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D. H. FOOTB, Secretary-Treasurer.

• San Francisco, California.

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The Directors have declared from the Accumulated Surplus of the Company a dividend of Fifty Cents (\$.50) per share on the Common Stock and the Preferred Stock, payable September 30, 1938, to stockholders of record of both of these classes of stock at the close of business on September 19, 1938. Checks will be mailed.

H. C. ALLAN, Secretary.  
Philadelphia, September 9, 1938.

Dividends



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COMMON DIVIDEND NO. 249

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R. M. WAPLES, Secretary

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Common Dividend No. 72

Pittsburgh, Pa., September 19, 1938.

The Directors have declared a dividend of twenty-five cents (25c) per share on the Common Stock, payable October 28, 1938, to all holders of record October 10, 1938. Cheques will be mailed.

E. R. CLARKSON, Treasurer.

Dividends

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The Board of Directors of the American Manufacturing Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the Preferred Stock of the Company payable October 1, 1938 to Stockholders of record September 15, 1938.

ROBERT B. BROWN, Treasurer.

**INDIANA PIPE LINE COMPANY**

26 Broadway,  
New York September 13, 1938

A dividend of Twenty (20) Cents per share has been declared on the Capital Stock (\$10.00 par value) of this Company, payable November 15, 1938 to stockholders of record at the close of business October 21, 1938.

J. R. FAST, Secretary.

**THE NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY**  
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The Board of Trustees has this day declared a quarterly dividend of five per cent (5%) on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable October 1, 1938, to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 24, 1938. The transfer books will not close.

MANICE deF. LOCKWOOD, JR.  
Secretary.

New York, September 21, 1938.

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# The Financial Situation

IF, DESPITE yesterday's events, the European situation has passed or is passing into a less acute stage, the business community will have a better opportunity to examine and appraise our own domestic state of affairs. Naturally, at the very best, much is left to be done in Europe before conditions can be said to have become reasonably settled there. Until understandings in principle are reached and the understandings are worked out in some detail and applied, apprehension in one degree or another must be expected across the Atlantic, and as long as this unsettlement continues, we must be prepared to find progress here retarded in some measure at least. Once it becomes reasonably clear, however, that the issues now immediately at stake will be settled without hostilities for a reasonable period to come at least, there is no reason why our industry and trade should not proceed largely in response to our own domestic situation. If, as some observers have been asserting, what has taken place in Europe during the past few weeks has "taken the edge off" a certain type of speculative optimism beginning to be evident in this country, perhaps we shall all be well served. What is desired is not a headlong rush into business activity, but a well considered upward movement resting upon calm appraisal of existing conditions, a judgment colored neither by "inflationary" ideas nor defeatist gloom.

Not for some time, it may safely be said, have day to day reports of the course of actual operations in the various lines of business been so closely scanned and so searchingly analyzed to determine whether the expected upsurge in industry and trade that had been predicted for this season was under way. These straws in the wind, needless to say, are not yet all pointing clearly in the same direction, a fact which may well be due in some part at least to the unsettled conditions abroad. Many, too, are keeping a close eye upon the daily

Treasury statement in order, among other things, to gauge the rate at which the spending program of the Government is actually getting under way. Here also the situation has not yet fully unfolded itself. The Works Progress Administration is, as

before, pouring out funds recklessly, but the other agencies which (according to New Deal ideas) are destined to prime the pump effectively are naturally much slower in getting under steam. The actual effect of the latest recovery "drive" of the Administration is still in considerable measure a matter of conjecture and a priori reasoning.

## The "Purge"

What has occurred during recent weeks, and what under different circumstances would doubtless have entered more fully into calculations in appraisals of the business outlook, particularly of what is known as the longer term outlook, is the defeat of the so-called purge program of the President. Probably we do not have to look very far for the reason for the failure of this series of reversals of the once apparently invincible New Deal machine to enter more definitely into current estimates of prospects. There are several reasons, in fact. First, perhaps, we have recently been too closely occupied with worries about the possibility of an outbreak of world war. Then, unhappily, the primary candidates marked for slaughter have not always been of a calibre to inspire great enthusiasm, and on more than one occasion where White House favorites have gone down to defeat they have lost to opponents with

panaceas of their own who otherwise are largely unknown quantities. If affairs take their normal or usual course in Congress next winter, the President can hardly be expected to have an altogether easy time in forcing certain types of programs through to the statute book, but there is absolutely no way of knowing (particularly since actual elections are still in the future) just what may

## Debt and Debt

In the course of a scholarly, thoughtful and in some respects rather admirable address prepared for delivery before the National Association of Securities Commissioners in Kansas City on Thursday, Jerome N. Frank, member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, at one point asked:

"Is it perhaps not desirable that the bulk of long-time financing of our major American industries should hereafter be done through the issuance of shares of stock, rather than by borrowing through the issuance of long-term bonds? Should not investors in such industries perhaps be stockholders, entitled to dividends payable out of earnings, rather than creditors legally entitled to demand payment of interest at fixed intervals, regardless of earnings?"

In defense of an affirmative answer to these questions he cited certain advantages to both corporations and those who provide the capital, and then added these observations concerning the effect of over-indebtedness upon the general situation:

"When a depression comes, then simultaneously, or almost simultaneously, the earnings of most industries begin to shrink to the point where interest charges cannot be met, and where defaults, over a wide area, accordingly occur. As a consequence, the kind of business paralysis happens which can be overcome only by bankruptcy, not only in one industry, but in numerous industries. . . . And thus a depression, which might otherwise be restricted in scope, grows rapidly and disastrously. . . . The creditor is, seemingly, victimized by interest, and the entire economy suffers from tragically serious spasms."

Obviously the Commissioner here raises some large and significant questions, and in his discussion of the effects of over-indebtedness is often on strong ground, but in view of his close association with New Deal management one is led to wonder whether he sees these questions in their full setting, and is acutely aware of some of their implications. If so, he certainly has an excellent opportunity to do some missionary work at Washington.

As for the average man, he may be excused for not being able to understand how, if an unduly large mass of fixed indebtedness is so hazardous and so troublesome to all concerned when incurred by industry, the country can be saved and industry rendered more stable by a Government policy which piles up mountainous debt.

To most observers it would likewise be interesting to know how this general line of reasoning can be reconciled with the constantly reiterated Washington exhortations to business to increase its existing load of private indebtedness.

Finally, the Commissioner ought to explain how headway can be made in the direction he suggests as long as the Government persists in rigging the money market in such a way as to invite additions to corporate indebtedness rather than a diminution of it.

be the output of a Congress composed as the next appears likely to be.

The truth, we suspect, is that the attitude of individual members of the House and Senate next winter will be determined in no small measure by what they hear from the voters during the next month or six weeks. To date the "rebellion" against the President seems largely to have been directed at his efforts to have such measures as the court bill and the reorganization bill enacted, the opposition in some cases having been further greatly strengthened by the President's tactics in going into individual States asking that legislators who opposed him in connection with such matters be retired to private life. If the matter is left to rest here, and candidates who are at heart sympathetic with most of the managed economy and so-called reform legislation proposed by the President, or else have not the courage to take a position in opposition thereto, are elected to office, there can in the nature of the case be on great assurance that the so-called "inner circle" at Washington will be balked next winter. More bargaining, probably greater modification of Presidentially sponsored measures, and a less headlong pace in trying to legislate the country into a state of general prosperity may well occur—the more so since probably a very substantial part of past Congresses have had no great faith in what they were doing at the command of the White House. But this is not enough, even if we leave out of consideration the influence of possible membership in Congress of new figures with plans fully as wild as those of the New Deal.

#### Constructive Leadership Needed

It is not enough, for one thing, because there are a number of matters which should be attended to in one way or another, and which cannot be put off to a more convenient season, or be disposed of even temporarily by mere obstructive tactics. It is not enough also by reason of the fact that there are a number of other situations that cry out most urgently for early attention and constructive action, failing which the business community can not well avoid suffering. It will not do, therefore, to permit the coming elections to proceed merely on the basis of a general antagonism toward the President. That would be an easy way, but it would not be a way out. There is need, urgent need, that no stone be left unturned now to make certain that the next Congress will convene in as constructive a frame of mind as possible, and be thoroughly impressed with a belief that the country demands and expects it not only to resist Executive usurpation but to exert a constructive leadership in its own right.

The more thoughtful and influential elements in the population need, first of all, to make up their minds precisely what they would like to see their representatives do when they arrive at Washington next January. Doubtless there are a good many who have reached rather definite conclusions on this subject at least so far as certain general aspects are concerned, but it is open to question whether any great searching of souls has taken place generally, and it is time for it. One of the major issues which will of necessity come before Congress next winter is the budget. While Congress is at work in Washington the country, according to scheduled plans, will be in the midst of the greatest peace-time spending orgy ever known in the United States.

According to the President's estimates issued in July the Federal Government will spend some \$8,985,000,000 exclusive of debt retirement during the current fiscal year, which is some \$1,285,000,000 greater than last year, and the figures as given do not include outlays of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Export-Import Bank and the Commodity Credit Corporation, at least two of which, according to plans, are to expend large sums during the period in question. Through September 20 only about \$1,986,000,000 had been expended. This seems to leave approximately \$7,000,000,000 to be disbursed in one way or another between September 20 and June 30 next. Meantime, the President has been obliged to reduce estimated revenues for the fiscal year to slightly over \$5,000,000,000 as compared with \$6,242,000,000 during the year ended June 30, 1938. Thus we are faced with a prospective deficit of some \$3,985,000,000, which is \$3,035,000,000 greater than that of the year ended June 30 last.

#### Be Sure Congressmen Understand!

It would be unfortunate indeed if members of Congress were to assemble at Washington next winter without having it impressed very firmly upon their minds that the people of this country are not willing to approve or condone a continuance of this financial madness, no matter what conditions are at the time. It may be that the spending when it gets fully under way will fail miserably to produce even such superficial results as apparently are now widely expected of it. Such an eventuality would, unfortunately, not automatically condemn the philosophy underlying the pump-priming program, or make certain a reversal of policy. On the contrary, it is at least conceivable that if the state of business philosophy underlying the pump-priming program, or early next spring the difficulties to be encountered in reducing public expenditures might be even greater than otherwise would be the case. If on the other hand business activity has meanwhile markedly increased, and at least the superficial appearance of relative prosperity exists at that time, there doubtless will be those who will fear to reduce public outlays lest another depression be induced. The fact of the matter is, of course, that the state of business next winter is largely irrelevant to the whole question of public expenditures of the sort now in question. Continuance of extended unemployment would doubtless make it necessary to spend larger sums for relief than otherwise would be the case, but prosperous or poor, we cannot by any stretch of reason afford to continue as a nation almost literally to spend money like drunken sailors. Such a policy would if we are prosperous most certainly make us poor, and if we are poor make us poorer. The next Congress ought to be sent to Washington with a mandate to go to work intelligently, fearlessly and constructively upon the fiscal situation.

The existing tax law, the National Labor Relations Act, and the agrarian legislation now upon the statute book likewise constitute problems which urgently call for immediate action of a constructive sort. It may later appear better for Congress to do nothing about some of these matters than to follow the lead of the New Deal managers, but mere balking would leave the situation in a very bad state. Positive action in regard to them is

urgently indicated. Representatives at Washington should be impressed with this truth, and informed as to the nature of constructive action in the premises. It is a task to which we might well set ourselves without delay.

This leaves whatever program the New Deal managers themselves bring forward. It may be taken for granted that they will have a number of measures which will sooner or later find their way to the "must" list. Precisely what they will be, of course, cannot be foretold. An expansion of the so-called social security program to make it more inclusive and more expensive seems to be scheduled. What the so-called monopoly inquiry will bring forth is as yet far from clear, but it may almost be taken for granted that legislation of a sweeping nature will be demanded. The whole agrarian program of the Administration is now in a most deplorable state. It is quite possible that demand will arise for some modification of it—again at the expense of the tax-payer. Here mere obstruction may or may not be of some avail, but by what reasoning may we feel assured that real opposition will arise, particularly if proposals are cunningly made to involve many large "pork barrels"? Only, apparently, by sending men to Washington who know better than to be hoodwinked into support of these Alice-in-Wonderland panaceas. The time to take steps toward this end is before, not after, the elections.

The results of the so-called purge campaign are on the whole encouraging, but much more is needed than has yet been in evidence in the primaries. The rank and file of the business community would do well to bear this fact in mind as the actual elections approach.

#### Federal Reserve Bank Statement

THE official banking statistics reveal, this week, the full effects of the large Treasury financial operations on the September quarter-date. They also disclose a further variation in Treasury practice with respect to the large gold acquisitions that now are current. Since all inactive gold was "cashed" last April 16, the Treasury until the last week followed consistently the practice of paying for new metal without reimbursing itself through deposits of gold certificates with the 12 Federal Reserve Banks. It was generally accepted that this was a mere matter of expediency and did not represent a reversion to the policy of sterilizing fresh gold acquisitions. To a degree the Treasury now confirms this view, for in the week to Sept. 21 the regional banks report an increase of \$90,008,000 in gold certificate holdings. The Treasury position did not make this action necessary, for the cash balance with the regional banks is huge. Greater assurance in official Washington with respect to the general European situation possibly is indicated by the resumption of the ordinary reimbursement procedure. It is noteworthy, moreover, that the Treasury is not yet "cashing" all the gold under acquisition. In the statement week, the gold stock increased \$167,000,000, to a fresh record at \$13,588,000,000. Gold acquisitions since mid-April amount to \$763,000,000, and the \$90,008,000 deposit of certificates leaves the unofficial "inactive" fund of the metal at approximately \$673,000,000.

The banking statistics confirm that fiduciary subscribers to the \$803,000,000 of new money securities

floated by the Treasury—paid for the obligations largely with cash, rather than by the deposit-credit method. Together with the heavy tax payments of the quarter-date, this made for an increase of the Treasury general account with the regional banks of no less than \$570,773,000. Member bank reserve deposits fell \$411,800,000. Excess reserves of member banks decreased \$390,000,000 in the statement week, to an estimated total of \$2,740,000,000. It is somewhat alarming to note that the excess reserve figure could be increased close to \$4,300,000,000 if the Treasury used up its gold and its cash balance with the 12 Federal Reserve Banks. As it happens, however, there is still no indication of any real demand for credit accommodation. Although the reporting member banks in 101 cities have managed to show a small gain in commercial loans of late, the trend of such business loans still is downward in New York. The reporting member banks here experienced a decline of \$18,000,000 in these loans during the week to Sept. 21. In the same period brokers loans on security collateral fell \$60,000,000.

The condition statement of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks, combined, indicates gold certificate holdings of \$10,719,741,000, after the Treasury deposit of \$90,008,000. Other cash increased moderately, and total reserves of the regional institutions advanced \$93,193,000 to \$11,111,770,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased \$340,000 to \$4,201,169,000. Total deposits with the 12 banks increased \$84,494,000 to \$9,272,123,000, with the account variations consisting of a decrease of member bank deposits by \$411,800,000 to \$8,013,536,000; an increase of the Treasury general account by \$570,773,000 to \$917,078,000; an increase of foreign bank deposits by \$28,839,000 to \$195,499,000, and a decline of other deposits by \$103,318,000 to \$146,010,000. The reserve ratio improved to 82.5% from 82.3%. Discounts by the regional banks increased \$1,258,000 to \$8,212,000. Industrial advances fell \$164,000 to \$15,683,000, while commitments to make such advances increased \$72,000 to \$13,553,000. Open market holdings of bankers bills were unchanged at \$540,000. Holdings of United States Treasury securities also were unchanged in total at \$2,564,015,000, but the quarter-date operations of the Treasury, which included refunding of notes due in December, are reflected in a heavy increase of Treasury bond holdings, which are offset by decreases of holdings of Treasury notes and discount bills.

#### The New York Stock Market

THREATS to the peace of Europe and perhaps of the world remained the all-important influencing factor for price movements on the New York stock market this week. The situation represented merely a continuance of the hopes and anxieties that prevailed all of last week, as the German-Czech crisis began to come to a head. In the early sessions of the current week the political news from Europe seemed to favor the maintenance of peace, at the frightful cost of Czechoslovakian dismemberment. Stock prices climbed in our market while silver linings rimmed the war clouds. But a downward drift started on Wednesday when saber-rattling all over Europe occasioned renewed apprehensions of a clash that might involve almost all of Europe and possibly the United States as well. Most of the earlier advances were canceled in this

reverse, and prices yesterday showed only small changes from those current a week earlier. Also adverse was the havoc wrought throughout the north Atlantic States by a storm of hurricane proportions on Wednesday. Driving winds and incessant rains caused enormous damage in New Jersey, New York and the lower New England States, with the toll of death and destruction mounting hourly. Even the absurdities of the Administration policy at Washington seemed minor when contrasted with such overwhelming matters, and relatively little attention was paid to internal political affairs.

The upswing in the early sessions of this week was aided, to a degree, by somewhat more optimistic reports as to the business situation in the United States. Trade reports were more hopeful, although the indications point as yet only to a modest seasonal improvement. Buying was done more freely, and the expectation of good automobile sales of new models also proved a factor. Offsetting this influence were reports of strikes in various areas and industries. The railroad situation lacked improvement, save for a little Administration attention to the pressing question of wage adjustments, and the appointment of a committee to study the rail problem in general. In the public utility field the situation was unchanged. Trading in stocks thus revolved largely around the European war news and the reports of storm damage in the north Atlantic area. Turnover on the New York Stock Exchange averaged 1,000,000 shares in the first half of the week, but fell under the 500,000-share mark on Thursday.

In the listed bond market, Czechoslovakian Government issues fell drastically day after day, as the position of the Prague Government became ever more precarious. Other foreign dollar bonds drifted lower as war threatened, but improved moderately when the situation seemed momentarily to clarify. United States Government securities receded fractionally on unfavorable reports from Europe, and rallied when the news improved. New corporate financing was halted in this market pending developments. Among speculative bonds, movements were similar to those in stocks, with net changes for the week small. The commodity markets likewise reflected war apprehensions more than any other influence. Grains and other agricultural products improved in brief spurts, but followed a general downward tendency otherwise. Base metals were in demand and most items were marked slightly higher. Foreign exchange markets remained nervous and uncertain, with capital still flowing in an enormous stream toward the United States from many European countries. In France hoarding of bank notes added to the difficulties.

On the New York Stock Exchange 11 stocks touched new high levels for the year while seven stocks touched new low levels. On the New York Curb Exchange 12 stocks touched new high levels and 25 stocks touched new low levels. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange remained unchanged at 1%.

On the New York Stock Exchange the sales at the half-day session on Saturday last were 743,790 shares; on Monday they were 825,400 shares; on Tuesday, 1,198,310 shares; on Wednesday, 1,025,400 shares; on Thursday, 467,200 shares, and on Friday, 721,200 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange

the sales last Saturday were 89,650 shares; on Monday, 101,730 shares; on Tuesday, 117,685 shares; on Wednesday, 124,380 shares; on Thursday, 67,370 shares, and on Friday, 98,820 shares.

Weakness was present from the start on Saturday of last week, but little time elapsed before the market began to bear witness to the nervousness of traders over the foreign political situation. Heavy liquidation appeared early in the first hour which reduced the level of leading issues from one to three points. Subsequent efforts to restore the ground lost were in the main fruitless. The market on Monday chose to look with favor on the Anglo-French plan offered as a solution to the Czech-German dispute and equities moved forward with much celerity from the opening bell. All the losses of the previous session were erased. Caution, however, was at no time cast to the four winds, and the success of the above plan was not accepted by the trading community as a foregone conclusion. This resulted in some uneasiness in the afternoon which shaded prices a trifle. On Tuesday much strength was manifest from the outset, partially from the good tone of foreign markets and optimism over the ultimate solution of the European crisis. Sales volume advanced to over 1,000,000 shares, and prices, in turn, forged ahead in the early period to three points, winding up the final session with gains of four points over the previous day. In a limited number of shares, gains approximating eight points were recorded. The tendency of prices the past two days to rise sharply was not nearly so pronounced in Wednesday's dealings, and at the close fractionally higher changes were the rule. The day was given over to stock-taking, and fresh doubts arose as to the permanence of the measures being taken to promote peace in Europe. After opening strong, prices eased a bit, and then rallied on the strength of the Czech capitulation to the German ultimatum to lift the level of equities about two points, only to recede later and close fractionally higher. Foreign developments took a serious turn on Thursday and domestic markets, following the lead of European exchanges, reflected weakness from the beginning. Prices for the day suffered reductions of from one to two points, and only a dearth of sales prevented equities from facing further declines. The pressure of adverse news from abroad again had a demoralizing effect on home markets yesterday. Declines of the previous day were extended, and in curtailed trading prices at the close were one to four points lower. General Electric closed yesterday at  $38\frac{3}{8}$  against 39 on Friday of last week; Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y. at  $24\frac{1}{8}$  against  $24\frac{1}{8}$ ; Columbia Gas & Elec. at  $5\frac{3}{4}$  against  $5\frac{5}{8}$ ; Public Service of N. J. at 27 against  $27\frac{3}{4}$ ; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at  $80\frac{1}{2}$  against  $80\frac{5}{8}$ ; International Harvester at 57 against  $58\frac{5}{8}$ ; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at  $67\frac{3}{8}$  against  $68\frac{1}{2}$ ; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 43 against 44; Woolworth at 44 against  $44\frac{1}{8}$ , and American Tel. & Tel. at  $138\frac{1}{4}$  against  $137\frac{1}{2}$ . Western Union closed yesterday at  $24\frac{1}{2}$  against  $24\frac{7}{8}$  on Friday of last week; Allied Chemical & Dye at 176 against 173 bid; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at  $130\frac{1}{8}$  against 130; National Cash Register at 23 against 23; National Dairy Products at 12 against 12; National Biscuit at  $22\frac{3}{8}$  against  $22\frac{1}{4}$ ; Texas Gulf Sulphur at  $35\frac{1}{4}$  against 35; Continental Can at 40 against 39; Eastman Kodak at 169 against

164 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Standard Brands at 63 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 63 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 96 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 99; Lorillard at 18 against 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Canada Dry at 14 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 14 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Schenley Distillers at 15 against 15, and National Distillers at 22 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 21 $\frac{7}{8}$ .

The steel stocks show mixed changes this week. United States Steel closed yesterday at 54 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 55 $\frac{3}{8}$  on Friday of last week; Inland Steel at 74 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 73; Bethlehem Steel at 54 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Youngstown Sheet & Tube at 32 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ . In the motor group, Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 31 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 31 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; General Motors at 43 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 43 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; Chrysler at 67 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and Hupp Motors at 11 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 11 $\frac{1}{8}$ . In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 25 against 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 20 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and United States Rubber at 42 against 42 $\frac{5}{8}$ . The railroad shares show small net changes for the week. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 31; New York Central at 15 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 15 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Union Pacific at 81 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 80 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Southern Pacific at 14 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 14 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Southern Railway at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ , and Northern Pacific at 9 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 9 $\frac{1}{8}$ . Among the oil stocks, Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 50 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 51 on Friday of last week; Shell Union Oil at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 13 $\frac{7}{8}$ , and Atlantic Refining at 21 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 20 $\frac{7}{8}$ . In the copper group, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 31 against 31 $\frac{3}{4}$  on Friday of last week; American Smelting & Refining at 43 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 45 $\frac{5}{8}$ , and Phelps Dodge at 34 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Trade and industrial indices suggested modest improvement in business. Steel operations for the week ending today were estimated by the American Iron and Steel Institute at 47.3% of capacity against 45.3% a week ago, 42.8% a month ago, and 76.1% at this time last year. Production of electric energy for the week to Sept. 17 was reported by the Edison Electric Institute at 2,214,775,000 kilowatt hours against 2,048,360,000 kilowatt hours in the preceding week, which contained a holiday, and 2,280,792,000 kilowatt hours at this time last year. Car loadings of revenue freight for the week ended Sept. 17 amounted to 660,142 cars, according to the Association of American Railroads. This is a high for the year and represents a gain of 91,255 cars over the preceding week, but a drop of 162,653 cars under the figure for the same week of 1937.

As indicating the course of the commodity markets, the December option for wheat in Chicago closed yesterday at 65 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. as against 65 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. December corn at Chicago closed yesterday at 49 $\frac{7}{8}$ c. as against 51 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. December oats at Chicago closed yesterday at 25 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. as against 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. the close on Friday of last week.

The spot price for cotton here in New York closed yesterday at 8.25c. as against 7.95c. the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber yesterday was 16.08c. as against 16.08c. the close on Friday of last week. Domestic copper was again increased  $\frac{1}{8}$  of a cent on Monday of this week after a similar increase on Wednesday of last week. The close yesterday was at 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. as against 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. the close on Friday of last week.

In London the price of bar silver yesterday was 19 3/16 pence per ounce as against 19 7/16 pence

per ounce the close on Friday of last week, and spot silver in New York closed yesterday at 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., the close on Friday of last week.

In the matter of the foreign exchanges, cable transfers on London closed yesterday at \$4.79 $\frac{1}{2}$  as against \$4.80 the close on Friday of last week, and cable transfers on Paris closed yesterday at 2.68 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. as against 2.69 3/16c. the close on Friday of last week.

### European Stock Markets

**I**NTERNATIONAL political developments again overshadowed the securities markets in all important European financial centers, this week. Price variations at London, Paris and Berlin depended entirely upon the nature of the news reports concerning the German-Czech crisis. During the early sessions a degree of optimism prevailed, for it seemed that war might be avoided through the Anglo-French agreement to back Chancellor Hitler's demands for dismemberment of the small democratic State of Czechoslovakia. But uncertainty again prevailed in the mid-week session, when Prague reported internal unsettlement and demands from Poland and Hungary for slices of Czech territory. Nor was there much improvement in later sessions, as traders and investors awaited the outcome of the momentous Godesberg conversations between Prime Minister Chamberlain and Chancellor Hitler. Fears of warfare were manifested again throughout the week in capital movements from countries in the immediate danger zones. Heavy gold shipments were reported from England, not only to the United States, but also to Holland, Switzerland and other countries. In France banknotes were hoarded on a huge scale and currency in circulation showed a sharp increase. Trade reports were of little moment, in these circumstances.

Dealings on the London Stock Exchange were fairly active last Monday, owing to the Anglo-French agreement as to the German-Czech crisis. The hope that war could be avoided resulted in modest buying of gilt-edged issues and British industrial stocks. Anglo-American favorites improved in the foreign section, but Czech bonds fell sharply. Indications on Tuesday that the Czech Government would meet the demands of Germany, Britain and France occasioned fresh interest in securities. Gilt-edged issues recovered some of last week's losses and industrial stocks were better as a whole. There was again good demand for most foreign securities, with the exception of Czechs. The London market reflected cautiousness on Wednesday, as reports from Czechoslovakia became more unsettling. Gilt-edged issues drifted lower, while industrial stocks hardly varied. Prices of Czech bonds fell drastically, but the foreign list otherwise was well supported. With the Godesberg conversations in progress on Thursday, levels were not much changed in a quiet London market. Gilt-edged stocks again receded, while British industrial shares were idle and unchanged. International issues were weak, with Czech bonds leading the downward procession. Prices slowly eased at London yesterday, while news of the Godesberg talks was awaited. The growing nervousness caused modest selling.

Prices were marked higher on the Paris Bourse, Monday, owing to the conviction that a peaceful ending of the German-Czech crisis could be arranged.



Rentes improved slightly, while French equities showed larger gains. Commodity shares were in keen demand throughout. The upward movement was more pronounced on Tuesday, but it is indicative that rentes with an exchange guarantee did better than franc-anchored issues. Sharp advances were registered in equities and in almost all international securities. The Bourse relapsed into quietness and uncertainty, Wednesday, owing to disquieting developments in the Czech situation. Rentes of all descriptions were lower, and modest liquidation also was the rule in French equities and international securities. The tone was irregular on Thursday, as apprehensions still prevailed regarding the international picture. Rentes weakened, and only a few equities regained all their losses in a late rally. International issues did better than French securities. The tone was soft yesterday, on further fears of martial developments. Small losses appeared in all sections.

On the Berlin Boerse trading was quiet last Monday, but the tone was good in most departments. Gains ranged to 6 points in various stocks that presumably might benefit from the anticipated absorption by the Reich of the Sudeten German area of Czechoslovakia. But most of the German list remained idle and little changed. With international tension over Czechoslovakia lessened, buying became more aggressive Tuesday. The upswing was general, with leading stocks up 3 to 4 points, and some issues showing gains to 6 points. Fixed-income obligations were quiet. There was still a good deal of enthusiasm in Berlin, Wednesday, over the Anglo-French connivance at Nazi demands, and prices moved slightly higher. Advances of 2 to 3 points were numerous, and a few larger gains appeared. But a reverse took place Thursday, on growing uncertainty as to international affairs. Losses were sharp in a few issues, while most German stocks declined 3 to 4 points. Fixed-interest issues were in modest demand. After an uncertain opening, levels improved yesterday, at Berlin, and net changes were small.

#### International Trade

TRADE problems continued to occupy the responsible heads of governments this week, in the few moments they could spare from the overwhelming crisis presented by the German-Czech imbroglio. In Washington reports it was indicated that British and American negotiators now have reached substantial agreement on concessions to be made under the proposed Anglo-American reciprocal tariff pact. Some details remain to be adjusted, however, and some matters still are said to be under dispute which only the highest authorities can settle. In the meantime, Secretary of State Cordell Hull is continuing his campaign for general lowering of trade barriers throughout the world. Mr. Hull prepared a powerful plea which he intended to present at the opening of the seventh International Management Congress in Washington, last Monday, but the German-Czech incidents made his presence elsewhere necessary and the address was read by George S. Messersmith, Assistant Secretary of State. In this speech much was made of the mutual enrichment that trade brings to nations that permit easy exchanges across their borders. As an appropriate illustration, it was pointed out that in medical mat-

ters new ideas and discoveries promptly are made available throughout the world and medical science has been inestimably the gainer thereby. "One can imagine the result if every research scholar in medicine had tried to keep the fruits of his discoveries for the sole use of himself or his country," the Management Congress was informed. "We should still be in the stage where yellow fever was a threat to half the world, and where typhus plagues swept recurrently over all countries. Yet we hear it seriously urged that, in the fields of production and commerce, exclusive policies should be carried out with the aim of preventing the natural exchange of goods and services, of engineering skill and of management ideas, across national lines."

