribbon Corp., Ltd.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Years End. June 30—, 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Profit for year, Depreciation, Federal income tax, Reval. stocks and bonds, Writ. off shs. held by co, Organization expenses, Net income, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Previous year's inc. tax, Balance, June 30.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table with 4 columns: Assets—, 1935, 1934, Liabilities—, 1935, 1934. Rows include Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventory, Stocks & bonds of cust. cos., &c., Pay. under agree., re. Willards Chocolates, Ltd., Land, bldgs., mach. & equipment, Tr.-marks, patent rights & good-will, Deferred charges, Organization exp., Total, After reserve.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Output—

Table with 4 columns: (In Cubic Feet), 1935, 1934. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, Total.

Boston & Maine RR.—Reconstruction Loan Extended

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Aug. 30 found the company not to be in need of financial reorganization in the public interest at this time and approved the extension for a further term ending not later than Feb. 1 1937 of time of payment of loan by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, maturing Sept. 6 1935, in the amount of \$7,569,437.—V. 141, p. 1430.

Brewing Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Period End. July 31—, 1935—3 Mos.—, 1934, 1935—12 Mos.—, 1934. Rows include Profit from operations, Taxes, Profit, Other inc. or expend., Total income, Interest, Prov. for depreciation, Profit.

Consolidated Balance Sheet

Table with 4 columns: Assets—, July 31/35, Oct. 31/34, Liabilities—, July 31/34, Oct. 31/34. Rows include Cash, Marketable securities, Receivables (net), Inventories, Prepaid expenses, Fixed assets, Miscell. assets, Bank loans, Payables, Bal. due on purch. of subs., Mtges., &c., pay., 3-yr. 7% guar. deb., 5% serial notes, Minor. int. (sub.), Capital stock, Capital surplus, Distrib. cap. surp., Total.

a Approximate market value, \$78,431 in 1934 and \$125,299 in 1933. b After deduction of depreciation reserve of \$3,458,248 in 1935 and \$3,276,824 in 1934. c Represented by 162,737 (162,369 in 1934) no par shares pref. stock and 663,050 (649,516 in 1934) shs. no par common stock. d Includes accrued liabilities.—V. 140, p. 4064.

Bronx Title & Mortgage Guarantee Co.—Expansion— Company Aligns Itself with Lederer Interests and Broadens Field

The company announced Sept. 5 plans to enlarge its field of operations to include Manhattan, Bronx, Kings, Queens and Westchester counties, and the election of the following six new directors: Richard M. Lederer, Pres. of Standard National Corp.; Mortimer C. Reynolds, Pres. of M. C. Reynolds Construction Co.; Edgar Ellinger, Pres. of Edgar Ellinger, Inc.; real estate; Leon Cohen, Vice-Pres. & Treas. of Associates Realty Corp.; William B. Fichter, Pres., Alden Brokerage Corp. and Edward T. Hart, Pres., E. R. Munn & Co., real estate management. The following directors were re-elected: Albert Pross, attorney; Henry Goldwater, retired; John Kadel, Kadel, Van Kirk & Trencher, attorneys; Albert Goldman, Postmaster of New York; Emil Leitner, Pres. of Jacob & Emil Leitner, Inc., real estate; Monroe Goldwater & Flynn, attorneys, and George Fennell.

Albert Pross was re-elected President at a meeting of directors, and the following new officers were elected: Edgar Ellinger and M. C. Reynolds, Vice-Pres.; Leon Cohen, Treasurer and General Manager; Stanley Haskell, Assistant Secretary, and Richard M. Lederer to the newly created position of Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Pross announced that the directors voted to have the company qualify as an "Authorized Mortgagee" under the Federal Housing Administration and that the company expects to occupy a prominent position in this field co-operating with the Government in stimulating new housing construction.

The company, which was organized in May 1929, has no direct or contingent guarantes outstanding and is believed to be the only one of the 16 unrestricted title companies in New York State that has paid a dividend to stockholders since the depression.—V. 128, p. 3830.

Brown Fence & Wire Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Years Ended June 30—, 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Profit from operations, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Bond interest, Prov. for loss on accts. in closed banks, Prov. for contingencies, Federal taxes, Net profit for period, Class A dividends, Class B dividends.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table with 5 columns: Assets—, 1935, 1934, Liabilities—, 1935, 1934. Rows include Cash, Time cts. of dep., HOLL BONDS, Accts. & notes rec., Due from employes, Install. accts. rec., Inventories, Land, plant, equipment, &c., Deferred charges, Sinking fund, Dep. in liquidating banks, Total.

Total—\$2,776,925 \$2,505,618 Total—\$2,776,925 \$2,505,618 x After depreciation of \$883,075 in 1935 and \$846,289 in 1934. y Represented by 99,064 no par shares in 1935 (\$2,554 in 1934). z Represented by 139,882 no par shares in 1935 (128,875 in 1934).—V. 141, p. 910.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp.—Annual Report—

Gerhard M. Dahl, Chairman, says in part: Financial—In the 1934 annual report, there was outlined a program of refinancing whereby the short-term notes and bank loans were retired from the proceeds of the sale of \$3,000,000 of Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. 15-year secured sinking fund 6% bonds dated June 1 1934, due June 1 1949. In August 1934, corporation sold an additional amount of \$2,000,000 of these bonds, thus making a total of \$5,000,000 of these 15-year bonds outstanding at the close of the fiscal year 1935.

The proceeds realized from the sale of this additional issue were used to acquire bonds of one of the subsidiary surface line companies outstanding in the hands of the public and to augment the working capital of corporation. As in the case of the \$5,000,000 15-year bonds issued in June 1934, the \$2,000,000 of these bonds sold in August 1934, were secured by bonds of the New York Rapid Transit Corp. which had been held in the treasury of corporation, so that the bonded indebtedness of the New York Rapid Transit Corp. was not increased.

Results of Operation Under Contract with City—Under the provisions of Contract No. 4 with the City of New York, the New York Rapid Transit Corp. is entitled to deduct from the revenue from operation all operating expenses and certain preferential deductions, including accumulated deficiencies, ahead of any payments to the city. The condensed summary below for the fiscal year ended June 30 1935, and for the 22-year period of this operation under the contract shows the order in which such deductions are made from the revenues and the application of revenues thereto together with the accumulated deficit, subject to adjustment for accrued items not previously included and to audit by the Transit Commission.

Table with 3 columns: Revenue, Year Ended June 30 1935 to June 30 '35, Aug. 4 1913 to June 30 '35. Rows include Revenue, Oper. deductions & corp's 1st preferential, Balance available for return on new money, Invested under contract, Corp's 2d pref., representing interest and sinking fund on corp's contribution to construction and equipment under contract, Balance above corp's 2d preferential, Deficiency, representing amount by which revenue failed to equal interest and sinking fund on corp's contribution to construction and equipment under contract.

Comparative Statement of Consolidated Income Years Ended June 30 1935 [Incl. Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp. and Subsidiaries]

Table with 3 columns: 1935, a1934. Rows include Revenue from transportation, Passenger rev., other than Brooklyn Bus Corp., Passenger rev., Brooklyn Bus Corp., Freight revenue, Other car revenue, Total revenue from transportation, Other operating revenues: Advertising and other privileges, Rent of land, buildings, &c., Rent of equipment, Rent of tracks and terminals, Sale of power, Miscellaneous revenue, Total operating revenue, Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures, Depreciation of way and structures, Maintenance of equipment, Depreciation of equipment, Operation of power plant, Operation of cars, Injuries to persons and property, Traffic expenses, General and miscellaneous expenses, Freight expenses, Taxes assignable to operations, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Income deductions: Interest deductions, Rent deductions, Amortization & other deductions from income, Balance of income, Less: Amount accruing to minority interest of B. & Q. T. Corp., Current income carried to surplus.

Statement of Consolidated Earned Surplus Year Ended June 30 1935

Table with 3 columns: Balance, June 30 1934, accruing to Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. common stock, Current income, year ended June 30 1935, as per statement, Total surplus, Net charges to surplus, Adjustment of surplus, Balance of earned surplus before dividends, Preferred stock: Year ended June 30 1935, Year ended June 30 1936, Common stock, Balance, June 30 1935, accruing to Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. common stock, x Preferred dividends for the year ending June 30 1936, declared in accordance with the certificate of incorporation which provides that the full dividends on pref. stock for any year shall have been declared for payment in said year before any dividend on the common stock shall be paid. Dividend on the common stock, payable July 15 1935, was declared on June 17 1935.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table of assets and liabilities for 1935, 1934, 1933, and 1932. Assets include road and equip., materials, and cash. Liabilities include funded debt, total funded debt, and various reserves.

It is the considered judgment of the officials of corporation in charge of operation that a demonstration on a large scale of the capabilities of such a modern, high-speed, smooth-riding and comparatively noiseless street car would have a material effect in altering the general attitude towards street cars...

Therefore, orders have been placed for the construction of 100 street cars of modern design and equipment for operation on the lines of corporation. The total cost of the cars is approximately \$1,500,000. Delivery of the cars is to begin early in 1936 and to be completed by April of that year.

Brooklyn City RR. equipment trust certificates \$375,000
Brooklyn & Queens Service Co., Inc., car lease warrants 175,500
Brooklyn Bus Corp., bus purchase notes 320,000

The payment of the Brooklyn City RR. Co. equipment trust certificates was the final installment on that obligation. In addition to the payments on bus purchase notes listed above, the bus corporation also paid \$162,550 during the year in part payment for 35 new buses ordered in May and June 1934.

Comparative Income Account for Year Ended June 30 (System)

Table showing income components for 1935, 1934, 1933, and 1932. Includes passenger revenue, freight revenue, operating income, and net income.

Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp.—Annual Report—

Gerhard M. Dahl, President, says in part: Traffic—The total number of fare passengers carried on all lines of the Brooklyn & Queens Transit System, including the Brooklyn Bus Corp. for the respective fiscal years are as follows:

Table showing passenger volume for trolley lines and bus lines in 1935, 1934, and 1933.

The decrease in traffic on the trolley lines of the System is due in part to general business conditions, and is comparable to the decrease in traffic on practically all transit systems in the metropolitan area, and also to increased diversion of passengers from trolley lines in the Park Slope and West Flatbush areas of Brooklyn to the Independent Subway operated by the City of New York.

The total car miles operated on trolley lines in the fiscal year 1935, was 47,037,365, being a decrease of 1,802,856 car miles or 3.7% of the total car miles operated in the previous year and a decrease of 3,301,732 car miles or 6.6% of the total car miles operated in the fiscal year 1930.

The decrease of 6.6% in car miles operated in 1935 as compared with 1930 compares with a decrease of 25.4% in passengers carried on trolley lines in the same period and indicates the extent to which the quality of service has been maintained in an endeavor to render the public the best possible service in the face of declining gross revenues.

Wages—Increases in wages aggregating 5% were made effective during the fiscal year 1935 for employees earning less than \$50 per week. The first increase of 2% became effective in July 1934 and the remainder of the 5% increase was made effective in April 1935, thereby restoring in part the decrease made in prior years.

Taxes—During the past few years the percentage of revenue required for taxes has constantly increased, and, in the fiscal year 1935, \$1,692,668 was required to be paid or accrued for taxes of the System, an increase of \$174,844, or 11 1/2% as compared with the preceding fiscal year.

New Cars and Modernization—For several years past corporation has been co-operating with more than 20 other street railway companies throughout the United States in financing a program of research, study and experiment to determine whether the design and equipment of the street car could be improved so the street car could meet the public's demand for a high-speed, smooth-riding and comfortable vehicle for surface transportation.

A car designed to meet such tests was constructed last year under the supervision of the research organization and after a few exhibition trips at the convention of the American Transit Association in Cleveland last September was brought to Brooklyn and placed in operation. Its performance has won commendation from the public and from operating experts alike.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Condensed balance sheet for 1935 and 1934. Assets include road & equip., cash, and materials. Liabilities include capital stock, preferred stock, and various debts.

To Guaranty Note Issue—

The stockholders at the annual meeting to be held on Sept. 16 will consider authorizing the guaranty by the corporation of a note issue of Brooklyn & Queens Service Co., Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary) in the principal amount of \$1,500,000.—V. 141, p. 1267.

Heyden Chemical Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Net profit from operations, Total profit, Reserve for contingencies, Surplus, and Earnings per share.

Holly Oil Co.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Total revenue, Operating profit, Total income, Net loss, and Surplus charges.

Balance Sheet June 30

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1935, 1934. Rows include Assets (Oil reserves, U.S. Treas. bonds, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

Homestake Mining Co.—Extra Dividend of \$2 per Share—

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

Hotel St. George (Clark-Henry Corp.), Brooklyn, N. Y.—Bondholders Buy Property—

The Hotel St. George in Brooklyn was sold at a foreclosure sale, Sept. 5, for \$2,600,000 at the Brooklyn Real Estate Exchange. This bid, made by Alvin J. Schlosser in behalf of the bondholders protective committee, was the only one made.

Hughes Tool Co.—Bonds Called—

The company has elected to redeem on Oct. 1 at 101 all of its first 5 1/4% gold bonds due April 1 1936. The bonds will be payable on and after the redemption date at the principal office of City Bank Farmers Trust Co., Trustee, 22 William St., New York.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Proxies Asked—

A. M. Andrews, former Chairman of the Board, has sent a letter to the company's stockholders asking for proxies to be voted in opposition to the present management at the annual meeting of the company on Sept. 11.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: 1935—Month—1934, 1935—7 Mos.—1934. Rows include Operating revenues, Uncollectible oper. rev., Operating expenses, and Net operating income.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain & Ireland, Ltd.—Interim Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of 36 1-10 cents per share on the American depository receipts for ordinary shares payable Sept. 9 to holders of record Aug. 16.

Inland Steel Co.—Merger Approved—

See Joseph T. Ryerson Co. below.—V. 141, p. 1275.

Iowa Central Ry.—Protective Committee for 1st Mfg. 5% Bonds Delays Listing—

A committee for the 1st mfg. 5% 50-year gold bonds (George E. Roosevelt, Chairman) in letter dated Sept. 4 says: "The certificates of deposit issued by this committee are at present listed on the New York Stock Exchange and are registered temporarily under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934."

the committee understands that transactions may be effected after that date in the certificates over the counter through brokers and by or to dealers who are registered in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC.—V. 139, p. 932.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Receiver's Report—

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Passengers carried, Gross operating revenue, Operating expenses, Taxes, and Current rent deductions.

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Bal. to be divided between city and co., Used for purch. of assets of the enterprise, Payable to city under Contract No. 3.

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Company's gross inc. from operations, Company's fixed charges, Co.'s net oper. deficit, and Non-operating income.

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Deficit at beginning of yr., Surp. at beginning of yr., Profit & Loss Changes, and During Year.

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Adj. of sin. fd. accruals, Adj. of capital accounts under Elevated cfts., Adjust. of stk. Fed. accr., Settlement with city of rental chgs. under Contracts Nos. 1 and 2, Loss on invest. in N. Y. & Q. County Ry. Co. capital stock, Loss on cash advances & open account, Excess amt. of Fed. tax payment for years 1917 to 1923 over accruals with int. thereon to Dec. 31 1933, Miscellaneous, and Deficit at end of year.

Comparative Statement of Results from Operations for Years Ended June 30

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1935, 1934. Rows include Rev. from transportation, Other st. ry. oper. rev., Gross operating rev., Maint. of way & struct., Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Income from operation, Current rent deductions, Interest on Manh. Ry. bonds (rental), Int. & sink. fund on city bonds, contr'ts Nos. 1 & 2 (rental), Div. rental at 7% on Manh. guar. stock, Manh. Ry. cash rental, Oth. oper. rent deduct, Balance, Used for purch. of assets of the enterprise, Balance—city & co., Payable to city under contract No. 3, Co.'s gross income from operation, Co.'s fixed charges, Sink. fund on 5% bds., Int. on 10-yr. 6% notes, Int. on 1st & ref. 5% bonds coll. to 7% notes, Int. on unfund. debt, &c., Co.'s net oper. inc., Non-operating income, Bal. before deducting 5% Manhattan div. rental, Div. rental at 5% on Manh. modified guar. stk. (pay. if earned), Bal. after deduct. 5% Manh. div. rental, Excluding taxes, Including taxes, Passengers carried, Daily ave. pass. carried, Car mileage.

General Balance Sheet June 30 1935

Table with 4 columns: 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Fixed capital—Subway division, Contracts Nos. 1 & 2 & cost of leases, Contract No. 3, Sub-total, Manh. division—Elevated certificates, Total, Estate of I. R. T. Co., Construction & equip. funds (held for account of contract No. 3 & related elevated certificates), Investments—Securities of Associated companies—stocks & bonds, U. S. Govt. bonds deposited with City of N. Y. acct. 59th St. tunnel, Real estate, Real estate held in trust by Rapid Transit Subway Construc'n Co., and Total.

assets of \$115,150,229, according to the application. Both companies are affiliated and for some time have been under the same management, and the petition states that the combination will eliminate duplication and make for increased efficiency and economy in operation.

An application for the approval of the sale of Northern Pennsylvania Power Co.'s properties to Metropolitan Edison Co. has been pending before the Pennsylvania P. S. Commission several months and is awaiting action by that agency.

Under the terms of the proposed sale Metropolitan Edison Co. would assume all debts, liabilities, &c., of Northern Pennsylvania Power Co. and, in addition, pay, subject to adjustments, \$2,532,040. Of this amount \$1,537,911 would be in cash and the balance in Associated Electric Co. 4 1/2% gold bonds of 1956, and now owned by the Metropolitan Edison Co.—V. 141, p. 757.

Margay Oil Corp.—25-Cent Dividend Decl

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Oct. 10 to holders of record Sept. 20. A similar payment was made on April 20, last, this latter being the first dividend paid since Jan. 10 1933 when a regular quarterly payment of 25 cents per share was made.—V. 140, p. 2361.

Merrimac Hat Corp.—Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with columns for Assets (1934, 1933) and Liabilities (1934, 1933). Rows include Cash, U. S. Treasury bills, Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Prepaid items, Investm'ts at cost, Cash surr. value of life insurance, Land, bldgs., &c., Total, and shares in closed banks.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns for Period End. July 31, 1935—Month—1934, 1935—7 Mos.—1934, 1935—7 Mos.—1934. Rows include Operating revenues, Uncollectible oper. rev., Operating expenses, Operating taxes, Net operating income.

Mickelberry's Food Products Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings

Table with columns for Years Ended—Dec. 29 '34, Dec. 30 '33, Dec. 31 '32, Dec. 26 '31. Rows include Gross profits on sales, Operating expenses, Depreciation, Net loss from oper., Other income, Total net loss, Federal income taxes and miscell. expenses, Interest and discount on bonds, notes, &c., Other deductions, Net loss, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Common divs. (stock), Direct surplus charges, Balance, Shs. com. stk. out. (par \$1), Earnings per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet

Table with columns for Assets (Dec. 29 '34, Dec. 30 '33) and Liabilities (Dec. 29 '34, Dec. 30 '33). Rows include Cash, Accts receivable, Inventories, Prep'd. ins., rents, taxes, &c., Cash surr. value, Life insurance, Empl. & agents' accounts, Treasury stock, Invest., adv., &c., Other investments, Cl'ms agst. closed banks, &c., Def'd charges to future operat'ns, Plant & equip't, buildings, Land, Mach & equip., Distribution routes at book value, Total, and notes on depreciation and reserves.

Midland Royalty Corp.—Accumulated Dividend Decl

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$2 cum. conv. preference stock, no par value, payable Sept. 16 to holders of record Sept. 11. A like payment was made on June 15 and March 15 last and compares with 50 cents paid on Feb. 15 last and on Dec. 15 1934, and with 25 cents per share distributed on Sept. 15, June 15 and March 15 1934, while on Feb. 15 1934 a payment of 50 cents per share was made. In addition a regular payment of 50 cents per share was made on May 15 1934. After the payment of the Sept. 16 dividend accumulations will amount to \$3.75 per share.

Income Account for the Year 1934

Table with columns for Gross revenues, Lease expenses, Production taxes, Net revenues, Administrative expenses, Taxes—Franchise, excise and capital stock, Jones-Cujo-Grisso leases, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Provision for depletion, Provision for depreciation of furniture, Net profit, Provision for Federal income tax, Balance transferred to surplus, Preferred dividends.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934

(Before Consolidation with Subsidiary Company)

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Accrued royalties receivable, Marketable securities, x Royalty and lease interests, Invest. in Royalty Finance Corp., Furniture and fixtures, Total, Accts. payable & accrued exps., Reserve for Federal income tax, y \$2 cum. conv. pref. stock, z Common stock, Capital surplus, Total, and notes on allowance for depletion and represented shares.

Milwaukee Rockford & Southwestern RR.—Seeks RFC Loan—

The company has applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for approval of a five-year \$100,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan. The applicant proposes to use the funds to rehabilitate and buy rolling stock for the 21 miles of line formerly owned by the Rutland Toluca & Northern RR., which the Rockford proposes to purchase to purchase.

Mock, Judson, Voehringer Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Table with columns for Calendar Years—1934, 1933. Rows include Net profit after depreciation & Federal taxes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with columns for Assets (1934, 1933) and Liabilities (1934, 1933). Rows include Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Cash surr. val. of life ins. policies, Cash dep. for pay. of dividends, Employees accts., Notes rec. 90 days dating or over, y Fixed assets, Investment, Deferred charges, Preferred stock in treasury, Total, and notes on represented shares.

Missouri & Arkansas Ry.—Acquisition and Stock Insurance

The (Inter-State Commerce Commission on Aug. 20 issued a certificate authorizing the company to acquire and operate the line of railroad formerly owned and operated by the Missouri & North Arkansas Ry. Co., in Missouri and Arkansas.) At the same time the Commission authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$350,000 capital stock (par \$100) the stock to be delivered at par in payment for the line of railroad and other property formerly owned by the Missouri & North Arkansas Ry.

The line of railroad formerly owned and operated by the Missouri and North Arkansas Ry. extends in a southeasterly direction from Joplin, Mo. to Helena, Ark., a distance of 359.61 miles, of which 330.38 miles were owned and 29.23 were operated under trackage rights with branch lines extending from Junction to Eureka Springs, 2.04 miles, and from Freeman to Berryville, 3.16 miles, all in Jasper, Newton and Barry Counties, Mo., and Carroll, Boone, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren, Cleburne, White, Woodruff, Monroe, St. Francis, Lee and Phillips Counties, Ark.

The properties of the old company were sold at foreclosure sale on March 12 1935, under orders of the U. S. District Court for the Western Division of the Eastern District of Arkansas and were purchased by Frank Kell for \$350,000. The sale was confirmed by the court by order entered March 25 1935. On April 15 1935, a deed conveying the properties so sold was executed, having been approved by the court, and the properties passed into the possession of the applicant, with the consent of Kell.

The applicant was incorporated in Arkansas on April 10 1935, with an authorized capital stock of \$918,000 for the purpose of acquiring the railroad properties assets, and franchises of the old company, and operating the line. Authority is sought to issue 9,180 shares of capital stock of the par value of \$100 a share to pay for the properties to be acquired.

The method used in arriving at the price of \$918,000 proposed to be paid for the property and assets is not shown. The general balance sheet of the applicant, as of April 30 1935, gives the investment in road and equipment at \$826,695. The amount of securities to be issued should not exceed the amount of the applicant's investment in the properties, and, in the absence of any showing of a larger investment, this must be assumed to be the price paid for the properties at the foreclosure sale. The amount of stock which we will authorize to be issued by the applicant in respect thereof will be limited to \$350,000, or 3,500 shares (par \$100). Authority to issue such stock will be subject to the condition that, in recording the acquisition of the line and other property in accordance with the requirements of our accounting classifications, the applicant shall value the stock at a sum not in excess of its par value and shall submit to this Commission for approval copies of all related journal entries prepared for recording the transactions herein involved.—V. 141, p. 1445.

Mobile Gas Service Corp.—Earnings—

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended June 30—1935, 1934. Rows include Total gross operating revenues, Operating expenses, Maintenance, Uncollectible accounts, General taxes, Net operating revenues, Non-operating income (net), Balance, Provision for retirements, Gross income.

Balance Sheet June 30 1935

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Plant & franchises, Cash, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Tax anticipation warrants (at cost), Mdse., materials & suppl., &c., Appliances on rental, Prepaid insur., taxes, &c., Miscell. investments, Special deposits, Deferred debit items, Total, c Common stock, Funded debt, Notes payable, Accounts payable, Due to parent & affil. cos., Consumers' deposits, Service extension deposits, Interest accrued, Taxes accrued, Miscell. accrued liabilities, Retirement reserve, Reserve for uncollectible accts., Other operating reserves, d Res. for int. on inc. bonds, Surplus, Total.

Note—The above comparison of gross income for the years ended June 30 1935 and June 30 1934 includes the earnings of the predecessor company, Mobile Gas Co. for the periods prior to Nov. 1 1934. c Represented by 5,000 shares without par value. d Accrued interest on the 1st mtge. series A and series B income bonds amounted to \$136,055

National Rubber Machinery Co.—Earnings— Year Ended Dec. 31— 1934 1933 Sales \$1,105,646 \$1,003,985 ... Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 Assets— 1934 1933 Liabilities— 1934 1933 ... Total \$1,559,510 \$1,751,396

New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry.—Bondholders Intervene ... New River Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings— Calendar Years— 1934 1933 1932 1931 ... Total surplus \$3,168,824 \$2,377,461 \$2,360,432 \$2,581,320 ... Total \$2,503,708 \$2,377,461 \$2,134,505 \$2,153,646

National Surety Corp.—To Receive Offers for Stock— Supreme Court Justice Louis A. Valente on Aug. 30 signed a show cause order permitting Superintendent of Insurance Louis H. Pink to receive offers for the purchase of the stock of the corporation on definite terms. The Court order sets Oct. 1 1935 as the date for hearing upon such offers. All persons interested, including those who have previously submitted offers, are given the opportunity to submit offers at or before 12 o'clock noon on Sept. 30 1935. The offers are to be submitted to Justice Valente at his Chambers, Room 659 in the County Court House. All offers are to be in writing and accompanied by cash or certified check for 10% of the amount or the equivalent in marketable securities.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934 1933 Assets— \$ \$ Liabilities— \$ \$... Total 16,004,761 16,079,308

Neisner Brothers, Inc.—Sales— Month of— 1935 1934 1933 January \$993,998 \$984,596 \$793,048 February 1,054,094 988,901 831,704 ... Total eight months \$11,123,315 \$10,483,735 \$8,804,778

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Asks Extension of \$15,000,000 Notes for Three Years—W. J. Harahan, Pres., in a letter dated Sept. 3 sent to the holders of the three-year 6% gold notes due Oct. 1 1935, states:

New Jersey Worsted Mills (& Subs.)—Earnings— Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1934 Net loss before depreciation \$428,270 Depreciation 152,025 Net loss for the year \$580,295

This company's 3-year 6% gold notes, aggregating \$15,000,000, will become due on Oct. 1 1935. These notes were issued pursuant to a plan which was successfully consummated in 1932 in connection with \$20,000,000 3-year 6% gold notes which matured Oct. 1 1932. When these \$20,000,000 of notes were issued in 1929 it was anticipated that they would be refunded at their maturity, Oct. 1 1932, through the customary channels, but because of the decline in the market value of railroad securities, and the reduced earnings of the company, such refunding was not possible. However, the company at that time was able to borrow \$5,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation with which it paid 25% of each of the maturing notes in cash, and the \$15,000,000 of notes which are now falling due were issued in exchange for the remaining 75% of the \$20,000,000 issue.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934 Assets— \$ \$ Liabilities— \$ \$... Total \$3,101,617

In order to meet these conditions, directors and management are proposing to all holders of these notes a plan for their extension for an additional period of three years, continuing the interest rate of 6% per annum. Under the plan you will receive the following: (a) Immediately upon deposit of your maturing notes, the full interest due Oct. 1 1935, on said notes. (b) When the plan is declared operative, new 3-year 6% notes dated Oct. 1 1935 and due Oct. 1 1938, in exchange, on a par for par basis, for the notes now outstanding.

New Mexico & Arizona Land Co.—Earnings— Calendar Years— 1934 1933 1932 1931 Rentals \$34,754 \$38,383 \$40,718 \$42,033 ... Profit \$7,737 \$8,720 \$4,207 def\$3,041

Bankers Urge Acceptance of Plan—Edward B. Smith & Co. and Lee Hgginson Corp. state: We believe that under conditions now prevailing the extension offer made by the company is in the best interest of the noteholders and should be accepted by them. For our services to the company in connection with the carrying out of the plan, the company has agreed to reimburse us for expenses, and also to pay us an amount equal to ¼ of 1% of the principal amount of notes deposited through special solicitations by us. A similar payment of ¼ of 1% is being offered by the company to all investment bankers, banks, trust companies and dealers in securities and will be paid to them on all notes deposited through their solicitation or other efforts in order to compensate them for the expenses of communicating with noteholders and assisting them in making deposits.—V. 141, p. 1448.

General Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934 1933 Assets— \$ \$ Liabilities— \$ \$... Total \$849,766 \$974,113

New Process Co.—Earnings— Calendar Years— 1934 1933 Net sales \$3,181,718 \$2,317,770 Cost of sales, selling, gen'l & admin. expenses 2,899,483 2,056,016 ... Net profit \$223,222 \$165,788

New York Rys. Corp.—Question of Solvency and Fairness of Reorganization Plan to Be Considered by Special Master— The suggestion of counsel for a group of preferred stockholders of the corporation was accepted Aug. 30 by Federal Judge Robert P. Patterson when he indicated that he would appoint a special master to hear testimony on the solvency or insolvency of the company and on the fairness of the reorganization plan proposed by the company under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act. Two groups of preferred holders raised objections to the plan.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934 1933 Assets— \$ \$ Liabilities— \$ \$... Total \$1,615,032 \$1,485,909

The next hearing in Judge Patterson's court was scheduled for Oct. 15, when the report and recommendations of the special master will be heard. Question as to the company's position that it is insolvent was raised by Max J. Rubin of the firm of Karelson & Karelson, attorneys for the preferred stockholders' committee headed by Carl Brukenfeld. He argued that \$13,000,000 of unpaid and accumulated interest on the approximately \$20,000,000 of income bonds should not be included in the current balance sheet at \$13,000,000 because it is not payable until the principal is due and therefore should be discounted to about \$4,000,000 if it is to be listed as a liability now. He also objected that a balance sheet as of July 31 1935, presented to the court by the company, does not capitalize bus franchises, and argued that the demonstrated earning capacity of the Madison Avenue Bus Co., jointly owned by New York Rys. and Fifth Avenue Coach, shows the value of such franchises.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for 1934 and 1933. Includes items like Cash & marketable securities, Accounts payable, and Total.

Ohio Service Holding Corp.—\$1 Preferred Dividend—The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the \$5 non-cumulative preferred stock...

Onondaga Silk Co., Inc.—Earnings—

Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1934. Table with columns for Income and Expenses, and rows for Net operating profit, Total income, and Dividends paid.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Cash, Accounts receivable, Inventories, and Total.

Ontario Steel Products Co., Ltd.—Earnings—Years End. June 30—1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Table with columns for Profit, Depreciation, and Net profit.