#### European Crisis

NEW European arrangements of the most far-reaching order resulted this week from the insistent pressure of the German Nazi authorities upon the democratic nations and especially upon Czechoslovakia. The small democratic bulwark in the heart of Europe seems destined for partition, not merely with the consent but with the aid of the French and British Governments. This is to be accomplished through inclusion of the Sudeten German areas of Czechoslovakia within the Reich. Only for a brief period was there any doubt concerning the results of the highly sensational visit by England's Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, to Chancellor Adolf Hitler's mountain retreat in Bavaria, last week. By Monday it became known that Great Britain and France had capitulated to the German demands, and the Prague representatives of the two great European democracies promptly were instructed to "recommend" that the Czech Government cede to the Reich the Sudeten minority and the territory occupied by the 3,500,000 Germans. After a brief play for time, the Czech regime sorrowfully accepted the inevitable, on Wednesday, and a new European order thus was inaugurated. The consequences of this action are so great as to defy exaggeration.

It is a reasonable surmise that only a portion of the understanding reached at Berchtesgaden by Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler so far has been disclosed, through the diplomatic rush of events. The two spokesmen kept their own counsels this week, save for the actions taken. It is fairly clear, however, that Czechoslovakia represents merely one pawn in the game being played, with the future of all Europe obviously at stake. With the Czech incident safely on the way toward settlement, at least in a diplomatic sense, Mr. Chamberlain journeyed again to the Reich on Thursday, for conferences with Herr Hitler at Godesberg, near Cologne. Long discussions followed late Thursday and yesterday. To all intents and purposes, the new arrangements were designed to insure peace for Europe, but there was bitter resentment in Czech circles and harsh criticism in England and France. The danger remains of "incidents" that might set all the world ablaze. The Czech Cabinet fell soon after it accepted the ultimatum presented, and the successor regime may be less conciliatory. In France, three members of the Cabinet were reported opposed to the sacrifice of the little ally of Paris. Fresh unsettlement developed when Polish and Hungarian claims were voiced regarding the respective minori-

ties in Czechoslovakia. The menacing voice of Premier Mussolini rumbled out of Italy on several occasions, with the usual martial overtones.

While a full explanation of the extraordinary situation was awaited, every conceivable explanation was invoked by observers here and in Europe to make plausible the step with regard to Czechoslovakia. The assumption was general that Chancellor Hitler convinced Mr. Chamberlain of his fanatic insistence upon conquest of the Sudeten area, regardless of opposition or consequences. The British Prime Minister laid the matter before the French Premier, Edouard Daladier, in a protracted conference at London, last Sunday, and to all appearances the British and French reached the conclusion that only by sacrifice of Czechoslovakia could peace be preserved. In London it was argued that the move, however bleak and drastic, represents at least a rectification of some of the dangers and absurdities of the World War settlements. There were dark conjectures here and there that Mr. Chamberlain and his Conservative associates feel sympathetic to the German Nazis, and more realistic reasonings that the British leader prefers some concessions to the Reich in order to avoid the possible alternative of an overturn and a communist regime at Berlin. The more seasoned observers were inclined to counsel delay in judgment until the facts are fully disclosed, and in such quarters sympathy was expressed with the plight of British and French leaders which brought them to the pass of Czechoslovakian dismemberment.

In the meantime, it is evident that the consequences of the developments will be in evidence for years to come. Essentially, the German Nazis have gained their aim of controlling the Czech plateau, which often has been described as the bastion of Central Europe. The Hitlerite agitation regarding the Sudeten Germans usually has been accepted as a mere camouflage for the Nazi desire to obtain the forts and slopes of the Sudeten Mountains, for there are German minorities in many other countries that apparently attract no notice in Berlin. But the Czech highlands threaten the route down the Danube, and the proclaimed aim of Herr Hitler to penetrate Southeastern Europe and make it a German economic province required the capture of the bastion. Hungary already is considered within the orbit of the Reich, and the Germans this week were said to be looking toward the oil of Rumania and the fruitful fields of the Russian Ukraine. These are some of the larger implications of the surrender of Czechoslovakia to Germany, and there may well be others, involving colonial arrangements between Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain, pacts covering all of Western Europe, policies in Spain and the Far East, and other matters. However dreadful the immediate plight of Czechoslovakia, that country represents at present only the focal point for world ambitions and problems, embracing territorial, nationalistic, military, racial and ideological aspects.

### Czechoslovakia

**I**F THE speed made this week toward partitioning Czechoslovakia is any reflection of the crisis that provoked the decision, then Europe must have been on the brink of general warfare until last Monday. The intentions of the German authorities

were anything but a secret, and the only question that remained related to the steps that might be taken in Berlin to achieve the aim of incorporating the Sudeten territory in the Reich. What Chancellor Hitler told Prime Minister Chamberlain, in this connection, has not been revealed officially. There have been some fairly reliable accounts, however, to the effect that the German Fuehrer declared himself irrevocably bound to take action. Mr. Chamberlain returned to London on Sept. 16, and after long conferences with his Cabinet associates, preparations were made for a visit to London by the French Premier, Edouard Daladier, and his Foreign Minister, Georges Bonnet. The French spokesmen arrived in London early last Sunday, and conversations continued for 13 hours, until just after midnight. Czech authorities meanwhile maintained rigid order, and increased to 800,000 men their armed forces. Martial law in modified form was applied through much of the country. The German press continued its emphatic campaign against Czechoslovakia, and reported that tens of thousands of Sudeten Germans were fleeing across the border into the Reich.

Notwithstanding many rumors that Prime Minister Chamberlain was prepared to grant Herr Hitler almost any demand, in order to keep the peace, the world was not quite prepared for the events of last Monday. Soon after the Anglo-French conference ended, it was made known that the Prague representatives of these countries had been instructed to support every demand made by Chancellor Hitler. "Recommendations" were transmitted to Prague for unconditional surrender of the Sudeten German areas without so much as a plebiscite, and with the sole reservation of an exchange of populations to protect the Czech and non-Nazi Germans in the Sudeten sections on the one hand, and the Germans in the interior of Czechoslovakia on the other. The Czech Government also was urged to adopt a "Cantonal" system of government similar to that in Switzerland, and it was demanded further that Prague "neutralize" its foreign policy through abandonment of her alliances in return for a guaranty of her new frontiers by Germany, Great Britain and France. This decision admittedly was a hard one to make, especially for the French, who long have regarded their Czech allies as one of their strongest supports in international affairs. When the terms were made known, much of Europe rang with denunciations of the "capitulation" by the democracies to the Nazi leader.

In Czechoslovakia these demands occasioned consternation and at first a popular disbelief. President Edouard Benes and Premier Hodza conferred at length in Prague regarding the stand to be adopted, and the latter urged his countrymen over the radio to remain calm and dispassionate. Premier Mussolini indulged in one of his war-like addresses at Trieste, and to all intents and purposes backed up Herr Hitler to the hilt, for he asserted that in the event of hostilities, Italy had chosen her side. In British and French official circles a good deal of anxiety was manifested, which was not hidden by confident declarations that the settlement would be acclaimed on all sides. Long Cabinet meetings were held in London and Paris, Monday, and the impression was permitted to prevail that the Ministerial councils favored the proposals, unanimously. There were reports of clashes

between Germans and Czechs in the Sudeten area, to point the need for quick adjustments. In Great Britain and France prayers were offered for peace. The usual suggestions were made in French and British circles that the United States take a greater interest in European affairs and act as peacemaker, but such proposals seem fortunately to have aroused no response even in Washington.

Czech authorities attempted to move slowly in the crisis that confronted them, but the efforts at delay merely increased the Anglo-French pressure for immediate capitulation. The Prague Government was reported on Monday to be sounding out its French ally as to the attitude of Paris in the event of rejection of the demands. All indications point to a sad rejoinder by the French Government. On Tuesday the Czech Government made a formal reply to the demarche, and again the intention was to delay the matter. The proposal was declared unacceptable to Czechoslovakia in the form presented, and the counter suggestion was made that the entire question of the Sudeten German minority be submitted to the World Court at The Hague. This resulted in a heightening of the Anglo-French pressure during the small hours of Wednesday morning, and late the same day, after long hours of agonizing discussion, the Czech Government capitulated to the demands. In a brief official statement, the Czech Cabinet admitted its inability to cope with the requirements of Germany, reinforced by Great Britain and France. The Anglo-French representatives declared, according to this communication, that "only by sacrifices of territory on our part could security and peace be assured." External aid could not be extended if Czechoslovakia were attacked, it was further indicated, and the British and French Governments left no doubt of their belief that war would follow if the demands were not met by Czechoslovakia. Heart-breaking grief was occasioned in much of Czechoslovakia by the surrender.

With the Czech acceptance of the demands in hand, Prime Minister Chamberlain journeyed by airplane to Godesberg on the Rhine, Thursday, for renewed conversations with Chancellor Hitler, and long talks followed. Beyond circumstantial indications that Mr. Chamberlain urged Herr Hitler not to take immediate military steps, little was revealed regarding the discussions. The danger of war plainly was considered still pressing, however, for British precautions against air raids were suddenly strengthened on Thursday, and the French authorities relaxed none of their border vigilance. Within Czechoslovakia the resentment over the surrender forced the resignation of the Hodza Cabinet, Thursday, and President Benes called upon General Jan Syrový, Inspector General of the Czech army, to form a new regime. This was accomplished readily by the Czech military leader, who is known to be inclined toward friendliness with Soviet Russia, and a degree of uneasiness as to Czech policies thus was introduced. President Benes appealed to his people to remain calm, and he declared incidentally that changes of great importance were taking place throughout Europe, and not merely in Czechoslovakia. The situation was complicated additionally by a virtual Polish ultimatum demanding the cession by Czechoslovakia of the distinctly Polish settlements of the small democratic country. There

were intimations that Hungary would take similar steps. Such demands in behalf of the Polish and Hungarian minorities reputedly had the support of Chancellor Hitler and Premier Mussolini, but British and French circles were irritated by the injection of such further problems in the delicate situation.

Late yesterday a rapid deterioration of the European situation appeared to be in progress, although clarifying official statements still were lacking. At Godesberg, Mr. Chamberlain and Herr Hitler spent most of the day in separate seclusion, writing notes to each other which swiftly were taken to the opposite sides of the Rhine for study and answer. The British and German spokesmen finally met in conference again, however, with the results not yet clear. There were unofficial intimations that Herr Hitler demanded a withdrawal of Czech troops from the area near the German border and disbandment of the contingents. He also was reported as insisting that the new Syrový regime resign and be replaced by a civilian government in Prague. French authorities admitted that they were aware of the contents of the notes exchanged by Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain, and Premier Daladier stated that France would observe her commitment to come to the aid of Czechoslovakia in the event of aggression. Fresh disorders were reported in the Sudeten German sections of Czechoslovakia, and a number of deaths resulted. Approximately at midnight in Prague, orders were issued for a general mobilization within six hours, which means that 2,000,000 Czech soldiers will be under arms this morning. The American Minister in Prague warned Americans there to be ready to depart at short notice. Poland was warned by Russia that any move against Czechoslovakia would terminate immediately the Russian-Polish treaty of non-aggression, and the Polish Government replied that no move was contemplated.

#### League Assembly

**D**ISCUSSIONS at the Assembly of the League of Nations were only pale shadows, this week, of the momentous events taking place throughout the world. The British spokesman, Earl De La Warr, moved over the last week-end for modification of the sanctions article of the Covenant, this step being in line with the demands of small nations. In place of the compulsory acceptance of sanctions, the British delegate proposed that such League endeavors remain provisionally optional. By this means the trend of smaller countries away from the League doubtless will be countered, to some degree. There were occasional references in the Assembly debates to the German-Czech crisis, but the only prominent spokesman to take the rostrum in behalf of the small State was Maxim Litvinoff, Foreign Commissar of Soviet Russia. M. Litvinoff declared on Wednesday that his country was prepared to fulfill its obligations and come to the aid of Czechoslovakia, provided France took the first step in that direction. But even as the Russian spoke the fate of Czechoslovakia already had been decided by Germany, Great Britain and France.

The League Assembly received its expected appeal from China for application of sanctions against Japan, as the unquestioned aggressor in the Far Eastern conflict. In pursuance of its usual pro

cedure, the Assembly promptly invited Japan to a hearing, and Japan on Thursday rejected the invitation, which leaves the next move up to the League. Dr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese representative, stated that more than 1,000,000 Japanese soldiers now are operating on Chinese soil, and he added that more than 1,000,000 Chinese have been killed in the conflict and 30,000,000 others wounded or made homeless. Premier Juan Negrin, of Spain, addressed the Assembly on Wednesday, and startled that body by declaring that immediate and complete withdrawal of all non-Spanish combatants would be effected on the Government side. By this means the Barcelona Government sought to remove any doubts as to the purely national character of the cause for which the Republican army is fighting, he asserted. The League was asked to supervise this unilateral withdrawal of foreign "volunteers" from loyalist Spanish forces.

### Spain

MILITARY movements in Spain again were of the minor variety this week, and the lines of the loyalist and insurgent forces were little changed. Early in the week General Francisco Franco sent his insurgent brigades once again to attack the advanced loyalist trenches along the Ebro River, but the maneuver was even less successful than its many predecessors. On Wednesday the loyalists assumed the offensive on the Teruel front in the Manzanera sector, and apparently they gained a few hilltops. But these moves were of no particular significance, and the civil war bids fair to drag through the winter unless a truce is arranged by one means or another. The possibility of a relatively early peace is not to be discounted, for there have been many rumors of negotiations between the loyalists and insurgents, and some reports even suggested that General Franco will relinquish the command of the assortment of civil guards, monarchists, fascists and others who comprise the insurgent strength. But none of these reports so far has received confirmation of any kind. The conflict started on July 18, 1936, and the ultimate results still are uncertain, save for the dreadful suffering and losses inflicted on the Spanish people.

It is a fair assumption that the Italian and German allies of General Franco have been little disposed to send him additional aid while the European crisis regarding Czechoslovakia developed, which makes it probable that the stalemate in Spain is due to such external affairs. Now that Chancellor Hitler has gained his desires in Central Europe, however, it seems quite possible that the fascist regimes once again will turn to Spain and endeavor to promote the eventual success of the insurgents. It may also be, on the other hand, that a new attitude toward Spain will develop as one result of the conversations between Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and Fuehrer Adolf Hitler. The loyalist regime moved on Wednesday to give effect, unilaterally, to the British plan for withdrawal of foreign "volunteers" from Spain, and since the insurgents rejected the plan this may be an excellent maneuver. Premier Juan Negrin announced at Geneva that the loyalists had decided upon immediate withdrawal of all foreigners fighting with the Government forces. The League of Nations was asked to appoint an international committee to

verify the withdrawals. Spokesmen of the duly constituted Spanish Government also presented at Geneva the heartrending statistics of insurgent air raid results in the war. Without hope that any international action will be taken to halt such raids while the civil war is in progress, the Spanish authorities merely reported that in more than 1,000 insurgent air raids, 7,000 civilians had been killed, 11,000 wounded, and 10,000 buildings destroyed.

### China and Japan

THERE were numerous indications this week that the Japanese invaders of China have intensified their drive toward the former provisional capital of Hankow, with the aim of taking that important center before wintry weather hampers military operations. A degree of success certainly attended the efforts of the aggressors in this undeclared war of conquest, but the Chinese continued to resist stubbornly, and the sanguine expectations of the invaders seem destined for another disappointment. At the start of September the Japanese confidently predicted that Hankow would fall by Oct. 1, but that date now seems to reflect little more than the hopes of the Nipponese. In the combined advance of the Japanese naval and military forces up the Yangtze only small gains were claimed. Observers at Shanghai were under the impression that the Chinese shore batteries displayed considerable efficiency in their gunning, for the attackers towed a number of disabled river craft to that city for repairs. Chinese commanders claimed that the Japanese have suffered more than 70,000 casualties in the Yangtze area since mid-July. It is conceded, however, that the invaders lately have made progress in their various overland drives with highly mechanized units. One column was reported on Thursday to have penetrated to within 55 miles of Hankow. It is already clear, on the other hand, that the Chinese will merely continue to fight if Hankow falls to the invaders. Some effects of the Japanese aggression were summarized at Geneva late last week by Chinese spokesmen, who declared that 1,000,000 Chinese had been killed since the war started in July, 1937, while 30,000,000 others had been wounded or made homeless.

### 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:

Country	Rate in Effect Sept 23	Date Established	Previous Rate	Country	Rate in Effect Sept 23	Date Established	Previous Rate
Argentina	3½	Mar. 1 1936	--	Hungary	4	Aug. 24 1935	4½
Batavia	4	July 1 1935	4½	India	3	Nov. 29 1935	3½
Belgium	3	May 30 1938	4	Ireland	3	June 30 1932	3½
Bulgaria	6	Aug. 15 1935	7	Italy	4½	May 18 1936	5
Canada	2½	Mar. 11 1935	--	Japan	3.29	Apr. 6 1936	3.65
Chile	4	Jan. 24 1935	4½	Java	3	Jan. 14 1937	4
Colombia	4	July 18 1933	5	Jugoslavia	5	Feb. 1 1935	6½
Czechoslovakia	3	Jan. 1 1936	3½	Lithuania	5½	July 1 1936	6
Danzig	4	Jan. 2 1937	5	Morocco	6½	May 28 1935	4½
Denmark	4	Oct. 19 1936	3½	Norway	3½	Jan. 5 1938	4
England	2	June 30 1932	2½	Poland	4½	Dec. 17 1937	5
Estonia	5	Sept. 25 1934	5½	Portugal	4	Aug. 11 1937	4½
Finland	4	Dec. 4 1934	4½	Rumania	4½	Dec. 7 1934	6
France	2½	May 12 1938	3	South Africa	3½	May 15 1933	4
Germany	4	Sept. 30 1932	5	Spain	5	July 10 1935	5½
Greece	6	Jan. 4 1937	7	Sweden	2½	Dec. 1 1933	3
Holland	2	Dec. 2 1936	2½	Switzerland	1½	Nov. 25 1936	2

### Foreign Money Rates

IN LONDON open market discount rates for short bills on Friday were 15-16@1% as against 15-16@1% on Friday of last week, and 11-16@1½% for three-months bills, as against 15-16@1%

on Friday of last week. Money on call at London on Friday was 1/2%. At Paris the open market rate remains at 2 3/4% and in Switzerland at 1%.

**Bank of England Statement**

THE statement for the week ended Sept. 21 showed a slight increase of £38,236 in gold holdings which brought the total up to £327,923,372 compared with £328,031,623 a year ago. As the gain in gold was attended by an increase of £632,000 in note circulation, the loss in reserves amounted to £594,000. Public deposits fell off £3,138,000 while other deposits increased £4,314,899. The latter consists of "bankers' accounts" and "other accounts" which rose £1,267,566 and £3,047,333 respectively. The reserve ratio fell off slightly to 30.6% from 31.2% a week ago, compared with 26.7% last year. Loans on government securities declined £925,000 while those on other securities increased £2,703,462. The latter amount consists of increases to discounts and advances of £210,499 and to securities of £2,492,963. The discount rate remains unchanged at 2%. Below we furnish the various items with comparisons for previous years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Sept. 21, 1938	Sept. 22, 1937	Sept. 23, 1936	Sept. 25, 1935	Sept. 26, 1934
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	479,224,000	485,969,669	445,104,282	398,164,188	377,028,060
Public deposits.....	18,431,000	15,663,878	10,441,666	19,491,362	37,858,169
Other deposits.....	140,284,547	141,844,311	146,776,519	126,197,209	118,807,780
Bankers' accounts.....	100,860,610	105,601,370	107,981,795	87,241,298	82,039,899
Other accounts.....	39,423,937	36,242,941	38,794,724	38,955,911	36,767,881
Govt. securities.....	97,606,000	106,867,977	83,663,337	83,164,999	81,634,164
Other securities.....	30,652,933	26,849,060	28,218,423	24,602,053	17,801,208
Disc't. & advances.....	6,090,28	5,208,031	7,880,969	12,411,483	7,203,539
Securities.....	24,562,652	21,641,029	20,337,454	12,190,570	10,597,779
Reserve notes & coin.....	48,696,000	42,061,954	63,601,937	56,195,877	75,497,868
Coin and bullion.....	327,923,372	328,031,623	248,706,219	194,360,065	192,525,928
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	30.6%	26.7%	40.40%	38.57%	48.18%
Bank rate.....	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

**Bank of Germany Statement**

THE statement for the second quarter of September showed a loss in note circulation of 23,000,000 marks, which brought the total outstanding down to 6,666,000,000 marks. Circulation a year ago aggregated 4,763,213,000 marks and the year before 4,300,768,000 marks. Reserves in foreign currency, silver and other coin, advances, and other liabilities registered increases, namely, 147,000 marks, 18,549,000 marks, 13,319,000 marks and 7,122,000 marks, respectively. No change was shown in the Bank's gold holdings, the total remaining at 70,773,000 marks. A decline was recorded in bills of exchange and checks of 49,166,000 marks, in investments of 101,000 marks, in other assets of 45,003,000 marks, and in other daily maturing obligations of 45,784,000 marks. The reserve ratio is now 1.14%, compared with 1.58% a year ago. Following we furnish the different items with comparisons for previous years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Changes for Week	Sept. 15, 1938	Sept. 15, 1937	Sept. 15, 1936
	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....	No change	70,773,000	70,008,000	65,978,000
Of which depos. abrd.....	No change	10,587,000	20,055,000	22,528,000
Res'v in for'n currency.....	+147,000	5,545,000	5,636,000	5,555,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....	-49,166,000	6,328,933,000	1,825,089,000	1,467,799,000
Silver and other coin.....	+18,549,000	151,886,000	188,746,000	160,690,000
Advances.....	+13,319,000	41,861,000	33,006,000	41,423,000
Investments.....	-101,000	847,789,000	403,686,000	527,464,000
Other assets.....	-45,003,000	1,104,358,000	796,415,000	561,971,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....	-23,000,000	6,666,000,000	4,763,213,000	4,300,768,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....	-45,784,000	903,218,000	649,410,000	669,473,000
Other liabilities.....	+7,122,000	318,380,000	266,984,000	237,059,000
Proportion of gold & for'n curr. to note circul'n.....		1.14%	1.58%	1.66%

**Bank of France Statement**

THE statement for the week ended Sept. 15 showed a large increase in note circulation, namely 5,285,000,000 francs, which brought the total out-

standing up to a new all-time high of 108,185,702,935 francs. Circulation a year ago aggregated 88,839,572,545 francs and the year before 83,764,538,875 francs. Increases also appeared in French commercial bills discounted of 2,386,000,000 francs, in bills bought abroad of 78,000,000 francs, in advances against securities of 162,000,000 francs, in creditor current accounts of 827,000,000 francs and in temporary advances to State of 3,000,000,000 francs. The Bank's gold holdings again showed no change, the total remaining at 55,808,328,520 francs. The reserve ratio fell off to 43.69% compared with 51.81% last year and 57.42% the previous year. Below we show the different items with comparisons for previous years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Changes for Week	Sept. 15, 1938	Sept. 16, 1937	Sept. 18, 1936
	Francs	Francs	Francs	Francs
Gold holdings.....	No change	55,808,328,520	55,805,022,113	52,691,761,885
Credit bals. abroad.....		19,054,581	14,596,184	153,505,680
a French commercial bills discounted.....	+2,386,000,000	11,806,000,000	8,723,100,570	6,781,432,902
b Bills bought abrd.....	+78,000,000	828,000,000	808,653,421	1,236,601,131
Adv. against secur.....	+162,000,000	3,878,007,411	3,943,661,789	3,568,051,458
Note circulation.....	+5,285,000,000	108,185,702,935	88,839,572,545	83,764,538,875
Credit. current accts.....	+827,000,000	19,541,533,109	18,864,437,492	8,007,974,333
c Temp. advs. with-out int. to State.....	+3,000,000,000	13,133,974,773	26,008,455,160	14,583,423,000
Proportion of gold on hand to sight lab.....	-2.20%	43.69%	51.81%	57.42%

a Includes bills purchased in France. b Includes bills discounted abroad. c Authorized by convention of June 18, 1936, laws of June 23, 1936, convention of June 30, 1937, and decree of June 29, 1938. The last increased the June 30, 1937, allowance of 20,000,000,000 francs to 30,000,000,000 francs, of which 18,050,000,000 francs have been taken.

Since the statement of June 29, 1937, gold valuation has been at rate of 43 mg. gold, 0.9 fine, per franc; previous to that time and subsequent to Sept. 26, 1936, gold valuation was 49 mg. per franc; prior to Sept. 26, 1936, there were 65.5 mg. of gold to the franc.

**New York Money Market**

MONEY market conditions remained unchanged in New York this week, with the supply of idle funds far in excess of any visible or potential demand. The rate structure was unaltered in all respects. Bankers' bill and commercial paper dealings were small, as the supply of such instruments long has been subnormal. The Treasury sold last Monday a further issue of \$100,000,000 discount bills due in 91 days, and awards were at 0.106% average, computed on an annual bank discount basis. Call loans held to 1% for all transactions on the New York Stock Exchange, while time loans were unchanged at 1 1/4% for maturities to 90 days, and 1 1/2% for four to six months' datings.

**New York Money Rates**

DEALING in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 1% was the ruling quotation all through the week for both new loans and renewals. The market for time money continues quiet, no transactions having been reported this week. Rates continued nominal at 1 1/4% up to 90 days and 1 1/2% for four to six months maturities. The market for prime commercial paper has been moderately active this week. Paper has been in fair supply and the demand has been good. Rates are unchanged at 5/8% @ 3/4% for all maturities.

**Bankers' Acceptances**

THE market for prime bankers' acceptances remains extremely dull this week. The volume of business has been very light and the demand has been far in excess of the supply. There has been no change in rates. Dealers' rates as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for bills up to and including 90 days are 1/2% bid and 7-16% asked; for bills running for four months, 9-16% bid and 1/2% asked; for five and six months, 5/8% bid and 9-16% asked. The bill-buying rate of the

New York Reserve Bank is  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  for bills running from 1 to 90 days. The Federal Reserve Bank's holdings of acceptances remain unchanged at \$540,000

### 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. 23	Date Established	Previous Rate
Boston	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Sept. 2, 1937	2
New York	1	Aug. 27, 1937	$1\frac{1}{2}$
Philadelphia	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Sept. 4, 1937	2
Cleveland	$1\frac{1}{2}$	May 11, 1935	2
Richmond	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Aug. 27, 1937	2
Atlanta	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Aug. 21, 1937	2
Chicago	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Aug. 21, 1937	2
St. Louis	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Sept. 2, 1937	2
Minneapolis	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Aug. 24, 1937	2
Kansas City	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Sept. 3, 1937	2
Dallas	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Aug. 31, 1937	2
San Francisco	$1\frac{1}{2}$	Sept. 3, 1937	2

### Course of Sterling Exchange

STERLING and the entire foreign exchange market continue under the adverse influence of the German-Czech crisis. While sterling is fractionally stronger than last week, pressure on the pound continues and the dollar is everywhere in demand. The range for sterling this week has been between  $\$4.79\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\$4.83\frac{1}{4}$  for bankers' sight bills, compared with a range of between  $\$4.78$  9-16 and  $\$4.81$  13-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been between  $\$4.79\frac{3}{8}$  and  $\$4.83$  5-16, compared with a range of between  $\$4.78\frac{5}{8}$  and  $\$4.81\frac{7}{8}$  a week ago.

The fact of the forced surrender of Prague to the German demands has lent some strength to sterling in the belief that an actual outbreak of war has been at least postponed. Whether Czechoslovakia's imposed capitulation is to result in partial or complete loss of the State's sovereignty, the easing of tension in the exchange and banking situation is widely believed to be at most only temporary.

There is a general belief that even a complete and peaceful surrender of Czechoslovakia to Germany will not entirely eliminate the danger of war in Europe. Hence the demand for gold and dollars continues.

Amsterdam bankers are generally of the opinion that there will be an unabated gold flow to the United States until such time as positive and lasting peace is assured in Europe. However, the present crisis may be resolved, European capital will seek refuge in the United States in increasing volume unless monetary movements are officially restricted or prohibited. It is quite probable that not only private movements of gold will continue to the United States, but foreign governments will also continue to build up balances on this side as Great Britain, Holland, Sweden, and other governments have been doing during the past year.

Only if a successful formula for establishing permanent peace in Europe is ultimately found can there be any expectation of a heavy return flow of gold and foreign funds to European centers. It is generally believed that if it were not for the tripartite currency agreement the pound and the franc would have declined precipitously during the past few weeks.

There is no means of knowing to exactly what extent the exchange controls have intervened in the market, but it is evident that the United States Equalization Fund has been a heavy buyer of sterling, for which the United States fund is com-

pensated by the redemption of its sterling in gold by the British fund.

As an evidence of the spreading confidence in gold and the waning confidence in bond-backed fiat money it is of interest to note a London cable of Sept. 21 to the effect that the currency committee of Eire (Ireland) shocked the London market by selling £2,250,000 of British securities. The securities formed a part of the backing of Eire currency and were replaced by the purchase of £2,000,000 in gold (\$9,600,000), some of which had already been sent to Dublin. In banking circles it was assumed that the purchase of gold by the Irish Currency Commission, which is the note issuing authority, was the first of importance since the establishment of the national currency, which can legally be backed by gold, British sterling balances, and British Government securities. Irish currency note circulation has been fairly steady at from \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000. Before the current purchase, gold holdings have been negligible. As of Sept. 21 there has been an increase in the gold stock of the United States of \$453,000,000 since Aug. 31, bringing the total gold stock to \$13,588,000,000. Currently the gold takings in the London market have declined sharply from recent weeks. Arbitrage movements have been practically impossible, although the dollar equivalent for gold in London was frequently quoted as low as \$34.71 an ounce, whereas arbitrage transactions in the past have been considered entirely feasible and profitable at \$34.77. The decline in market offerings of gold was due to the increase and uncertainty in insurance rates.