Balance Sheet June 30

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Property, &c., Cash, Inventories, and Total.

Oregon Short Line RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July and From Jan. 1, and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, and Net after rents.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Files \$20,000,000 Issue—

The company has filed with the San Francisco office of the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement covering a proposed additional issue of \$20,000,000 1st & ref. series G 4% bonds due Dec. 1 1964.

Pan-American Petroleum & Transport Co. (& Subs.)

Table with columns for Period End. June 30—1935—3 Mos.—1934 and 1935—6 Mos.—1934. Rows for Net profit after depreciation and Before Federal income taxes.

Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Co.—Contract—

See Detroit City Gas Co. above.—V. 133, p. 1300.

Pantepec Oil Co. of Venezuela—Admitted to List—

The New York Curb Exchange has admitted to the list the new common capital stock, \$1 par, in lieu of old common capital stock, no par, issuable share for share in exchange for old common capital stock.—V. 141, p. 1105.

Paramount Broadway Corp.—Listing—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$8,875,000 1st mtge. sinking fund loan certificates, due Feb. 15 1955, upon official notice of issuance pursuant to the plan of reorganization of the company.

The amended certificates are being issued to the holders of original certificates (of which at the time of the confirmation of the plan there were \$8,875,000 outstanding in exchange therefor).

Plan of Reorganization returned

Holders of the original certificates are entitled to receive under the plan, against surrender thereof (with July 1 1933 and all subsequent interest warrants attached), a like principal amount of amended certificates.

At the time of the confirmation of the plan there were outstanding \$8,875,000 of original certificates. Upon surrender and exchange of all original certificates pursuant to the plan, there will be outstanding \$8,875,000 principal amount of amended certificates, being the entire authorized issue.

The claims of all creditors of the company, other than the trustees of the estate of Paramount Publix, the holders of the original certificate and the trustee therefor are unaffected by the plan.

Paramount Publix Corp.—Suspended from Dealings—

The New York Stock Exchange has suspended from dealings the 20-year 5 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, due Aug. 1 1950 and certificates of deposit therefor and Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corp., 20-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds, due Dec. 1 1947 and certificates of deposit therefor.—V. 141, p. 605.

Park Utah Consolidated Mines Co.—Earnings—

Consolidated Operating Statement for Six Months Ended June 30 1935. Table with columns for Income and Expense, and rows for Ore sales, Interest on notes and investments, and Net loss from operations.

Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities June 30 1935 (Exclusive of Property and Plant Value)

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Current assets—Cash in banks, Investments—Federal Land Bank bonds, and Total liabilities (excl. of property and equipment).

Peck, Stow & Wilcox Co.—Balance Sheet June 30—

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Cash on hand and in banks, Accounts payable, and Total.

Peerless Corp.—Earnings—

Table with columns for Period—3 Mos. End. 6 Mos. End. 9 Mos. End. June 30 '35 Mar. 31 '35 June 30 '35. Rows for Net loss after taxes, deprec., &c.

Pennsylvania Co.—Bonds Called—

All of the outstanding 35-year 4 3/4% secured gold bonds due Nov. 1 1963 have been called for redemption on Nov. 1 at 105 and interest. Pay-

ment will be made at the office of the company, 380 Seventh Ave., N. Y. City, or at 1617 Pennsylvania Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa.—V. 141, p. 1449.

Pennsylvania RR.—C. O. D. Service—

The railroad announced establishment of "cash on delivery" service, to supplement its collection and delivery plan for the door-to-door transportation of less-than-carload freight. New service becomes effective Sept. 1.

The invoice price of the merchandise will be collected by the railroad representative, upon delivery of the goods to the purchaser's door, and remittance will be made to the shipper by railroad draft, the company assuming entire responsibility. A sliding scale of charges is provided for collecting and remitting the money.—V. 141, p. 1450.

Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Years End. June 30, 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Net income after maint., depr., del. & Fed. taxes, Earnings per sh. on 150,000 shs. cap. stk. (par \$50). Values range from \$891,086 to \$363,147.

Pfeiffer Brewing Co.—Co-Transfer Agent—

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed co-transfer agent for the capital stock of the company, consisting of 750,000 shares of no par value stock, of which there are issued and outstanding 390,412 shares.—V. 141, p. 1282.

Philadelphia Storage Battery Co.—Operations—

With more than 9,500 workers on a payroll which amounts to nearly \$1,000,000 a month, this company, makers of Philco radios, are employing many additional workers to keep pace with the increasing demand for radio instruments.

The company recently reported record-breaking production for Philco during the first half of 1935, with indications pointing to even greater production during the next six months.—V. 134, p. 1387.

Philadelphia Suburban Water Co.—Bonds Offered—

Formal public offering was made Wednesday through an underwriting group headed by Hornblower & Weeks of the unexchanged portion of \$16,900,000 1st mtge. bonds, 4% series due 1965, at a price of 101 1/2 and int. Present bondholders, who were given the prior privilege of exchanging their holdings for the new bonds, have taken approximately 57% of the issue, according to the latest figures received from the trustee. Associated with Hornblower & Weeks in the underwriting and offering of the bonds are: Cassatt & Co., Inc.; The First Boston Corp.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Lee Higginson Corp.; Chas. D. Barney & Co.; Clark, Dodge & Co.; Dominick & Dominick; G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.; White, Weld & Co.; Field, Gloré & Co.; W. E. Hutton & Co.; Singer, Deane & Scribner; Bell & Beekwith; Paul H. Davis & Co.; O'Brian, Potter & Co.; Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood, and Reed & Co., Inc.

A prospectus, dated Sept. 4, affords the following:

Dated Sept. 1 1935; due Sept. 1 1965. To be issued in coupon form in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal only. Prin. and int. payable, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for public and private debts, at the office of Pennsylvania Co. for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, trustee. Int. payable M. & S. Penn. and Conn. 4-mill tax, Maryland 4 1/2-mill securities tax, and the Mass. income tax not exceeding 6% per annum refundable. Red. all or part on any int. date on not less than 30 days' notice at par and int., together with a premium of 5% if red. on or before Sept. 1 1940; of 4% if red. thereafter and on or before Sept. 1 1945; of 3% if red. thereafter and on or before Sept. 1 1950; of 2% if red. thereafter and on or before Sept. 1 1955; of 1% if red. thereafter and on or before Sept. 1 1960, and without premium if redeemed thereafter.

Purpose—Net proceeds (approximately \$16,601,150), plus \$176,297 from general funds, will be applied to the redemption of the following bonds: On Oct. 1 1935, \$2,434,000 1st mtge. gold bonds 5% series due Oct. 1 1969, at 105 and int.; On Oct. 1 1935, \$1,765,000 1st mtge. gold bonds 4 1/2% series due Oct. 1 1970, at 105 and int.; On Nov. 1 1935, \$9,617,500 1st mtge. gold bonds 5% series due May 1 1955, at 102 1/2 and int., and On Nov. 1 1935, \$2,414,000 1st mtge. gold bonds 4 1/2% series due Nov. 1 1967, at 104 and int.

History and Business—Company supplies water and furnishes fire hydrant service to 25 boroughs and 24 townships constituting a contiguous territory of approximately 300 square miles comprising a large part of suburban Philadelphia. These boroughs and townships have an aggregate population estimated to be in excess of 300,000.

Company was organized in Pennsylvania on Jan. 27 1905; subsequently it acquired complete ownership of 37 companies holding franchise rights in the boroughs and townships.

The company's principal water supply facilities consist of filters and pumping stations, four in number, located at four streams from which water is taken.

The company's transmission and distribution system comprises approximately 1,039 miles of pipes. Transmission mains, ranging in size from 10-inch diameter to 30-inch diameter, total approximately 178 miles, and distribution mains of smaller diameters, principally 4-inch, 6-inch and 8-inch, total approximately 861 miles. Transmission mains from all four plants are interconnected, permitting considerable elasticity in the routing of water from one plant into a district normally supplied by another plant. On the distribution system are six clear water reservoirs and 12 standpipes, functioning to equalize day and night pumpage.

Earnings for Stated Periods

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years, Operating Revenues, Prov. for Depreciation, a Income, b Interest on Funded Debt. Rows for years 1932-1935 (5 mos.).

a Available for interest, amortization of debt discount and expense, and Federal income taxes. b All of which now outstanding is to be refunded.

Annual interest requirements on the funded debt outstanding, after giving effect to the present financing, amount to \$676,000.

Capitalization at May 31 1935 (Giving Effect to Proposed Financing)

Table with 3 columns: Authorized, Outstanding, 6% cumulative preferred stock (\$100 par), Common stock (no par value). Values range from 100,000 to 250,000 shs.

* Except as set forth under "Certain Provisions in the Indenture."

Control—All officers of the company are officers of the C. H. Geist Co., Inc., which, through its subsidiary, American Pipe & Construction Co., controls Philadelphia Suburban Water Co. through ownership of 100% of its common stock.

Underwriters—The names of the underwriters and the respective amounts severally underwritten by them are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Name, Amount. Lists underwriters like Hornblower & Weeks, Cassatt & Co., etc., with amounts up to \$4,950,000.

—V. 141, p. 1450.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Acquisition—

The company has acquired control of Reda Pump Co. through purchase of 36,900 shares of preferred stock and 135,000 shares of common stock, involving approximately \$480,000. Reda Pump Co. manufactures submergible electric pumps for deep-sand oil wells.

Forms New Company—

Frank Phillips, President, on Sept. 3 announced that this company has organized a new corporation known as The Polymerization Process Corp., through which patent licenses will be available to the petroleum and natural gas industries for the practice of the polymerization process for making premium grade gasoline from refinery and natural gases. Through exchange of patents the Texas Corp., Standard Oil Co. (Indiana) and Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey) have an interest in the new corporation and will use the new process.

The M. W. Kellogg Co. has been appointed licensing agent and is prepared to make estimates and bids on complete plants for carrying out the polymerization process.

Phillips Petroleum Co. for many years has been a large producer of natural gas and liquefied products derived from it, such as natural gas, gasoline and liquefied gas, but the new polymerization process is radically different in that a chemical change takes place instead of merely a physical separation.

This company developed and has been operating the new process on a full commercial scale. Complete operating data will be available to the licensing agent of the new company.

T. B. Hudson of the Phillips Petroleum Co. is President of the new corporation.—V. 141, p. 931.

Pierce Mfg. Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31—

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1934, 1933, Liabilities, 1934, 1933. Rows include Plant, Merchandise, etc., Total.

Pierce Oil Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Period End. June 30, 1935-3 Mos., 1934, 1935-6 Mos., 1934. Rows include Net loss after expenses, Total.

Pierce Petroleum Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Period End. June 30, 1935-3 Mos., 1934, 1935-6 Mos., 1934. Rows include Net profit after expenses, Total.

Pilgrim Mills—Balance Sheet Dec. 31—

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1934, 1933, Liabilities, 1934, 1933. Rows include Land, buildings, machinery, Total.

Pittston Co.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: 6 Months Ended June 30, 1935, 1934, 1933. Rows include Net sales, Total.

Pneumatic Scale Corp., Ltd.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended May 31, 1935, 1934, 1933. Rows include Gross receipts, Total.

Consolidated Balance Sheet May 31

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1935, 1934, Liabilities, 1935, 1934. Rows include Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Total.

* After reserve for depreciation of \$198,112 in 1935 (\$254,430 in 1934). y After reserve for depreciation of \$1,700,534 in 1935 (\$1,643,044 in 1934).—V. 139, p. 2842.

Premier Gold Mining Co., Ltd.—Extra Dividend Decl.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of one cent per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of three cents per share on the common stock, both payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 13.—V. 139, p. 2060.

Polymerization Process Corp.—New Company—
See Phillips Petroleum Co. above.

Prudence Bonds Corp.—Payments on Bonds—

Holder of first mortgage collateral bonds, series A are being notified by City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as trustee, that a payment of \$16 for each \$100 due thereon will be made on account of principal and accrued interest to June 29 1934 upon presentation of these bonds to the trustee, 22 William St., New York.

Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., trustee, is notifying holders of first mortgage collateral bonds, 6th series, that a payment of \$6 for each \$100 due thereon will be made on account of principal and accrued interest to June 29 1934, upon presentation of these bonds to the corporate trust department of the bank at 60 Broadway.

City Bank Farmers Trust Co., trustee, is notifying holders of first mortgage collateral bonds, fourth series, that a payment of \$17 for each \$100 due thereon, will be made on account of principal and accrued interest to June 29 1934, upon presentation of these bonds to the trustee, 22 William St., New York City.

The above payments are being made pursuant to orders of Robert A. Inch and Grover M. Moscowitz, Judges of the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, made and entered in the proceedings for the reorganization of the corporation and the Prudence Co., Inc.—V. 141, p. 765.

Quisset Mill, New Bedford, Mass.—Balance Sheet
Dec. 31—

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1934, 1933, Liabilities, 1934, 1933. Rows include Real estate and machinery, Inventory, Cash and accounts receivable, Total, etc.

V. 138, p. 4475.

Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—Contract—

The company has contracted to feature all motion pictures produced by Warner Brothers and Cosmopolitan Productions. The agreement calls for the RKO theatres in Greater New York to receive the first circuit showings. During the season just finished, RKO played 50% of the Warner product, and Loew's, Inc., played the remaining 50%.

Outside of Greater New York, the Warner and Cosmopolitan pictures will receive first-run showings in RKO houses in the cities of New Orleans, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Omaha, Des Moines, Sioux City, Davenport, Cedar Rapids and other cities.

The first picture to play the RKO chain under this new agreement will be the Cosmopolitan production, "Page Miss Glory"—V. 141, p. 607.

Rainier Pulp & Paper Co.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Years End, April 30, 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Sales (net), Cost of goods sold, Depreciation, Operating profits, Interest & amortization, etc.

Balance sheet April 30, Assets, Current assets, Other assets, Invest'ns at cost, Land & buildings, Contracts and deferred charges, Total, etc.

Table with 5 columns: Years End, May 31, 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Gross profit, General admin. and selling expenses, Deprec. & amortization, etc.

Balance Sheet May 31, Assets, Cash, Notes & trade accounts receivable, Inventories, etc.

Reed Roller Bit Co.—Listing Approved—
The New York Curb Exchange has approved the listing of 210,000 shares of common stock, no par.

Reliance International Corp.—Merger Approved—
See American, British & Continental Corp. above.—V. 141, p. 1283.

Reo Motor Car Co.—New Car—
The company is bringing out a new one-half ton commercial car with a base price of \$445 for the chassis and \$685 with panel body. These prices are \$50 under those of former models of the same type.—V. 141, p. 933.

Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—Decision Expected—
Counsel for the receiver as well as representatives of the bondholders, unsecured creditors' committee and trustees, are opposing the action of certain minority unsecured creditors who are asking that stock of the United Oil Co. and the Universal Consolidated Oil Co., owned by Richfield, be withheld from the receiver's sale.

In opposing the elimination of stock in these companies from the Richfield assets, the bondholders and others point out that the legal procedure for sale would require sufficient time for determining the outcome of the drilling activities. In the event that the well proves the property more valuable than now estimated, it is said, objection can be raised when the Richfield sale comes up for confirmation.—V. 141, p. 1283.

Roanoke Gas Light Co.—Earnings—

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended June 30, 1935, 1934. Rows include Total gross operating revenue, Operation, Maintenance, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Comparative Balance Sheet June 30, 1935, 1934. Rows include Assets, Plant & franchises, Cash, Accounts receivable, etc.

x Represented by 10,000 shares without par value.—V. 140, p. 4247.

Rochester Telephone Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, July 31, 1935, 1934, 1933, 1932. Rows include Operating revenues, Uncollectible oper. rev., etc.

Root Petroleum Co.—Initial Dividend Declared—
The directors on Sept. 3 declared an initial dividend of 30 cents per share on the \$1.20 convertible preferred stock payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20.—V. 141, p. 1284.

Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Gross income from op. oil and gas properties, Total expense, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, Assets, Cash, Notes and accounts receivable, Oil and gas prop., etc.

(Joseph T.) Ryerson & Son, Inc.—Merger Approved—

At special meeting of stockholders held on Aug. 30, the proposal of directors for merger with Inland Steel Co. was ratified and directors were authorized to go through with the plan. More than 92% of the company's 406,750 shares of capital stock outstanding were present in person or by proxy, and all shares present were voted for the plan.—V. 141, p. 1284.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Reduces Common Dividend—

Directors on Sept. 6 declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the no par common stock, payable Oct. 1 to stockholders of record Sept. 19. The company previously distributed quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share on this issue.—V. 141, p. 1284.

St. Louis Public Service Co.—Interest Being Paid—

The interest due July 1 1933 and Jan. 1 1934 on the United Railways Co. of St. Louis first general mortgage gold 4% bonds, due 1934, is now being paid. The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange rules that the bonds be quoted ex-interest 4% on Sept. 5 1935; that the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery in settlement of transactions made beginning Sept. 5 1935, must carry the July 1 1934 coupon.—V. 141, p. 446.

St. Regis Paper Co.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years, 1934, 1933, 1932, 1931. Rows include Net sales, royalties, &c., Cost and expenses, Operating income, etc.

x Losses on sales of investments amounting to \$368,273 were charged to earned surplus account.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for 1934 and 1933. Assets include land, building, machinery, etc. Liabilities include funded debt, demand bank loan, notes payable, etc.

Total 75,327,518 77,942,665. A After reserve for depreciation and depletion of \$11,333,300 in 1934 and \$10,617,669 in 1933.—V. 140, p. 326.

St. Louis-Southwestern Ry. Lines—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for St. Louis-Southwestern Ry. Lines for the period July 1 to Aug. 31, 1935, compared to 1934 and 1933.

San Diego & Arizona Eastern Ry.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for San Diego & Arizona Eastern Ry. for July 1935, compared to 1934 and 1933.

Savannah Electric & Power Co.—\$3 Preferred Dividend

The directors have declared a dividend of \$3 per share on account of accumulations on the 6% cumulative preferred stock, par \$100, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 13.

Selected Industries, Inc.—Accumulated Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of 87½ cents per share on the \$5.50 cumulative prior preferred stock, par \$25, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 14.

Sierra Pacific Electric Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Sierra Pacific Electric Co. for the period July 1935 to July 1934, compared to 1934 and 1933.

Silesian-American Corp.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Silesian-American Corp. for 1934 and 1933, including interest earned and miscellaneous income.

Surplus Account for Year 1934

Table showing the surplus account for year 1934, including balance, credit in connection with bonds retired, and net loss for year.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934

Table showing the balance sheet for Dec. 31 1934, including assets like cash in bank and accrued interest, and liabilities like accounts payable and federal taxes.

x Represented by 200,000 no par shares.—V. 137, p. 4371.

(L. C.) Smith & Corona Typewriter, Inc.—Resumes Preferred Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share on account of accumulations on the 7% cumulative preferred stock, par \$100, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20.

(A. O.) Smith Corp.—New Vice-President—

The board of directors through Rae F. Bell, Executive Vice-President, has announced the election of Carl C. Joys Jr. as a Vice-President.—V. 141, p. 1454.

Sonotone Corp.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Sonotone Corp. for 6 months ended June 30, 1935, compared to 1934 and 1933.

Southern California Edison Co., Ltd.—Admitted to

List— The New York Curb Exchange has admitted to the list the refunding mortgage gold bonds, series of 4½s, due Nov. 1 1955.

Southern Grocery Stores, Inc.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Southern Grocery Stores, Inc. for year ended Dec. 31 1934, including sales and net profit after taxes.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934

Table showing the balance sheet for Dec. 31 1934, including assets like cash in banks and accounts receivable, and liabilities like accounts payable and federal taxes.

Southern Ice Co., Inc.—Annual Report—

G. C. Hyde, President, says in part: As the company has not been engaged in operating a public utility, the appearance of the word 'utilities' in its corporate name had been found to be confusing.

Table showing earnings for Southern Ice Co., Inc. for years ended Dec. 31, 1934 and 1933, including total operating revenues and operating expenses.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934

Table showing the balance sheet for Dec. 31 1934, including assets like fixed capital and investments, and liabilities like capital stock and funded debt.

x Represented by 30,000 shares \$7 dividend series (cumulative) preferred stock, 4,020 shares of participating \$7 series (cumulative) preferred stock; 32,680 shares class A (non-voting) common stock and 140,111 shares of class B (voting) common stock all of no par value.

Southern Ice & Utilities Co.—New Name—

See Southern Ice Co., Inc., above.—V. 141, p. 1109.

Southern Natural Gas Corp.—Intervenes in Plan—

A reorganization committee for the corporation, consisting of Henry P. Turnbull, Christopher T. Cheney, John Y. Robbins and William Von Phul, announced Sept. 5 that it had intervened in reorganization proceedings.

Southern Pacific Co.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Southern Pacific Co. for July 1935, compared to 1934 and 1933.

Southern Pacific Golden Gate Co.—Earnings—

[Including Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Ltd.] Combined Income Account (Excluding Offsetting Accounts) for 12 Months Ended Dec. 31

Table showing combined income account for 12 months ended Dec. 31, including water line operations—revenues and expenses.

Table showing net revenue from water line operations and water line tax accruals for 1934, 1933, and 1932.

Combined Balance Sheet (Excluding Offsetting Accounts) Dec. 31
[Southern Pacific Golden Gate Co. and Sou. Pac. Gold. Gate Fer., Ltd.]

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and sub-columns for years 1934 and 1933. Assets include floating eq., properties, land, etc. Liabilities include common stock, preferred stock, etc.

Total 8,271,473 14,425,365
x Represents cost of \$133,000 par value of first mortgage 5 1/2% sinking gold bonds of Southern Pacific Golden Gate Co.—V. 139, p. 3007.

Spartan Refining Co.—Reorganization Approved—
See Atlas Pipe Line above.—V. 140, p. 4249.

Table with columns for Earnings and sub-columns for years 1935, 1934, 1933, and 1932. Rows include net income, depletion, interest, taxes, etc.

Deficit for year \$255,050
x Timber limit depletion charged against operating surplus, now transferred and charged against appraisal surplus.

Balance Sheet April 30

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and sub-columns for years 1935 and 1934. Assets include real estate, plant, etc. Liabilities include preferred stock, common stock, etc.

Total 43,161,443 42,867,533
x Represented by 200,000 no par shares.—V. 139, p. 778.

Square D Co.—Accumulated Dividend
The directors have declared a dividend of 55 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$2.20 class A cumulative preferred stock, no par value, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 20.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Weekly Output
Electric output for the week ended Aug. 31 1935, totaled 87,363,042 kilowatt hours, an increase of 7.1% compared with the corresponding week last year.—V. 141, p. 1455.

Standard National Corp.—New Officer
Leon Cohen, assistant director of the Trading and Exchange Division of the Securities and Exchange Commission, has resigned to become Treasurer and Vice-President of this company.—V. 126, p. 3775.

Standard Oil Co. of California—New Vice-President
James A. Moffett, who resigned as Federal Housing Administrator, resumed his position as Vice-President of this company as of Sept. 1. Mr. Moffett will be in the New York office of the Standard Oil organization.—V. 141, p. 1286.

(Frederick) Stearns & Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns for Earnings and sub-columns for years 1934, 1933, and 1932. Rows include consolidated net profit, previous surplus, proceeds of life insur., etc.

Total surplus \$2,753,287
Surplus Dec. 31 \$2,625,736

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and sub-columns for years 1934 and 1933. Assets include cash, investments, etc. Liabilities include accounts payable, etc.

Total \$5,859,085 \$5,800,529
x Represented by 133,032 shares of no par value.—V. 140, p. 4417.

Sunshine Mining Co.—Increases Dividend—
The directors have declared a dividend of 40 cents per share on the common stock, par 10 cents, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 14.

This compares with 30 cents paid on June 29, 20 cents on March 30 last and 16 cents per share in each of the three preceding quarters. In addition an extra dividend of 4 cents per share was paid on Dec. 31 1934.—V. 141, p. 1287.

Swift International—Present Status—
President Charles H. Swift on Aug. 31, sent a letter to stockholders in which he states:

Several matters of importance to the company having received notices in the United States press in the last month or two, it seems appropriate to take this occasion to comment upon them.
Fred Six, who has represented the company in important capacities in South America for the last 17 years, has been appointed General Manager in South America to succeed the late Burt Kennedy, who died July 16 1935. A tax suit against one of the company's subsidiaries in the Province of Santa Fe, Argentina, is of minor importance and will have no appreciable effect upon the company's earnings.
Political conditions in Argentina as affecting the meat industry, while somewhat disturbed, are, we believe, a manifestation of the unsettlement evident in most agricultural countries. It is not expected that there will be any serious interruption to the successful operation of our business. As stated in my report to shareholders March 29 1935, the Argentine Government has always accorded equitable treatment to the meat companies operating in that country.
The company is earning its dividend.—V. 140, p. 3911.

Taylor Milling Corp.—25-Cent Extra Dividend
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of like amount on the common stock, no par value, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 11.

Similar payments were made in each of the three preceding quarters.—V. 141, p. 449.

Tennessee Central Ry.—RFC Loan Extended—
The Interstate Commerce Commission on Sept. 3 found the company not to be in need of financial reorganization in the public interest at this time and approved the extension for a period not to exceed three years.

of time payment of loan by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, maturing Sept. 1 1935, in the amount of \$147,700.—V. 141, p. 1456.

Texas Co.—To Sell Its Tank Cars—
The company is making arrangements to sell its tank cars to the General American Transportation Corp. Upon conclusion of the sale the company will enter into a long-term lease with General American for tank car requirements.

The transaction, taking this company out of the tank car business, would place it in a position in which it would not be necessary to carry an investment in excess tank cars to handle the peak gasoline traffic.—V. 135, p. 3370.

Transamerica Corp.—To Cancel 1,664,612 Shares of Stock—
John M. Grant, President, on Sept. 6 announced that it is the intention of the management to take the necessary steps to cancel 439,467 shares of capital stock retired to treasury since the first of this year and an additional 1,147,970 shares previously acquired.

"It is also the intention," said Mr. Grant, "to cancel 77,175 shares reserved for exchanges. This will reduce the total number of issued shares of capital stock of Transamerica Corp. from 24,847,484 to 23,182,874 and will increase the equity of the stockholders proportionately."—V. 141, p. 289.

Union Pacific RR.—Seeks To Purchase Road—
The company has applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to purchase the properties or stock control of the Laramie, North Park & Western R.R.

The Union Pacific would buy the 25,000 shares of the common stock of the Laramie for \$650,000, coincident with which transaction the Laramie pref. stock would be retired; or would buy the physical properties of the road for \$650,000.

The application is in line with the company's unification plan. Last month the ICC authorized the acquisition by the Union Pacific of four small roads on condition that the Laramie and the Pacific & Idaho Northern R.R. would also be purchased at fair commercial values.
The Union Pacific has written the ICC that it would acquire the Idaho line at foreclosure sale about Dec. 1. The inauguration of the foreclosure sale being delayed to allow the Idaho to get the benefit of heavy traffic in fruit during the next three months in the hope of clearing up miscellaneous accounts payable before the road is sold.
The other four lines involved in the Union Pacific consolidation are the Oregon Short Line RR., Oregon-Washington RR. & Navigation Co., Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR., and St. Joseph & Grand Island Ry.—V. 141, p. 1457.

Union Storage Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns for Earnings and sub-columns for years 1934, 1933, 1932, and 1931. Rows include net income, dividends, balance, surplus, etc.

Total surplus \$274,515
Includes investments and accounts charged off of \$6,332. y Includes \$12,882 accounts charged off.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and sub-columns for years 1934 and 1933. Assets include fixed assets, cash, etc. Liabilities include capital stock, accounts payable, etc.

Total \$863,600 \$891,823
—V. 141, p. 770.

Union Sugar Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns for Earnings and sub-columns for years 1934, 1933, 1932, and 1931. Rows include operating profit, previous surplus, etc.

Total surplus \$41,926
Profit & loss surp. def \$122,287

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and sub-columns for years 1934 and 1933. Assets include cash, notes & a/cts. rec., etc. Liabilities include accounts payable, etc.

Total \$3,786,588 \$2,946,058
—V. 139, p. 1881.

United American Bosch Corp.—Financing Contract—

See Commercial Credit Co. above.—V. 141, p. 1111.

United Gas Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, 1935-3 Mos., 1934, 1935-12 Mos., 1934. Rows include Operating revenues, Net rev. from oper'n., Gross corp. income, etc.

Note—All intercompany transactions have been eliminated from the above statement. Interest and preferred dividend deductions of subsidiaries represent full requirements for the respective periods...

United Gas Improvement Co.—Weekly Output—

Table with 4 columns: Week Ended, Aug. 31 '35, Aug. 24 '35, Sept. 1 '34. Rows include Electric output of system (kwh).

United Milk Products Co.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: 6 Months Ended June 30, 1935, 1934. Rows include Net profit after depreciation.

United Shirt Distributors, Inc.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1934. Rows include Gross profit on sales, Total income, Net profit.

United States Stores Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years, 1934, 1933. Rows include Net sales, Loss from operation, Net loss before deprec. & loss on capital assets.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1934

Table with 2 columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Cash in banks, Accounts receivable, Notes payable, Accounts payable, etc.

x Represented by 20,187 shares of 1st pref. stock of no par value; preference stock, 1,126 shares of no par value; common stock, 180,828 shares of no par value (80,748 shares reserved for conversion of 1st pref. stock).

United States Distributing Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, June 30, 1935-3 Mos., 1934, 1935-6 Mos., 1934. Rows include Consol. net profit after int., deprec., depletion taxes, &c.

United States Steel Corp.—Unification Program—

Following the meeting of the board of directors held on Aug. 28, the following announcement has been made: "The corporation has approved, effective Oct. 1, a unified plan for the operation of the Carnegie and Illinois steel companies, both wholly-owned subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corp., under which the direction of production and sales will be controlled from a central office to be set up in Pittsburgh."

United Stores Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: 6 Months Ended June 30, 1935, 1934, 1933. Rows include Interest received, Expenses and franchise taxes, Net profit.

Comparative Balance Sheet

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, June 30 '35, Dec. 31 '34. Rows include Cash, Rec. from Tobac., Prod. Corp. of Delaware, etc.

x Consists of 20,741 shares. y Certificates of deposit for 23,803 shares of preferred stock. z Consists of 24,795 shares of class A and 4,530 shares of common stock.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 2 columns: Earnings for 12 Months Ended March 31 1935. Rows include Public Utility subsidiary companies, Utilities Power & Light Corp., Ltd., Non-utility subsidiary companies, Other companies.

Balance Sheet March 31 1935 (Company Only)

Table with 2 columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Investments, loans & advances, Public Utility sub. cos., Utilities P. & L. Corp., Ltd., etc.

Valspar Corp.—President Resigns—

Lawrence Phillips has announced his resignation as President and a director of this company and its affiliated companies. Mr. Phillips was elected President in 1931 and has served as receiver for the organization from 1932 until the company was reorganized in December 1934.—V. 139, p. 4139.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corp.—Annual Report—

A. L. Ivey, President, says in part: The net profits, after deducting \$554,364 for depreciation and depletion, amounted to \$1,277,578, as compared with a net profit of \$492,377 for the previous year. As an incident to the increased volume of business obtained, there was a necessary increase in operating, advertising and selling expenses over the previous year.

the lowest per ton, but also the lowest in aggregate amount, since the organization of the corporation.