A new schedule of rates went into effect in New York on Sept. 19. The New York rates are governed by the policies laid down by Lloyds of London. The new war risk rate for gold coming to New York from London is 25 cents per \$100 and is quoted for all first class passenger vessels except German and Italian. Italian vessels do not stop at England en route to New York. The rate for war risk insurance on securities coming to New York on approved lines is  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents per \$100, and 25 cents going from New York. On currency the rate is double, or 25 cents per \$100 to New York and 50 cents from New York.

The direction in which a vessel is headed makes a difference in the rates because in the first instance it is moving steadily away from the probable danger zones, while in the second it is heading into the danger zones several days after the insurance was placed, during which time conditions may have changed for the worse. Rates compare with the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents rate for war risk which had been in effect until the present crisis.

Tokio dispatches on Sept. 19 stated that Japanese marine insurance companies at an emergency meeting decided to raise the war risk insurance rate immediately for vessels trading with Europe. The war risk insurance rate was fixed at two yen per 100 on cargo carried in British, French, German and Italian vessels destined for European ports. On cargo carried on vessels bound to Japan from these ports the rate is one yen per 100. Rates applicable to vessels of other countries are one-half the above amounts.

The war risk insurance rates have altered the shipment of South African gold to London. Advices from Johannesburg on Saturday, Sept. 17, stated that the Reserve Bank of South Africa had canceled a shipment of £150,000 of gold which had been

scheduled to leave. It was indicated that if war risk insurance rates continue to advance it is quite probable that shipments from South Africa may be postponed for a considerable period.

The Union of South Africa has accounted for exactly one-third of all the imports of gold into Great Britain thus far this year. As the situation now stands the Reserve Bank of South Africa will continue to purchase the output of the mines, but will hold the metal instead of shipping it to London as usual. Should the European difficulties not be sufficiently resolved in the near future to justify a reduction in the war risk insurance rates, it is possible that arrangements can be made between the British authorities and the Reserve Bank of South Africa to earmark the metal in Cape Town for the British authorities. In that way the British fund would hold the gold there, while the Reserve Bank would be given sterling in London with which to provide for settlement of commercial and capital obligations.

The war risk insurance rates have been entirely responsible for the drop in the volume of gold on offer in the London open market, and of course, if the metal could not be taken for shipment with assurance of profit there could be no arbitrage activity. As a result, while gold on offer on Wednesday, Sept. 14 reached an all-time high of 144s. 11d. per ounce, the rate dropped on Thursday of this week to 143s. 11d. an ounce.

Another interesting development in the gold market was the shipment of gold by airplane to Switzerland and Hungary on Sept. 21. Seven planes left Croydon airport for Basle, carrying approximately £4,200,000, while other planes carried £242,000 to Budapest. This gold was acquired at some previous date. It was understood that the gold represented purchases made in the open market by Swiss and Hungarian banks for resale to hoarders in those countries.

On Tuesday there was a decline in bill rates in the London open market from Monday's quotations. Call money against bills continued at 1/2%, two- and three-months bills were quoted at 15-16% against 1% on Monday, four-months bills at 1 1/8%, and six-months bills 1 1/4%.

The bill rates are still firm, reflecting the large exodus of gold and funds from London in recent weeks. Nevertheless informed quarters in London are convinced that the Bank of England will not raise its rate of rediscount unless war actually breaks out. The bank rate is still ineffective and it is extremely doubtful if raising the rediscount rate would serve to stem the flight from sterling or to accentuate it.

Gold on offer in London at the hour of price fixing each day was taken for unknown destination in the following amounts: On Saturday £570,000, on Monday £448,000, on Tuesday £815,000, on Wednesday £317,000, on Thursday £962,000, and on Friday, £679,000.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Sept. 21, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York was as follows:

**GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, SEPT. 15-SEPT. 21, INCL.**

Imports	Exports
\$63,993,000 from England	
7,665,000 from Canada	None
2,391,000 from Holland	
<b>\$74,049,000 total</b>	

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account  
Decrease \$1,050,000

Note—We have been notified that approximately \$423,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from China.

The above figures are for the week ended on Wednesday. On Thursday \$12,583,000 of gold was received from England. There were no exports of the metal, or change in gold held earmarked for foreign account. On Friday there were no imports or exports of the metal or change in gold held earmarked for foreign account.

Canadian exchange has been showing a slightly easier tendency. Montreal funds ranged during the week between a discount of 3/4% and a discount of 7-16%.

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

**MEAN LONDON CHECK RATE ON PARIS**

Saturday, Sept. 17.....178.31	Wednesday, Sept. 21.....178.32
Monday, Sept. 19.....178.32	Thursday, Sept. 22.....178.32
Tuesday, Sept. 20.....178.31	Friday, Sept. 23.....178.43

**LONDON OPEN MARKET GOLD PRICE**

Saturday, Sept. 17.....144s. 9 1/2d.	Wednesday, Sept. 21.....144s.
Monday, Sept. 19.....144s. 7d.	Thursday, Sept. 22.....143s. 11d.
Tuesday, Sept. 20.....144s.	Friday, Sept. 23.....144s. 6d.

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

Saturday, Sept. 17.....\$35.00	Wednesday, Sept. 21.....\$35.00
Monday, Sept. 19.....35.00	Thursday, Sept. 22.....35.00
Tuesday, Sept. 20.....35.00	Friday, Sept. 23.....35.00

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was fractionally up from previous close. Bankers' sight was \$4.79 3/8 @ \$4.80; cable transfers \$4.79 1/2 @ \$4.80 1/8. On Monday the pound again advanced in active trading. The range was \$4.80 1/8 @ \$4.80 3/4 for bankers' sight and \$4.80 3-16 @ \$4.80 13-16 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the tone of sterling again improved. The range was \$4.81 11-16 @ \$4.82 3/4 for bankers' sight and \$4.81 3/4 @ \$4.82 7/8 for cable transfers. On Wednesday sterling again moved up and was in demand. The range was \$4.81 13-16 @ \$4.83 1/4 for bankers' sight and \$4.81 7/8 @ \$4.83 5-16 for cable transfers. On Thursday as hopes for peace in Europe increased the sterling market was active and steady. Bankers' sight was \$4.81 5-16 @ \$4.81 13-16; cable transfers \$4.81 3/8 @ \$4.81 7/8. On Friday sterling was easier. The range was \$4.79 1/4 @ \$4.80 3/8 for bankers' sight and \$4.79 3/8 @ \$4.80 1/2 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were \$4.79 3/8 for demand and \$4.79 1/2 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at \$4.79 1/8, 60-day bills at \$4.78 1/8, 90-day bills at \$4.77 3/4, documents for payment (60 days) at \$4.78 1/8, and seven-day grain bills at \$4.78 13-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at \$4.79 1/8.

**Continental and Other Foreign Exchange**

**T**HERE is nothing essentially new in the French foreign exchange or financial situation. If anything the fiscal position of France is more clouded, made difficult by political developments, while the commercial position shows no material improvement. Labor unrest has spread. Money is firmer in Paris and even short-term accommodation is harder to arrange. Currently the rates for the franc do not reflect any of the adverse factors as the French control has for several weeks held the franc close to sterling at around 178.32 francs to the pound. Any variation in the franc rate in terms of the dollar merely reflects the sterling-dollar relationship.

The current Bank of France statement for the week ended Sept. 15 shows circulation at a new high of 108,185,000,000 francs. Frightened withdrawals of savings bank deposits are blamed for the record expansion in the note circulation. Meanwhile the trend of individual bank deposits has been reversed.

The Government has had to borrow directly from the Bank of France because hoarding of bank notes reduced the ability of individual banks to invest in Government paper. Advances made by the central bank are almost 5,000,000,000 francs in excess of the amount which caused the post-war depreciation of the franc. The increased loans to the State are due largely if not altogether to the covering of mobilization expenses and the heavy rearmament program.

Exchange on Czechoslovakia has always been considered one of the more inactive units in the New York market. For a considerable period the Czech koruna has been held relatively steady at around 3.45 cents. Interest attaches to the unit at this time because of the nation's extremity. A London dispatch from Prague on Sept. 21 stated that the Czech Government had decreed a temporary moratorium for all banks and insurance companies, effective immediately. Only 3% of current account deposits can be withdrawn per month.

On Sept. 21 United States Secretary of Commerce Roper said that plans for the settlement of the Czech-German issue may make it necessary to revise the trade agreement between the United States and Czechoslovakia. The Commerce Secretary made public a report on trade between this country and Czechoslovakia which showed that during the first half of this year direct imports into Czechoslovakia from the United States had a value of \$17,788,000, while exports from Czechoslovakia to the United States in the same period amounted to \$13,420,000.

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

	Old Dollar Parity	New Dollar Parity <sup>a</sup>	Range This Week
b c France (franc)-----	3.92	6.63	2.68½ to 2.71
Belgium-----	13.90	16.95	16.88 to 16.90
Italy (lira)-----	5.26	8.91	5.26½ to 5.26½
Switzerland (franc)-----	19.30	32.67	22.52½ to 22.70
Holland (guilder)-----	40.20	68.06	53.74½ to 54.18

<sup>a</sup> New dollar parity as before devaluation of the European currencies between Sept. 30 and Oct. 3, 1936.

(b) Franc cut from gold and allowed to "float" on June 30, 1937.

<sup>c</sup> On May 5, 1938 the franc was devalued on a de facto basis of 179 francs to the pound, or 2.79 cents a franc.

The London check rate on Paris closed on Friday at 178.53, against 178.30 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished at 2.68½, against 2.69½; cable transfers at 2.68½, against 2.69 3-16. Antwerp belgas closed at 16.88 for bankers' sight bills and at 16.88 for cable transfers, against 16.90½ and 16.90½. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 39.95 for bankers' sight bills and 39.96 for cable transfers, in comparison with 40.04 and 40.04. Italian lire closed at 5.26 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.26¼ for cable transfers, against 5.26¼ and 5.26¼. Rates on Czechoslovakia are not quoted; on Bucharest at 0.74½, against 0.74¾; on Poland at 18.85, against 18.87; and on Finland at 2.12½, against 2.12½. Greek exchange closed at 0.88, against 0.88¼.

**EXCHANGE** on the countries neutral during the war has been extremely inactive in the past few weeks. The undertone of these units is softer in comparison with the situation several weeks ago, but quotable rates merely reflect the fluctuations in sterling. Amsterdam, however, reports a considerable demand for dollars and a movement of Holland and other Continental funds through Amsterdam to New York, with a resultant weakening of the guilder.

The Amsterdam market is supplying an active demand for gold coins for hoarding.

The Swedish currency is also displaying weakness, as shown especially in the relationship of the Swedish unit to sterling. The weakness is not so apparent in this market owing to lack of business in Swedish currency. Cables from abroad indicated that Swedish crowns on Wednesday were offered on the basis of 19.3975 crowns to the pound, compared with the rate of 19.3945 which had been maintained by the Swedish authorities.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 53.76, against 53.81½ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 53.76 against 53.81½; and commercial sight bills at 53.70, against 53.76. Swiss francs closed at 22.61 for checks and at 22.61 for cable transfers, against 22.56 and 22.56. Copenhagen checks finished at 21.40 and cable transfers at 21.40, against 21.43 and 21.43. Checks on Sweden closed at 24.71½ and cable transfers at 24.71½, against 24.75 and 24.75; while checks on Norway finished at 24.09 and cable transfers at 24.09, against 24.12 and 24.12.

**EXCHANGE** on the South American countries presents no new features from recent weeks. The Argentine Department of Finance on Thursday of last week issued a decree appointing a representative committee which will examine exchange control operations and formulate a system for the co-ordination and adjustment of all measures relating to exchange control. The object of the decree seems to be to establish a stricter control of exchange.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 31.97 for bankers' sight bills, against 31.98 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 31.97, against 31.98. The unofficial or free market close was 25.30@25.35, against 25.20@25.30. Brazilian milreis are quoted at 5.90 (official), against 5.90. Chilean exchange is quoted at 5.19 (official), against 5.19. Peru is nominally quoted at 20⅞, against 20¾.

**EXCHANGE** on the Far Eastern countries follows trends in evidence since the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese war. The Far Eastern currencies are strongly inclined to follow the variations in sterling. In the past few days a delegation of Chinese financial experts has been holding conversations in Washington with the United States Treasury Department. It is believed the conversations relate entirely to future purchases of Chinese silver by the United States. On Thursday, Secretary Morgenthau said that the conversations had not proceeded far enough for public discussion.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 27.97 against 28.00 on Friday of last week. Hong-kong closed at 30⅛@30¼, against 30 1.16@30 3-16; Shanghai at 17 5-16@17½, against 17½; Manila at 49.85, against 49.85; Singapore at 55.85, against 55¾; Bombay at 35.80, against 35.82; and Calcutta at 35.80, against 35.82.

#### Gold Bullion in European Banks

**THE** following table indicates the amounts of gold bullion (converted into pounds sterling at par of exchange) in the principal European banks as of respective dates of most recent statements, reported to us by special cable yesterday (Friday); comparisons are shown for the corresponding dates in the previous four years:



Banks of—	1938	1937	1936	1935	1934
	£	£	£	£	£
England...	327,923,371	328,031,623	248,706,219	194,360,065	192,525,928
France...	293,728,207	293,710,642	421,534,095	575,031,034	657,636,639
Germany b.	3,008,600	2,494,800	2,223,900	3,256,100	2,707,100
Spain...	c63,667,000	87,323,000	88,092,000	90,931,000	90,600,000
Italy...	a25,232,000	25,232,000	42,575,000	50,881,000	68,577,000
Netherlands	123,419,000	105,490,000	58,433,000	43,912,000	72,011,000
Nat. Belg.	88,601,000	102,353,000	105,942,000	97,503,000	75,715,000
Switzerland	114,036,000	82,426,000	54,159,000	46,614,000	65,745,000
Sweden...	29,906,000	25,969,000	24,128,000	20,149,000	15,506,000
Denmark...	6,538,000	6,549,000	6,552,000	6,555,000	7,397,000
Norway...	7,442,000	6,602,000	6,604,000	6,601,000	6,579,000
Total week.	1,083,495,181	1,066,181,065	1,058,949,214	1,135,793,199	1,254,738,667
Prev. week.	1,082,200,042	1,066,710,396	1,063,089,230	1,145,436,232	1,253,936,515

a Amount held Dec. 31, 1936, latest figures available. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which is now reported at £530,050. c As of April 30, 1938, latest figure available. Also first report since Aug. 1, 1936.  
 † The gold of the Bank of France was revalued on July 23, 1937, at 43 milligrams of gold, 0.9 fine, equal to one franc; this was the second change in the gold's value within less than a year, the previous revaluation took place on Sept. 26, 1936, when the gold was given a value of 49 milligrams to the franc as compared with 65.5 mgs. previously. On the basis of 65.5 mgs., approximately 125 francs equaled £1 sterling at par; on basis of 49 mgs., about 165 francs equaled £1 sterling, and at 43 mgs., there are about 190 francs to £1.

## The Railway Wages Dispute

For a connected understanding of the dispute over a proposed wage cut which has sharply divided railway employees and railway executives and brought the question directly before President Roosevelt, it will be well to go back to President Roosevelt's special message to Congress, on April 11 last, regarding the general railroad situation. The object of the message, apparently, was to call the attention of Congress to the need of action that would prevent "serious bankruptcies among a large number of railroad companies, great and small," but Mr. Roosevelt himself made no specific suggestions beyond expressing his objection, which he thought many others shared, to government subsidies for any purpose or government ownership or operation of the roads. Abstracts, however, were given of informal recommendations for immediate relief, and also for a long term program, made by three members of the Interstate Commerce Commission whose advice had been requested, and the full report, with various other documents, was also transmitted. The fifth item in the summary of the first set of recommendations of the Commissioners was "that the Commission does not feel justified in expressing an opinion for or against reduction of railroad wages." The reasons given, in the report itself, were "the present policy of the law as reflected in the Railway Labor Act" and "the absence of a full hearing of both the managements and the men."

No special interest was aroused in Congress by the message, and Congress adjourned without enacting any remedial legislation. On May 13, however, the Carriers' Joint Conference Committee, representing the principal companies, announced that notice of an intention to reduce basic wages by 15%, effective July 1, was being sent to the chairmen of railway employees' organizations. With this notice the first step in the procedure required by the Railway Labor Act was taken. If, within thirty days after the notification, conferences between the companies and their employees did not begin, the controversy would go to the National Mediation Board; after that, failing a settlement, recourse would be had to arbitration. The announcement, after reviewing the financial difficulties of the industry "due to the simple fact that present costs of operation are higher than the industry can carry under existing conditions," recalled the "great help" given by a voluntary acceptance of a wage reduction in 1932, and asserted that what was now proposed "will leave the em-

ployees with higher wage rates than resulted from the deduction voluntarily accepted in 1932, although the railroad industry is now worse off than it was at that time."

The notice was promptly followed by announcements that the proposed cut would be rejected by railway labor, and a controversy began, and still continues, in which the arguments of the two parties have been vigorously presented. On June 20 the Railway Labor Executives Association, in a resolution preceded by an elaborate array of "whereases" which bitterly denounced the financial condition and control of the roads as a whole, declared in favor of "the immediate taking over of the railways" of the country by the Federal Government and the creation of Federal agencies to manage and operate them. The negotiations in individual companies having by this time failed of result, the Carriers' Joint Conference Committee, on June 21, formally proposed to the 19 railway unions a joint conference, to be held at Chicago on June 28. The labor executives sought to delay the conference on the ground that conferences with a number of individual roads had not been concluded and that "under the laws and procedure of the organization there are many details that must be worked out respecting representation and conferees."

It was finally agreed to begin negotiations at Chicago on July 20. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, however, decided to act independently of the other unions and to hold a separate meeting at Chicago on July 18. On July 6 Alexander F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood, was quoted as saying at Washington that his union would be "prepared to combat the carriers at every point," and that they were going into such matters as "gambling in the stock market," expenditures for propaganda, and "rebates or depressed tariffs." The meeting with representatives of Class I railroads, on July 18, was fruitless, Mr. Whitney being again quoted as declaring that "we will give no ground" and that "employees are entitled to a living wage even if the railroads are unable to pay a penny of interest on their bonded indebtedness or dividends." At the full conference on July 20, attended by some thousand employee representatives, the Chairman of the Carriers' Joint Conference Committee, H. A. Enochs, stated frankly that the railroad managements "absolutely will not compromise" the demand for a wage cut.

No presentation of facts regarding the condition of the roads was effective in breaking the opposition of the unions. The high-water mark of union resistance and indifference was reached on Aug. 1 when Mr. Whitney, replying to the statement of Mr. Enochs that "we haven't the money to pay the present scale of wages," declared that "the fact that the railroads haven't the money is not our problem." The negotiations ended without agreement, on Aug. 4, with a final declaration by George M. Harrison, Chairman of the Railway Labor Executives Association, that the unions would not accept a cut. That sent the question to the National Mediation Board, which met at Chicago on Aug. 11, but on Aug. 31 the attempt at settlement collapsed with the rejection by the unions of a proposal, accepted by the roads, to submit the dispute to arbitration. On the same day the official representatives of the unions ordered a nation-wide strike vote. On Sept.

9 the roads gave notice that the 15% wage cut would become effective on Oct. 1. The next day a meeting of the unions was announced for Sept. 26, at Chicago, at about which time the results of the strike balloting were expected to be known. With arbitration rejected by disagreement between the roads and the unions, the dispute was taken to President Roosevelt. Under the Railway Labor Act, it became his duty under the circumstances to appoint a fact-finding committee, but on Tuesday he deferred action until next week and appealed to representatives of the roads and the unions to get together and work out a legislative program dealing broadly with the railroad situation. Following a discussion on Wednesday, it was announced that further consideration of the question would be postponed until after the result of the strike balloting was known and the President had appointed a fact-finding committee.

Whether or not a wage cut of 15% or of some other amount would do for the railroads all that is apparently expected is a question on which opinion may properly be reserved, although if the cut were not expected to be of substantial help it probably would not have been ordered. The point which the public is not likely to lose sight of is that the unions have stubbornly refused to consider any wage reduction whatever, and have taken the necessary steps preliminary to a strike as a means of coercing the railways' management. The fact that the income of the roads is insufficient to justify continued payment of the present wage scales, or that the holders of railroad securities are entitled to some return on their investment, does not weigh with the union leaders; it is for the roads to find the money, however impossible the finding may be. It is noticeable that, in the reported discussion at such conferences as have been held, the employee representatives have laid much stress upon matters of financial structure or banking control which, however much in need of readjustment if the railroad industry is to be put upon a sound basis, have only a very remote relation to the present wage situation. The wage burden from which the roads suffer has not been created by the financial arrangements of which the union representatives complain. It is the railway brotherhoods, highly organized and disciplined and possessing almost a strangle hold on the rail transportation of the country, that have insisted upon such concessions as relatively high wages for short runs, extra pay for short or incidental overtime, and preference rules which have kept older employees on pay rolls while large numbers of younger men have been dropped. It is not to the credit of the brotherhoods that, faced with a condition in which compromise and friendly adjustment were clearly indicated, they have been unwilling to meet management even halfway.

The fundamental trouble with the railroads, as everybody knows, is lack of traffic. The lack of traffic, as everybody also knows but many are unwilling to admit, is first of all the depression in industry and business which began in 1929, and then the New Deal policies which have destroyed business confidence and impeded industrial and business recovery. What Mr. Roosevelt's attitude will be, now that the matter has come to his hands, is entirely uncertain. In his message of April 11 he expressed opposition to government subsidies

or government ownership or operation, and he has since expressed a general opposition to wage cuts. When he sent his April message to Congress, he stated his belief that "some immediate legislation" was necessary at that session "in order to prevent serious financial and operating difficulties between now and the convening of the next Congress," but he made no effort to secure such legislation when Congress, with no program before it and no knowledge of what Mr. Roosevelt wanted, let the matter slide. His suggestion that the committee which he convened on Tuesday should work out a comprehensive plan for the whole railway industry seems to indicate that he does not now, more than five months after his April message, expect any early action. The only tentative conclusion that it seems safe to draw is that he hopes, by allowing the controversy to run the full length of time that the Railway Labor Act permits, to postpone a possible strike until after the November elections, with the further possibility that employees may agree upon a less than 15% wage cut either with or without pressure from the White House. This means that the railroads will be left, for an indefinite period, without the relief to which they are entitled, that the brotherhoods will be under no inducement to moderate their stand, and that government ownership or operation, or both, may be brought appreciably nearer by simply allowing a disordered financial and operating situation, impossible of effective remedy as long as New Deal policies prevail, to drift.

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### Hitler's Victory

American and European opinion regarding Hitler's victory over Czechoslovakia has been thus far curiously mixed. The reality of the enthusiasm with which the victory is reported to have been greeted in Germany cannot easily be appraised, since one cannot be sure that the expressions of the Government-controlled press represent a real public opinion, but it is probably safe to assume that there is not enough popular dissent to occasion the Government any concern. In Italy, on the other hand, where the highhanded methods of dictatorship are at least as acceptable as they are in Germany, and where the press speaks only under Government supervision, the gratification over Hitler's victory appears to be considerably less than would naturally have been looked for. Elsewhere, opinion shows itself divided between sympathy for a small State which has been compelled to submit to a dismemberment which may turn out to end its existence, and a feeling that, regrettable as the outcome is, it is better than a war which, it is widely believed, would otherwise have followed. The one point on which there is no disagreement is that Hitler laid down his terms, that Great Britain and France, without any visible show of resistance, not only accepted them but joined in demanding acceptance from Czechoslovakia, and that Hitler, having compelled the two great European democracies to bow the knee and take whatever he was disposed to offer, will now have his way with Czechoslovakia without much opposition from either of the two Powers to which, more than to any or all others, Czechoslovakia owed its existence as an independent State.

The historical background of the Czechoslovak debacle merits some attention, partly because of the light it throws upon events of the past few weeks, and partly because of its bearing upon the future. Czechoslovakia is an artificial State, created by the Paris Peace Conference, under the influence of Great Britain and France, out of a part of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire with the express intention of thereby erecting a permanent barrier against German expansion eastward. Its outlet to the sea was insured by a right, which Germany was forced to concede, of transit by river across Germany to Hamburg and Stettin. It has been, accordingly, from the beginning, as it was expected to be, a reminder to Germany of Germany's defeat and humiliation and a warning that, in the view of the one-time allies, the eastern border of Germany was fixed. It has been the leading member of the Little Entente, whose other two members, Rumania and Yugoslavia, were also expected to block a German advance. Born of a war in whose settlement vengeance predominated over intelligence and reason, and without more than formal friendship anywhere in Europe outside of Great Britain and France, it was doomed to helplessness in the face of German aggression unless it received British and French aid; and once Hitler, having emancipated Germany from the restrictions of the Versailles treaty and absorbed Austria without the least outside opposition, found himself in a position to challenge Great Britain and France, the fate of Czechoslovakia was sealed.

Those, accordingly, who see in Hitler's victory another and resounding rebuke to the former allies and the United States for the mischief that was done at Paris have plenty of reason for their interpretation. It may very well have been in Hitler's mind when he laid down the law to Prime Minister Chamberlain at Berchtesgaden. There could have been no such rebuke, however, if Mr. Chamberlain and Premier Daladier had not found themselves compelled to admit that Nazi Germany was too strong a Power to be attacked. The case of the Sudeten Germans was troublesome and Hitler obviously made the most of it, but the Sudeten parts of Czechoslovakia were not taken from Germany, the Prague Government, after long delay it is true, had announced its readiness to grant a very large measure of autonomy, and a compromise far less humiliating than abject surrender might conceivably have been reached if the German demands had been flexible. From the moment, however, that Hitler insisted, as he apparently insisted at Berchtesgaden, upon having his own way, there was no likelihood of stopping him except by an explicit threat of war on the part of Great Britain and France. Instead of threatening, the two democratic Powers surrendered. There is no reasonable explanation of the surrender save that they felt themselves unable to fight.

Between two days, then, the whole face of the European political situation was changed. The stone which the builders of the new Europe rejected had become the head of the corner. A dictatorial State, hateful in the eyes of democracies from almost every point of view, suddenly emerged as a State too powerful to be resisted, and before its Leader the two great democratic Powers bowed in submission and helped in the execution of his plans.

The spectacular assembly of a great British naval force in the North Sea, the massing of French troops at the German frontier, and elaborate programs in both countries for armament expansion availed nothing when Hitler made his demand. By British and French admission, the leading Power in Europe is now Germany, and what Hitler desires no other Government head will lightly oppose.

While nothing is known officially of what was said in the interviews between Hitler and Chamberlain at Berchtesgaden and later at Godesberg, reports have it that Hitler's demands have grown. Not only does he insist upon taking over a large part of Czechoslovakia with its Sudeten German population, but he also, it is reported, wants to visit some kind of punishment upon President Benes and have a voice in the government of what is left of the country. There seems to be no reason in the nature of things why, having obtained easily his principal objective, he should not attain whatever others appear to him to have some relation to it. If Great Britain and France will not or cannot fight on primary grounds, they are not likely to fight on secondary ones. They may, indeed, be able to prevent an immediate German invasion of Czechoslovakia, but unless something unforeseen happens, the immediate future of Czechoslovakia will be determined by Hitler. Having accepted amputation at the demand of Germany, Great Britain and France (a combination which would have been unthinkable a year ago and which even now leaves Europe dazed), the Prague Government is in no position to say how the patient shall be treated after the operation has been performed.

The expansion of Hitler's demands emphasizes the question whether, as a matter of fact, the action of Great Britain and France represents a choice of the lesser of two evils; in other words, whether, if Czechoslovakia had not been sacrificed, there would in all probability have been a general European war. Supporters of Mr. Chamberlain maintain that the alternatives were exactly such as the question implies, and that while it was doubtless extremely disagreeable to have to sacrifice an independent State in order to gratify Hitler, it was better than to plunge all Europe into conflict. Until Mr. Chamberlain speaks, the question must remain unanswered, since he alone is competent to testify to the motives that influenced him. The more important question is whether, with Czechoslovakia doomed to partition and perhaps to extinction, the prospect of peace has been brightened.

There are several reasons why that question must be answered in the negative. Even if for the moment Hitler demands nothing more than the annexation of the parts of Czechoslovakia in which Sudeten Germans predominate, the delimitation of the new frontiers and the necessary transfers of both Czech and German populations will be a long process, with increased opportunity for the armed clashes which for weeks have been going on in Czechoslovakia, and for partisan and hostile claims about the way in which the transition was being effected. Poland and Hungary are already demanding the recovery of their own minorities in Czechoslovakia if the Sudeten Germans are to be "liberated," and every other important minority, whether in Czechoslovakia or elsewhere, has been stirred up. Insoluble as the minorities problems is on racial, linguistic

or national lines, it is a perennial source of popular discontent and political agitation in Eastern Europe and the Balkans, and the Czechoslovak episode is the greatest provocation to agitation and rebellion that has been given since the Paris treaties were concluded.

With Czechoslovakia consigned to dismemberment, the whole minorities issue thrown wide open, and Great Britain and France resting on their arms and waiting for the time when they may have more or better guns and fighting planes than Germany, the most favorable opportunity for expansion to the east and southeast that Hitler has ever had would be opened to him. He can accomplish much, if he chooses, by war, he is also a master of diplomacy and intrigue, and he is ruthless in using his resources. Not one of the Powers that lie in his path, however, is likely to accept without fighting such treatment as has been meted out to Czechoslovakia, and any important further gains of territory or control would almost certainly have to be fought for. With no evidence that the hope of a revival of the *Drang nach Osten* has been abandoned, the chances of war would appear to have been markedly increased by the program of aggression which the British and French governments have helped Hitler to carry out. They will be materially increased if the efforts to prevent a German invasion of Czecho-

slovakia fail, or if political revolt forces the British and French Governments to alter their course.