There was an improvement in earnings during the year in all general divisions, including affiliated companies, whose contribution to the consolidated income account included substantial dividends paid out of their accumulated surpluses.

The increase in the investment in capital stocks of affiliated companies is represented by an additional purchase of \$330,000 of the capital stock of one affiliate and the write-off of \$1, the nominal and book value of the capital stock of another affiliate, which was dissolved during the year.

Management believes that ample reserves have been provided for all probable losses on receivables.

Inventories are purposely larger than at the end of the previous year, and are in proportion to expected volume of business. They are well located and conservatively valued.

The accumulated dividends of \$24.50 per share on the 7% cum. div. prior preference stock shown on the consolidated balance sheet was reduced to \$16.50 per share by the payment on Aug. 12 1935 of a dividend thereon of \$8 per share.

The payment of this dividend is neither the result of, nor has it any connection with, the suit instituted Sept. 26 1934 by certain 7% prior preference stockholders, seeking by Court order the payment of a dividend on the 7% prior preference stock. The lower Court in that suit ordered the payment of a dividend of \$7 per share, but the case was appealed to the Supreme Court of Appeals for the State of Virginia, where it is now pending.

Since the close of the fiscal year corporation has purchased and added to its marketable securities shown on the consolidated balance sheet \$2,000,000 of U. S. Government bonds and \$1,250,000 of Home Owners' Loan Corporation bonds.

Consolidated Income Account, Years Ended June 30

Table with columns for Years Ended June 30 (1935, 1934) and rows for Gross earnings from operations, Other operating expenses, Provision for losses on time sales on shipments made during the year, Allowances for depreciation and depletion, Miscellaneous deductions-net, Operating profit, Interest on receivables and Government securities, Dividends from affiliated companies, Profit on sale of Government bonds, Profit before income and Fed. capital stock taxes, Federal and State income and Federal capital stock taxes-estimated, Net profit for year.

a After deducting discount on sales, manufacturing costs and expenses, including ordinary repairs, maintenance of properties, but not including depreciation and depletion. b The company's proportion of net earnings of affiliated companies for the fiscal year ended June 30 1935 amounted to \$211,315. Dividends received from such affiliated companies during that period aggregated \$508,625.

Note-Bad debts charged to reserves previously created: Year ended June 30 1935, \$646,728; year ended June 30 1934, \$416,123.

Analysis of Consolidated Surplus for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30 1935

Table with columns for General Surplus, Capital Surplus, Combined and rows for Balance-June 30 1934, Net profit for fiscal year ended June 30 1935, Recovery of bad debts written off in previous years, Reducing reserve for contingencies provided in previous year for properties acquired in settlement of debts, realized losses thereon in the same amount having been charged against current year's income acct., Balance, June 30 1935.

Note-The above balance of \$2,355,637 in capital surplus at June 30 1935 represents the total excess of par value over cost of its own shares purchased by the corporation to date. The availability of this capital surplus for dividends or other corporate purposes is at present before the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia for determination.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table with columns for Assets (1935, 1934) and Liabilities (1935, 1934) and rows for L'd. bldgs., mach. & eq., Notes & accts. rec, Inv. in affil. cos., Mds. inventory, x Accts & bills rec, Cash in banks and on hand, Other assets, Patents, U. S. Treas. notes, Mktable. secs., Deferred charges, Total, Liabilities including 7% prior pref. stk., 6% part. pref. stk., y Common stock, Accounts payable, Accrued accounts, Reserve for Insur. & contingencies, Capital surplus, General surplus.

x After deducting \$801,721 (\$973,954 in 1934) reserve for doubtful accounts and bills and cash discounts. y Authorized 750,000 shares, no par value; issued, 486,700 shares. z Less reserve for losses, \$67,926 in 1935 (\$186,000 in 1934). -V. 141, p. 611.

Vulcan Detinning Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns for Period End. June 30 (1935-3 Mos., 1934, 1935-6 Mos., 1934) and rows for Sales, Inv. of finished products, Total, Expenses, deprec., &c., Net income, Other income, Total income, Taxes, &c., Net profits, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Dividends paid, Profit & loss surplus, Earns. per sh. on 32,258 shs. (\$100 par) com. stock.

Balance Sheet June 30

Table with columns for Assets (1935, 1934) and Liabilities (1935, 1934) and rows for x Plant & equipm't, Patents, good-will, &c., Cash, Other investments, Market securities, Accts. receivable, Adv. & pre'd chgs, Inventories, Total, Liabilities including Preferred stock, Common stock, Accounts payable, Dividends payable, Reserve for taxes, &c., Tin Tetrachloride equalization res., Excess of par over cost of pref. shs. in treas., Surplus.

x After deprec. and obsolescence reserve of \$1,496,303 in 1935 and \$1,223,483 in 1934. -V. 140, p. 4085.

Wailua Agricultural Co.—\$1.20 Dividend paid

The company paid a dividend of \$1.20 per share on the capital stock, par \$20, on Aug. 31 to holders of record Aug. 21. This compares with 60 cents paid on May 31 last; 30 cents in each of the three preceding quarters; 60 cents on Feb. 28 1934, Nov. 30, Aug. 31 and June 30 1933, and 50 cents on Nov. 30 1932. -V. 141, p. 772.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—Contract—

See Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. above. -V. 141, p. 772.

Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns for Six Months Ended June 30 (1935, 1934) and rows for Net sales, Costs and expenses, Operating profit, Other income (net), Total income, Depreciation and depletion, Federal and State taxes, Net income, Dividends, Deficit, Shares capital stock (no par), Earnings per share, Current assets as of June 30 1935, Inventories, last, aggregated \$4,056,331, comparing with \$4,339,665 on June 30 a year previous; earned surplus was \$279,156, against \$368,684, and capital surplus was \$1,800,713, against \$1,911,236. -V. 140, p. 2372.

Washington Water Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns for Period End. July 31 (1935-Month, 1934, 1935-12 Mos., 1934) and rows for Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net rev. from operat'n, Other income (net), Gross corp. income, Int. & other deductions, Balance, Property retirement reserve appropriations, z Dividends applicable to preferred stock for period, whether paid or unpaid, Balance, y Before property retirement reserve appropriations and dividends, z Regular dividend on \$6 pref. stock was paid on June 15 1935. After the payment of this dividend there were no accumulated unpaid dividends at that date. -V. 141, p. 939.

Western Dairy Products Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns for 6 Mos. End. June 30 (1935, 1934, 1933, 1932) and rows for Net sales, Cost of goods sold, incl. sell., del. & admin. exp., Depreciation, Operating, Other income, Total, Interest charges, Prov. for Fed. inc. tax., Net income.

Western Pacific RR.—Hearing Set—

Federal District Judge A. F. St. Sure has set Sept. 23 as the date for hearing on appointment of trustees for the company. The Court previously had directed Charles Eisey, President, to continue management of road in capacity of trustee under the Court's jurisdiction, but under Section 77 of Bankruptcy Act as recently amended either an outside trustee must be appointed or a co-trustee named to serve with the management trustee.

Earnings for July and Year to Date

Table with columns for July (1935, 1934, 1933, 1932) and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1, Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

-V. 141, p. 1289.

Western United Gas & Electric Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Table with columns for 6 Months Ended June 30 (1935, 1934) and rows for Total gross earnings, Gas purchased, Power purchased, Other gas expenses-operation, Other electric expenses-operation, Other expenses-operation, Maintenance, State, local &c., taxes, Federal 3% tax on electricity, Federal income tax, Provision for depreciation, Net earnings from operations, Other income, Net earnings, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt (net), Amortization of debt discount and expense, Net income, Div. required of Western United Gas & Electric Co. preferred stocks, Note-The income account for the six months ended June 30 1934 gives effect to the allocation of certain year-end and interim adjustments. Net income before allocation of these adjustments amounted to \$535,101. x Includes \$89,695 withheld pending contract adjustment. -V. 140, p. 2207.

White Motor Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns for Six Months Ended June 30 (1935, 1934, 1933) and rows for Net loss after taxes, int., depreciation, development expenses, &c., Operations—New Model—The company will double its production schedule and raise its payroll to the highest point since 1929 during the last four months of the present year, according to President R. F. Black. The increase comes as the company is introducing a new line of streamlined trucks in the one to four-ton field. The plant is operating 24 hours a day in certain departments to produce the new models. Company has on hand 500 orders for the new truck, which were received before any were available to be seen by buyers. One order for a fleet of 125 was received from J. J. Flannery of New York City. -V. 141, p. 612.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Sept. 6 1935

Coffee futures on the 3d inst. ended 1 to 4 points higher on both contracts with sales of 12,000 bags of Santos and 500 bags of Rio. Buying was influenced by a higher Brazilian exchange rate. Cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged with Santos 4s, 7.75 to 8.00c. On the 4th inst. futures rose 4 to 6 points on Santos contracts and 1 to 8 points on Rio on a fairly heavy demand. Brazilian cables were firmer and cost and freight offerings were unchanged to 10 points higher.

On the 5th inst. futures declined 3 to 7 points on Santos contracts with sales of 15,250 bags. Rio contracts ended 5 to 7 points lower on sales of 3,500 bags. Weakness at Brazil combined with a lower exchange rate influenced liquidation. Cost and freight offers from Brazil were about unchanged with Santos 4s at 7.75 to 8.15c. The world's visible supply exclusive of restricted stocks in Brazil totaled 7,748,522 bags on Sept. 1 against 8,498,972 on Sept. 1 1934, a decrease of 750,450 bags or 8.8%, according to the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. Stocks last Aug. 1 amounted to 7,670,240 bags. Stocks "in and afloat" at various consuming ports of Europe fell from 3,439,000 bags a year ago to 3,157,000 bags on Sept. 1 this year, while supplies in the United Kingdom were 1,346,522 against 1,446,972 a year ago. Stocks in various Brazilian ports amounted to 3,245,000 bags against 3,613,000 on Sept. 1 1934. To-day futures closed unchanged to 4 points lower, with the Brazilian exchange rate weaker.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:
 March.....5.04 September.....4.63
 May.....5.16 December.....4.86
 July.....5.25

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:
 March.....7.89 September.....7.60
 May.....7.93 December.....7.80
 July.....7.96

Cocoa futures declined 1 point on the 3d inst. in a featureless market. European markets were steady. Sept. here closed at 4.71c., Dec. at 4.82c. and March at 4.90c. On the 4th inst. futures ended unchanged to 2 points higher. Some 45 transferable notices were issued but were promptly stopped by commission houses. Sept. ended at 4.73c., Oct. at 4.77c., Dec. at 4.82c., Jan. at 4.85c., March at 4.90c., May at 4.98c., and July at 5.07c.

On the 5th inst. futures closed 2 to 3 points lower under Sept. liquidation. European markets were steady. Sales were 65 lots. Sept. ended at 4.71c., Oct. at 4.74c., Dec. at 4.80c., March at 4.87c. and May at 4.95c. To-day futures ended 1 to 2 points lower with Dec. at 4.79c. and March at 4.85c., in small trading.

Lard futures on the 31st ult. ended 2 points lower on December, while other months were 2 to 7 points higher. The trade was a good buyer. Hogs were steady with the top \$11.80. Cash lard was firm. On the 3d inst. futures closed unchanged to 27 points higher. There was some buying in anticipation of a further decrease in stocks. Total stocks now are 20,709,722 lbs., against 117,443,274 at the same time a year ago. Hogs were 10c. to 25c. higher, with the top \$11.90. Cash lard was firm. On the 4th inst. futures ended with gains of 5 to 20 points on this year's deliveries, while January and May were 2 points lower. Hogs were 10c. higher and cash lard continued firm. A feature was short covering in September, October and December. The record low lard stocks and continued strength of hogs influenced trade buying and short covering.

On the 5h inst. futures closed 2 to 7 points higher on short covering and other buying influenced by the strength in grains and continued firmness of hogs. Hogs were unchanged to 10c. higher with the top 12.20c., equaling the peak made last month. Cash lard was firm; in tierces, 15.95c.; refined to Continent, 17 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; South America 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. To-day futures closed declined 2 to 20 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September.....	15.45		15.70	15.90	15.92	15.87
December.....	13.57	Holiday	13.62	13.75	13.77	13.67
May.....	12.45		12.45	12.40	12.45	12.47

Sugar futures were rather quiet and closed 1 to 2 points lower on the 3d inst. Sales were 1,900 tons. On the 4th inst., after early weakness, futures rallied and closed 5 to 9 points higher in heavier trading. Sales were 284 contracts. Early prices broke through the 2-cent level for the first time since July 22.

On the 5th inst. futures continued their upward trend with prices at the close 1 to 4 points higher; sales, 7,950 tons. December showed the most firmness. Refiners were reported interested in raws at 3.50c. for Oct. delivery but owners were asking about 3.55c. To-day futures closed 1 point lower to 7 points higher with the distant months the weakest. Shorts covered because of the smallness of the supply of actual sugar.

Prices were as follows:

December.....	2.49	September.....	2.55
July.....	2.14	January.....	2.04
March.....	2.04	May.....	2.10

The Sugar Section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration issued on Aug. 27, its monthly statement of sugar statistics obtained directly from cane refiners, beet sugar processors, and importers. The data cover the period January-June 1935, and are obtained in the administration of the Jones-Costigan Sugar Control Act, which requires the Secretary of Agriculture to determine consumption requirements and establish quotas for various sugar producing areas. Total deliveries for domestic consumption during the first six months of 1935 amounted to 3,365,492 short tons in terms of 96 degree sugar. The following is the monthly report:

TABLE I—RAW SUGAR: REFINERS' STOCKS, RECEIPTS, MELTINGS AND DELIVERIES FOR DIRECT CONSUMPTION FOR JANUARY-JUNE 1935 a (IN SHORT TONS RAW SUGAR VALUE)

Source of Supply	Stocks on Jan. 1 1935	Receipts	Meltings	Deliveries for Direct Consumption	Lost by Fire, &c.	Stocks on June 30 1935
Cuba.....	283,600	929,016	987,921	2,403	48	222,244
Hawaii.....	65,009	491,765	511,580	1,701	--	43,493
Puerto Rico.....	6,194	505,623	442,538	82	--	69,197
Philippines.....	168,754	338,844	399,561	576	--	97,461
Continental.....	19,913	61,679	81,186	304	--	102
Virgin Islands.....	---	1,025	1,025	---	---	---
Other countries.....	554	35,276	33,270	8	--	2,552
Misc. (sweepings, &c.)	---	321	316	5	--	---
Total.....	534,024	2,363,549	2,457,397	5,079	48	435,049

a Compiled in the AAA Sugar Section, from reports submitted on form SS-15A by 16 companies representing 22 refineries. The companies are: American Sugar Refining Co., Arbuckle Brothers, J. Aron & Co., Inc., California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Corp., Ltd., Colonial Sugars Co., Godchaux Sugars, Inc., William Henderson, Pennsylvania Sugar Co., Imperial Sugar Co., W. J. McCahan Sugar Refining & Molasses Co., National Sugar Refining Co. of N. J., Ohio Sugar Co., Revere Sugar Refinery, Savannah Sugars Refining Corp., Sterling Sugars, Inc., Western Sugar Refinery.