What, meantime, is the outlook for Great Britain and France? Their loss of prestige has been immense, and popular realization of the loss will increasingly color political action. A heavy blow has been dealt to democratic claims and pretensions everywhere, and by so much as democracy has lost autocracy has gained. There is hardly a small Power in Europe that can now count upon British or French protection if it is attacked. With dictatorship in the saddle and able to ride, the whole course of government in the two great democracies which have bowed to Hitler seems due for readjustment. It may still be possible for Mr. Chamberlain to pursue his policy of dealing with dictators, but it is the dictators, apparently, that will have the greater influence in matters of war and peace. The report that Great Britain and France will now seek to cement cordial relations with Italy may or may not be well founded, but it is symptomatic of an acute awareness in both countries that the tables have been turned, that the political center of gravity is in the Reich, and that unless Hitler can be blocked by diplomacy and detached from his Italian ally, it is very doubtful that he can be blocked at all. The whole political stage of Europe is open for a resetting.

### The Business Man's Bookshelf

#### America Faces a Complete Breakdown of Government and Business

By William J. Baxter. 67 pages. New York: International Economic Research Bureau. \$1.50.

Mr. Baxter's conclusion is less ominous than his title, but his analysis of the present American situation and the outlook is nevertheless depressing. The primary difficulty, as he sees it, is "that private capitalism cannot and never was intended to function under any such environment as at present exists in this country." A larger proportion than ever of the population is unable to pay for the goods it desires. The end of free enterprise is in sight for the public utility industry, and private capital cannot build the cheap houses that are required. The "vacuum" that has been created since 1929 in the utility, railroad equipment and housing industries "has been greatly overemphasized by both government authorities and private business."

This unhappy situation, Mr. Baxter points out, is in part due to the industrial crisis which followed the World War, the changed position of nations, the development of "mass production-collectivism" in Soviet Russia, the evolution of the corporative State in Italy, the creation of a "super-economic machinery" by Germany, and the appearance of Japan as a new dominant Power which industrially is functioning "smoothly." Great Britain, on the contrary, has lagged behind, only reluctantly planning for central control and with the "four horsemen" of government, capital, management and labor "riding in different directions." As for France, its machinery needs overhauling, and in many other countries the breakdown of private capitalism has resulted in something like national receiverships.

International as well as domestic conditions, accordingly, Mr. Baxter believes, called for major readjustments in the American economy. In comparison with his former opinion of President Roosevelt, his present opinion is low, and he does not hesitate to declare that "it is common knowledge that the vast majority of thinking people have a very low opinion of the character of the man." What also bodes ill for America is the habits of the crowd, the expense of all of which must be borne by industry. Our youth societies breed leftists, we have a mania for new public buildings, highways and golf courses, we spend prodigious sums on gambling and drink, the veterans' demands are a racket, relief is becoming a habit, and labor unions champion a philosophy of less production. At the crucial point of low cost production, notably in agriculture, we have failed.

What Mr. Baxter advocates is what he calls "mass-production collectivism." As America produces more than it needs for its domestic use, it must have a foreign outlet, and its future will be largely influenced by the ability of foreign countries to undersell it in world markets. Unfortunately,

of the "four horsemen," government lacks a definite program, capital lacks confidence to make long-term commitments, labor thinks that the New Deal is its friend, while management, which Mr. Baxter thinks has on the whole done its job well, finds itself being legislated out of existence by the "crowd" influence in politics and regarded as a criminal if it introduces "a mass-production distributing system."

The great trusts, on the other hand, represent a first move toward collectivism, and Mr. Baxter expects that the new governmental system, if it comes, will among other things get more production from farmer and labor groups, exercise more control over labor policies, prices and plant expansion, nationalize the railroads, public utilities, coal mines, &c., increase the use of "hard money," favor a decline in the size and influence of large cities, encourage militarism and territorial expansion (the latter as far as the Panama Canal), and create "a better moral atmosphere in public and private life." The change from present conditions to those which he believes to be necessary is regarded by Mr. Baxter as normal. If it can be accomplished peacefully, all may be well, but if not, the "dying and rotten civilization" of which "the very habits of the population" afford "the brutal evidence" must, apparently, run its course.

Mr. Baxter makes it clear that, in his opinion, it is a system and not its incidents that is breaking down, and that it is idle to trust to incidental revivals that may appear here or there, for example in the stock market. It is to be regretted that, having voiced his pessimistic impressions and convictions, he has not gone farther into his reasons for thinking that the better system which he outlines could under any circumstances be attained, or that it would in fact be as beneficent as he seems to think.

#### The Course of the Bond Market

After Monday's low point, which coincided with war fears, the bond market has rallied moderately. While weakness, particularly in rails, has developed intermittently, the market as a whole has closed the week at levels higher than last Friday's. Foreign developments have had considerable influence, the market's progress being susceptible to the news of the Chamberlain-Hitler conference on the subject of Czechoslovakia. Whereas high-grade corporates have firmed up, United States Governments have made progress, the average price of 8 issues scoring a gain of  $\frac{1}{2}$  point to 111.37 in a week's time.

High-grade railroad bonds displayed buoyancy in the middle of the week but lost ground toward the close, leaving prices virtually unchanged. Duluth Missabe & Iron Range  $3\frac{1}{2}$ s, 1962, at 101 were up  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Union Pacific 1st 5s, 2008,

were up 1/2 at 112 1/2; Norfolk & Western 4s, 1996, remained unchanged at 116 3/4. More speculative railroad bonds staged a rally and in spite of falling prices toward the close managed to record gains over last week.

Although not especially active lower-grade utility bonds have recovered a good portion of the losses suffered last week. High grades have advanced rather steadily in fractional amounts.

at 60 are up 1 1/2. Certain financing originally scheduled for this week has been postponed.

Industrial bond prices have closed this week at slightly higher levels than a week ago. In the steel group, the outstanding rise has been one of 2 points to 87 by the Republic Steel 4 1/2s, 1961.

The foreign bond market has been irregular with Japanese obligations extending their advance while European issues have exhibited continued nervousness.

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

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

Table with columns for 1938 Daily Averages, U.S. Govt. Bonds, All 120 Domestic Corp., and 120 Domestic Corporate by Ratings (Aaa, Aa, A, Baa, RR., P. U., Indus.).

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

Table with columns for 1938 Daily Averages, All 120 Domestic Corp., and 120 Domestic Corporate by Ratings (Aaa, Aa, A, Baa, RR., P. U., Indus.).

\* These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "typical" bond (4% coupon, maturing in 30 years), and do not purport to show either the average level or the average movement of actual price quotations.

† The latest complete list of bonds used in computing these indexes was published in the issue of July 23, 1938, page 488.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Sept. 23, 1938.

The week was fraught with startling occurrences, far from helpful to the business and financial world. The rapid and ominous developments in Europe with the constant threat of a gigantic upheaval, together with the hurricane which swept New York and New England, taking toll of hundreds of lives and many millions in property, had a profoundly depressing effect in many quarters.

which contained Labor Day, and 103.2 for the corresponding week of 1937. Car loadings, electric output, steel ingot production and automotive activity operated at peak levels.

sheets here and a sizable export order for wire has been received from another country, but generally export trade has not been stimulated by fear of inability to obtain European deliveries. Germany, the magazine reports, has bought 40 tons of steel scrap in addition to a larger order it placed in the United States a few months ago. Non-ferrous metals have been affected by the war-scare, price advances having occurred in copper, lead and zinc, with current quotations the highest since mid-January. The magazine estimates steel ingot output for the current week at 45.5%, but observes at the same time that "the disappointingly slow improvement in new business in September tends to make the trade cautious in its expectations for the near future. Much depends on the automotive industry as to the extent of the further rise in operations over the next month or so." Production by the electric light and power industry for the week ended Sept. 17 rose to 2,214,775,000 kilowatt hours, a decrease of only 2.9% from the total in the like 1937 week and the largest output since the week of Nov. 20, 1937, when it stood at 2,224,213,000 kilowatt hours, the Edison Electric Institute reported. Continuing its seasonal uptrend, production this week was 166,415,000 kilowatt hours above the previous week's total of 2,048,360,000 kilowatt hours, but was still 66,017,000 kilowatt hours below the total of 2,280,792,000 kilowatt hours in the corresponding week last year. Engineering construction awards for the week, \$82,252,000, are the highest since the week of June 24, 1937, and exceed their 1937 values as reported by "Engineering News-Record" for the tenth consecutive week. Awards are 53% above last week and 95% above the corresponding 1937 week. Cumulative construction volume for 1938 to date, \$1,955,031,000, is 6% ahead of the \$1,843,514,000 for the 38-week period last year. Public construction, at its highest level since Jan. 9, 1936, is 58% higher than last week and 177% higher than last year. Private construction is 30% above the preceding week, but 35% below the 1937 week. The Association of American Railroads reported today 660,142 cars of revenue freight were loaded during the week ending last Saturday. This was an increase of 91,255 cars, or 16%, compared with the preceding week; a decrease of 162,653 cars, or 19.8%, compared with a year ago, and a decrease of 305,671 cars, or 31.6%, compared with 1930. Retail trade, lacking the prop afforded by heavy pre-school shopping in preceding weeks, and beset by rain storms and labor difficulties, failed this week to equal the volume of the second week in September, Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., reported today. General business sentiment, though, was reported more cheerful. In several trade divisions buying activity was represented as directly reflecting the backlog of requirements developed recently. Commitments withheld during the height of the European crisis were released, and once again the more favorable trend in domestic business was allowed to dictate purchasing policies. Industry, according to Bradstreet, Inc., continued its advance. For all districts combined, sales were off 3% to 14% compared with the corresponding 1937 week, this authority states. All other weather developments of the week were completely overshadowed by the terrible catastrophe that befell New York, New England and surrounding areas. One of the most savage hurricanes that ever struck the Atlantic Coast took a toll of close to 500 lives and property damage approximating \$200,000,000. The aftermath of this terrific windstorm is appalling. The danger of floods, hunger and disease inflicted new suffering on the hurricane-battered areas of New York, New Jersey and New England. Figures prepared by the Associated Press, the Rhode Island State Superintendent of Police, and other authorities, show the following loss of life: Rhode Island, 250; Massachusetts, 112; Connecticut, 57; New York, 48; New Hampshire, 13; New Jersey, 2; Vermont, 2. The Red Cross authorized a national appeal for relief funds after estimating 10,000 families in distress. Governor Robert E. Quinn of Rhode Island, the only Governor to pick the dollars and cents figure, said the loss in his State would run to \$100,000,000. In the New York City area the storm did much damage, uprooting hundreds of trees and causing much havoc in the Bay and on the shore-front. All week the weather in this area has been rainy and unpleasant. Thursday was the first clear day of the week. Today it was fair and cool here, with temperatures ranging from 53 to 67 degrees. The forecast was for partly cloudy tonight, Saturday, and probably Sunday. Warmer Saturday. Overnight at Boston it was 56 to 70 degrees; Baltimore, 54 to 66; Pittsburgh, 50 to 56; Portland, Me., 52 to 66; Chicago, 56 to 76; Cincinnati, 54 to 66; Cleveland, 52 to 62; Detroit, 50 to 68; Charleston, 62 to 78; Milwaukee, 60 to 78; Savannah, 60 to 80; Dallas, 62 to 88; Kansas City, 54 to 88; Springfield, Mo., 58 to 84; Oklahoma City, 60 to 92; Salt Lake City, 54 to 84; Seattle, 56 to 74; Montreal, 52 to 60, and Winnipeg, 56 to 90.

**Moody's Commodity Index Slightly Higher**

Moody's Commodity Index has continued within a narrow range, and was 143.8 this Friday, as compared with 143.7 a week ago. Silk, cocoa, copper, lead, cotton, wool and coffee were higher, while wheat, corn, hogs and steel scrap declined. There were no net changes in the prices of hides, rubber, silver and sugar.

The movement of the Index was as follows:

Fri. Sept. 16	143.7	Two Weeks Ago, Sept. 9	142.8
Sat. Sept. 17	No Index	Month Ago, Aug. 23	143.2
Mon. Sept. 19	144.5	Year Ago, Sept. 23	191.6
Tues. Sept. 20	144.2	1937 High—April 5	228.1
Wed. Sept. 21	143.3	Low—Nov. 24	144.6
Thurs. Sept. 22	143.7	1938 High—Jan. 10	152.9
Fri. Sept. 23	143.8	Low—June 1	130.1

**New Freight Cars on Order Total 8,892 on Sept. 1**

Class I railroads on Sept. 1, this year, had 8,892 new freight cars on order, the Association of American Railroads announced on Sept. 19. On the same date in 1937 there were 31,419 on order, and on Sept. 1, 1936, there were 22,354. On Aug. 1, this year, 10,234 new freight cars were on order. The Association further announced:

New steam locomotives on order on Sept. 1 totaled 14 compared with 252 on Sept. 1, last year, and 43 on the same date two years ago. The railroads had 26 new steam locomotives on order on Aug. 1, this year. New electric and Diesel locomotives on order on Sept. 1 totaled 26 compared with 37 on Sept. 1, 1937, and 17 on Sept. 1, 1936. The railroads on Aug. 1, this year, had 23 new electric and Diesel locomotives on order.

Class I railroads in the first eight months of this year installed in service 7,502 new freight cars, compared with 49,327 in the same period in 1937 and 20,588 in the same period in 1936.

The railroads in the first eight months of 1938 also put in service 148 new steam locomotives and 92 new electric and Diesel locomotives, compared with 226 steam and 38 electric and Diesel locomotives installed in the same period last year, and 20 steam and 17 electric and Diesel locomotives installed in the same period in 1936.

New freight cars and locomotives leased or otherwise acquired are not included in the above figures.

**Revenue Freight Car Loadings in Week Ended Sept. 17 Total 660,142 Cars**

Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended Sept. 17, 1938, totaled 660,142 cars, a gain of 91,255 cars, or 16%, over the preceding week, a decrease of 162,653 cars of 19.8% from the total for the like week a year ago, and a drop of 129,715 cars, or 16.4%, from the total loadings for the corresponding week two years ago. For the week ended Sept. 10, 1938, loadings were 19.7% below those for the like week of 1937, and 18.7% below those for the corresponding week of 1936. Loadings for the week ended Sept. 3, 1938, showed a loss of 19.2% when compared with 1937 and a drop of 15.3% when comparison is made with the same week of 1936.

The first 18 major railroads to report for the week ended Sept. 17, 1938, loaded a total of 309,227 cars of revenue freight on their own lines, compared with 269,225 cars in the preceding week and 378,129 cars in the seven days ended Sept. 18, 1937. 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—		
	Sept. 17, 1938	Sept. 10, 1938	Sept. 18, 1937	Sept. 17, 1938	Sept. 10, 1938	Sept. 18, 1937
	Achison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.	20,277	18,067	25,035	5,365	4,874
Baltimore & Ohio RR.	27,312	24,182	36,182	14,998	12,790	18,578
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	23,151	20,501	25,857	10,633	8,353	12,406
Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.	15,565	13,159	18,023	7,741	6,989	9,238
Chicago Milw. St. Paul & Pac. Ry.	18,871	15,762	22,609	7,584	7,315	8,758
Chicago & North Western Ry.	14,379	12,050	17,262	9,976	8,499	11,619
Gulf Coast Lines	2,261	2,200	2,816	1,122	1,162	1,511
International Great Northern RR.	2,065	2,220	2,756	1,659	1,677	2,271
Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.	4,928	4,822	6,428	2,930	2,593	2,983
Missouri Pacific RR.	15,297	13,194	17,631	8,007	7,171	9,059
New York Central Lines	35,011	29,951	44,032	37,982	31,454	45,770
N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis Ry.	5,146	4,431	5,271	3,356	7,850	10,317
Norfolk & Western Ry.	22,537	20,070	25,493	4,528	3,681	4,686
Pennsylvania RR.	56,214	48,271	72,784	36,414	30,417	46,706
Pere Marquette Ry.	4,842	4,205	6,237	4,755	3,967	5,220
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.	5,065	3,954	7,466	5,792	4,464	7,158
Southern Pacific Lines	31,209	27,859	36,289	7,577	6,935	9,105
Wabash Ry.	5,047	4,327	5,958	7,420	6,591	8,491
<b>Total</b>	<b>309,227</b>	<b>269,225</b>	<b>378,129</b>	<b>183,839</b>	<b>156,782</b>	<b>220,304</b>

TOTAL LOADINGS AND RECEIPTS FROM CONNECTIONS (Number of Cars)

	Week Ended—		
	Sept. 17, 1938	Sept. 10, 1938	Sept. 18, 1937
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.	23,808	21,426	27,179
Illinois Central System	31,612	28,146	37,570
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.	13,548	11,607	16,091
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,968</b>	<b>61,179</b>	<b>80,840</b>

The Association of American Railroads, in reviewing the week ended Sept. 10, reported as follows:

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended Sept. 10, which included Labor Day holiday, totaled 568,887 cars. This was a decrease of 139,315 cars, or 19.7% below the corresponding holiday week in 1937, and a decrease of 287,762 cars, or 33.6% below the same holiday week in 1930.

Loading of revenue freight for the week of Sept. 10 was a decrease of 79,152 cars, or 12.2% below the preceding week.

Miscellaneous freight loading totaled 232,801 cars, a decrease of 25,064 cars below the preceding week, and a decrease of 49,526 cars below the corresponding week in 1937.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 134,451 cars, a decrease of 20,692 cars below the preceding week, and a decrease of 12,580 cars below the corresponding week in 1937.

Coal loading amounted to 99,863 cars, a decrease of 16,713 cars below the preceding week, and a decrease of 18,492 cars below the corresponding week in 1937.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 30,526 cars, a decrease of 11,496 cars below the preceding week, and a decrease of 1,174 cars below the corresponding week in 1937. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week of Sept. 10 totaled 20,166 cars, a decrease of 8,945 cars below the preceding week, and a decrease of 2,136 cars below the corresponding week in 1937.



according to the monthly survey of domestic business conditions by H. E. Hansen in the Sept. 21 issue of the "Annalist" (New York). The index rose to 83.0 (preliminary) in August, from 78.8 (revised) in July and a low for the present depression of 73.8 in May. A year ago it stood at 111.2, the high mark for the 1933-37 recovery. The "Annalist" announcement went on to say:

Leading durable and non-durable goods industries shared in the improvement, the most important single factor in the rise of the combined index being a further sharp increase in the seasonally adjusted index of cotton consumption. Of nearly equal importance was a marked rise in the electric power output index. The steel and iron industries again showed a sharp increase in activity, although operations still stood at a comparatively low level. Shipments of miscellaneous freight continued to advance but all other loadings were unchanged, after allowance for seasonal fluctuations. Further substantial improvement occurred in lumber production but new orders came in at a slightly slower rate than in July. The adjusted index of zinc production turned upward for the first time this year. Silk consumption per day again showed a greater than seasonal increase. The largest decline for the month occurred in the adjusted index of automobile production, but employment was expanding during the closing weeks as manufacturers prepared to turn out new models. Rayon consumption was the only other component for which August figures are available to record a decrease.

The rate of gain in the combined index for August was slightly smaller than that for July, but this was not of great significance. It is largely attributable to the action of two components, automobile production and rayon consumption; the former dropped more sharply than in July to the lowest level since November, 1933, while the latter declined moderately, following the record rise in July.

Production figures during the present change-over period are a none too reliable indicator of conditions in the automobile industry. They merely reveal the rate of operations on assembly lines and do not reflect the activity in other departments of plants where thousands of workers are busy producing parts and other materials for new models. In the last few weeks, while production has remained at a low level, automobile employment has increased sharply and a large volume of raw materials and semi-manufactured products is being processed. A number of companies have started assembling 1939 cars and a few models have been shown to the public, which, we are told, has received them favorably. New-car sales in August, it is estimated, declined by less than the usual seasonal amount and remained above the level of production, indicating a further reduction in the already low inventories.

TABLE I—THE "ANNALIST" INDEX OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND COMPONENT GROUPS

Table with 4 columns: Component Group, Aug., 1938, July, 1938, June, 1938. Rows include Freight car loadings, Miscellaneous, Other, Electric power production, Manufacturing, Steel ingot production, Pig iron production, Textiles, Cotton consumption, Wool consumption, Silk consumption, Rayon consumption, Boot and shoe production, Automobile production, Lumber production, Cement production, Mining, Zinc production, Lead production, Combined index.

TABLE II—THE COMBINED INDEX SINCE JANUARY, 1933

Table with 7 columns: Month, 1938, 1937, 1936, 1935, 1934, 1933. Rows list months from January to December.

\* Preliminary. x Revised.

Fairchild Publications Retail Price Index Failed to Decline During August for First Time Since Oct. 1, 1937

For the first time since Oct. 1, last year, retail prices showed no decline, according to the Fairchild Publications retail price index. Prices on Sept. 1, while showing no change as compared with Aug. 1, nevertheless showed a decline of 7.9% under Sept. 1 a year ago, which represented the high. The current index, at 83.0 (Jan. 3, 1931, equals 100), is only 1.2% above the 1936 low, said an announcement issued Sept. 13 by Fairchild Publications, New York, which went on to say:

Three subdivisions, piece goods, infants' wear and home furnishings, declined fractionally, while women's apparel and men's apparel gained fractionally. As compared with a year ago, all groups declined, with home furnishings, women's apparel and piece goods showing the greatest reactions.

The changes during the month were comparatively nominal. The only items showing changes include woollen piece goods and cotton wash goods, furs, women's underwear, men's hats and caps, infants' stocks and shoes, furniture, floor coverings, electrical household appliances and china. The greatest change as compared with last month was in furs. This commodity, after declining sharply, reversed its trend and gained 2.8%. As compared with a year ago, however, furs show a decline of 21.3%, with floor coverings showing the second greatest decline and men's clothing and furniture following. It might be noted that furniture also showed the first fractional improvement in months.

The present halt in the decline does not imply a sharp and continued advance in retail prices, according to A. W. Zelomek, economist, under whose supervision the index is compiled. It does indicate some firm

tendencies and possible slight improvement in several items which had been reduced very sharply.

FAIRCHILD PUBLICATIONS RETAIL PRICE INDEX—(JAN. 3, 1931=100) Copyright 1938, Fairchild News Service

Table with 7 columns: Date, Composite Index, Piece goods, Men's apparel, Women's apparel, Infants' wear, Home furnishings, Domestic: Sheets, Blankets & comfortable, Women's apparel: Hostelry, Aprons and house dresses, Corsets and brassieres, Furs, Underwear, Shoes, Men's apparel: Hostelry, Underwear, Shirts and neckwear, Hats and caps, Clothing, incl. overalls, Infants' wear: Socks, Underwear, Shoes, Furniture, Floor coverings, Musical instruments, Luggage, Elec. household appliance, China. Rows list various categories with index values for May 1, 1933; Sept. 1, 1937; June 1, 1938; July 1, 1938; Aug. 1, 1938; Sept. 1, 1938.

Wholesale Commodity Prices Advanced Slightly During the Week Ended Sept. 17, According to National Fertilizer Association

A slight advance on the general level of wholesale commodity prices was recorded by the index compiled by the National Fertilizer Association during the week ended Sept. 17. Based on the 1926-28 average of 100%, the index rose to 73.8% from 73.6% in the previous week, the highest point reached since the first of August. A month ago the index stood at 72.9%, and a year ago at 87.6%. The announcement by the Association, under date of Sept. 19, went on to say:

Higher prices for farm products and foods were largely responsible for the upturn in the all-commodity index. Cotton moved downward, but the effect of this in the farm product group was offset by higher grain quotations. The livestock average was also slightly higher, rising for the third consecutive week. Trends in foodstuff prices during the week were mixed, with about as many items declining as advancing, but the group index advanced moderately, to the highest point reached since July. The sixth consecutive weekly decline was recorded by the textile price average, reflecting lower quotations for cotton, cotton goods, wool, and silk. Higher prices for non-ferrous metals resulted in an upturn in the metal price average. Slight increases during the week were also recorded by the indexes representing the prices of building materials, fertilizers, and miscellaneous commodities, while the fuel and farm machinery indexes registered fractional declines.

Twenty-eight price series included in the index advanced during the week and 21 declined; in the preceding week there were 16 advances and 24 declines; in the second preceding week there were 23 advances and 20 declines.

WEEKLY WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICE INDEX Compiled by the National Fertilizer Association. (1926 1928=100)

Table with 6 columns: Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index, Group, Latest Week Sept. 17, 1938, Preced'g Week Sept. 10, 1938, Month Ago Aug. 20, 1938, Year Ago Sept. 18, 1937. Rows list groups like Foods, Fats and oils, Cottonseed oil, Farm products, Cotton, Grains, Livestock, Fuels, Miscellaneous commodities, Textiles, Metals, Building materials, Chemicals and drugs, Fertilizer materials, Fertilizers, Farm machinery, and All groups combined.

Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices of United States Department of Labor Increased 0.5% During Week Ended Sept. 17

The United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics' index of wholesale commodity prices rose 0.5% during the week ended Sept. 17 largely because of continued advances in market prices of farm products and foods, Commissioner Lubin announced on Sept. 22. "The advance," Mr. Lubin said, "brought the all-commodity index of over 800 price series to 78.3% of the 1926 average, the highest point reached since early in August. It is 1.2% above the mid-August level and 10.4% below the index for the corresponding week of September, 1937. "The Commissioner added:

In addition to the farm products and foods groups, minor increases were registered for the fuel and lighting materials, metals and metal products, and building materials groups. Hides and leather products and miscel-







statement issued Sept. 9 by Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller, employment increased 5.2% from the middle of July to the middle of August. Payrolls rose 7.3%. These percentage changes were derived from preliminary tabulations, based on reports from 1,999 representative factories throughout the State. The following is also from Commissioner Miller's statement of Sept. 9:

A substantial part of these percentage gains in forces and payrolls was caused by seasonal expansions in the clothing and millinery factories, but even when the data pertaining to clothing and millinery are omitted, both employment and payrolls show net gains. The wood manufactures, textile and fur, leather and rubber goods groups reported substantial increases in employment. The metal and machinery group showed a net gain for the first time in many months. On the other hand, the food and tobacco groups had a sharp net drop, which was caused primarily by the usual seasonal reductions in many canning and preserving factories, following great activity in July. Monthly reports from a fixed list of representative factories going back to June, 1914, indicate that the average July to August movements are increases of about 0.5% in the number of employees and about 1.6% in total payrolls.

Index numbers for August, based on the average of the three years 1925-1927 as 100, were 75.9 for employment and 69.5 for payrolls. These reports are collected and analyzed in the Division of Statistics and Information under the direction of Dr. E. B. Patton. The reporting factories during August employed 349,346 workers and had a total weekly payroll of \$9,182,115.

*Payrolls Higher in All Industrial Districts in August*

Payrolls were considerably higher in all industrial districts in August and employment was up in all but Binghamton-Endicott-Johnson City. Although the shoe industry in this district showed a net drop in forces, payrolls were higher due to greater hours. Most men's and women's clothing factories in New York City made seasonal expansions for fall, and also the majority of women's millinery concerns. An outstanding net increase in forces was reported by the brush industry in Albany-Schenectady-Troy, and substantial gains occurred also in electrical machinery and apparatus and in the iron and steel groups. The large men's clothing factories in Rochester showed seasonal increases, and the wood manufactures group had large percentage net gains due to more normal activity in two concerns. Expansion in practically all of the cotton and knit goods mills of Utica resulted in net gains in both payrolls and employment. Varied changes occurred in Buffalo's industries, with substantial net increases in the iron and steel, electrical machinery and apparatus, and locomotive and equipment groups, seasonal net gains in the clothing group, and a sharp net drop in the automobile and repair industry. Most Syracuse industries reported slight net changes in employment, but a comparatively large net gain occurred in the iron and steel group, and small seasonal gains were reported in the men's clothing group.

City	July to August, 1938	
	Employment	Payrolls
New York City.....	+10.6	+11.6
Binghamton-Endicott-Johnson City.....	-0.9	+8.8
Albany-Schenectady-Troy.....	+6.4	+7.4
Rochester.....	+4.8	+5.2
Utica.....	+2.8	+5.1
Buffalo.....	+2.0	+5.0
Syracuse.....	+1.4	+4.3

**Pennsylvania Factory Employment and Payrolls Increased from July to August—Gains Also Noted in Delaware Factories**

Factory employment in Pennsylvania increased nearly 4% and wage disbursements 9% from July to August, according to figures released by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. These gains exceeded seasonal expectations. The most pronounced improvement over July occurred at plants turning out textiles, clothing, transportation equipment, and stone, clay and glass products. In its advices issued Sept. 19 the Bank also had the following to say:

At establishments reducing consumers' goods the index of employment advanced from 85% of the 1923-25 average in July to nearly 90 in August, and that of wage payments from 79 to 86. In durable goods industries the index of wage payments increased from 52 to 56 in this period, but that of employment showed little change over the past two months. The composite index of employment for all reporting industries was 72 in August, 69 in July, and 92 a year ago. The index of payrolls advanced from 61 to 67 and compared with nearly 104 in August, 1937, when it was close to the highest level in recent years.

The total number of employee-hours increased sharply in August, following a marked downward tendency since March. Working time averaged 33 hours per week, compared with 31 during June and July and about 39 hours in August, 1937. Average hourly earnings decreased slightly further in August to 68c. A year ago earnings averaged 72c. per hour, the highest rate reported in recent years.

As to conditions in Delaware factories, the Philadelphia Reserve Bank stated:

In Delaware factories the number of workers employed in August was 13% greater than in July. Wage payments showed a gain of 4%, and employee-hours increased 9% in this period. Compared with a year ago, employment and working time declined 23% and payrolls nearly 31%.