TABLE II—STOCKS, PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CANE AND BEET SUGAR BY UNITED STATES REFINERS AND PROCESSORS, JAN.-JUNE 1935 (IN TERMS OF SHORT TONS REFINED VALUE)
 [Compiled by the AAA Sugar Section, from reports submitted by refiners]

	Refiners	Domestic Beet Factories	Refiners and Beet Factories
Initial stocks of refined.....	302,898	1,060,218	1,333,116
Production.....	2,308,609	26,275	2,334,884
Deliveries.....	2,201,960a	701,275b	2,903,235c
Final stocks of refined.....	409,547	385,218	794,765

a Deliveries include sugar delivered against sales for export. Department of Commerce reports of exports of refined sugar amounted to 45,075 tons during January-June 1935. b Larger than actual deliveries by a small amount representing losses in transit, through reprocessing, &c. c Equivalent to 3,106,461 short tons 96 degree raw sugar.

TABLE III—STOCKS, RECEIPTS AND DELIVERIES OF DIRECT-CONSUMPTION SUGAR FROM SPECIFIED AREAS, JANUARY-JUNE 1935 (IN TERMS OF SHORT TONS OF REFINED SUGAR)

Compiled in the AAA Sugar Section from reports and information submitted on Forms SS-15B and SS-3 by importers and distributors of direct-consumption sugar (statistics for one importer are incomplete)

Source of Supply	Stocks on Jan. 1 1935	Receipts	Deliveries or Usage	Stocks on June 30 '35
Cuba.....	162,139a	163,952	169,323	156,768a
Hawaii.....	---	11,822	11,822	---
Puerto Rico.....	6,478a	84,646	59,764	31,360
Philippines.....	8,134	27,361	26,822	8,673
England.....	10	111	120	1
China & Hong Kong.....	---	67	67	---
Other foreign areas.....	---	1,256	1,159	97
Total.....	176,761	289,215	269,077	196,899

a Includes sugar in bond and in customs custody and control.

TABLE IV—DELIVERIES OF DIRECT CONSUMPTION SUGAR FROM LOUISIANA SUGAR MILLS

The preliminary results of a special investigation made by the Sugar Section into the deliveries of direct-consumption sugar by Louisiana mills (data incomplete for one mill) show a total of 18,103 tons in terms of refined sugar, delivered in the January-June 1935 period.

Pork steady; mess, \$36; family, \$39.62, nominal; fat backs, \$35.12 to \$35.62. Beef firm; mess, nominal; packer, nominal; family, \$23 to \$24, nominal; extra India mess, nominal. Cut meats were quieter; pickled hams, loose, c.a.f., 4 to 6 lbs., 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 17c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 16c.; skinned, loose, c.a.f., 14 to 16 lbs., 25c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 22 to 24 lbs., 20c.; pickled bellies, clear, f.o.b., N. Y., 6 to 10 lbs., 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 26c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, N. Y., 14 to 16 lbs., 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 18 to 30 lbs., 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Butter, creamery, firsts to higher than extra and premium marks, 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 27 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Cheese, state whole milk, fancy fresh to held specials, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 21c. Eggs, mixed colors, checks to special packs, 21 to 34c.

Oils—Linseed was down to 7.7c. for tanks cars and some firms reported a good business. Others said that contracts were coming in very slow. Seed markets were firmer recently. Cake was dull with \$20 bid and \$21 asked. Meal was also quiet. Quotations: China wood, tanks March forward, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Cocoanut, Manila tanks forward, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; coast, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Corn, crude, tanks Western mills, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Olive, denatured, spot, Spanish, 84c.; other oils, 80c.;

change Service announced Sept. 2. Following light sales of goods and heavy curtailment of machinery activity for several months, mills have booked a large volume of cloth orders in the last four weeks and have begun to increase their operations. The Exchange's announcement said:

The improvement in the domestic mill situation which began about four weeks ago has not only been maintained but has become broader and more pronounced. The volume of new cloth business booked by the mills has increased and prices have risen, on fine, medium and coarse unfinished goods, and on a wide variety of finished fabrics. Definite improvement is seen in industrial as well as apparel goods. Sales by mills have been much in excess of production in the past month.

The strength of the buying movement has been shown by the fact that cloth prices have risen while cotton prices have fallen, resulting in a substantial widening of manufacturing margins from the very narrow range reached early in the Summer. Stocks of goods at the mills are beginning to decline, and they will fall further as forward shipments are made on orders booked in the past month. Cotton manufacturing plants in all divisions of the industry are gradually increasing operations, and activity is rising in the cloth finishing industry.

The only interesting development in the foreign mill situation is a somewhat better volume of yarn sales by English mills and some evidence that those mills did better as to bookings of yarn orders early in August than was currently reported. But this merely helps to make up for poor yarn business earlier in the Summer, and has not as yet resulted in any increase of mill operations in Lancashire. No important change is reported in mill activity or in yarn and cloth market conditions on the Continent.

Japan cabled again this past week that yarn and cloth sales there were running below output, and mill margins were poor, pointing to possible further curtailment of mill activity. But it is implied in foreign mill advices, both from Europe and the Orient, that yarn and cloth demand is being held back by a feeling of uncertainty as to cotton prices, and that better business may develop when confidence in the raw material market is restored. In Europe, the outlook is beclouded by the serious political situation. The movement of American cotton from foreign ports to foreign mills continues to run below last year, totaling 359,000 bales in the past four weeks compared with 399,000 in the same weeks last year.

New York Cotton Exchange Elects Two to Membership—At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange held Sept. 5, Rudolphe Edmond Rufenacht of the firm of Compagnie Cotonniere, of Havre, France, who are cotton merchants, hedging, buying and selling cotton, and Percy Wilfred Makinson, of B. F. Babcock & Co., of Liverpool, England, who do a general brokerage business, were elected to membership in the Exchange. Mr. Rufenacht is a member of the Commodity Exchange, and Mr. Makinson holds membership in the Liverpool Cotton Association, Ltd.

Weather Reports by Telegraph—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that much rain has been reported over the western and central parts of the cotton belt during the holidays. It was welcome in some sections, while in others it was regarded as damaging. Complaints of worms are numerous in much of the area which had rain in the last few days.

Table with columns: Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Rows list various locations like Texas-Galveston, Amarillo, Austin, etc., with corresponding weather data.

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

Table showing river heights at various points (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.) for Sept. 6 and Sept. 7, 1935.

Receipts from the Plantations—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table showing Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, and Receipts from Plantations for various weeks from May to Sept.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1935 are 627,673 bales; in 1934 were 454,532 bales and in 1933 were 678,934 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 188,943 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 248,136 bales, stock at interior towns having increased 59,193 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 titled 'Cotton Takings, Week and Season' comparing 1935 and 1934 data for visible supply and total taking.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 427,000 bales in 1935 and 432,000 bales in 1934—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 786,100 bales in 1935 and 1,011,143 bales in 1934, of which 448,500 bales and 607,943 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 showing India cotton receipts for Bombay from Sept. 5, comparing 1935, 1934, and 1933 data.

Table showing cotton receipts from various ports (Bombay, Other India, etc.) comparing 1935, 1934, and 1933 data.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 1,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 12,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 34,000 bales.

Alexandria Receipts and Shipments

Table showing Alexandria, Egypt, receipts and shipments for Sept. 4, comparing 1935, 1934, and 1933 data.

Table showing Alexandria exports to various destinations (Liverpool, Manchester, etc.) comparing 1935 and 1934 data.

Note—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Sept. 4 were 17,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 8,000 bales.

Manchester Market—Our report received by cable tonight from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for both yarn and cloth is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns for 1935 and 1934, sub-columns for 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts, and Cotton Midd'l'g Up'd's, and rows for months from May to Sept.

Shipping News—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 67,023 bales.

Table of shipping routes and bales, listing destinations like GALVESTON, HOUSTON, CORPUS CHRISTI, NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE, GULFPORT, JACKSONVILLE, SAVANNAH, PENSACOLA, and LOS ANGELES.

Cotton Freights—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table of cotton freight rates with columns for High Density and Standard Density, and rows for various ports like Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, etc.

Liverpool—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's imports, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table of Liverpool weekly statistics including Forwarded, Total stocks, Total imports, and Amount afloat.

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:

Table of spot cotton prices for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, including market status and price ranges.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of Liverpool futures prices for August and September, listing months and specific dates with corresponding price values.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Sept. 6 1935

Flour was in better demand and firm. The rising wheat market recently encouraged buying.

Wheat rose 3/8 to 1 1/4c. on the 31st ult. under a broader demand stimulated by a bullish private estimate and the strength of Minneapolis. Eastern interests were good buyers.

On the 5th inst. prices ended with net gains of 1 to 1 1/4c. on buying influenced by the strength of outside markets and increased export sales of Canadian wheat.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK

Table of daily closing prices of wheat in New York for September, October, and November.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO

Table of daily closing prices of wheat futures in Chicago for September, October, and November.

Corn followed wheat for the most part and on the 31st ult. ended 1/2 to 3/4c. higher. The crop was estimated at 2,144,000,000 against 2,272,000,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK

Table of daily closing prices of corn in New York for September, October, and November.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO

Table of daily closing prices of corn futures in Chicago for September, October, and November.

Oats were a mere echo of wheat. On the 31st ult. they ended unchanged to 1/4c. lower. On the 3rd inst. they

and on the 28th and 30th several stations reported temperatures in the low 30's, with 32 degrees at Bismarck, N. Dak., on the 28th. Little damage was done, however. West Virginia reported one of the coolest weeks of record for the close of August, with frosts in scattered mountain districts on Thursday and Saturday.

The table shows that rains were moderate to locally excessive along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, and in some central sections, notably in portions of Kansas and Nebraska. The largest total reported was 9.4 inches at Pensacola, Fla. Scattered heavy rains also occurred in Texas, and light to substantial falls were reported in Wyoming and New Mexico, but in portions of the Northeast, notably in New York, and in much of the far West, rainfall was scanty with some Western sections receiving none.

An outstanding feature of the week's weather was the general rain that occurred over many central sections from Nebraska and eastern Kansas southward and eastward to the central Mississippi Valley. In much of this area late crops were greatly benefited, especially forage, while plowing will be resumed rather generally. Elsewhere rains were helpful in the Southwest and local areas of the Northwest, but general precipitation would still be very beneficial from the western Great Plains westward.

Cool, cloudy weather prevailed over northern and eastern localities, with a consequent retardation of crops and outside operations in wet sections. Frosts were reported the middle of the week, over this area, but they were generally light with only local injury to some tender vegetation in Northern States.

Most outside operations made good advance in western districts, with late harvesting and threshing proceeding under favorable weather, and some plowing being done where soil conditions were favorable. It continues too dry for the latter operation in the northern Great Plains.

Small Grains—The late-wheat harvest made good progress in Washington, where wheat is being hauled to market. In Nevada and Oregon the harvest is practically completed and has been finished in Idaho, except in a few districts. Both threshing and harvesting made good progress in Montana and in Utah this work is well along; in Wyoming the weather was favorable for threshing but in South Dakota the last of the shock threshing has been delayed by dampness. In Minnesota also much remains to be threshed in wet areas; in Wisconsin this work is nearing completion, but there is too much to be threshed in southern Iowa. Excellent progress was made in threshing both oats and winter wheat in Ohio. In the western valleys of Washington oat harvest is at its height, with early fields being threshed. Excellent progress was made in threshing flax in North Dakota.

Considerable plowing was done during the week; in much of New York the soil is too dry to work, but in most of the Ohio Valley and thence eastward to the Atlantic coast good progress was made. Plowing is behind in some central sections, but recent rains have put the soil in good condition in most of the Mississippi Valley and the Plains States.

Considerable winter-wheat seeding was done in New Mexico, where some is up, and seeding has begun in extreme northwestern Kansas. There are some reports of rye seeding in eastern North Dakota, but portions of North Dakota are too dry. In Montana both plowing and seeding are awaiting more favorable moisture conditions.

Corn—The unseasonably cool weather that prevailed over most of the corn belt during the week was generally detrimental in retarding growth, with warm, sunny weather now needed. General precipitation occurred over central sections and was of considerable benefit to late corn.

In the Ohio Valley progress and condition ranged from fair to very good, although in some localities the present stage of the crop varies widely. In this section some corn is expected to be safe from frost damage by the 15th, while other fields will need a month or more; warm, sunny weather is now generally needed, while rains would be helpful in western valley localities. In Missouri some improvement is already noted, following the recent rains, but most corn is very late and will mature only if fall frosts are not earlier than normal. In Kansas rains were too late for much of the crop, while improvement was noted in Oklahoma, except in parts where already a failure. Late corn was helped in Nebraska but it needs warmth and sunshine to escape frost damage.

In Iowa the unseasonably cool weather seriously retarded development of corn, which is still mostly in hard roasting ears, although some is well dented.

Cotton—Heavy to excessive rains in the eastern cotton belt were detrimental early in the week, while beneficial precipitation occurred in some dry western localities; cool weather was rather general. In Texas progress and condition were fair to good, although some deterioration occurred in dry sections of the northeast; picking progressed favorably and is practically completed in the extreme south. In Oklahoma progress and condition were fair to good rather generally, but only rather poor advance was made in eastern and southern sections; some bolls were open in southern parts.

In the central States of the belt progress and condition were generally fair to good, with bolls opening rapidly, except in more northern sections, and picking making good advance. In eastern States picking was delayed considerably the first of the week by heavy to excessive rains and some damage to staple was noted; condition remains generally fair, however, but warm, sunny weather is now needed. In central States of the belt the weather was moderately favorable for checking weevil activity in a few localities, but in eastern sections rains and low temperatures were very favorable for their activity.

The Weather Bureau furnished the following resume of conditions in the different States:

Virginia—Richmond: Weather cloudy and cool; moisture moderate. Eastern Shore crops luxuriant; southeastern corn, potatoes, truck, pastures and peanuts good to excellent. Southern corn being cut, northern unusually dry. Meadows and pastures dry in north; excellent in south.

North Carolina—Raleigh: Cloudy and cool; rains light to heavy and excessive near coast. Rain helpful where not too heavy, but considerable damage in parts of coastal plain by washing, and standing water. Late corn very good. Tobacco fair to good; mostly housed in east. Truck fair to good. Progress of cotton generally poor to fair; condition fair to good.

South Carolina—Columbia: Continued rains and much cloudiness retarded cotton picking and hay harvesting, but resumed at close. Excessive rains middle of week damaged bolls and staple somewhat; weather very favorable for weevil activity; much open. Washing and flooding locally. Pastures good. Fair, warm weather needed for proper development of late crops.

Georgia—Atlanta: Picking cotton slow progress in south and weather favorable for weevil activity account heavy rains and coolness early part, but picking fair to good advance later in all sections. Mostly favorable conditions for other crops, except peanuts rotting many places and some pecans dropping.

Florida—Jacksonville: Cotton badly deteriorating from heavy rains in west; condition fair; picking and ginning slow. Corn matured. Truck slow; seed beds mostly good. Citrus light, but holding well.

Alabama—Montgomery: Light showers first of week, then none. Progress of cotton for week mostly good, but some opening prematurely in dry sections of west and north and some bolls rotting in wet sections of limited extent; condition poor to fair where too dry and fair to very good elsewhere; picking very good advance latter half of week. Corn, vegetables, pastures and miscellaneous crops mostly doing well.

Mississippi—Vicksburg: Light showers at beginning and end of week, otherwise dry. Early planted and upland cotton opening rapidly and picking fairly good progress, with ginning rather slow advance. Progress of late-planted corn very poor to poor in north and central; elsewhere poor to fair. Progress of gardens, pastures and truck generally poor.

Louisiana—New Orleans: Generally fair, with only light, scattered showers. Favorable for crops, harvesting and haymaking. Progress and condition of cotton generally good, though only fair in northwest; moderately favorable for checking weevil activity in a few localities; crop opening rapidly and picking and ginning good progress.