**Weekly Report of Lumber Movement—Week Ended Sept. 10, 1938**

The lumber industry during the holiday week ended Sept. 10, 1938, stood at 60% of the 1929 weekly average of production and 57% of average 1929 shipments. Production was about 63% of the corresponding week of 1929; shipments, about 67% of that week's shipments; new orders, about 58% of that week's orders, according to reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional associations covering the operations of important softwood and hardwood mills. Due partly to Labor Day holiday, reported production and shipments and new orders in the week ended Sept. 10, 1938, were all appreciably below

the preceding week, production and shipments being the lowest reported since the week ended July 9 and new orders lowest since April. Softwood orders were 10% below the corresponding week of last year. New business was 22% below output in the week ended Sept. 10; shipments were 7% below production. Softwood production and shipments were, respectively, 12% and 7% lower than during corresponding week of 1937. National production (softwood and hardwood) reported for the week ended Sept. 10, by 10% fewer mills, was 14% below the output (revised figure) of the preceding week; shipments were 18% below that week's shipments; new orders were 23% below the orders of the previous week. The Association further reported:

During the week ended Sept. 10, 1938, 495 mills produced 198,320,000 feet of softwoods and hardwoods combined; shipped 185,426,000 feet; booked orders of 155,296,000 feet. Revised figures for the preceding week were: Mills, 550; production, 230,955,000 feet; shipments, 226,017,000 feet; orders, 201,001,000 feet.

All regions but Northern Hardwood reported new orders below production in the week ended Sept. 10, 1938. All regions but Southern Pine and Northern Hardwood reported shipments below output. All regions but Southern Pine and Northern Hardwood reported orders below those of corresponding week of 1937; all regions but Southern Pine and Northern Hemlock reported shipments, and all but Southern Cypress and Northern Hemlock reported production below the 1937 week.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Sept. 10, 1938, by 431 softwood mills totaled 149,487,000 feet, or 22% below the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 179,312,000 feet, or 7% below production. Production was 192,167,000 feet.

Reports from 81 hardwood mills give new business as 5,809,000 feet, or 6% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 6,114,000 feet, or 1% below production. Production was 6,153,000 feet.

*Identical Mill Reports*

Last week's production of 416 identical softwood mills was 190,019,000 feet, and a year ago it was 216,368,000 feet; shipments were, respectively, 177,223,000 feet and 189,710,000 feet, and orders received, 147,703,000 feet and 165,001,000 feet.

**Bank of Montreal Reports Good Progress Made Toward Completion of Crop Harvesting in Prairie Provinces of Canada**

"Good progress has been made towards completion of harvesting operations in the Prairie Provinces of Canada, despite delays caused by heavy rains over a wide area in Saskatchewan and in parts of Alberta," according to the current crop report of the Bank of Montreal, issued Sept. 22. "Threshing is virtually finished in Manitoba and is approaching completion in Saskatchewan. In Alberta operations are well advanced. The Dominion Government's preliminary estimate places wheat production at 334,000,000 bushels, with Manitoba accounting for 50,000,000 bushels, Saskatchewan for 143,000,000 bushels and Alberta for 141,000,000 bushels." The bank added:

In Manitoba wheat yields vary but slightly from last year and the crop on the whole is of good grade. Wheat yields in Saskatchewan show a wide variation and rust damage has affected the weight and quality. In Alberta a generally satisfactory wheat crop of good yield and grade is being harvested. In Quebec, the continuance over most sections of the Province of heavy rainfalls during the past fortnight has retarded harvesting, and crop estimates, which earlier in the season pointed to an abundant harvest, have been revised downward owing to damage from excessive moisture. An average yield, however, is indicated. In Ontario the cereal crops have been above average in yield, but the quality was affected by poor harvesting conditions. Apples are of good size and color, with yield expected somewhat below average. Other crops are heavy, including that of tobacco, which is of good quality. In the Maritime Provinces, while further damage to grain and potatoes from excessive moisture has occurred, prospects as to the yield and quality of the apple crop continue to be good. In British Columbia crops are being garnered under ideal conditions and yields generally are satisfactory.

**1938-39 Beet Sugar Crop in Czechoslovakia Estimated at 601,000 Long Tons—Decrease of 17.7% from Last Season**

Czechoslovakia's 1938-39 beet sugar crop, harvesting of which is about to begin, is estimated at 601,000 long tons, raw sugar, according to advices received by Lamborn & Co., New York. This compares with 730,000 tons produced last season, a decrease of 129,000 tons, or approximately 17.7%.

The current season's crop, should the output approximate the forecast, will be the smallest since 1935-36, when 563,000 tons were produced.

Czechoslovakia consumes a little over 400,000 tons of sugar annually. The balance of its production is marketed in the world market. For the current crop year starting Sept. 1, Czechoslovakia's export quota for the world market has been set at 267,700 long tons by the International Sugar Council.

**Automobile Financing in July**

The dollar volume of retail financing for July, 1938, for the 456 organizations amounted to \$82,633,277, a decrease of 11% when compared with June, 1938; a decrease of 52.6% as compared with July, 1937; and a decrease of 53.1% as compared with July, 1936. The volume of wholesale financing for July, 1938 amounted to \$61,279,684, a decrease of 17.4% when compared with June, 1938; a decrease of 64.4% compared with July, 1937, and a decrease of 61.1% as compared with July, 1936.

The volume of retail automobile receivables outstanding at the end of July, 1938, as reported by the 224 organizations, amounted to \$838,516,497. These 224 organizations accounted for 93.7% of the total volume of retail financing (\$82,633,277) reported for that month by the 456 organizations.





the United States Bureau of Mines. The new State allowable is 36,000 barrels less than the current total, while the Bureau's estimate of market demand is approximately 40,000 barrels under its September forecast.

It is considered extremely likely that this move on the part of the Texas Railroad Commission will result in further substantial inroads into holdings of domestic and foreign crude in the United States, which already are at a 16-year low. Under-production of crude oil has brought a steady drain upon these inventories in recent months and continuation of this process is seen almost a certainty. During the September 10 week, stocks were off 2,462,000 barrels to 282,457,000 barrels.

Along with the new proration orders, the Commission announced the election of Ernest O. Thompson as Chairman of the Commission, succeeding C. V. Terrell, who will retire from the body on Jan. 1. A few days before he was made head of the Commission, Mr. Thompson, who also heads the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, issued his second plea to the oil refiners of the Nation to cooperate with the various State regulatory bodies in maintaining a stable oil industry.

"In the face of the drastic steps," he pointed out, "which the Texas Railroad Commission has taken to prevent excess current production, steps taken solely in the interest of preserving the prosperity of an industry which is the key-stone to the State's prosperity—the latest figures show refinery runs were up 40,000 barrels last week.

"Refiners are not subject to any regulatory agency; yet it is a well-known fact that the men who control production and who have laid before this Commission evidence upon which to base our proration orders, likewise control refinery operations to a very great degree. The least the refining end of the industry can do is to cooperate with the producing end in maintenance of the present stability of the industry."

Also acting in his capacity as head of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission, Mr. Thompson on Sept. 18 announced in Austin that a meeting of the Commission would be held in Tulsa on Sept. 29 to start a campaign for legislation by the various States which are members of this group, and ratification by Congress to renew the compact and prevent its expiration in 1939. Incidentally, an attempt to insert a plank into the Texas Democratic party platform which would create a new oil and gas commission, which would assume the authority now held by the Railroad Commission over these industries, failed.

Trial of the State of Texas' anti-trust suit against 15 oil companies, charging violation of the Texas anti-trust laws, is scheduled to start "on its merits" in State District Court in Austin on Oct. 3. The State is asking penalties totaling \$17,850,000, an injunction to prevent further infractions and the forfeiture of the charters of domestic companies and permits of foreign corporations.

The leading oil companies in the United States are listed among the defendants, as follows: Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey; Socony-Vacuum Oil Corp.; Standard Oil Co. of California; Shell Union Oil Corp.; Humble Oil & Refining; Texas Co.; Gulf Refining Co.; Pasotex Petroleum Co.; Continental Oil Co.; Sinclair Refining; Magnolia Petroleum; Simms Oil; Shell Petroleum; Cities Service Oil; Texas Pacific Coal & Oil; and the Texas Petroleum Marketers Association, and American Petroleum Association.

The monthly market forecast of the United States Bureau of Mines, released in Washington on Sept. 20, placed indicated market demand for crude oil in the United States during October at 3,366,800 barrels, a reduction of 77,500 barrels from the September estimate and 7% below the actual market demand for crude oil during the corresponding period a year ago. The Bureau explained the decline from 1937 on the grounds that a substantial slump in gasoline stocks is expected this October whereas a year ago stocks rose in response to excessive crude oil runs.

Effective Sept. 17, the Texas Co. posted a new gravity schedule for the Gulf Coast fields of Louisiana. The new posting began with below 21 gravity at below 95 cents, against previous below 18 gravity of 90 cents. The schedule is set with a top of \$1.29 for 34 gravity and above, with a 3-cent differential for each degree of gravity up to and including 26.-26.9 and a 2-cent differential for each degree to 34 and above. The differential had been 2 cents for each degree above 18 up to and including 20 gravity and above.

The Texas Co. also announced that as of Sept. 17 it had met the Standard Oil Co. of Louisiana's price cut in the Smackover field of 15 cents to 75 cents, making the new price retroactive to Sept. 16. On Sept. 19, the Humble Oil & Refining Co. announced that the failure of the other purchasing companies to meet the higher gravity scale and consequently higher prices in the west Central Texas, Panhandle and certain Gulf Coast districts made it necessary to rescind the increases posted last week. With the exception of the southwest area of Texas, where the increases were met, the former tables of prices again became effective.

Daily average production of crude oil in the United States during the week ended Sept. 17 of 3,329,052 barrels represented an increase of 32,152 barrels over the previous week but was still more than 115,000 barrels below the estimated daily market demand as forecast by the Bureau of Mines, the American Petroleum Institute report disclosed. Oklahoma and Louisiana were the only members of the major oil-producing States to show lower production totals.

The broadest increase in production was shown in California where the total rose 18,800 barrels to a daily average output of 683,400, or potentially nearly 70,000 barrels a day above estimated requirements. Texas gained 4,100 barrels to hit a total of 1,214,750 while Kansas gained 12,750 barrels to a daily average of 167,050 barrels. Oklahoma was off 700 barrels to 446,800 barrels, and Louisiana dipped 4,600 barrels to 266,500 barrels.

Scheduled for the next meeting of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, which will be held in Tulsa Oct. 19 to 21, inclusive, will be discussions on the protection of the domestic oil producers' rights, limitations on the imports of crude petroleum and refined products, renewal and strengthening of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission under which production quantity is limited and taxation, it was announced.

The Skelly Oil Co. won the right to produce its full allowable in the Pitts field of Pontotoc County, and was cleared of accusations that it had padded the potentials of its rich Park College leases there in a decision handed down by the Oklahoma Supreme Court in Tulsa on Oct. 20. The high court's ruling reversed the decision of the Corporation Commission.

The National Petroleum Administration, which is handling the business of the expropriated oil companies for the Mexican Government, has no intention of monopolizing the oil industry, or of harming the independent oil companies in Mexico, according to the Mexican Supreme Court which made this statement in connection with the complaint of the American Petroleum Co., one of the few companies which complied in full with the workers' demands, that it had no protection against the government's oil group's monopolistic tendencies.

Price changes follow:

Sept. 17—Texas Co. met the cut in the price of Smackover crude to 75 cents, retroactive to the previous morning.

Sept. 19—Texas Co. established a new price of \$1.29 for 34 gravity and above in the Gulf Coast fields of Louisiana.

Sept. 20—Humble Oil and Refining rescinded the new gravity schedule it had established a week previous for West Central Texas, the Panhandle and certain Gulf Coast areas due to the failure of other purchasing companies to fall in line with the revised price schedule thus established.

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

Bradford, Pa.	1.80	Eldorado, Ark., 40	1.27
Lima (Ohio Oil Co.)	1.25	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over	1.20-1.20
Corning, Pa.	1.17	Darst Creek	1.09
Illinois	1.35	Central Field, Mich.	1.42
Western Kentucky	1.30	Sunburst, Mont.	1.22
Mod-Cont't, Okla., 40 and above	1.30	Huntington, Calif., 30 and over	1.22
Rodessa, Ark., 40 and above	1.25	Kettleman Hills, 39 and over	1.42
Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	.75	Petrolia, Canada	2.15

REFINED PRODUCTS — GASOLINE STOCKS SHOW SHARP SLUMP—REFINERY OPERATIONS GAIN—GAS AND FUEL OIL HOLDINGS AT NEW PEAK—MOTOR FUEL DEMAND IN OCTOBER ABOVE 1937—GASOLINE EXPORTS SPURT

Stocks of finished and unfinished gasoline were off 1,616,000 barrels during the Sept. 17 period, dropping to 69,244,000 barrels, or only 3 1/4 million barrels above last year, the American Petroleum Institute report disclosed in mid-week. Refinery stocks were off 331,000 barrels while bulk terminal holdings eased 1,140,000 barrels. Inventories of unfinished gasoline were off 145,000 barrels.

The sharp slump in holdings of gasoline were all the more notable in view of the fact that daily average runs of crude oil to stills gained 10,000 barrels to 3,245,000 barrels. Refinery operations showed a fractional increase, rising 0.1 point to 81.4% of capacity. The heavy rains over a major part of the country over last week-end, however, probably will be felt badly in this week's gasoline figures, oil men expect.

Slackening of the rate of increase in gas and fuel oil stocks was laid to increased seasonal interest in these products but, despite this, a gain of 284,000 barrels was registered. This lifted total holdings to another high of 149,388,000 barrels. Daily average production of gasoline was down 146,000 barrels to a total of 9,871,000 barrels, the trade organization's report showed.

Domestic market demand for motor fuel during October was estimated by the United States Bureau of Mines at 45,800,000 barrels, a gain of 1% over the like 1937 month. Total domestic demand for the first seven months of 1938 ran slightly below the corresponding period last year but this was due to the poor showing made in July with demand picking up again in August. Export demand was estimated at 4,400,000 barrels.

The export market for gasoline during the first seven months of 1938 saw off-shore shipments of gasoline rise 39% over the like period last year to 28,194,000 barrels, against 37,974,000 for all of 1937 and the record high, set in 1930, of 65,575,000 barrels. Kerosene shipments for the same period were off 16%, and those of lubricating oil off 10%.

While there was uneasiness reported in Atlantic seaboard bulk gasoline markets, there were no definite price breaks during the week. Gas and heating oils firmed somewhat in response to seasonal quickening in interest.

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

New York—	New York—	Other Cities—
Stand. Oil N. J. \$ .07 1/2	Texas . . . . . \$ .07 1/2	Chicago . . . . . \$ .05 - .05 1/2
Socony-Vacuum . . . . . .07 1/2	Gulf . . . . . .08 1/2	New Orleans . .06 1/2 - .07
Tide Water Oil Co .08 1/2	Shell Eastern . .07 1/2	Gulf ports . . . . . .05 1/2
Richfield Oil (Cal.) .07 1/2		Tulsa . . . . . .04 1/2 - .04 3/4
Warner-Quinlan . . .07 1/2		



ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE AND BEEHIVE COKE (In Net Tons)

Table with columns: Week Ended (Sept. 10, 1938, Sept. 3, 1938, Sept. 11, 1937) and Calendar Year to Date (1938, 1937 c, 1929 c). Rows include Penna. Anthracite and Beehive Coke with production figures.

a Includes washery and dredge coal, and coal shipped by truck from authorized operations. b Excludes colliery fuel. c Adjusted to make comparable the number of working days in the three years.

Non-Ferrous Metals—Copper, Lead, and Zinc Prices Advance Moderately on Heavy Buying Movement

"Metal and Mineral Markets," in its issue of Sept. 22, reported that producers of non-ferrous metals booked a substantial tonnage during the last week and moderately higher prices were named for copper, lead and zinc.

Copper

Improved markets here and abroad during the last week brought another increase in price for domestic copper. The Valley basis rose from 10 3/4 c. to 10 5/8 c. on Sept. 19, with all open market business on that day virtually going at the higher level.

Lead

Activity in lead continued at a high level in the week that ended yesterday, sales for the period amounting to 16,906 tons, the largest weekly total so far this year.

On Sept. 15 a substantial tonnage was sold before the first 10-point advance in price was announced. In fact, the tonnage sold during the day was about equally divided between the old and the new basis, which accounts for the range in prices shown for that day.

Because of the improved demand for lead, St. Joseph Lead Co. will step up operations from a three-day basis to four days a week.

The Morning Mine of Federated Mining & Smelting resumed operations on Sept. 21. The American Smelting & Refining Co.'s published quotation was advanced to 5c., New York, on Sept. 15, and to 5.10c. on Sept. 19.

Zinc

Higher prices abroad moved quotations for zinc here on two occasions during the last week. On Sept. 15 the increase was from 4.75c. to 4.85c. and on Sept. 19 from 4.85c. to 4.95c., St. Louis.

The August zinc statistics of the American Zinc Institute were revised during the last week. The new figures show that stocks, covering all grades, were reduced during the month to 141,997 tons, a reduction of 4,211 tons, instead of 2,831 tons as first reported.

Tin

There was a fair demand for tin early in the week, but the market quieted down in the last few days. Prices averaged a little higher than in the previous seven-day period.

Chinese tin, 99%, was nominally as follows: Sept. 15, 42.000c.; Sept. 16, 42.100c.; Sept. 17, 42.100c.; Sept. 19, 42.300c.; Sept. 20, 42.225c.; Sept. 21, 42.300c.

DAILY PRICES OF METALS ("E. & M. J." QUOTATIONS)

Table showing daily prices for Electrolytic Copper, Straits Tin, Lead, and Zinc from Sept. 15 to Sept. 21, 1938, with an average row at the bottom.

Average prices for calendar week ended Sept. 17, are: Domestic copper f.o.b. refinery, 9.973c.; export copper, 9.996c.; Straits tin, 43.108c.; New York lead, 4.842c.; St. Louis lead, 4.792c.; St. Louis zinc, 4.792c.; and silver, 42.750c.

Daily London Prices

Table of Daily London Prices for Copper, Tin, Lead, and Zinc, including Spot and 3M prices for various grades.

Prices for lead and zinc are the official buyers' prices for the first session of the London Metal Exchange; prices for copper and tin are the official closing buyers' prices. All are in pounds sterling per long ton (2,240 lb.).

Steel Ingot Output Up—Current Prices with Few Exceptions Reaffirmed

The "Iron Age" in its issue of Sept. 22 reported that re-affirmation of current prices on major steel products, excepting rails and track accessories, on which there were reductions, was generally expected.

Price reductions on railroad materials were \$2.50 a gross ton on heavy rails to \$40; tie plates, \$3 to \$43 a net ton; track bolts, \$4 to \$83 a net ton; splice bars, \$2 to \$54 a ton, cut spikes, \$3 to \$60 a ton; screw spikes \$5 to \$91 a ton.

Whether the crucial international situation has been a factor in a degree of hesitancy among buyers is not clearly indicated. The delay in the announcing of fourth quarter prices does not appear to have been an important influence because continuance of present prices on most products was a foregone conclusion.

Steel ingot production continues to gain, having risen two points this week to 47.5% of the country's capacity, but the disappointingly slow improvement in new business during September tends to make the trade cautious in its expectations for the near future.

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After weeks of comparative inactivity, domestic scrap markets have turned weaker at Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland, but the undertone at Pittsburgh is still strong. Steel-making grades have declined 50c. a ton at Chicago on mill purchases, bringing the "Iron Age" scrap composite price down 17c. a ton to \$14.25.

The "Iron Age" finished steel composite price has declined to 2.286c. a lb. The only component of the index on which there has been a price reduction is heavy rails. Rivet prices have been reaffirmed for the fourth quarter.

Topping new business in the week was a 50,000-ton order for fabricated structural steel placed with the Bethlehem Steel Co. by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for its housing project in the Bronx.

The Kansas Pipe Line & Gas Co., Norton, Kan., which is applying for a \$20,000,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation loan, contemplates a pipe line from Kansas to the Mesabe Iron Range which would take about 150,000 tons of pipe, but orders for the steel are possibly a long way off.

THE "IRON AGE" COMPOSITE PRICES

Table showing Finished Steel prices for Sept 20, 1938, 2.286c. a lb., and One month ago, 2.300c., and One year ago, 2.512c.

Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe, sheets and hot rolled strips. These products represent 85% of the United States output.





ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS  
IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES

(In Millions of Dollars)

Assets—	New York City			Chicago		
	Sept. 21 1938	Sept. 14 1938	Sept. 22 1937	Sept. 21 1938	Sept. 14 1938	Sept. 22 1937
Loans and investments—total—	7,865	7,773	8,165	1,899	1,857	1,996
Loans—total—	2,945	3,025	4,000	525	526	730
Commercial, industrial and agricultural loans—	1,447	1,465	1,883	343	346	495
Open market paper—	139	136	169	20	19	31
Loans to brokers and dealers—	525	585	1,074	32	30	48
Other loans for purchasing or carrying securities—	195	196	243	67	67	79
Real estate loans—	119	119	135	11	11	14
Loans to banks—	91	91	68	—	—	2
Other loans—	429	433	428	52	53	61
U. S. Gov't direct obligations—	3,005	2,869	2,785	922	883	910
Obligations fully guaranteed by United States Government—	803	794	391	128	128	100
Other securities—	1,112	1,085	989	324	320	256
Reserve with Fed. Res. banks—	3,405	3,597	2,644	838	896	583
Cash in vault—	57	63	55	34	34	24
Balances with domestic banks—	76	74	64	212	210	134
Other assets—net—	453	471	459	50	54	60
Liabilities—						
Demand deposits—adjusted—	6,394	6,474	5,965	1,580	1,585	1,495
Time deposits—	665	684	727	467	468	453
United States Govt. deposits—	158	98	352	62	30	61
Inter-bank deposits:						
Domestic banks—	2,450	2,560	1,935	648	692	519
Foreign banks—	393	370	531	8	8	7
Borrowings—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other liabilities—	315	312	403	17	17	18
Capital account—	1,481	1,480	1,474	251	251	244

a Revised figures.

## Complete Returns of 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 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 101 cities cannot be compiled.

In the following will be found the comments of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System 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 Sept. 14:

The condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities shows the following principal changes for the week ended Sept. 14: Increases of \$17,000,000 in commercial, industrial and agricultural loans, \$53,000,000 in loans to brokers and dealers in securities, \$115,000,000 in reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks, \$176,000,000 in demand-deposits-adjusted and \$55,000,000 in deposits credited to foreign banks.

Commercial, industrial and agricultural loans declined slightly in New York City, but increased somewhat in most of the districts, the aggregate net increase at all of the reporting member banks being \$17,000,000. Loans to brokers and dealers in securities increased \$41,000,000 in New York City and \$53,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

Holdings of United States Government direct obligations declined \$13,000,000 in Chicago district and \$7,000,000 in the Boston district, and increased \$9,000,000 each in the New York and Cleveland districts, all reporting member banks showing a net increase of \$2,000,000. Holdings of obligations fully guaranteed by the United States Government increased \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$15,000,000 at all reporting member banks. Holdings of "other securities" increased \$11,000,000.

Demand deposits-adjusted increased \$93,000,000 in New York City, \$21,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$20,000,000 in the San Francisco district, and declined \$21,000,000 in the Boston district, all reporting member banks showing a net increase of \$176,000,000 for the week. Time deposits increased \$25,000,000 in New York City and \$21,000,000 at all reporting member banks. Government deposits declined \$10,000,000.

Deposits credited to domestic banks increased \$25,000,000 in New York City and \$33,000,000 at all reporting member banks. Deposits credited to foreign banks increased \$50,000,000 in New York City and \$55,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

Weekly reporting member banks reported no borrowings on Sept. 14.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of reporting member banks, together with changes for the week and the year ended Sept. 14, 1938, follows:

Assets—	Sept. 14, 1938	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)	
		Since Sept. 7, 1938	Since Sept. 15, 1937
Loans and investments—total—	20,964,000,000	+122,000,000	—1,268,000,000
Loans—total—	8,335,000,000	+94,000,000	—1,714,000,000
Commercial, industrial and agricultural loans—	3,905,000,000	+17,000,000	—853,000,000
Open market paper—	335,000,000	+2,000,000	—134,000,000
Loans to brokers and dealers in securities—	723,000,000	+53,000,000	—603,000,000
Other loans for purchasing or carrying securities—	577,000,000	—1,000,000	—105,000,000
Real estate loans—	1,164,000,000	+5,000,000	—
Loans to banks—	114,000,000	+6,000,000	+5,000,000
Other loans—	1,517,000,000	+12,000,000	—24,000,000
U. S. Govt. direct obligations—	7,794,000,000	+2,000,000	—328,000,000
Obligations fully guaranteed by United States Government—	1,670,000,000	+15,000,000	+542,000,000
Other securities—	3,165,000,000	+11,000,000	+232,000,000
Reserve with Fed. Res. banks—	6,871,000,000	+115,000,000	+1,580,000,000
Cash in vault—	425,000,000	+24,000,000	+126,000,000
Balances with domestic banks—	2,499,000,000	+32,000,000	+724,000,000
Liabilities—			
Demand deposits—adjusted—	15,443,000,000	+176,000,000	+616,000,000
Time deposits—	5,238,000,000	+21,000,000	—42,000,000
United States Government deposits—	397,000,000	—10,000,000	—209,000,000
Inter-bank deposits:			
Domestic banks—	6,138,000,000	+33,000,000	+1,031,000,000
Foreign banks—	419,000,000	+55,000,000	—150,000,000
Borrowings—	—	—	—8,000,000

## League's Year Book Sees World Economic Recovery Dependent on United States—Among Favorable Factors Finds Considerable Accumulation of New Capital Needs

"The future trend of events in the United States is the most important factor affecting the development of the world economic situation," according to a summary of a world economic survey by the League of Nations, made public through the International Documents Service of the Columbia University Press. It is too early to determine whether the recovery now under way in the United States is permanent or whether it marks merely a temporary halt in a larger downward movement, it is observed, the survey stating:

Recovery in the United States has spread beyond the Stock Exchange. But the indices of economic activity remain at low levels, and the improvements in the indices, other than those of the prices of shares and of primary commodities, have not yet been very great.

Real improvement in building and in orders for capital equipment by the public utilities and by the railways would be sufficient to sustain a recovery; but such improvement has not yet made its appearance.

In the world as a whole, the survey finds, there are a number of factors at work which tend to sustain the demand for goods and services and which were absent in the post-1929 depression. Summarizing certain features of the survey, the press release of Columbia University quotes therefrom as follows:

Government expenditure on rearmament is generally much higher than in 1930, and such expenditure shows no signs of an immediate reduction. The liquid reserves of the banks, both in the United States and in many other countries, are now much greater than in 1930, with the result that, in many countries, interest rates are low and there is no fear of the extensive banking and financial crisis which occurred in 1931.

There is, moreover, a much greater readiness among monetary authorities and governments to adopt prompt measures of monetary expansion and of public expenditure to offset a recession; and in the absence of a gold standard the national authorities are much less liable to be restrained from such policies by fears of their effect upon the balance of payments and the foreign exchanges.

In the United States there is now a considerable accumulation of needs of new capital equipment in many directions, whereas the post-1929 depression followed a period of great capital construction; these accumulated needs of capital equipment, combined with the large program of public expenditure to which reference has been made earlier in this section, must exert a very strong influence towards an early recovery.

The absence during recent years of the large international movements of long-term capital which had taken place before 1929 means that there are no countries now whose economies are liable to be disordered by the abrupt cessation of such lending; and, since 1929, fixed interest payments on international debts have been scaled down through repayment, conversion and default, and this has reduced an item of great rigidity in the balance of payments of many countries.

Moreover, in 1930 the United States adopted a policy of high protection at a time when the deepening depression was putting a strain on the export markets of other countries, whereas at present the commercial policy of the United States, whose favorable balance of trade has been greatly increased by the more rapid decline in her prices and incomes than in those of other countries, is based upon the liberalization of trade through the trade agreements program.

For all these reasons, and also because of the increased reserves of many banking systems, recession is likely to be intensified at present through deflation imposed upon debtor countries by sudden adverse movements in their balances of payments.

It is likewise pointed out in the release by Columbia University that the survey lists a number of unfavorable factors, viz.:

First and foremost, it may be even more difficult now than it was in 1930 to restore confidence among business men and so to stimulate private expenditure of capital development. The international political situation is much more alarming, and this breeds an atmosphere of insecurity which militates against business commitments.

Closely allied to this are the adverse, as opposed to the stimulating, effects of heavy rearmament expenditure; for it may react unfavorably on private expenditure and private enterprise by underlining the sense of political uncertainty and by holding out the prospect of heavy and rising taxation, quite apart from the fact that it drains men and capital into economically unproductive uses. Increased Government intervention in economic affairs may also restrain business enterprise in certain ways. The prospect of policies which attempt to cure depressions through raising wage rates in order to increase purchasing power may reduce the willingness of private business to embark on capital extensions in view of the prospects of higher operating costs.

Other measures of economic reform, such as the control of the market for new security issues in the United States, may restrain activity by increasing the costs or the difficulties of obtaining new capital. Government intervention in economic affairs may also involve the possibility of increased competition by Government concerns with private enterprise; and, as in the case of the public utilities in the United States, this may reduce private expenditure on capital developments and extensions.

In certain circumstances public works expenditure may lead to a scarcity of certain types of essential labor and so may react unfavorably on private activity. Moreover, as governments become more and more liable to intervene in economic affairs, it is of increasing importance that there should be good relations between governments and business in order to avoid the growing uncertainty and suspicion which is bound otherwise to appear.