Texas—Houston: Averaged somewhat cool; heavy rains general over northwest and extreme west and moderate to locally heavy elsewhere, except in southwest, where none. Progress and condition of cotton mostly fair to good, but some deterioration reported in dry portions of northeast; picking progressed favorably and practically completed in extreme south. Rain benefited crops generally in northwest.

Oklahoma—Oklahoma City: Cool, with general heavy rains beneficial to growing crops and fall plowing. Progress and condition of cotton fair to good, except rather poor progress in much of east and south; weather favorable for worm activity in south and east; some open in south, but not general. Corn improved, except in northern third where mostly a failure; condition fair to south-central, but mostly poor elsewhere. Pastures, late feed and minor crops improved.

Arkansas—Little Rock: Progress of cotton fairly good; blooming freely and many new bolls; opening rapidly in central and south and some open in north; picking good advance in south, but slow in north. Progress of corn poor in most portions, but very good where rains.

Tennessee—Nashville: Only scattered showers middle part, but general rain at close; cool last half. Little change in crops. Early corn about made and some cutting in east; late fair to very good. Progress and condition of cotton fair to good. Early tobacco cutting general.

Kentucky—Louisville: Moderate to heavy rains beneficial. Pastures, field tomatoes, late forage and potatoes improved. Cloudiness and low temperatures delayed progress of late corn which was only poor to fair; conditions generally very good, except poor to fair locally in south and west where too dry. Tobacco fairly good growth; ripening delayed.

DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Sept. 6 1935

Excessive rains during the larger part of the week interfered in some measure with post-holiday buying, although sales figures nevertheless in most sections equalled or exceeded last year's record. Seasonal demand centered in school and college apparel, with scattered attention given to home furnishings. While the cooler temperature put, of course, a stop to any further interest in summer clearances, volume buying of fall merchandise has not yet made its appearance. Department store sales for the closing week of August averaged from slightly below to 5% to 10% above the corresponding 1934 figures. Sales for the entire month in the metropolitan area are expected to approximately equal last year's volume, although for some other sections substantial gains are looked for.

Trading in the wholesale dry goods markets was very active during the earlier part of the period under review. With the final removal of the cotton loan uncertainty, and under the stimulus of a number of further price advances, particularly in the cotton division, substantial orders were placed by merchants, partly due to fears that additional mark-ups in quotations may eventuate. Following the holiday interruption, business slowed down considerably as retail merchants preferred to await consumer response to fall offerings before taking on further commitments. The present lull is, however, not expected to prove of long duration as it is claimed that stocks in many distributive channels are still below normal. Business in silks was featured by further price advances in greige goods, resulting from the persistent strength of raw silk. Finished silks were again in active demand, although resistance to the higher prices on the part of cloth buyers tended to hamper business. While chief interest prevailed in pure dye numbers, there developed scattered buying of metallic novelties in connection with the forthcoming silk promotion week. Trading in rayon yarns continued active. Shipments during August came very close to establishing a new high record for the current year, and with September production sold up by most producers, and with silk prices continuing to display pronounced strength, rumors are again heard of an impending further advance in the prices of both viscose and acetate yarns.

Domestic Cotton Goods—Following the period of active buying witnessed during the latter part of the previous week, trading in gray cloths quieted down considerably, although prices held their gains. While the recent heavy sales took care of the more urgent needs of buyers, it was believed that a considerable portion of fall requirements remains still uncovered. Meanwhile, the statistical position of the mills has been markedly improved, and with finished goods moving in satisfactory volume and the outlook for general business regarded as promising little doubt is felt that the present lull will soon be followed by another broad buying movement. While surplus stocks have been eaten into during the last buying rush, it was held unlikely that mills in general would increase operations until prices have reached a more profitable level. Sheetings, narrow drills and osnaburgs developed moderate activity, with prices stiffening perceptibly. Trading in fine goods was quiet but prices remained firm as mills kept fairly busy on existing contracts. Moderately increased activity developed in combed broadcloths and in carded piques. Closing prices in print cloths were as follows 39-inch 80s, 8½ to 8¾c.; 39-inch 72-76s, 8¾c.; 39-inch 68-72s, 7½ to 7½c.; 38½-inch 64-60s, 6¼c.; 38½-inch 60-48s, 5½ to 5½c.

Woolen Goods—Trading in men's wear fabrics received an impetus by the formal opening of spring lines of worsted and woolen suitings, showing the anticipated advances of 7½ to 15c. a yard. Initial orders came fully up to expectations although the present lull in apparel sales appears to cause some hesitancy on the part of cutters. Demand for spot merchandise showed a fair improvement, indicating the reduction of inventories in jobbers' hands. Business in women's wear fabrics continued to expand. Coatings in particular were again in active demand, with frieze and suede types and fancy fleeces attracting most attention.

Foreign Dry Goods—Trading in dress linens and suitings continued dull but there was a moderate seasonal pick-up in the sale of household numbers. Reports from abroad also stressed a slightly better call for handkerchiefs and damask table linens on the part of American importers. Under the influence of fresh weakness in the Calcutta market, burlap prices sank to new low levels, notwithstanding the reported cut of about 20% in the final jute crop estimate of the Indian Government. The hesitancy of South American and European buyers and the recent decision of a large Calcutta mill to increase hours continued to act as the prime adverse factors. Domestically lightweights were quoted at 4.25c., heavies at 5.65c.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond issues from Val Verde County, Tex. to Worcester, Mass.

Total bond sales for August (156 municipalities, covering 252 separate issues) \$64,497,718

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later years. e Not including \$35,973,000 temporary loans or loans to States and municipalities by Federal Government agencies. f Refunding bonds.

The following item included in our total for the month of July should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for this elimination may be found:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Includes Thurston Co. S. D. No. 310, Wash.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various Canadian debentures from Brantford, Ont. to Three Rivers, Que.

Total long-term Canadian debentures sold in August. \$94,706,000

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

Report on Allotments Approved by President—The following statement was issued in conjunction with a press release (No. 1566) made public on Sept. 3 by the above named Federal agency:

The President has approved eight more local non-Federal construction projects in the States of Arkansas, Indiana, New Jersey, Texas and Wisconsin for which the applicants requested loans and grants totaling \$794,364.

These projects were recommended to the President by the Advisory Committee on Allotments.

Grants totaling \$696,364 to cover 45% of the estimated cost of all projects in this list have been approved by the President, and the money has been allocated to the Public Works Administration, which will handle all details of drawing up the necessary contracts, supervising construction and disbursing funds.

The grants will be paid out of the new Works-Relief appropriation.

On five of the eight projects announced to-day the applicants also requested loans totaling \$98,000 to cover the remainder of the cost of their projects above the grant of 45%.

The applications for these loans now are under study by the PWA and will be made by PWA if it is found that the applicants are able to offer bonds that will qualify as reasonable security.

The applicants for funds for the other three projects announced to-day requested grants only, stating that they can finance the balance of the cost of their projects without the aid of a Government loan.

Where PWA loans are made the interest rate will be 4% and the qualifying borrowers will receive their funds from the old appropriation for public works construction or from funds derived from operation of the PWA revolving fund.

Allotments were announced for the following projects:

Table with columns: Name, Allotment, Nature of Project. Lists projects for Dierks, Ark., Gloucester, N. J., Greendale, Ind., Hartford, Kan., Houston, Tex., Hughes, Ark., Kaukauna, Wis., Patoka, Ind.

Additional Allotments Approved by President—The following statement on additional loans and grants from Federal funds was made by the Public Works Administration on Sept. 4:

The President has approved 46 more local non-Federal construction projects in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington for which the applicants requested loans and grants totaling \$3,783,118.

The applicants for funds for the remaining 23 projects requested grants only, stating that they could finance the balance of the cost of their projects without the aid of a Government loan.

Where PWA loans are made, the interest rate will be 4% and the qualifying borrowers will receive their funds from the old appropriation for public works construction or from funds derived from operation of the PWA revolving fund.

Table with columns: Name, Allotment, Nature of Project. Lists numerous projects across various states including Alexander, Ala., Burlington, N. C., Cambridge, Md., Chariton, Iowa, Columbia, Tenn., Dubuque, Iowa, Elkader, Iowa, Giles County School Board, Va., Griffin, Ga., etc.

(L&G) indicates loans and grants. (G) indicates grants.

News Items

Florida—Chain Stores File Suit Against New Tax Levy—Contending that the validity of the chain store tax law passed by the 1935 Legislature is doubtful and that it has impaired the credit standing of such corporate organizations in the State, a suit was instituted in the State Supreme Court recently by a representative of the said interest to test the authority of the Legislature to enact a measure of this type.

A dispatch from Jacksonville to the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Aug. 30 commented in part as follows on the Court action:

Thomas B. Adams of this city, representing a group of 46 chain store organizations in Florida, has filed proceedings in the State Supreme Court to test the authority of J. M. Lee, State Comptroller, to administer the provisions of the new chain store tax while its constitutionality is being determined by the Federal and State courts.

Declaring that the chain store tax law was unconstitutional on the ground that it was "not properly passed by the 1935 Legislature," Mr. Adams asserted that the credit of chain store operators is being "impaired because of the uncertainty of the Act's validity. We contend that the chain store tax law is also unconstitutional because its title covers more than one subject, and because it was not read in full at its third reading before passage."

The chain store operators decided to file the proceedings before the Florida Supreme Court, when it became apparent that a decision from injunction suits pending in the State courts would not be forthcoming for several months, Mr. Adams explained.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Supreme Court Ruling Paves Way for Bond Refunding Plan—A ruling was handed down by the State Supreme Court on Aug. 26, legalizing the delegation of special exemption to the City of Jacksonville from the "split tax" law enacted by the Legislature, despite constitutional provisions which forbid exceptions to general municipal laws.

The Jacksonville "Times-Union" of Aug. 27 carried the following report on the decision:

A Florida Supreme Court decision yesterday paved the way for the City of Jacksonville to embark on its projected huge bond refunding program for next year.

The high tribunal upheld the power of the 1935 Legislature to pass special local bills for municipalities despite a constitutional amendment providing for uniform city and town government.

The Court's decision was in a case from Jacksonville testing the validity of a special Act excepting the city from the provisions of the "split tax" law enacted by the Legislature.

The legislation, until the Court's decision, had threatened the city's proposed refunding of \$1,485,000 worth of bonds next year. In a recent sale of city refunding bonds in the amount of \$185,000, disposition of the securities had to be made without the approving opinion of New York bond attorneys, who wanted a court determination of the validity of the special Act.

Officials Are Pleased

City Finance Commissioner Fred M. Valz was elated over the outcome of the Court test, and said the tribunal's decision removed the only obstacle in the way of the city's disposition of its refunding bonds next year at attractive prices.

City Attorney Austin Miller, who successfully argued the city's case before the high court, also was highly pleased with the ruling. He pointed out that under the Court's decision, the city's new civil service law also was upheld.

Louisiana—Court Rules Employees' Pension Act Invalid—The employees' pension act passed by the third 1934 special session of the State Legislature, providing for proportionate pension payments in relation to years of service, was declared unconstitutional on Aug. 30 by a three-judge Federal Court, according to press dispatches from New Orleans on that date. The court is said to have declared the act unconstitutional, null and void, and made permanent an injunction restraining Attorney General Gaston L. Porterie from enforcing the provisions of the act against the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana and the Standard Pipe Line Co., a subsidiary.

The act provided that any corporation or employer setting up its own pension system must pay its employees having served one-fourth of the required length of service for pension a proportionate amount of the pension, depending upon the number of years in service.

Michigan—Governor Assures No Special Legislative Session and No Added Taxes—Speaking over the radio on Aug. 30, Governor Fitzgerald assured Michigan citizens that they need have no fear of additional tax burdens being placed upon them in the near future and he also stated that he would not convene the Legislature in special session to enact any new levies. A Lansing dispatch to the Detroit "Free-Press" of Aug. 31 reported in part as follows on the Governor's address:

Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald Friday night gave his pledge to thousands of Michigan taxpayers, who have cleaned their slates by paying up \$5,000,000 in the delinquent-tax drive that the State Government would not impose a single new tax burden upon them.

"I give you solemn assurance that your State Administration will continue to be as thrifty as you have been," the Governor declared, speaking over a Statewide radio hookup.

Governor Fitzgerald also assured taxpayers that there would be no special session of the Legislature to add to the expense of administration or to subject business and industries to the uncertainties of tax revision when all of their energy is needed to help them continue on the road to recovery. The need for revamping the tax machinery of Michigan remains, he assured his hearers, but the problem can be taken up by the next regular session.

Balance Out of Red

The Governor called attention to the State balance, which was \$609,500 out of the red on Aug. 21 for the first time in four years. At the beginning of his Administration he said, the deficit was \$14,000,000 and two years ago the State was in the red nearly \$18,000,000. He admitted that some heavy receipts made it possible to wipe out deficits and warned his hearers that there would be times when the books would show temporarily in the red again.

He attributed some of the financial achievements to State departments and institutions which have been living within their budgets.

"We have not only lived within the budget during July and August but I find that we have actually spent less than the budget allowed," he revealed. "The allotment for operations in July was approximately \$4,475,000. There was a balance of \$868,700 at the end of the month. For August the balance is \$645,000."

"The mere fact that a department of government can operate on less than budgeted allowance in these times of heavy spending should be ample proof that the pay-as-you-go policy is firmly and safely established in the Government of Michigan."

Monroe County, N. Y.—County Held Liable for Unpaid Town Taxes—A ruling was handed down recently upholding the right of the Town of Irondequoit to collect \$608,168 from the above county for the payment of uncollected 1931 and 1932 town taxes, thus terminating litigation on the question which had its inception back in 1933, according to Albany news advice. In his lengthy decision on the case, it was held by former Supreme Court Justice H. Nelson Sawyer, of Palmyra, who acted as referee in the suit, that Monroe County is liable under the finding of the Court of Appeals, which passed on a similar question three years ago, in the suit brought by the Town of Amherst against Erie County, involving the liability of the county for unpaid town taxes returned to the County Treasurer for collection.

New Jersey—Injunction on Sales Tax Denied—The State's new sales tax withstood its first legal challenge on Sept. 3 when Vice-Chancellor Malcolm G. Buchanan refused to grant an injunction preventing collection of the tax, according to Trenton press advices of that date. The petition is said to have been brought by John W. Schlegel, a Trenton business man. Judge Buchanan decreed, however, that arguments should be heard on Schlegel's contention that the law is unconstitutional. He is reported to have given the State until Sept. 10 to file briefs in answer to the argument, and said a further hearing would be scheduled.

Vote Scheduled on Sales Tax—At the primary election on Sept. 17 the voters of the State will express themselves on the proposed change in the State constitution, the new 2% retail sales tax.

New York City—Mayor Signs Bill Calling for Power Referendum on Nov. 5—Mayor LaGuardia signed the referendum bill on Sept. 3 permitting a vote Nov. 5 on the question of building a \$45,000,000 municipal power plant in New York to serve as a "yardstick" in forcing rate reductions from privately owned utility companies. Should the bill be supported by a popular vote at the general election, the city will go into the power business to compete with the present suppliers of electricity to a large portion of New York. The New York "Herald Tribune" of Sept. 4 commented in part as follows on the subject:

Despite the warning of counsel for the Consolidated Gas Co. that "you couldn't raise a nickel for this proposition if you had to depend on private financing," Mayor F. H. LaGuardia put his signature yesterday to the so-called Power Referendum Bill providing for the submission to the voters at the election on Nov. 5 of the question whether the city should undertake to construct a \$45,000,000 power plant to serve as a yardstick for gauging the reasonableness of the rates of private electric companies.

Although the statutory public hearing preceding the signing of the bill was set for the unusually early hour of 9 a.m., the hearing room was filled with opponents and proponents of the yardstick plan when the Mayor dropped the gavel. Chief of the opposition was Joseph M. Proskauer, former Justice of the Supreme Court and special counsel for the Consolidated Gas Co.