It is added:

The abandonment of the gold standard and the consequent absence of rigid exchange stability is in one sense a favorable factor, since it allows individual countries to proceed with measures of internal expansion with less fear of the effects on their foreign exchange position. But this change also has an unfavorable aspect, for the possibility of exchange fluctuations not only increases the uncertainties of producers and traders of export goods, but it also gives rise to large-scale speculative movements of "hot" money. Such movements themselves may intensify the foreign exchange difficulties of certain countries, and by leading to greater demands for liquid balances on the part of individuals and of banks may in

some countries hinder the attainment of conditions of easy money and credit.

Finally, in the United States there are prospects of bumper crops of cotton and wheat; and if this should give rise again to serious surpluses, reduced prices of farm products may exert an unfavorable influence on the economic situation.

In view of the many important changes in economic conditions since 1929, and of the opposing forces which are described above, it is still too early to answer the question whether the present recovery is permanent or not. But this question is of paramount importance and will in all probability be answered by the events of the next few months.

The new edition of the World Economic Survey by the League of Nations is the seventh annual publication of this series. It is a volume of 244 pages; bound in paper, its cost is \$1.50; bound in cloth the price is \$2.00. The Columbia University Press, International Documents Service, 2960 Broadway, New York, is the authorized agent for the publications of the League in the United States.

#### Delay in Anglo-American Trade Pact Held Cause of Australian Failure to Revise Agreement with Great Britain—National Foreign Council Reviews Empire Commerce

Delay in completing Anglo-American trade negotiations is blamed for failure of Australian Ministers to obtain revision of the present Australian trade agreement with Great Britain, in a statement issued Sept. 16 by the National Foreign Trade Council. The Council, reviewing Australia's trade policy, concluded that the Ottawa agreements have proved too rigid and that Australia now finds it necessary to join Canada in seeking greater flexibility in her trade relations with non-Empire countries. The report said that what Australia and other Empire countries now aim at is "a long-term constructive overhaul of both their inter-imperial and foreign trade relations." The Council added, in part:

Australia being dependent chiefly upon primary production, and in turn upon climatic conditions, yields vary considerably. Wheat, for example, varies as much as 87%, wool as much as 16%, and butter nearly 40%. In recent years Australia's total exports have been balanced by imports, leaving interest charges to be accounted for, which, before 1929, were met by new loans financed in London. After 1929 it became necessary to stimulate exports, and to restrict imports by sharp increases in tariff rates. Gold payments were abandoned at the end of 1929 and, in 1931, exchange fell to 30% discount in relation to sterling. When Great Britain left the gold standard the rate of 25% discount in relation to sterling was established.

#### Decline in Multilateral Trading an Unfavorable Factor

The situation in which Australia now finds herself as the result of her failure to revise her agreement with Great Britain arises from various causes which, combined, have reduced considerably the opportunities for normal multilateral trading. Prior to 1932 much of the trade of the Dominions with Europe was on a multilateral basis. Since the Ottawa agreements and Great Britain's bilateral agreements with European nations the circle of multilateral connections has been broken. Australia finds it more difficult to sell her wool in foreign countries that insist upon payment in goods. Having made concessions to British manufacturers on a long list of goods, Australia is not in a position to exchange her wool for the manufactures of non-Empire countries. What Australia and the other Dominions now aim at is a long-term constructive overhaul of both their inter-imperial and foreign trade relations. The Ottawa policy, it is generally conceded, was a short-term emergency plan which no longer serves their present needs. From considerations of self-interest alone, the British Commonwealth of Nations find that a lowering of the Empire tariff walls is essential to greater freedom of trade with the rest of the world. Australia's trade diversion policy is proving to be a formidable obstacle to the maintenance of her trade with the United Kingdom and the expansion of her trade with foreign countries.

#### Proposal to Exempt New Industries from Taxation in Buenos Aires Submitted

The executive of the Province of Buenos Aires has submitted a project of law to the provincial legislature which would authorize the exemption of all new industries established in that province from virtually all provincial taxes for a period of 10 years, according to a report to the Department of Commerce by the office of the American Commercial Attache at Buenos Aires. The Department's announcement, issued Sept. 16, continued:

In order to obtain the proposed exemption, the industry must have approximately \$65,000 of capital investment, and at least 70% of its employees must be Argentines; the industry must be in operation within 18 months and no other similar industry shall exist in the province, the report stated.

Any industrial or commercial establishment already in operation which wishes to extend the field of its activities would be entitled to the benefits of the proposed law. Industries already in operation on the date of the promulgation of the proposed law, as well as those industries which may be established subsequently and are not comprised in the provisions of the proposed law, would have the right under such law of paying a maximum tax for a period of 10 years, it was stated.

The project was understood to be advocated by officials of the province who are very desirous of encouraging the industrial development of the Province of Buenos Aires, according to the report.

#### Settlement Offer to Holders of Republic of Poland 7% Stabilization Loan of 1927—Would Reduce Interest Rate to 4½%—Protective Council Recommends Favorable Consideration

The Republic of Poland's program for adjusting its foreign indebtedness on a permanent basis is regarded as nearing completion with the announcement on Sept. 21 of an offer of definitive settlement to the holders of the 7% bonds of the Stabilization Loan of 1927 (Dollar Tranche), the largest of the Polish issues originally issued or out-

standing in America. The announcement bearing on the new offering also said:

The terms of the offer as made public by Janusz Zoltowski, Financial Counselor of the Embassy of Poland in the United States, follow generally the pattern set forth in the first of the offers made by the Republic of Poland to other American creditors early this year. Interest payments will be reduced from the rate of 7% to 4½% per annum; the maturity of the bonds assenting to the offer will be extended to 1968, and interest will be payable in dollars, pounds sterling, Swiss francs, Dutch florins, Swedish kroner, or in French francs at the option of the bondholder as provided in the original loan agreement. The republic further is undertaking, by means of a multiple currency provision, to provide that interest shall not be less than \$5.50 per annum on each \$100 bond. At the present most favorable rate, this interest amounts to about \$6.05 per annum on each \$100 bond. A sinking fund also will be established by the Republic of Poland calculated to retire all assented bonds by 1968, the new maturity. In the event of a future default on interest or principal payment, or in the event of a default by the republic with respect to any of the provisions of the plan, the terms and conditions of the loan agreement of 1927 and of the dollar bonds shall ipso facto be reinstated in full force and effect. Of the \$62,000,000 7% stabilization bonds originally issued as dollar bonds, \$13,456,300 are presently outstanding.

According to Mr. Zoltowski's announcement, holders of dollar bonds desiring to assent to the plan should surrender their bonds to the Bankers Trust Co., fiscal agent of the republic. Bondholders who surrender their bonds with April 15, 1938, coupons detached will be entitled to receive in cash an amount equal to six months' interest at the rate of ¼ of 1% per annum on account of the interest due on April 15, 1938, in addition to the 4½% received on collection of such coupons. April 15, 1938, coupons surrendered at the time of surrender of bonds in assent will be paid in full as provided in the plan.

In a notice dated Sept. 15, but released simultaneously with the Republic of Poland's offer of definitive settlement, the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council, Inc., states with respect to the plan:

After careful consideration of all the factors involved in this offer, the Council feels that in the circumstances it can recommend this proposal to the favorable consideration of the bondholders as fair and reasonable and consistent with their long view interests.

The proposals made by the Republic of Poland on June 1 regarding other bond issues were noted in our June 4 issue, page 3591.

#### City of Copenhagen (Denmark) to Redeem Part of 4% Loan of 1901 on Nov. 15

The City of Copenhagen has called for redemption on Nov. 15, 1938, 613,808 Kr. principal amount of its 4% loan of 1901, according to announcement by Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co., 49 Wall Street, New York.

#### Odd-Lot Trading on New York Stock Exchange During Week Ended Sept. 17

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Sept. 22 made public a summary for the week ended Sept. 17, of the corrected figures on odd-lot transactions of odd-lot dealers and specialists in stocks, rights and warrants on the New York Stock Exchange, continuing a series of current figures being published weekly by the Commission. The figures for the weeks ended Sept. 3 and Sept. 10 were given in our issue of Sept. 17, page 1708.

The data published are based upon reports filed with the Commission by odd-lot dealers and specialists.

ODD-LOT TRANSACTIONS OF ODD-LOT DEALERS AND SPECIALISTS IN STOCKS, RIGHTS AND WARRANTS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE—WEEK ENDED SEPT. 17, 1938

Trade Date	SALES (Customers' Orders to Buy)			PURCHASES (Customers' Orders to Sell)		
	No. Ord.	Shares	Value	No. Ord.	Shares	Value
Sept. 12, 13 and 14	29,370	799,952	\$24,712,254	32,543	906,328	\$26,767,519
Sept. 15, 16 and 17	15,384	417,240	12,411,167	16,166	436,826	12,912,931
Total for week	44,754	1,217,192	\$37,123,421	48,709	1,343,154	\$39,680,450

#### Member Trading on New York Stock and New York Curb Exchanges During Week Ended Sept. 3

During the week ended Sept. 3 the percentage of trading for the account of all members of the New York Stock Exchange (except odd-lot dealers) and of the New York Curb Exchange to total transactions in each instance was below the preceding week ended Aug. 27, it was made known by the Securities and Exchange Commission yesterday (Sept. 23).

Trading on the Stock Exchange for the account of all members during the week ended Sept. 3 (in round-lot transactions) totaled 1,589,600 shares, which amount was 19.66% of total transactions on the Exchange of 4,042,810 shares. This compares with member trading during the previous week ended Aug. 27 of 2,235,975 shares, or 22.00% of total trading of 5,081,040 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange member trading during the week ended Sept. 3 amounted to 184,475 shares, or 18.13% of the total volume on that Exchange, of 508,635 shares; during the previous week trading for the account of Curb members of 210,240 shares was 18.60% of total trading of 565,095 shares.

The data issued by the SEC are in the series of current figures being published weekly in accordance with its program embodied in its report to Congress in June, 1936 on the "Feasibility and Advisability of the Complete Segregation of the Functions of Broker and Dealer." The figures for the week ended Aug. 27 were given in these columns

of Sept. 17, page 1707. In making available the data for the week ended Sept. 3, the Commission said:

The data published are based upon weekly reports filed with the New York Stock Exchange and the New York Curb Exchange by their respective members. These reports are classified as follows:

	New York Stock Exchange	New York Curb Exchange
Number of reports received.....	1,086	829
Reports showing transactions:		
As specialists*.....	203	104
Other than as specialists:		
Initiated on floor.....	216	24
Initiated off floor.....	252	51
Reports showing no transactions.....	570	657

\* Note—On the New York Curb Exchange the round-lot transactions of specialists "in stocks in which registered" are not strictly comparable with data similarly designated for the New York Stock Exchange, since specialists on the New York Curb Exchange perform the functions of the New York Stock Exchange odd-lot dealer as well as those of the specialist.

The number of reports in the various classifications may total more than the number of reports received because, at times, a single report may carry entries in more than one classification.

**STOCK TRANSACTIONS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE FOR ACCOUNT OF MEMBERS\* (SHARES)**

Week Ended Sept. 3, 1938

	Total for Week	Per Cent
Total round lot volume.....	4,042,810	
Round-lot transactions for account of members (except transactions for the odd-lot accounts of specialists and odd-lot dealers):		
1. Transactions of specialists in stocks in which they are registered—Bought.....	432,120	
Sold.....	457,010	
Total.....	889,130	11.00
2. Other transactions initiated on the floor—Bought.....	219,100	
Sold.....	225,070	
Total.....	444,170	5.49
3. Other transactions initiated off the floor—Bought.....	115,540	
Sold.....	140,760	
Total.....	256,300	3.17
4. Total—Bought.....	766,760	
Sold.....	822,840	
Total.....	1,589,600	19.66
Transactions for the odd-lot accounts of specialists and odd-lot dealers:		
1. In round lots—Bought.....	93,760	
Sold.....	122,160	
Total.....	215,920	2.67
2. In odd lots—Bought.....	656,124	
Sold.....	622,099	
Total.....	1,278,223	

**STOCK TRANSACTIONS ON THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE FOR ACCOUNT OF MEMBERS\* (SHARES)**

Week Ended Sept. 3, 1938

	Total for Week	Per Cent
Total round-lot volume.....	508,635	
Round-lot transactions for account of members:		
1. Transactions of specialists in stocks in which they are registered—Bought.....	66,670	
Sold.....	79,845	
Total.....	146,515	14.40
2. Other transactions initiated on the floor—Bought.....	7,900	
Sold.....	7,900	
Total.....	15,800	1.55
3. Other transactions initiated off the floor—Bought.....	8,080	
Sold.....	14,080	
Total.....	22,160	2.18
4. Total—Bought.....	82,650	
Sold.....	101,825	
Total.....	184,475	18.13
Odd-lot transactions for account of specialists—Bought.....	46,812	
Sold.....	33,591	
Total.....	80,403	

\* The term "members" includes all Exchange members, their firms and their partners, including special partners.

a Shares in members' transactions as per cent of twice total round-lot volume In calculating these percentages the total of members' transactions is compared with twice the total round-lot volume on the Exchange for the reason that the total of members' transactions includes both purchases and sales while the Exchange volume includes only sales.

**Time Limit for Listing New York Stock Exchange Securities on Chicago Stock Exchange Expires**

Arthur M. Betts, Chairman of the Board of the Chicago Stock Exchange announced Sept. 19 that the plan of the Exchange to list the securities of large corporations also listed on the New York Stock Exchange has expired and will not be extended. Simultaneously, Mr. Betts announced that the Exchange has been notified by 11 corporations of their acceptance of the Exchange's invitation to list and in addition, there are several others in process, final decision having been delayed by special circumstances. The time limit was set on Aug. 10 by the Board of Governors, as was noted in our issue of Aug. 20, page 1120.

**New York Stock Exchange Reports Results of Semi-Weekly Settlements of Stock Transactions—New System Shown to Reduce Labor and Expenses**

The following report, summarizing the results of semi-weekly settlements for transactions in stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, which were inaugurated on Sept. 1,

was sent to members of the Exchange on Sept. 22 by Issac R. Halliday, President of the Stock Clearing Corporation:

Because of the interest being shown in the subject, I am summarizing, for your information, some of the results of our experience with term settlements, based upon our observation since the plan was introduced on Sept. 1. Since the inception of the plan, we have had five term settlements, one comprising 10 hours trading, three of 12 hour trading each and one of 15 hour trading, all of which have shown and proven very favorable results.

*Night Clearing Branch*

A Night Branch analysis in the stock of the Chrysler Corp. of the elimination of deliveries effected by the Term Settlement of Sept. 16, 1938, shows that had there been separate clearances for contracts of Sept. 12, 13 and 14, the total deliveries would have been 183. Because of the Term Settlement of these transactions for the same three days on Sept. 16, there were 86 deliveries, thereby showing an elimination in deliveries of 53%.

On a study made from the allotment sheets of General Motors Corp. stock for the contract dates of Sept. 12, 13 and 14, the number of deliveries totaled 200, whereas on the Term Settlement of Sept. 16 for these three trading days there were 91 deliveries, showing an elimination in deliveries of 54%. In the case of both of these stocks an elimination of share balances (number of shares involved in the balances) showed a figure of 42% in the case of the stock of Chrysler Corp. and 34% in the stock of General Motors Corporation.

*Day Branch*

Through off-setting credits, the settlement of \$1,000,000 through Day Branch operations under the old plan would have necessitated \$343,800; under the Term Settlement Plan it necessitates \$241,000 or a saving of 29.9-10%.

The deliveries for an average Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in August, 1938, under the old plan were 11,883 with average daily sales of 896,000 shares, or an average of 13 deliveries for every 1,000 shares. Under the Term Settlement, with an average daily business of 1,706,000 shares the number of deliveries was 14,064 showing a average deliveries for 1,000 shares of 8 or a saving of approximately 40%.

Ratio figures show that the Term Settlement effected an apparent improvement of: (1) 12% in certifications obviated, and (2) 35% in the obviation of bank clearances which may in part have been due to the fact that some checks were redeposited in the banks upon which they were drawn. Ratio figures also show that the Term Settlement effected an apparent improvement of 57% in the matter of checks required.

On the Term Settlement day of Sept. 16 there were 16,266 deliveries made to our Central Delivery Department, of which over 50% had been delivered and passed out to the receiving members up to 12:00 noon. At 2:17 p. m. there were very few securities in the Central Delivery Department in the racks of the receiving members for their representatives to make final pick-ups.

On this last Term only one account was marked for additional contribution to the Clearing Fund for \$12,500 for next day or Term Settlement day.

A previous item bearing on the new system was given in our Aug. 27 issue, page 1270.

**New York Stock Exchange Authorizes Listing of Republic of Chile Bonds of Several Issues**

The Committee on Stock List of the New York Stock Exchange at a meeting held on Sept. 20, authorized the listing of the following securities:

- Republic of Chile, assented bonds of the following issues:
- \$13,927,000 Republic of Chile 20-Year 7% external loan sinking fund bonds, dated Nov. 1, 1922,
- 35,069,500 Republic of Chile 6% external sinking fund bonds, dated Oct. 1, 1926,
- 21,450,500 Republic of Chile 6% external sinking fund bonds, dated Feb. 1, 1927,
- 28,672,000 Republic of Chile railway refunding sinking fund 6% external bonds, dated Jan. 1, 1928,
- 13,026,000 Republic of Chile external loan sinking fund 6% bonds, dated Sept. 1, 1928,
- 8,692,500 Republic of Chile external loan sinking fund 6% bonds, dated March 1, 1929,
- 21,505,500 Republic of Chile external loan sinking fund 6% bonds, dated May 1, 1930,
- 13,372,500 Caja de Credito Hipotecario, Chile guaranteed sinking fund 6 1/2% bonds, dated June 20, 1925,
- 8,338,500 Caja de Credito Hipotecario, Chile guaranteed sinking fund 6 3/4% bonds of 1926, dated June 30, 1926,
- 13,287,000 Caja de Credito Hipotecario, Chile guaranteed sinking fund 6% bonds of 1928, dated April 30, 1928, and
- 15,639,500 Caja de Credito Hipotecario, Chile guaranteed sinking fund 6% bonds of 1929, dated May 1, 1929.

The Stock Exchange announcement says:

The foregoing authorizations do not necessarily indicate that the securities are to be immediately admitted to dealings. Applications for listing the above securities will be submitted to the Board of Governors, for information, at its next meeting.

**New York Stock Exchange Issues Form Covering Long and Short Sales—Asks Members to Designate Such Dealings for Their Additional Protection**

Members of the New York Stock Exchange were asked on Sept. 19 to make written agreements with customers which would provide that long, as well as short, orders be designated as such. This plan was designed to avoid the necessity of obtaining the required information on each individual order to sell a security long, which is not in a customer's account. Federal regulations provide that every sell order executed on the Exchange must be marked "long" or "short." In the past some difficulties have been encountered when brokers in good faith have executed "long" orders for customers who did not actually own the securities in question. The Exchange accordingly acted on the suggestion of members that a written form be devised; and prepared this form with the cooperation of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The letter from the Exchange to its members described the form to be used in the future as follows:



**Total Tax-Exempt Securities \$65,648,000,000—Treasury Department Issues Survey Showing Figures for Year Ended June 30, 1937**

A detailed survey of securities exempt from the Federal income tax outstanding as of June 30, 1937, completed by the Treasury Department, in cooperation with the Bureau of the Census, reports as \$65,648,000,000 the estimated gross volume of tax-exempt securities, including the obligations of the Federal Government, its agencies, the State and local governments, and the territories and insular possessions. Of the figures indicated, \$36,591,000,000 represents the amount wholly exempt and \$29,057,000,000 partially exempt. In making available the survey the Treasury Department on Sept. 19 said:

The securities covered are of two classes: those the interest on which is exempt from the normal Federal income tax only—generally referred to as partially tax-exempt securities—and those the interest on which is exempt from the surtax as well as the normal tax—generally referred to as wholly tax-exempt securities.

Summary statistics with respect to the estimated outstanding amounts of both of these classes of securities are published regularly in the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury. The estimates relating to June 30, 1937, contained in the present survey, were first published in summary form in the Annual Report for 1937, released in January, 1938 (this report was referred to in our issue of Jan. 15, page 346—Ed.).

The present survey, consisting of 113 pages, includes a detailed analysis of the amount of tax-exempt securities estimated to be outstanding on June 30, 1937, and of the annual amount of interest accruing on such securities. The survey also contains an analysis of trends in the volume of such securities outstanding and in the amounts of interest accruing thereon. The analysis is both presented nationally and broken down in part by the geographical location and type of the issuing units.

Data are presented both with respect to the gross amount of tax-exempt securities outstanding and with respect to the amounts held by governments, their sinking, trust and investment funds, their agencies, and by Federal Reserve banks, none of which is in a position to take advantage of the tax-exempt features of such securities.

A large portion of the information dealing with State and local debt presented in the present report is compiled in much greater detail decennially by the Bureau of the Census, the latest compilation applying to the year 1932. The present report, applying to the year 1937, half-way between the census years 1932 and 1942, is believed to fill the need for an inter-censal estimate of State and local debt operations.

There is appended to the report a memorandum summarizing the available data with respect to the ownership of tax-exempt securities by private investors.

The report has not been printed for general distribution, but a few copies are available for public officers and for publications which wish to make use of the data.

**The survey states:**

The net volume of tax-exempt securities totaled \$50,522 million on June 30, 1937. Wholly exempt issues were included in this total to the extent of \$27,967 million, and partially exempt obligations to the amount of \$22,555 million. Direct obligations of the United States Government totaling \$29,836 million comprised 59.1% of the total; Federal agency issues accounted for 11.3%, State and local government obligations for 29.4%, and territorial and insular securities for 0.2%. The partially exempt obligations were, of course, all Federal issues, but more than half, \$14,854 million, of the wholly exempt obligations consisted of State and local securities.

**In the survey it is stated:**

*Exemption from State and Local Taxes*

It should be emphasized that the statistics of tax-exempt securities here presented have no reference to the taxability of governmental obligations under State income taxes. While the Supreme Court has held that, in the absence of consent by Congress, (a) a State may not tax securities of the United States, (b) no restriction is imposed upon the power of a State to tax its own securities, and the Court has sustained the right of a State to tax bonds of another State when owned by a citizen of the taxing State. (c) In practice, some States have voluntarily agreed to grant income tax exemption to interest derived from each other's securities. (d) Furthermore, the courts have sustained the authority of States to tax income from Federal securities through corporation excise taxes by measuring the excise on the basis of corporate net income from all sources. (e) Finally, the courts have upheld the right of the State to subject Federal bonds to inheritance taxes, maintaining that the effect of such a tax upon the borrowing power of the Federal Government was too remote to render it unconstitutional. (f)

To summarize, the securities discussed in this report are all exempt from the normal Federal income tax, may or may not be exempt from the surtax rates of the Federal income tax, are taxable by State and Federal inheritance, estate and gift taxes, and in part may be taxable by State income and other taxes.

*Relation to Public Debt*

It should be emphasized that the total volume of tax-exempt securities is not synonymous with the total volume of public debt. Although these categories are frequently used interchangeably and are composed in large part of the same constituents, the difference between the two aggregates is of appreciable magnitude.

The gross volume of public debt, encompassing the indebtedness of the Federal Government and its agencies, the debt of the territories and insular possessions, as well as that of the 48 States, some 3,000 counties, 36,000 municipalities, 127,000 school districts and 15,000 other civil divisions, consists both of interest-bearing and non-interest-bearing obligations. Income tax exemption, however, is concerned only with interest-bearing debt. Non-interest-bearing securities, yielding no income, are of no relevance to income tax exemption. The same applies to such other interest-bearing obligations as may in the future be issued without tax exemption privilege. On the other hand, the total volume of tax-exempt securities includes some items not contained in the public debt. Securities issued by the joint stock land banks are a case in point. While cloaked with the

privilege of tax exemptions, these do not represent governmental obligations. For convenience, however, they are here grouped with Federal agencies.

Furthermore, the total volume of tax-exempt securities exceeds the gross amount of borrowing from the public, for the total volume of tax-exempt securities contains an element of duplication. In the case of the Federal Government such duplication is illustrated by the \$3,605 million of Reconstruction Finance Corporation securities purchased by the United States Government with proceeds obtained from the sale of United States obligations—two units of securities for one unit of public indebtedness. (g) In the case of the agencies of the United States Government, it is illustrated by the \$761 million Federal land bank bonds held by the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation. In the case of State and local governments, such duplication arises from the use of State credit by local governmental units and is evidenced, for instance, by the purchase of county school construction bonds by the State of North Carolina with funds acquired through the sale of State government obligations. A similar duplication arises from the utilization of Federal credit by State and local governments. The purchase of \$102 million State and municipal securities by the Public Works Administration and \$423 million by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation with funds acquired from the Treasury, which may be provided through the sale of Federal obligations, serves as an illustration. Because these duplicating items greatly exceed the omitted non-interest-bearing securities, the actual gross volume of borrowing from the public is substantially below the gross volume of securities wholly and partially exempt from the Federal income tax.

Differences of another but no less significant character exist also between the net public debt and the net outstanding volume of tax-exempt securities. The first of these is derived by deducting from the gross volume of interest and non-interest-bearing public debt the total value of assets held in sinking funds. The net volume of tax-exempt securities, on the other hand, is obtained by deducting from the total volume of tax-exempt interest-bearing obligations the volume of such obligations held by the various governments, their sinking, trust and investment funds, Federal agencies and the Federal Reserve banks. Thus, in arriving at net outstanding tax-exempt issues, only those assets of sinking funds are taken into account which consist of tax-exempt securities. Additional deductions are made, however, for tax-exempt securities held by various governments in their general funds as well as in their trust and investment funds. This last category of assets, it will be noted, is of no relevance to the concept of net public debt. Thus, while gross and net public debt and gross and net tax-exempt securities are parallel concepts and consist in part of identical constituents, their differences are of too substantial a magnitude to permit the statistics being used interchangeably.

In stating that the gross volume of tax-exempt securities totaled \$65,648 million the report in part added:

Direct obligations of the United States Government comprised 54.5% of the total. Next largest issuers were the State and local governments whose obligations amounted to 29.2% of the total. (h) The Federal agencies and the territorial and insular governments contributed 16.1% and 0.2%, respectively. The distribution of these income yielding assets between those exempt from both the normal and the surtax rates of the Federal income tax and those exempt from the normal rates alone, is presented summarily in Table 1.

Table 1—Gross Volume of Securities Exempt from the Federal Income Tax, by Types of Borrowers, June 30, 1937 (In millions of dollars)

Types of Borrowers	Total	Wholly Exempt	Partially Exempt
United States Government.....	35,803	15,065	20,738
Federal agencies.....	10,547	2,228	8,319
State and local governments.....	*19,152	*1,152	---
Territorial and insular governments.....	146	146	---
Total.....	*65,648	*36,591	29,057

\* Estimated.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, these interest bearing, tax-exempt securities represented estimated gross annual interest costs in excess of \$1,951 million. The distribution of this total in accordance with degree of Federal income tax exemption is summarized in Table 2; \$1,167 million was composed of wholly exempt and \$784 million of partially exempt income. The partially exempt income was accounted for entirely by Federal securities; \$636 million by direct United States Government obligations and \$148 million by the issues of Federal agencies. Approximately two-thirds of the wholly exempt income was due to State and local government securities, which yielded an estimated total of \$795 million.

Table 2—Estimated Gross Amount of Interest Exempt from the Federal Income Tax, Fiscal Year 1937\* (In millions of dollars)

Types of Borrowers	Total	Wholly Exempt	Partially Exempt
United States Government.....	924	288	636
Federal agencies.....	224	76	148
State and local governments.....	795	795	---
Territorial and insular governments.....	8	8	---
Total.....	1,951	1,167	784

\* Annual interest on the two categories of Federal securities computed on basis of obligations outstanding June 30, 1937; that on all other securities represents estimates of actual interest payments during the fiscal year.

It should be emphasized, however, that for reasons already indicated, the total gross volume of tax-exempt securities as presented in Table 1 is not synonymous either with the volume of public debt or with the amount of tax-exempt securities held by private investors. In order to arrive at an estimate of the amount of government securities held by private investors who, unless exempted by other provisions of the Revenue Act, would gain exemption therefrom, it is necessary to take cognizance of the estimated volume of government securities held in non-private portfolios. The amount of Federal, State, local, territorial and insular securities held by various government buyers and the Federal Reserve banks and, therefore, not held by private investors, is given in Table 3. On June 30, 1937, total non-private holdings of tax-exempt securities amounted to \$15,126 million and equaled nearly one-quarter of the total gross volume

g Statistics of security holdings here quoted are as of June 30, 1937. Subsequently, Pub. No. 432, 75th Congress, 3d Session, approved February 24, 1938, authorized "the Secretary of the Treasury to cancel obligations of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation incurred in supplying funds for relief at the authorization or direction of Congress, and for other purposes."

h Unless otherwise specified, the interest-bearing debt in the trust and investment fund holdings of the District of Columbia is included with those of State and local governments. In cases of such inclusion, the sums involved are too small to affect the totals.

a Baltimore National Bank v. State Tax Commissioner, 297 U. S. 209.  
 b Weston v. Charleston, 2 Peters, 449.  
 c Bonaparte v. Tax Court, 104 U. S. 592.  
 d For a summary statement of the treatment of interest derived from State and local securities under the several State income tax laws, see Appendix Tables H and J, pages 96 and 97 Treasury report.  
 e Pacific Co. v. Johnson (285 U. S. 480); Educational Films Co. v. Ward (282 U. S. 379).  
 f Plummer v. Coler (178 U. S. 115).

of these securities. This aggregate was composed of \$5,967 million direct obligations of the United States Government, \$4,835 million Federal agency issues, \$4,298 million securities issued by State and local governments, and \$26 million territorial obligations.

Table 3—Volume of Tax-Exempt Securities Held by Governments, Their Sinking, Trust and Investment Funds, Their Agencies, and by Federal Reserve Banks, by Types of Borrowers, June 30, 1937

(In millions of dollars)

Types of Borrowers	Total	Wholly Exempt	Partially Exempt
United States Government.....	5,967	3,465	2,502
Federal agencies.....	4,835	835	4,000
State and local governments.....	*4,298	*4,298	—
Territorial and insular governments.....	26	26	—
Total.....	*15,126	*8,624	6,502

\* Estimated.