It is the Mayor's idea that the projected plant, with a capacity sufficient to serve about one-tenth of the consumers of the entire city, would

have the effect of forcing down the rates of the private companies. His engineers have told him that the municipal plant could undersell the Consolidated by 40%, after due allowance had been made for loss of taxation. The referendum, if successful, would be a mandate to the city administration to go ahead with its plan of competing with the private utility companies.

The bill empowers the city to set up an authority to issue bonds and construct and operate the plant. The city's credit would not be pledged, a condition which opponents of the plan say would make private investors chary of putting up the necessary \$45,000,000. The Mayor, however, has hopes of obtaining financing from the Federal Government.

New York City—Supreme Court Questions Legality of Sales Tax on Gasoline—The New York "Herald Tribune" of Aug. 31 reported in part as follows on the construction given the previous day by the Supreme Court on the legality of the city's action in imposing the 2% sales tax on the total sale price of gasoline, which already includes both Federal and State taxes, instead of levying against the price of the gasoline alone.

Justice Kenneth O'Brien of the Supreme Court questioned yesterday the legality of the city sales tax regulation making possible the levying of a tax on the price of gasoline after State and Federal taxes have already been added.

He refused, however, to issue an injunction against the city and Comptroller Frank J. Taylor restraining them from imposing the tax. The injunction had been sought by the Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., and ten other large oil firms. The action, the Court ruled, should have been brought by the purchaser and not "by the retailers, who are not the real parties in interest."

Even though it refused the injunction, the opinion was nevertheless seen by some lawyers as leaving the way open for suits which would not only deprive the city of the sales tax on the total price at which gasoline is sold, but also of the sales tax on the total price at which cigarettes, cosmetics and other commodities on which Federal or State taxes, or both, are levied, are distributed to the public.

Clause in Regulations Attacked

The clause in the city sales tax regulations which was attacked in the suit is Article 88, which states: Vendors of tangible personal property, upon which there is imposed Federal or State excise taxes, are required to include the amount thereof in the receipts from the sale of such property when computing the tax imposed by Local Law No. 20, as amended.

The regulation, dictated by Comptroller Taylor, is illustrated as follows in the book of regulations of the Bureau of City Collections:

"If the selling price of 10 gallons of gasoline is \$1.40 and the Federal tax of 10 cents and the State tax of 30 cents are added in the total charge to the customer, the city sales tax of 4 cents is to be collected on the total amount thereof, viz.: \$1.80, making the total charge \$1.84."

"I am of the opinion," Justice O'Brien said, "that the regulation, as adopted by the Comptroller, is not in compliance with the local law. The Comptroller has, by such regulation, imposed a tax not only upon the price of the gasoline but upon the taxes of the United States Government, as well as the State of New York."

Questions Tax Upon Tax

"I cannot agree to such a construction and believe that the local law intended only the initial cost of merchandise to the purchaser, exclusive of any lawful tax which may be included in the receipt. The tax as levied by the local law was not intended to be a tax upon a tax, or double taxation, but merely to reach the sales of merchandise exclusive of any tax imposed by law upon such merchandise."

The tax, the Court advised, should be paid under protest and application should be made to the city for a refund, as provided in Section 10 of the local law. The Comptroller, Justice O'Brien said, should hold a "quasi-judicial" hearing on applications for refund and if the refund is refused the Comptroller's ruling would be subject to review by an order of certiorari, obtainable in Supreme Court.

North Bergen Township, N. J.—Addition of Insurance Company Head to Protective Committee—The committee for bondholders of the township, of which Edwin H. Barker is Chairman, announced Sept. 5 the election of George A. Banks, President of the United Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Indianapolis, as an additional member of the committee.

Mr. Banks has taken an active part in the Congress of Fraternal Organizations, which are among the largest holders of municipal bonds in the country. With his addition to the committee, it is understood that there are being pledged with the committee substantial holdings of North Bergen bonds by institutions in Iowa and Indiana, not previously pledged.

"The acceptance by Mr. Banks of membership on the committee," said Mr. Barker, "brings to the committee the viewpoint of responsible Western interests, and the joining of this viewpoint with that of Eastern representatives should materially expedite the program of the committee for the protection of bondholders' rights and the development of any sound plan of settlement of the debts now in default."

Meeting of Creditors Announced—It was announced recently by the Seaboard Trust Co. of Hoboken, that a notice had been received by them from the Municipal Finance Commission, reporting that a meeting of the holders of bonds of the above Township will be held in the State House, Trenton, N. J., on Sept. 11 1935. It is understood that this meeting is being held to map out a plan of procedure in accordance with the recent decision of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the case against Asbury Park, N. J., when it was held that no particular creditors were to be favored in fund distributions.

Pennsylvania—Validity of New Income Tax Law Attacked—A suit attacking the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's new income tax law was filed on Aug. 30 by City Solicitor John P. Connelly, acting on behalf of Joseph P. Kelly, a tax payer. Mr. Connelly is reported to have asked that the State Supreme Court take original jurisdiction in the case in order to assure an early decision.

South Carolina—Statistical Compilation of Municipal Debts Compiled—Wm. J. Mericka & Co., Inc., of Cleveland, have prepared for distribution a booklet in which they have compiled a list of bonds outstanding against the municipal subdivisions of the State. In the preparation of this booklet, it is stated that endeavors were made to secure the exact status of each issue as to whether or not State aid was being received for their payment. In addition to determining interest rates, dates of issue, maturities, purpose of bonds and amounts outstanding are shown in full.

United States—Present Status of Municipal Finance Discussed—Carl H. Chatters, executive director of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Chicago, in a recent address before the League of Texas Municipalities, said that despite reports of defaults by governmental units during the depression, only 5% of the total obligations over the country had been in default and that investors in municipal bonds

Unpaid bills will be paid in full during 1935 and all accrued interest of June 1 1935 will be settled upon delivery of refunding bonds.

The balance of the debt, amounting to \$3,110,525, will be refunded through the issuance of refunding bonds and retired in 40 years. Payments on account of principal will begin in 1936, and will be made annually thereafter until 1974, bearing 4% interest.

Copies of the complete refunding plan are being sent to bondholders. MAYWOOD, N. J.—BOND OFFERING—S. C. Ogden, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:15 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time) on Sept. 17 for the purchase of \$278,000 coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$140,000 not to exceed 5% interest serial funding bonds.

The issues of \$140,000 and \$97,000 were originally offered on Aug. 20, the sale of which was postponed. Principal and interest on the bonds are payable in lawful money of the United States at the City National Bank & Trust Co., Hackensack.

MERCHANTVILLE, N. J.—BONDS PASSED ON FIRST READING—On Aug. 12 an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$80,000 refunding bonds was adopted on first reading.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, N. J.—BONDS AUTHORIZED—The borough council on Aug. 26 following a public hearing adopted on third reading an ordinance providing for a bond issue to refund the borough's indebtedness up to \$100,000.

The bonds, payable over a period of 14 years, will fall due annually in the following amounts: \$5,000 from 1936 to 1940, \$7,000 from 1941 to 1945 and \$10,000 from 1946 to 1949.

NEWARK, N. J.—NOTES AUTHORIZED—The city plans to issue \$760,000 notes to provide funds for payment of its share of the cost of unemployment relief during 1935.

NEW JERSEY—MUNICIPAL DATA PRESENTED—J. B. Hanauer & Co. of Newark and New York are issuing to interested subscribers the Sept. 3 edition of the "New Jersey Municipal Bond Market," containing a detailed arrangement of statistical data on local governmental units, with bid and asked prices averaged on their outstanding bond issues.

NEWTON, N. J.—BOND OFFERING—Robert G. Trusdell, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time) on Sept. 18 for the purchase of \$19,000 not to exceed 4 1/4% interest coupon or registered general refunding bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1935. Denom. \$1,000.

OAKLAND, N. J.—BONDS APPROVED ON FIRST READING—The Borough Council recently passed on first reading an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$114,000 water refunding bonds.

PITMAN, N. J.—BONDS PASSED ON FIRST READING—At a meeting of the Borough Council held on Aug. 26 first reading was given to an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$95,000 refunding bonds.

RIVER EDGE, N. J.—BONDS PASSED ON FIRST READING—An ordinance authorizing the refunding of \$243,000 outstanding bonds was passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council held on Aug. 21.

VINELAND, N. J.—BONDS SOLD BY RFC—The \$21,000 4% water works improvement bonds offered by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation on Aug. 29, were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of New York at a price of 101.59, a basis of about 3.66%.

WALLINGTON, N. J.—BONDS AUTHORIZED—The Borough Council has given final approval to an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$124,730 refunding bonds.

WOODRIDGE, N. J.—OPTION GRANTED—Ira Haupt & Co. of New York have been granted an option on the \$488,000 refunding bonds which the borough had offered unsuccessfully on Aug. 14—V. 141, p. 1131. The option will expire on Sept. 9.

NEW MEXICO

CARLSBAD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Carlsbad), N. Mex.—MATURITY—It is stated by the County Treasurer that the \$50,000 school bonds purchased by the State Treasurer on June 29, as 4s, at par—V. 141, p. 112—are due as follows: \$3,000, 1936 to 1945, and \$4,000, 1946 to 1950.

NEW MEXICO, State of—BOND OFFERING—It is announced by the State Board of Finance that it will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Sept. 24 for the purchase of a \$750,000 issue of State highway debentures. Interest rate is not to exceed 3.60%, payable A. & O. Denom. \$1,000 or multiples thereof. Dated Oct. 1 1935. Due \$250,000 on Oct. 1 in 1941, 1944 and 1945. Prin. and int. payable at the State Treasurer's office, or at the Chase National Bank in New York. Bids for all or one series will be considered. No bid at less than par and accrued interest will be considered. Issued in anticipation of collection of the five-cent gasoline tax, motor vehicle registration fees and property tax, to the extent to which it is now provided by law. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid, payable to the State Treasurer, is required.

NEW YORK

ALTMONT AND PIERCEFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Tupper Lake), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$130,000 4% coupon or registered junior-senior high school building bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 141, p. 1477—were awarded to J. & W. Seligman & Co. of New York at a price of 104.31, a basis of about 3.70%. Dated Dec. 1 1934 and due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1948 and \$8,000 from 1949 to 1964 incl.

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Tupper Lake National Bank, Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co, Bacon, Stevenson & Co, A. C. Allyn & Co.

Offerings—Wanted New York State Municipals County—City—Town—School District GORDON GRAVES & Co. 40 WALL ST., N. Y. Whitehall 4-5770

NEW YORK

BABYLON AND OYSTER BAY JOINT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Amityville), N. Y.—BOND SALE—Bacon, Stenson & Co. of New York, bidding 100.08 for 2,800, a basis of about 2.78%, were the successful bidders for the \$35,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 141, p. 1477. Dated Sept. 15 1935. Due yearly on Sept. 15 as follows: \$6,000, 1936 to 1940 incl., and \$5,000 in 1941. Adams, McEntee & Co. of New York were the next high bidders, offering 100.21 for 8s.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes Starkweather & Co., Inc., P. B. Roura & Co, A. C. Allyn & Co, Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., Bank of Amityville and First National Bank & Trust Co. of Amityville, George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., L. S. Carter & Co., Inc., Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc.

BRENTWOOD WATER DISTRICT, Town of Islip (P. O. Islip), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Roy E. Pardee, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 18 for the purchase of \$90,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1935. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1940 to 1954, incl. and \$3,000 from 1955 to 1974, incl. Bidder to name a single interest rate of interest on the issue, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—FINANCIAL ANALYSIS PREPARED—Gertler & Co., Inc., of New York, have compiled a detailed financial report on the above city. In a statement accompanying the booklet describing the city's present status, it is said:

"A survey of Buffalo's financial condition is pertinent at the present time due to the city's extremely narrow debt margin. The city's growing requirements for welfare and relief further accentuate the vital importance of its debt margin. The city's financial status is very stable at present and its tax collections are better than most American cities of comparable size. However, unless some means of financing relief, other than borrowing, is utilized, Buffalo will encounter serious financial embarrassment. The analysis contains a complete debt statement showing the city's bonded and floating debt and also overlapping debt. The tax collection record, showing tax collections for the last four years, reveals a very satisfactory experience. Also included in the analysis are operating statements of the city and its water department. The figures of the water department are indicative of its self-sustaining status. The detailed figures of the city's operations graphically illustrate its financial problems. Bond principal liquidated through cash payments has declined rapidly during the past two years, while welfare and relief requirements, on the other hand, have shown a very marked increase. Outside of cutting borrowing power to dangerous limits, this trend has not impaired the city's fiscal position and any real improvement in economic conditions will undoubtedly reflect itself in a reversal of this ominous trend. The 'discussion' briefly describes the city's location and resources. The city's financial statement is commented upon, with a paragraph devoted to its debt margin based upon a study made by the Buffalo Municipal Research Bureau."

CATTARAUGUS, N. Y.—BOND ELECTION—The Village Board has called an election for Sept. 10 to vote on the question of issuing \$29,000 street paving, curbing and drainage bonds.

CLAY AND CICERO UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. North Syracuse), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received by Frank L. Howard, District Clerk, until 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 12 for the purchase of \$132,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school building bonds. Issue is dated May 1 1935. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1936 to 1940, incl.; \$3,000, 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$4,000, 1946 to 1952, incl.; \$5,000, 1953 to 1956, incl.; \$6,000, 1957 to 1960, incl., and \$7,000 from 1961 to 1965, incl. Bidder to name a single interest rate on the issue, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable in lawful money of the United States at the North Syracuse National Bank, North Syracuse. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the order of J. Harry Managh, District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are general obligations of the district, payable from unlimited taxes. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

EATON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Morrisville), N. Y.—BONDS VOTED—An issue of \$225,000 school building bonds was approved at an election held on Aug. 24.

GARDEN CITY PARK WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Garden City), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$10,000 coupon or registered fire department apparatus bonds offered on Sept. 5—V. 141, p. 1309—were awarded to the Bank of New Hyde Park as 3 1/8s, at a price of 100.11, a basis of about 3.48%. Dated Sept. 1 1935 and due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1936 to 1945 incl.

HOOSICK (P. O. Hoosick Falls), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—John D. Hayes, Town Clerk, will receive bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) Sept. 12, for the purchase at not less than par of \$30,000 coupon registerable as to both principal and interest emergency relief bonds, to bear interest at no more than 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1935. Principal and semi-annual interest (March 1 and Sept. 1) payable at the Peoples-First National Bank of Hoosick Falls. Due \$3,000 yearly on March 1 from 1936 to 1945, incl. Bidders are to name rate of interest, in a multiple of either 1/4 or 1-10 of 1%. A certified check for \$600, payable to the Town of Hoosick, required.

Financial Statement

The assessed valuation of all property subject to taxation in the Town of Hoosick is \$4,005,148.

The total bonded debt of the town including this issue of \$30,000 is \$66,000.

Population of the town (1930 census) is 7,625.

The total debt above stated does not include the debt of any other subdivision having power to levy taxes upon any or all the property subject to the taxing power of the town.

Tax Data

The total amount of taxes levied for the preceding three fiscal years, is:

Table with columns: Year, Amount. Shows 1932 (\$102,312.48), 1933 (\$2,132.34), 1934 (\$8,071.95).

The amount of such taxes uncollected at the end of each of said fiscal years was:

Table with columns: Year, Amount. Shows 1932 (None), 1933 (None), 1934 (None).

The amount of such taxes uncollected as of the date of this notice is:

Table with columns: Year, Amount. Shows 1932 (None), 1933 (None), 1934 (None).

The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, attorneys of New York City, will be furnished to the purchaser without cost.