**Return to Standard Time at 2 a. m. Sunday (Sept. 25)**  
—Announcements by New York and Chicago Federal Reserve Banks

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following announcement on Sept. 21 with regard to the return to Eastern Standard Time at 2 a. m. tomorrow (Sunday), Sept. 25 (when the clocks will be turned back one hour):

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK**  
of New York  
RETURN TO STANDARD TIME

To all Banks and Trust Companies in the Second Federal Reserve District and Others Concerned:

The period during which "daylight saving time" is effective in the cities of New York and Buffalo, New York, will end at 2 a. m. Sunday, Sept. 25, 1938. Thereafter this bank, including its Buffalo Branch, will operate on Eastern Standard time.

GEORGE L. HARRISON, *President.*

The following announcement was issued on Sept. 17 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago:

Effective Sept. 25, 1938 the City of Chicago will be on Central Standard Time instead of Central Daylight Time.

There will be no change in banking hours, which are from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., daily except Saturday, when they are from 9 a. m. to 12 M.

Daylight Saving Time has been in effect since April 24; an item bearing on the same was given in our issue of April 23, page 2606.

**Tenders of \$260,895,000 Received to Offering of \$100,000,000 of 91-Day Treasury Bills Dated Sept. 21—\$100,043,000 Accepted at Average Rate of 0.106%**

A total of \$260,895,000 was tendered to the offering of \$100,000,000, or thereabouts, of 91-day Treasury bills dated Sept. 21 and maturing Dec. 21, 1938, it was announced on Sept. 19 by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. Of this amount, Secretary Morgenthau said, \$100,043,000 was accepted at an average rate of 0.106%.

The tenders to the offering of Treasury bills were received at the Federal Reserve banks and the branches thereof up to 2 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, Sept. 19. Reference to the offering appeared in our issue of Sept. 17, page 1711. The following regarding the accepted bids to the offering is from Secretary Morgenthau's announcement of Sept. 19:

Total applied for, \$260,895,000      Total accepted, \$100,043,000  
Range of accepted bids:  
High, 99.980; equivalent rate approximately 0.079%.  
Low, 99.969; equivalent rate approximately 0.123%.  
Average price, 99.973; equivalent rate approximately 0.106%.  
(47% of the amount bid for at the low price was accepted.)

**New Offering of \$100,000,000 of 91-Day Treasury Bills—To Be Dated Sept. 28**

Tenders were invited on Sept. 22 by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. to a new offering of \$100,000,000, or thereabouts, of 91-day Treasury bills, to be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. The bids will be received at the Federal Reserve banks, or the branches thereof, up to 2 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, Sept. 26, but not at the Treasury Department, Washington.

The new bills will be dated Sept. 28, 1938, and will mature on Dec. 28, 1938; on the maturity date the face amount of the bills will be payable without interest. An issue of similar securities in amount of \$100,095,000 will mature on Sept. 28. The following regarding the new offering of bills is from Secretary Morgenthau's announcement of Sept. 22:

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. 26, 1938, 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. 28, 1938.

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.

Treasury Department Circular No. 418, as amended, and this notice prescribe the terms of the Treasury bills and govern the conditions of their issue.

**\$3,905,650 of Government Securities Sold by Treasury During August**

Market transactions in Government securities for Treasury investment accounts in August, 1938, resulted in net sales of \$3,905,650, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. announced on Sept. 16. This compares with net purchases of \$1,151,600 during July.

The following tabulation shows the Treasury's transactions in Government securities, by months, since the beginning of 1937:

1937—	1937—	1938—
January.....\$14,363,300 purchased	November.....\$2,000,050 purchased	January.....12,033,500 sold
February.....5,701,800 purchased	December.....15,351,100 sold	February.....3,001,000 sold
March.....119,553,000 purchased		March.....23,348,500 purchased
April.....11,856,500 purchased		April.....2,480,250 purchased
May.....3,853,550 purchased		May.....4,899,250 sold
June.....24,370,400 purchased		June.....783,500 purchased
July.....4,812,050 purchased		July.....1,151,600 purchased
August.....12,510,000 purchased		August.....3,905,650 sold
September.....8,900,000 purchased		
October.....3,716,000 purchased		

**President Roosevelt in Greetings to National Retail Dry Goods Association Commends Improved Service in Retailing—Secretary Roper Finds Retail Trade Improvement Encouraging**

In a message to the National Retail Dry Goods Association, President Roosevelt commended the National Retail Demonstration, which opened at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City on Sept. 19. The President's greetings, addressed to Lew Hahn, manager of the National Retail Dry Goods Association, read:

Please extend my sincere greetings to the members of the National Retail Dry Goods Association at their luncheon meeting in New York on Sept. 19, and through them, to the retail industry of the country.

I believe the National Retail Demonstration, planned for the week beginning Sept. 19, will be a means of prompting greater consumer interest in the services offered through modern retailing methods. This improved service, in response to public demand, has made of retailing a most efficient link in our system of distribution.

Best wishes for the success of the movement.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.

Secretary of Commerce Roper, addressing the gathering by radio, declared that "retail trade improvement is already nation-wide and the economic horizons are encouraging." According to the New York "Times" he hailed the retailers' campaign as an "educational demonstration" of direct concern to the 130,000,000 consumers of the country, who seek a "reasonable standard of living."

The "Times" further reported his remarks as follows:

*Secretary Roper Defends Costs*

Secretary Roper devoted much of his address to the costs that enter into retail operations, declaring they are prompted by the "millions of consumers who require or make use of special services." Recently he made an address in which he attacked the "pyramiding" of the costs of distribution, with his remarks attracting widespread interest in retail circles.

"Every time a retailer is requested to perform a service it costs money," Secretary Roper said last night. "The public has become accustomed to these services, which in themselves have raised our standard of living. These services are rendered because the customer has come to require them, often without giving consideration to their cost."

Lowering of retail prices, Secretary Roper said, involves the cooperation of all the units of distribution, "beginning with the manufacturer and ending with the consumer." He pointed out the money spent with retailers goes to pay for the four major items of labor, rent, interest on capital, and profits.

"Roughly, more than half of all retail operating expenses go directly to the account of wages, which cannot be curtailed if purchasing power is to be maintained," Secretary Roper said. "Thus, in the retail phase of distribution the competitive situation itself is the best assurance that management will continue to seek efficiency."

Major Benjamin H. Namm, Chairman of the National Retail Demonstration Committee, also addressed those at the luncheon by radio.

**Modifying Its Policy With Respect to Government Insurance of Gold and Silver Shipments Treasury Department Acts to Permit Private Underwriters to Handle Insurance**

The Government policy with respect to the insurance by it of gold and silver shipments to and from the United States has been modified to the extent of permitting the business to go to private underwriters when favorable terms are offered, according to Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau, it is learned from the New York "Journal of Commerce," whose Washington correspondent, Clarence L. Linz, in reporting this under date of Sept. 22, also stated in part:

It had been previously considered more advantageous to the Government to set aside a "premium" and to accumulate a fund from which the Treasury could be compensated for any losses that might occur. The risk

n the movement of previous metals has materially increased in face of European disturbances, apparently making it desirable that the responsibility be shared with others.

#### Terms of Order

"I find that the risk of loss, destruction, or damage in shipments of gold and silver coin or bullion to, from, between, or within foreign countries under the provisions of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, as amended, and the Silver Purchase Act of 1934 cannot be adequately guarded against by the facilities of the United States," Secretary Morgenthau said in his order.

"It is hereby ordered that any such shipment is excepted from the prohibitions contained in the first sentence of Section 4 of the Government Losses in Shipment Act if, and to the extent that, adequate insurance at satisfactory rates can, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury, be obtained to cover such shipment."

Secretary Morgenthau has consistently declined to affirm or deny newspaper statements that American battleships would be used to move gold to the United States and that, in fact, vessels were being retained in European waters for just that purpose.

#### Inflow of Gold

Today Secretary Morgenthau declared that the inflow of gold has continued to date only because of previous "engagements," but that during the last day or two actual transactions have almost "dried up." A lot of gold has landed in New York during the last ten days, he admitted, which metal had been previously contracted for.

There is nothing in the immediate picture to give cause for any great amount of worry, other than the fact that the United States is accumulating so much gold that will find a more or less permanent resting place here. It was pointed out in informed quarters that many observers, commenting upon the gold situation, have been inclined to view the inflow as almost entirely a movement of capital.

#### Trade Balance Cited

The fact appears to have been lost sight of that there is rather an extraordinary merchandise trade balance this year—the accumulation of a very large balance of exports in the face of a decline in our usual payments to foreigners for services, an official pointed out. That, he said, meant that either gold had to be sent here on balance to meet the merchandise excess or foreign-owned deposits drawn against. A third means would be the sale of securities but, it was said, there is little evidence that has been resorted to.

During the first six months receipts of gold and silver, it was explained, amounted to about \$260,000,000, which is something less than one-half of net purchases, so that it is to be assumed that the remainder must come from short term balances here.

Secretary Morgenthau revealed that daily he receives from the Securities and Exchange Commission a statement of the sale and purchase of securities and each week he gets a report through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York of the movement of capital. With these he indicated he is enabled to keep a close watch on market developments as they may affect the Treasury position. Statistics of capital movement between the United States and foreign countries and of purchases and sales of foreign exchange in the United States covering the second quarter of the current year will be published by the Treasury about the end of the month, it was made known.

### President Roosevelt Confers with Representatives of Railway Managements and Labor—Seeks Cooperation in Formulating Program for Rehabilitation of Carriers

President Roosevelt on Sept. 20 held a conference with executives of three large railways and with representatives of railway labor organizations to discuss a broad program for legislation designed to rehabilitate the railway industry. All conferees agreed that cooperation between the management and workers was essential, but George M. Harrison, Chairman of the Railway Labor Executives Association, said that his group could not plan a cooperative program and at the same time combat a wage cut. It was said that Mr. Harrison declared that unless the managements abandoned their 15% wage reduction proposal, the roads could not expect labor support in a joint rehabilitation program.

Louis Stark, in a Washington dispatch of Sept. 20 to the New York "Times," summarized the proceedings at the conference in part as follows:

The railroad presidents said that they had no authority to make an immediate reply to Mr. Harrison's request, but that they would confer with their associates and meet him again tomorrow.

Throughout the entire discussion, President Roosevelt did not bring up the wage question other than to indicate that it was part of the general problem.

#### Fireside Chat Is Recalled

If the carriers decide to abandon their wage reduction movement, however, it will be because of their acceptance of his suggestion that they proceed to work out a solution of their problem along the lines of major objectives, and because the unions insist that the wage cuts must be dropped.

At the same time it was recalled that the President, in one of his recent fireside chats, had opposed wage reductions.

If the spokesmen for the unions and the managements fail to see eye to eye on the wage problem as laid before them at today's conference, the wage dispute will go through the normal routine of the Railway Labor Act.

The unions will announce the result of their strike ballots next Monday in Chicago, will fix Oct. 1 as the strike date, and the President will appoint a Federal fact-finding agency to hold hearings and make recommendations to both sides.

Mr. Roosevelt said that he would appoint the fact-finding committee next week. This was taken to mean that he would do so provided a settlement were not reached in the meantime.

Those who conferred with President Roosevelt for an hour and a half today were:

For the Railroads—Carl R. Gray, Chairman of the Board of the Union Pacific; M. W. Clement, President of the Pennsylvania, and Ernest E. Norris, President of the Southern.

For the Unions—Mr. Harrison; D. B. Robertson, President of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, and B. M. Jewell, President of the Railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor.

After the long conference with the President the spokesmen for the unions and the roads retired to the Cabinet room where they continued the discussion along the lines laid down by Mr. Roosevelt.

Later advices from Washington to the "Times" Sept. 21 by Mr. Stark said, in part:

Unable to agree today upon a formula under which the proposed 15% wage reduction for railway employees would be abandoned by the carriers while a joint plan for a broad legislative program for railway rehabilitation was being worked out, spokesmen for the carriers and the standard unions deferred further parleys.

With the last possibility of sidetracking the wage problem gone, the entire efforts of management and unions turned toward the remaining moves for adjudicating the dispute under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act.

Leaders of the unions will meet in Chicago on Sept. 26 and will make public the strike votes by their members on the various roads. They will then fix Oct. 1 as the date for the nation-wide strike, after which President Roosevelt will name a Federal fact-finding board, calling a halt to action by either side.

A statement in behalf of the three railway executives and three union leaders who were called in by President Roosevelt was handed out during the afternoon by Carl R. Gray, Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Union Pacific.

#### Labor Executives to Be Busy

The statement follows:

Owing to the pendency of the wage proceedings, and as the President has indicated that he will appoint a fact-finding commission next week, the time of the labor executives will be so fully occupied during most of October that it was decided the next meeting would be postponed to a date later to be fixed.

There was a general discussion at today's meeting of an approach and the methods which will be followed in pursuing the study the President has asked us to undertake.

### President Roosevelt Says Those Opposed to Federal Constitution in 1788 Had Little to Learn from "Fear Mongers" of 1938—At Observance of Anniversary of New York's Ratification, Sees "Faith and Confidence" in Safety of National Concept Expressed by People During the 150 Years

In an address on Sept. 17 incident to the 150th anniversary of the adoption by New York State of the Federal Constitution, President Roosevelt, recalling that "a very large minority of the inhabitants of the original 13 States were opposed to the adoption of the Constitution," drew a parable, in which he said "the viewers with alarm, the patrons of ghosts and hobgoblins in those days had little to learn from the professional fear-mongers of 1938." "Then as now," said the President, "there were men and women afraid of the future—distrustful of their own ability to meet changed conditions; short-sighted in their dog-in-the-manger conception of local and national needs. They were afraid of Democracy; afraid of the trend toward unity; afraid of 13 States becoming one Nation." The President noted that when "in almost every generation between 1788 and 1938 the American people have been faced with similar decisions, they have in the long run expressed their 'full faith and confidence' in the integrity and safety of the national concept." "Once ratified," he went on to say, "to become a workable instrument of government its [the Constitution's] words needed men in every succeeding generation to administer it." And, he added, "the greatest of them have been the men who have sought to make the Constitution workable in the face of the new problems and conditions that have faced the Nation from year to year." The President had expected to deliver his address in person at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., incident to the celebration there of New York's anniversary, but instead, because of "the affairs of the world" which kept him in Washington, he spoke in a nation-wide broadcast from Washington. Governor Lehman of New York was also a speaker, and his address is referred to elsewhere in this issue. President Roosevelt's address follows:

It is with deep personal disappointment that I find the affairs of the world such that I cannot be with my neighbors in Poughkeepsie today.

That my great-great-grandfather, Isaac Roosevelt, sat in the little old court house here 150 years ago and cast his vote with the slim majority in favor of ratification of the Federal Constitution is a family tradition of which I am proud.

There are two words in the English language which in the heat of political controversy are often forgotten or abused—the words "faith" and "confidence."

It is well for us to remember that a very large minority of the inhabitants of the original 13 States were opposed to the adoption of the Constitution. They had witnessed the complete failure of government under the Articles of Confederation—yet they were opposed to a real union because they believed those leaders who viewed with alarm any effort to think and act in national terms instead of State and local terms.

And, believe me, the viewers with alarm, the patrons of ghosts and hobgoblins in those days had little to learn from the professional fear-mongers of 1938.

I wish that all of you might read the dusty newspapers and pamphlets and handbills of 1788. Feelings ran high. Vituperation and invective were the rule. The State of New York would cease to exist and its people would be squeezed to death between the cold-blooded Yankees of New England on the one side and the passionate aristocracy of the South on the other—if you believed one type of publicity. The people of the State of New York would be ruined by interstate tariffs and as a weak independent nation would be reconquered by George the Third, if you read the publicity of the other party.

Washington, Adams, Hamilton and Clinton were labeled traitors and dictators.

In the midst of these diatribes this Constitutional Convention in Poughkeepsie was faced with the problem of saying "yes" or "no." Then, as now, there were men and women afraid of the future—distrustful of their own ability to meet changed conditions; short-sighted in their dog-in-the-manger conception of local and national needs. They were afraid of democracy; afraid of the trend toward unity; afraid of 13 States becoming one Nation.

As the weeks went on and an insufficient number of States had approved the Constitution to put it into effect, its opponents at this convention, realizing more and more that the very existence of that paper organization known as the United States of America was at stake and that public



opinion was swinging against them, narrowed their opposition to the fact that the Constitution contained no Bill of Rights.

They held a slim majority against ratification, but at that moment a small group of delegates, in which, I am glad to say, Dutchess County was well represented, came forward with an appeal to the "faith and confidence" of the Convention. They agreed that a permanent Constitution for the United States should contain a Bill of Rights—and they proposed ratification by the State of New York "in full faith and confidence" that a Bill of Rights would be promptly submitted to the several States by the first Congress to meet under the Constitution.

You and I know today that it was this proposal which won final adherence by a small margin; and more than that—that this proposal of "full faith and confidence" was in fact carried out by the Congress of the United States when it assembled.

I do not know that it is necessary to elaborate on this parable or text. It is perhaps sufficient for me to say that when in almost every generation between 1788 and 1938 the American people have been faced with similar decisions, they have in the long run expressed their "full faith and confidence" in the integrity and safety of the national concept.

It required great patience between 1783 and 1788 to bring home the realization that 13 separate Colonies, become 13 separate States, could not survive as 13 separate nationalities. Leadership toward the thought of a united Nation had to be patient and was. Perseverance of leadership, combined with patience, has always won.

Once ratified, the Constitution presented the outline of a form of government. To become a workable instrument of government its words needed men in every succeeding generation to administer it as great as the men who wrote it.

And the greatest of them have been the men who have sought to make the Constitution workable in the face of the new problems and conditions that have faced the Nation from year to year.

Yes, the greatest of them have been those who have not said: "It will not work; it cannot be done; it must be changed"—but rather those who have applied to the Constitution of the United States the spirit of "full faith and confidence" which has come down to us from the Convention which met here in the summer of 1788.

### Further Study of Investments Trusts Presented by SEC in Second Portion of Report to Congress—Total Sales of Investment Company Security Issues Reached \$7,200,000,000 up to Close of 1937

According to the Securities and Exchange Commission, "the total sales of their own security issues by investment trusts and investment companies, from the inception of these organizations in this country to the end of 1937, was, excluding intercompany transactions, approximately \$7,200,000,000, consisting of \$500,000,000 estimated sales prior to 1927, approximately \$5,500,000,000 from 1927 through 1936, and about \$200,000,000 in 1937." The Commission goes on to say "the aggregate of investment company securities sold between 1927 and 1936 was approximately 15% of all corporate capital issues and more than 20% of all non-refunding corporate capital issues, although these percentages may vary somewhat depending upon the statistics used to measure total security flotations."

These statements by the Commission are contained in Chapters III and IV of Part Two of its report transmitted to Congress on Sept. 21 on the study of investment trusts and investment companies, which it has conducted pursuant to Section 30 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. The Commission says:

Chapter III deals with the sales and repurchases by investment trust and investment companies of their own issues. Chapter IV describes the trading in the security issues of investment trusts and investment companies. The remaining four chapters of Part Two will contain various statistical compilations relating to ownership of investment companies, their performance, investors' experience and portfolios for the period 1927 through 1936, and in some cases through 1937.

The first part of the Commission's Trusts survey was referred to in these columns June 18, page 3889. In summarizing the features of the second portion of its report the Commission says in part:

Investment company security sales were concentrated within a few years, with almost 50% of their total sales during the entire 1927-1936 period having been made in 1929. Yearly sales of investment company securities increased sharply from almost \$400,000,000 in 1927 to over \$3,000,000,000 in 1929, and with equal abruptness declined to a level of between \$120,000,000 and \$175,000,000 per annum from 1932 to 1935. These sales recovered somewhat to about \$200,000,000 annually in 1936 and 1937.

#### Security Issues Sold by Various Types of Investment Companies

Closed-end management investment companies \*sold an aggregate of over 70% of the total of all securities floated by all investment companies during the period, excluding inter-company transactions. These closed-end management companies, whose common stocks have no right of redemption, had sale of over three times the combined sales of all open-end companies and fixed trusts, whose securities are redeemable upon shareholders' demand.

Closed-end management investment companies sold \$4,000,000,000 of their securities from 1927 to 1929, about 92% of the total of all investment company securities distributed during these years, and about 87% of all securities sold by these types of companies during the entire 1927-1936 decade. After the market decline of 1929, the distribution of the issues of closed-end management companies virtually terminated. From 1930 to 1936, they disposed of only \$125,000,000 of their issues, or about 10% of the total of all investment trusts and investment company securities sold during those years.

When the sales of closed-end companies practically ceased, the certificates of fixed trusts and the shares of the open-end companies entered on a phase of active distribution. The peak of the sales fixed trust certificates was reached in the years 1930 and 1931 when a total of about \$600,000,000 was sold, or about two-thirds of the total sales of fixed trusts during the entire 1927-1936 decade, and about 52% of the total sales of all types of investment companies during these two years.

\* The classification of closed-end management companies includes: closed-end management investment companies "proper" (the Commission's statistical classification for the concerns popularly known as "investment trusts"), and investment-holding companies (the type which tended to concentrate their investments in the securities of particular companies with apparent control or influence over the management of such companies).

In the four years from 1933 to 1936, open-end investment companies sold \$360,000,000 of their shares, representing approximately 61% of such companies' total sales during the entire 1927-1936 period, and comparing with the sales of only about \$150,000,000 from 1927 to 1929, and less than \$50,000,000 from 1930 to 1932. During 1937, open-end companies sold approximately an additional \$100,000,000 of their issues.

The distribution of instalment investment plan certificates did not begin until 1930. The yearly receipts from certificate holders rose from \$1,000,000 in 1931 to approximately \$15,000,000 in 1936. The aggregate amounts ultimately payable on all certificates sold during the period was well over \$150,000,000.

The sales of face amount instalment certificates, although they had begun as early as 1894, were largest after 1929. Approximately 50% of the total of \$200,000,000 of certificate-holders' payments from 1927 to 1936 was received in the four years from 1933 to 1936. The face amount of certificates subscribed for by investors in the 1927-1936 period was about \$1,500,000,000.

#### Classes of Securities Sold by Closed-End Management Companies

The closed-end management investment companies, included in the detailed analysis, raised about \$2,354,000,000 through the sale of common stock, or 58% of the total proceeds of all their securities sold, including those issued in connection with intercompany transactions. These companies raised \$440,000,000 by the sale of preferred stocks, \$338,000,000 through bonds, and \$957,000,000 through units consisting of common and preferred stocks. In 1928 and 1929, over \$740,000,000 was raised by the sale of units, by means of which the popularity of common stock helped stimulate the sale of the more "conservative" preferred stock. Even when units were not employed, the common stock speculative appeal was often secured for preferred stocks and bonds by the use of warrants or other forms of sale stimulants. About 43% of the preferred stock and 26% of the bonds of these closed-end proper and investment-holding companies had conversion privileges.

#### Methods by which Closed-End Management Companies Sold Their Security Issues

A substantial majority of the stocks and bonds sold by the closed-end companies were distributed by public offering, although large amounts of their securities were also issued through private placings, offerings to stockholders, and particularly through exchange offers and other inter-company transactions.

Public offerings were employed in the sale of \$2,242,000,000, or 55% of the total value of all securities sold and issued in intercompany transactions by the closed-end companies included in the analysis. Practically all preferred stock and bond issues were sold in this manner. Other methods of distribution were used, for the most part, in connection with units, and particularly with common stock. Approximately \$253,000,000 or 6% of the total was raised by offerings to stockholders by means of rights.

Private offerings and sales to bankers and sponsors amounted to \$343,000,000 or over 8% of all sales.

The report presents, in some detail, statistical data on the cost to the investor of the public offering of the securities of closed-end companies. Generally, the basic measure of compensation for underwriting and distribution is the gross spread, or the difference between the public offering price and the price paid by the bankers to the issuing company.

In connection with the underwriting and public offering of \$2,109,000,000 of securities of closed-end management investment companies, the underwriters received gross dollar payments of \$116,500,000, or about 5.5% of the public offering price and 5.8% of the net proceeds to these companies.

The report discusses briefly the costs to the investor in connection with the distribution of face amount instalment certificates, the type of investment contract distributed by such companies as Investors Syndicate and Fidelity Investment Association. The major portion of the costs and charges to the investor is deducted out of their instalment payments in the early years. The amount of these deductions is indicated by a comparison of cash surrender values (the amounts to which the certificate holder is entitled upon withdrawal or lapse) at the end of the first and second years with the total of instalment payments made by the certificate holders.

The Commission indicated the importance of lapses and surrenders to the operation of companies issuing face amount certificates, stating:

During the years 1927 to 1936, investment trusts and investment companies repurchased or redeemed approximately \$1,200,000,000 of their own securities, valued on the basis of cost to the trusts and companies. During the period from 1927-1935, the closed-end management investment companies, included in the analysis, expended approximately \$534,000,000 to repurchase their own securities, although these companies, unlike open-end companies or fixed trusts, were under no obligation to reacquire their issues.

The Commission in discussing the reasons for repurchases by these closed-end management companies suggested, among other things, that, before the market collapse in 1929, repurchases, at least of common and preferred stocks, were generally motivated by a desire to "support" or "peg, fix or stabilize" or even "manipulate" the market for the company's issues. After the 1929 decline of market prices for investment company securities, repurchases by these closed-end companies apparently were motivated by their ability to acquire their own issues below face or asset values.

#### Comparative Importance of Exchange and Over-the-Counter Markets

Chapter IV presents statistical data with respect to trading in investment trust and investment company security issues. The Commission found that, in general, the over-the-counter markets had substantial and increasing significance for investment company securities. At the end of 1930, all the issue of 487 investment companies were dealt in exclusively on over-the-counter markets, while only 219 investment companies and one or more issues traded on exchange markets. By the end of 1936, the investment companies with issues traded solely on the over-the-counter markets were almost four times as numerous as the investment companies with any issues admitted to listing on an exchange. In terms of assets, the companies with issues traded only over-the-counter accounted for 22% of the total assets of the industry at the end of 1930 and 40% of the total assets at the end of 1936. As might be expected, the larger companies had their issues on exchanges, while the issues of the smaller companies were dealt in only over-the-counter.

The Commission indicated that some of the disparity between the extent of the regulation of the exchange and over-the-counter markets should be removed as a result of the amendments to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 contained in the "Maloney Act."

#### Listings of Investment Company Securities on Exchanges

During the 1927-1936 period, 473 different investment company issues were admitted to dealing on all exchanges, with a maximum at any year-end of 345 at Dec. 31, 1931. At the end of 1936, 206 such different issues had full listing or unlisted trading privileges, less than at any other year-end after Dec. 31, 1928, and about 4% of the total of issues of all types o

corporations dealt in on all registered exchanges. The relative importance of investment company securities to all issues on exchange was much greater on the New York Curb Exchange than on the New York Stock Exchange, and greater on some of the smaller exchanges than on either of the two major New York markets.

Most of the investment company securities dealt in on exchanges were issues of closed-end management companies. The majority of the stock issues of these companies were listed or admitted to unlisted trading privilege in the two years 1929 and 1930 when an aggregate of 350 stock issues of investment companies were added, as compared with a total of 136 issues added in all the other years of the period 1927 to 1936. The large number of issues admitted to trading on exchanges in 1930, despite the absence of any substantial amount of new flotations of closed-end management company issues in that year, suggests that many issues did not secure an exchange market until some months after their original distribution had been completed.

In every year, the New York Curb Exchange had from one-third to one-half of all the investment company issues listed or admitted to unlisted trading privileges on all exchanges, while the New York Stock Exchange rarely had more than 10% and never more than 20% of all such issues dealt in on exchanges. At the end of each year, except 1929, more than half of the investment company issues traded on the New York Curb Exchange were admitted to unlisted trading privileges.

The study and report were under the general supervision of Commissioner Robert E. Healy, with Paul P. Gourrich, Technical Advisor to the Commission, as Director of the Study, the late William R. Spratt, Jr. as Chief of the Study, David Schenker as Counsel, and L. M. C. Smith as Associate Counsel. Collaborating on Part Two were R. W. Goldschmidt, W. J. McEnery, S. L. Osterweis, R. C. Parmelee, J. T. Shirer and L. C. Vass, assisted by Morris Bailkin and Irwin Friend, all of the economic and analysis section. The preparation of Chapters III and IV was under the immediate supervision of S. L. Osterweis.

### North Carolina Tobacco Growers Seek to Restrain Collection of Penalty Taxes Under Agricultural Adjustment Act.

In the Wake County Superior Court N. C. on Sept. 16 suit was brought by a group of North Carolina tobacco growers to restrain the collection of the 50% penalty imposed under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 on marketing tobacco in excess of AAA quotas. The Raleigh "News and Observer" of Sept. 17 said:

On the strength of a complaint including all 600 farmers as "plaintiffs" Judge W. C. Harris ordered proprietors of the 351 warehouses in the four flue-cured belts to appear here Sept. 27 and show cause why they should not be restrained from collecting and remitting the tax to the Secretary of Agriculture and why sums equivalent to the penalty should not be impounded with the clerk of court pending outcome of the test suit.

#### Commerce Causes Attacked:

Supporting the contention that the act is unconstitutional, the complaint charges Congress with attempting to control tobacco marketing as a part of interstate commerce when in effect "it is solely intrastate commerce."

The Agricultural Adjustment Act was passed Feb. 1, 1938, and was captioned "An act to Provide for the Conservation of National Soil Resources and to Provide an adequate and balanced flow of Agricultural Commodities in Inter-state and Foreign Commerce and for other purposes."

Constitutionality of the measure was predicated on the interstate commerce theory as a means of overcoming the flaws found by the United States Supreme Court in the old AAA of 1933, which was invalidated.

Growing, harvesting and marketing tobacco, the complaint said, "do not directly affect or obstruct the free flow of interstate or foreign commerce, having nothing whatever to do with such commerce, and if they affect any commerce whatever, which plaintiffs deny, it is solely interstate commerce, which is beyond the power of the Congress of the United States to regulate."

The complaint contended that the act is unconstitutional for further reasons:

#### Exceeds Power

That it delegates to the Secretary of Agriculture "powers of legislation with respect to matters that were not even within the Constitutional powers of the Congress itself."

That it violates the Tenth Amendment which provides that powers not delegated to the United States nor prohibited by it to the States are reserved to the States.

That it "deprives each of such plaintiffs of property without due process of law, in violation of the Fifth Amendment."

#### Three Purposes

The complaint listed three purposes: Invalidation of the entire control act, invalidation of individual tobacco marketing quotas, and restraining warehousemen from collecting the tobacco penalties.

If warehousemen fail to make a defensive case here Sept. 27, Judge Harris will issue a temporary order restraining collection and remittance to the Secretary of Agriculture of all tobacco penalties, and the order will stand pending final determination of the constitutional question. In such a case, a date will be set for hearing the petition for a permanent order.

On Aug. 26 an order impounding penalties in Federal court in a suit brought by Georgia tobacco growers testing validity of marketing provisions of the law was signed by Federal Judge Bascom S. Deaver at Macon Ga. This suit was scheduled to be heard Sept. 23 in Valdosta by a court of three Federal Judges.

At Florence, S. C. on Aug. 22 Circuit Judge L. D. Lide issued a temporary injunction ordering the impounding of funds collected by South Carolina warehousemen as penalties imposed upon tobacco growers in excess of quotas assigned them under the AAA.

Injunctions granted in July to Georgia and Florida tobacco growers were noted in these columns July 30, page 656.

### A. P. Sloan Jr. Expresses Optimism on Business Future—Change in Nation's Thinking Given as Reason

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., Chairman of the General Motors Corp., said in an interview on Sept. 16 that he was opti-

mistic concerning the business outlook of the country, both from the short-term and the long-term view. He stressed a change in the attitude of people in adopting work as the solution of economic problems as the basis of his optimism. His remarks were briefly quoted as follows in a dispatch from Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 16, to the Detroit "Free Press":

"I feel better about America's picture than I have for many years," Mr. Sloan declared. "And I say that honestly."

"I am an optimist naturally, but I must be optimistic in a fundamental way. I am not optimistic when our Nation is laboring under the delusion that we can get something for nothing, that we can get riches out of the air."

"I am now being encouraged and in a more fundamental way. It is apparent that the people are recognizing the fact that we cannot go on the way we have been doing. I say this because of the many evidences of a change that has been coming to me. And these evidences have come to me from persons close to the Government."

Discussing chances for the 1939 automobile business, Mr. Sloan declared that the outlook was much improved. Recent consumption has exceeded production, and that gives hope of a reasonable improvement in the sale of cars next year, he said.

### Business Prospects Good for Remainder of Year, Head of National Credit Men's Association Says—Sees Upturn Due to Combination of Three Factors

The current economic recovery in the United States may be ascribed to the combined influence of more stimulation in war influences, natural recovery trends, and the governmental lending-spending program, Henry H. Heimann, Executive Manager of the National Association of Credit Men, said on Sept. 14 in his monthly business review sent to the Association's 20,000 banking, manufacturing and wholesaling members. His survey, in part, said:

There can be no denial that business prospects are good for the rest of the year. There is every indication that business improvement will continue, with the usual pattern of a broadening prosperity structure rising on a continually broadening foundation.

The stock market recovery of the past few months was followed by betterment in the consumers' goods field, particularly in shoes and textiles. The railroads have experienced a slight measure of improvement, although still in a low state, and the bumper farm crops should aid the transportation industry as they are moved from farm to market.

An important sector in the economic front is the capital goods industry. The lack of durability in the recovery which ended a year ago was largely due to the absence of the stimulus which activity in the capital goods field can provide. Recent estimates of private acquisition of plant and machinery, however, show a slow but steady rise in such spending.

If this rise in capital goods activity can parallel the improvement in the consumer goods field, a more stable foundation for the oncoming recovery will be established. And that recovery itself is likely to last longer. Certainly the potential orders for railroad equipment, building construction, obsolescent machinery, new utility needs, to name a few, imply the possibilities inherent in capital goods recovery.

The seasonal downtrend in automobiles is now over as production and distribution channels are open for the new models. Current activity, however, is not up to last year's level in this field, a statement that can also be made of many other fields, including the production of bituminous coal, electric power, petroleum and steel, as well as building construction, factory employment, and merchandise imports and exports.

Wholesale inventories have been worked down rather generally, and the July statistics revealed a decline from 6% above 1937 figures in January to 16% below 1937 in July. If we couple this with the fact that the index of retail inventories in the same month was about equal to that existing in July, 1936, which was before the late 1936-early 1937 buying wave, it is safe to expect that wholesalers will have to replenish as they experience increasing orders from this point forward.

In short, there has been considerable "room for improvement" in business. And we are now again experiencing the first exhilarating effects of recovery. The duration and the extent of that recovery, however, are dependent on many oft-listed factors. The months ahead will tell us more thoroughly how these factors are cooperating in the recovery. And by their cooperation shall we know how much and how long our recovery will be.

### Dean Madden Sees Continuance of Low Interest Rates—Issues New Study of United States Obligations

The Government is "definitely committed to the continuation of its present policy of low interest rates" is the conclusion reached by Dean John T. Madden, Director of the Institute of International Finance, in a study of "United States Government Obligations and the Banks," issued Sept. 12. Acting in unison, the Treasury and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, says Dean Madden, have great powers over the money market and are in a position to either maintain low interest rates or increase them. He believes it may be assumed that their policies will be dictated primarily by business conditions and by the financial position of the Government. Continuing, Dean Madden says:

Whether or not the monetary authorities will again institute restrictive credit measures once business conditions show a material improvement—as they did in 1937—will depend probably on whether such recovery is accompanied by an undue increase in inventories and by a material increase in prices of commodities and equities.

"The Government debt as a factor in the money market is of greater importance today than at any time before," says Dean Madden, "because the gross interest-bearing public debt of the Government at the end of June, 1938, amounted to \$36,576,000,000 as contrasted with \$15,922,000,000 on June 30, 1930. During the next four years the Government will be called upon to refund \$10,868,000,000 of outstanding direct obligations. It is obvious, therefore, that the Government will endeavor to maintain low money rates. It has been estimated that if interest rates had remained unchanged since 1930, interest charges for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1938, would have amounted to over \$1,500,000,000, or more than 60% in excess of actual charges."

The needs of the Treasury, however, do not preclude a tightening of credit by the monetary authorities if this should be deemed necessary.

as was actually witnessed during 1936 and the early period of 1937. But it is logical to assume that such a policy would be followed only when business conditions have materially improved, which, in turn, would involve an increase in revenues of the Government and a decrease in the expenditures for recovery and relief. The tightening of credit by the monetary authorities during 1936 and 1937 was carried out in a period when business conditions were active, when Federal revenues were steadily mounting, and when it appeared as if the Government would really be in a position to balance the budget.

Dean Madden stated that the Government policy of maintaining low interest rates is intended not only to aid business and to facilitate the financing and refunding operations of the Treasury, but also to guard the financial institutions of the country against a precipitous or disorderly drop in the price of Government securities and high-grade bonds in general which would normally follow a sharp rise in interest rates.

The study reveals that between June 30, 1933, and Dec. 31, 1937, the banks of the country have increased their holdings of United States Government direct and fully guaranteed obligations by 114%. At the end of 1937 the operating banks of the country, including the mutual savings banks but excluding the Federal Reserve banks, held \$16,683,000,000 of Government and Government fully guaranteed obligations. This amount represented 24.7% of their total assets and 63.1% of their total investments.

The accumulation of Government securities by the banks is chiefly due to the large amount of surplus funds held by the banks, according to Dean Madden. Secondary reasons, in the order named, are given as the decline in the volume of commercial loans and the amount of short-term investments, the decline in the volume of new corporate financing, the uncertainty concerning the outlook for bonds, and the sharp increase in the public debt of the United States.

### Long-Time Financing Through Stock, Rather Than Bond Flotations, Advocated by Jerome N. Frank—Stresses Increased Flexibility in Equity Securities

The suggestion that it may be desirable that the bulk of long-time financing of major American industries should hereafter be done through the issuance of shares of stock, rather than by flotation of long-term bonds, was made Sept. 22 in an address by Jerome N. Frank, of the Securities and Exchange Commission, presented before the National Association of Securities Commissioners at Kansas City. The illness of Mr. Frank prevented his attendance, and in his absence his address was read by Chester Lane, General Counsel of the SEC. It was noted by Mr. Frank that "the suggestion has hopped up again and again that railroads be reorganized and subsequently financed through the issuance solely of shares of stock. And" he went on to say, "if we inquire into the reason for that recurrent suggestion, we might conclude that it is perhaps appropriately applicable not only to railroads, but to other major industries."

One of the most commonly accepted and most disturbing elements in modern capitalist economy, Mr. Frank said, is "the recurrent necessity imposed on industry of meeting fixed interest charges on long-term debts. It has often been observed" he said, "that when a railroad is unable to meet its interest charges and is forced into bankruptcy, so that the principal of all its debt matures, the bondholders are almost invariably injured." In part he continued:

Immediately upon the appointment of a receiver or trustee, it is the usual practice to suspend in whole or in part the payment of interest, and in that manner the bondholders suffer. But there is a more important cause of injury to them. Theoretically the bonds call for the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds in cash, and theoretically, when there is a default the bondholders have a right to have the property sold for cash, and to receive the proceeds in cash until they have been paid in full. But everybody knows that a railroad, when it becomes financially embarrassed, is not, in anything but form, sold for cash, and that the bondholders do not receive payment of their bonds. The foreclosure is purely formal, and not real. What actually occurs is what is known as a reorganization. And the reorganization terminates in the formation of a new company which issues new securities in exchange for the old bonds. Usually, these new securities are in part bonds and in part stock, and the new bonds are usually subordinated bonds, because new money is required, and for that new money prior lien bonds of the new company are issued, which rank ahead of the new bonds given to the old bondholders. Since reorganization of most of our railroads has been a periodic phenomenon, this may often be said: A railroad bond is in fact not a binding promise to pay the principal and interest of the bond, but contains an implied option, running to the so-called borrower, to issue to the bondholder, in place of payment, a new, junior bond and some stock in a reorganized company.

The history of railroad finance therefore goes to show that so far as railroads are concerned, the investors would perhaps be far better off if they realistically recognized that they had only a prior claim against earnings and if, therefore, the securities issued to them consisted of stock, entitled to earnings, but not so legally devised as to cause defaults and costly and wasteful reorganizations in the event of defaults. In other words, the history of railroad financing goes to show that maybe, at least with respect to railroads, we need to take a new attitude concerning interest: that while, in earlier periods, the condemnation of interest-taking—whether it purported to be based on theological, or moral, or economic grounds—was founded upon a regard for the borrower, today we may perhaps need to put severe restrictions upon interest-taking, out of regard for the welfare of the investor.

It seems to augment depressions by bringing upon us bankruptcies and receiverships, costly, wasteful, destructive. We have, perhaps, heretofore too uncritically accepted, as an inherent part of our profit system, that a large portion of investment in our industries should consist of such long-term interest-bearing obligations with a legal requirement to pay interest regardless of earnings.

It would seem that perhaps it is time to consider carefully whether a movement away from such interest-bearing securities toward what are known as "equity" securities would not, because of the increased flexibility, bring greater security to all investors and do much to eliminate one important factor tending to undermine the profit system. I recall to you the fact that one of our best-loved popular philosophers, the late Will Rogers, was fond of saying, "The main trouble with the world is that Old Man Interest's got us."

Please understand that I am merely raising for discussion, and not purporting to answer, the question: Do we not have too much interest in interest? (And, even in raising it tentatively, any attitudes I intimate are to be taken not as an official statement but as personal to me.)

That question cannot be answered adequately without the most painstaking and elaborate study of insurance company investments. The SEC, in connection with the work of the so-called Monopoly Committee, is moving towards a beginning of such a study—which will, or course, involve consultation with insurance company executives and experts. As State laws stand today, life insurance companies cannot invest at all extensively in shares of stock. It is interesting to note that, to a considerable extent, fire insurance companies have invested in such shares. One of the questions that needs to be carefully canvassed is whether life insurance companies should not also make such investments.

In order, adequately, to comprehend what would be the effect of a substantial shift from bond financing to stock financing it would also be necessary to study, exhaustively, the needs of savings banks and of the savings departments of commercial banks. Laws regulating their investments and obligations should, of course, be carefully canvassed. And the same is true with respect to the statutes regulating the investment of trust funds.

In all of the foregoing, I am, of course, not dealing with commercial short-term loans by banks. For the financing of ordinary short-term commitments of industry (for working capital, purchase of materials and the like) such commercial bank loans, bearing interest, are, of course, in an entirely different category.

### Gov. Lehman, in Address at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Incident to Anniversary of Ratification of Federal Constitution by New York State, Declares Blessings of Democracy Can Be Safeguarded only Through "Struggle, Sacrifice and Vigilance"

Declaring on Sept. 17 that "democracy cannot be torn down if we are ever vigilant in defense of the rights guaranteed us by the Constitution, Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York added, however, that we must be ever mindful "that the blessings of our democracy were gained through struggle and sacrifice and unending vigilance," and that "they can be safeguarded only through struggle and sacrifice and unending vigilance." Governor Lehman spoke thus at the celebration at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., on Sept. 17, of the anniversary of the ratification by New York State of the Federal Constitution. An address by President Roosevelt, which featured the celebration, was broadcast from Washington and is given under another head in this issue. Governor Lehman in his remarks observed that "in the past few years we have had a rude awakening." He went on to say "in the wake of the World War has come a maelstrom of new-born ill-will and intolerance. Dictatorships have in many countries superseded democracies. Freedom of thought and conscience has been stifled. We would be reckless if we blinded our eyes to the threat which dictatorship today constitutes to democracy and to democratic principles." In part, he continued:

There must throughout our nation be an aroused and affirmative and vigilant public opinion that permits of no weakening of our faith in democracy—that tolerates no encroachment on our liberties. Against the wall of such public opinion undemocratic or subversive doctrines will crush themselves.

If we dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of humanity and justice, I have no fear that in this country liberty will be destroyed, that tyranny can ever take the place of democracy, and that intolerance will again assume power. The pioneer spirit of liberty still animates our people. Our Nation is more than a geographical unit under a single government. Our Nation is composed of peoples of many stocks and of many religions; but we are united by an intense love of liberty. We are a Nation born of a great ideal, and as long as the Nation survives that ideal must and will be cherished and preserved.

Other nations may reject that ideal and temporarily turn back to the darkness of the Middle Ages. All the more the need that we hold the torch of liberty aloft so that others may see its light.

Against intolerance and despotism men and women of goodwill—of all races and creeds—must stand together and hurl back the answer that they will not abandon the principles upon which our democracy was built.

We meet here today with a deep sense of gratitude for the liberties that have blessed us since the birth of the Nation and with a strong determination that we will defend those liberties with all the strength of our hearts and bodies.

No! The traditional policy of America of civil and religious liberty will not be abandoned. Against foreign propaganda or example and against internal assault, it will find strong defense in the American spirit. American ideals will triumph because American ideals are founded on right and justice.

Besides the President's address, and the speech by Governor Lehman, other addresses were delivered by Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox, President of Union College and of the State Historical Association, Mayor G. V. L. Spratt of Poughkeepsie, Assemblyman Steingut, and State Senator Bontecou.

Governor Lehman on Sept. 18 addressed the fifteenth annual Brooklyn (N. Y.) Constitution Day celebration in Prospect Park, at which time he said:

The struggle between democracy and dictatorship may be long and bitter. Dedicate yourselves anew to the cause of justice and tolerance. For it is only under democracy that we can hope abidingly to have the blessings of religious and civil liberty and tolerance.

In New York City, on Sept. 17, the 151st anniversary of the signing of the Federal Constitution was marked by several celebrations, one of which was held at the Sub-Treasury Building, the site of President Washington's first inauguration. At the ceremonies, which were held under the auspices of the Sons of the American Revolution, the proclamation of Governor Lehman designating Constitution Day was read by Frederick H. Cone, former President of the New York Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

### G. G. Paton Discusses "Hedging" Before Associated Coffee Industries of America

George G. Paton, statistician of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, speaking at the convention of the Associated Coffee Industries of America at French Lick Springs, Ind., on Sept. 19, told the members "sheer self-preservation requires that the 'twentieth century' business man investigate every known means of protecting profits. In these uncertain times, at home and abroad, the coffee roaster should be ready to sell coffee futures as a 'hedge' against his inventory of green coffee whenever it appears an adverse movement of price is in prospect," Mr. Paton said. He continued:

Coffee prices started down during the last half of July, 1914, the December contract on the futures market dropping from 8.89c. on July 15 to 7.00c. at the end of the month. By December, 1914, the price was 5.49c., a net decline of about 3½c. per pound. War depresses coffee prices because shipments to belligerent countries are usually interrupted; shipping becomes scarce; lack of funds or means of transferring credits interferes with sales; and crops, unlike those of commodities grown by countries involved in the hostilities, are still being harvested. The net result is a "continued" supply as against a restricted demand, and stocks begin to pile up in both producing and consuming centers. On the other hand, the duration of the fighting is an important consideration; higher freight rates must be considered, and it must be remembered that the consequence of war or, for that matter, unbridled spending in peace times, is always inflation.

Mr. Paton explained that when the speculator was induced to hedge it might be charged that "gambling" was being encouraged, but when coffee merchants were advised to use the Exchange the message was "Take the gamble out of the coffee business." Answering the common charge of those unfamiliar with the futures market that "the Exchange puts the market up or down," he said: "The Exchange has no more to do with fixing the price of coffee than the speedometer on the car has to do with the rate of speed at which you travel. Both are merely recording what is happening."

### Amendment of Wagner Labor Relations Act and Tax Reforms Advocated by National Small Business Men's Association in Declaration of Principles Approved at Pittsburgh

The first annual convention of the National Small Business Men's Association at Pittsburgh, Pa. was concluded on Sept. 16, following the approval of a declaration of principles, which, it is learned from the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" in reiterating stands on Government and business matters previously expressed at convention forums, included these major points:

1. Amendment of the Wagner Labor Act, to provide for "impartial application under the accepted rules of court procedure."
2. Tax reforms, including repeal of the undistributed profits tax, modifications looking toward a tax system "for revenue only" and provision for a six-month period between the passage and application of tax legislation.
3. Adoption of a "pay-as-you-go" policy with regard to Social Security and establishment of the merit system in unemployment relief.
4. Opposition to "Government operation or ownership" in that the Government "should cooperate but not compete."
5. A protest against the O'Mahoney licensing bill.
6. Return of relief administration to the State on a non-political basis.
7. Opposition to any move to curtail the powers of the Comptroller General.

The declaration closed with the statement that the association "hereby pledges its willingness to participate in any reasonable efforts along constructive lines which have as their objective the immediate resumption of normal business activity."

The Board of Trustees of the Association reelected DeWitt M. Emery, of Akron, Ohio, as President and named C. R. Boyd, Coraopolis lumber dealer, Executive Vice-President. Other officers elected were: Wilbur A. Jones of Omaha, Neb., Vice-President; Robert L. James of Staunton, Va., Treasurer; D. H. Holloway of Akron, Ohio, Assistant Treasurer; James S. Westbrook of Bridgeport, Conn., Secretary; Margaret K. Robson of Akron, Ohio, Assistant Secretary, and J. Raymond Tiffany of Hoboken, N. J., General Counsel. A reference to the meeting appeared in these columns Sept. 17, page 1716.

### United States Government to Enter Chemical Production Field—Puerto Rican Relief Project Will Produce Solvents Although United States Capacity Exceeds Use

The United States Government for the first time is going into the production of chemicals by building a plant to make solvents from molasses in Puerto Rico according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 20, which added:

The venture is under the auspices of the Puerto Rican Reconstruction Administration, government relief agency set up in the Islands.

The plant, being built by the Lummus Co. of New York, will have a capacity of about 3,500,000 pounds of butyl alcohol and about 1,500,000 pounds of acetone annually and will be ready for operation soon after the first of next year.

It is understood that a government commission appointed to investigate the desirability of building the plant recommended against it, but in spite of this adverse recommendation an appropriation of \$250,000 to \$500,000 was secured.

About 50,000,000 pounds each of butyl alcohol and acetone are used annually in this country and present capacity is now considerably in excess of consumption. Prices of these solvents have declined sharply over the past year. Principal producers are Commercial Solvents, U. S. Industrial Alcohol, Union Carbide, Publicker Commercial Alcohol and Franco-American Chemical Works, Shell Petroleum Corp. is a producer of acetone.

### Attorney General Cummings Says Justice Department Not to Halt Anti-Trust Proceedings Against Affiliate of American Medical Association—Certain Principles of Administration's National Health Program Favored by Association

The Department of Justice has no intention of discontinuing its investigation of alleged monopolistic practices by the District of Columbia Medical Society, despite the American Medical Association's recent announcement of its agreement with the Administration's health program, Attorney General Homer S. Cummings said on Sept. 20. Plans for the investigation were mentioned in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 6, pages 331-32. The A. M. A. House of Delegates at Chicago, on Sept. 17, favored Federal and State aid in caring for the indigent, expansion of existing hospital facilities, furtherance of sickness insurance plans, and approval of group hospital programs. Mr. Cummings's comments on the department's intentions were reported as follows in Associated Press Washington advices of Sept. 20:

Describing this action as "extremely gratifying," Mr. Cummings said that "in the main it is an indorsement of the program" adopted in July by President Roosevelt's special interdepartmental Committee on Health. "It represents substantial progress," he added:

Attorney General Cummings said there seemed to be some confusion over his department's proposal to present to the District of Columbia Grand Jury next month its case against the medical society.

The action proposed is not against the American Medical Association, he said, but is, instead, against the District Medical Society, and is based on complaints "of unlawful restraints of trade, of efforts to coerce and boycott—efforts carried to the extent of refusing consultation and closing the doors of hospitals to physicians of approved professional qualifications."

He said it was not the duty of the Department of Justice to see that any method of furnishing medical service should prevail, but merely to stop any restraints of trade and coercive practices.

In this respect, Mr. Cummings said, the department is in the same position as the referee in a football game when "it becomes his painful duty on occasions to impose a 15-yard penalty for holding."

The monopoly case grew out of medical society action against members participating in a group health association program.

The action of the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association was indicated as follows in Associated Press accounts from Chicago on Sept. 17:

The delegates, meeting in a special session here for the last two days, approved with few dissenting votes or objections five recommendations which agreed in most major principles with the national health program outlined two months ago by President Roosevelt's interdepartmental Committee on Health and Welfare.

That committee had declared that the health of the people was a direct concern of the Federal Government. The medical association agreed today that the health of impoverished persons should be protected with the use of State and Federal funds when necessary.

The President's committee urged establishment of a Federal Department of Health, the Secretary of which would be a member of the Cabinet. The Association agreed, with the proviso that the Secretary "must be a physician."

On the expansion of public health and maternal and child welfare services the Association agreed with the committee completely.

The delegates backed the committee in its indorsement of better use of existing hospital facilities but opposed the building of additional hospitals where they were not needed. They also indorsed plans for hospital service insurance and cash indemnity insurance policies which would remunerate a person during prolonged illness.

They opposed vigorously, however, any plan of compulsory health insurance, contending that it would be "a complicated, bureaucratic system which has no place in a democratic State" because it would lend itself "to political control and manipulation."

The delegates also expressed agreement with the President's committee on plans to compensate workers for loss of wages during illness and urged the expansion of workmen's compensation laws. The certification of a worker for such compensation should not be made by a private physician, however, they added, but by a medical employee of the concern employing the worker.

The American Medical Association served notice on Sept. 20 it would oppose "with its utmost power" any attempt "to convict it in the eyes of the people of being a predatory, anti-social monopoly." Associated Press accounts from Chicago, reporting this, added:

That attitude was outlined in an editorial in the organization's journal in the light of last week's meeting of the House of Delegates, governing body of the A. M. A.

### Incomes of One-Third of American Families in 1935-36 Less Than \$780 Disclosed in Report of National Resources Committee to President—Figures also Show One-Half Had Incomes of Less Than \$1,070, While Two-Thirds Had Less Than \$1,450.

One-third of all American families and individual consumers had incomes of less than \$780 in the year 1935-36; one-half had less than \$1,070, and two-thirds less than \$1,450, according to a report of the National Resources Committee transmitted to President Roosevelt and made public on Sept. 4. Approximately nine-tenths—89%—received less than \$2,500, it is stated. About 2% of all "consumer units," the report reveals, received incomes of \$5,000 and over, and less than 1% received \$10,000 and over.

The report—"Consumer Incomes in the United States: Their Distribution in 1935-36"—is described as giving "the most complete picture ever presented of the division of the national income among the American people." It shows estimates of the incomes received by the Nation's 29,000,000 families of two or more persons, by the 10,000,000 single individuals living alone or as lodgers, and by the 2,000,000 persons living in institutions and in military posts, labor camps and other institutional groups.

For families, including 91% of the population, the report presents in detail the course of the flow of income to farms, villages and cities, to geographic regions, to different occupational groups, to families of different size, and—in the South and in Northern cities—to the white and Negro population.

In part, the report says:

The great majority of the Nation's consumers are members of families of two or more persons, sharing a common income and living under a common roof. The 29,400,300 families in the population during 1935-36 were by far the most important group of income-spending units, including nearly 91% of the total body of consumers.

The distribution of these 29,000,000 families by income level is shown. . . 14% of all families received less than \$500 during the year studied; 42% received less than \$1,000; 65% less than \$1,500, and 87% less than \$2,500. Above the \$2,500 level there were about 10% with incomes up to \$5,000; about 2% receiving between \$5,000 and \$10,000, and only 1% with incomes of \$10,000 or more.

When the incomes of all families are added together the aggregate is approximately \$48,000,000,000. The shares of this total income going to the various income groups are also shown. Thus we find that the 42% of families with incomes under \$1,000 received less than 16% of the aggregate, while the 3% with incomes of \$5,000 or more received 21% of the total. The incomes of the top 1% accounted for a little more than 13% of the aggregate.

In addition to the 116,000,000 consumers living in family groups in 1935-36 there were 10,000,000 men and women lodging in rooming houses and hotels, living as lodgers or servants in private homes or maintaining independent living quarters as one-person families.

These single individuals constituted nearly 8% of the total population and received 19% of the total consumer income.

Sixty-one per cent. received incomes of less than \$1,000 and accounted for 29% of the total income of the group. Ninety-five per cent. received less than \$2,500, and a little more than 1% received \$5,000 or more.

Summarizing some of the features of the report, the committee says:

The total amount of income flowing into the hands of families and single individuals during the year studied was found to be approximately \$59,000,000,000. The poorest third of these 39,000,000 consumer units received 10% of this total—about the same amount as the richest one-half of 1%. The poorer half received 21% of the total—just a little less than the highest 3%. And the poorer two-thirds received 34% of the aggregate income—somewhat less than the highest 10%.

The families and single individuals making up the poorest third of the Nation, with incomes under \$780, were not a distinct and unusual group, the report points out. They included all types of consumers, living in all types of community, and belonging to all of the major occupational groups. Although almost four million were dependent on relief at some time during the year, fully 70% of the total number—that is, a little over 9,000,000—received no assistance of any kind from a relief agency. The families in this non-relief group differed from the other two-thirds of the Nation principally in the larger number living on farms and in the larger number in wage-earning occupations.

The average income of this poorest third—that is, the mean income of the poorest 13,000,000 families and single individuals—was \$471. For the middle third of the Nation, with incomes of \$780 to \$1,450, the average was \$1,076. And for the highest third, with incomes ranging from \$1,450 to more than \$1,000,000 a year, the average was \$3,000, according to the findings of the report. The average income of all the Nation's families, the report estimates, was \$1,622, and the average for all single individuals, \$1,151.

As used in this study, the report explains, "income" means money income from all sources plus "the money value of the occupancy of owned homes and of rent received as pay and—for rural families—of home-grown food and other farm products used by the family." Income from earnings and from profits was taken as net rather than gross income. Income taxes were not deducted before incomes were reported. For those dependent on relief at some time during the year, work-relief earnings and direct relief in cash and in kind were also included.

The contrast between the incomes of farm and city dwellers is strikingly shown by the results of the study, the report says. Fifty-eight per cent. of all non-relief families living in large cities and metropolises are found in the highest third, while only 27% of the non-relief farm families had incomes as high as \$1,450 even when the value of home-grown food is counted. The average (mean) income in the metropolis was \$2,704 for the year, while the average on the farm was \$1,259. Between these two extremes the average income showed a progressive rise with increasing size of community.

The contrast between the incomes of different occupational groups is even more pronounced, according to the report: "Almost 80% of the non-relief families in the professional group are found in the upper third, and 63% of the business and clerical groups, as compared with 35% of wage-earning families and 27% of farm families."

Comparing average incomes, the figures range from \$1,259 and \$1,289 for farm and for wage-earning families to about \$4,200 for the salaried business group and about \$6,700 for the independent professional group.

In considering these figures on the incomes of non-relief families it must be kept in mind, the report points out, that the results would run appreciably lower if families who received relief at some time during the year were included. It must also be remembered, the report emphasizes, that the real incomes of the American people cannot be fully measured in terms of dollars and cents. Differences in cost of living in different communities, in the number of persons dependent on the income and in their individual needs, must also be taken into account in interpreting the findings of the study.

This study of income distribution among consumers is the first to appear since the Brookings Institution estimates for the year 1929, published in "America's Capacity to Consume." Previous to the Brookings report, only one report had been published—that for the year 1918, made by the National Bureau of Economic Research.

As the 1918 estimates applied to "individual income recipients" rather than to families, the results are not comparable with the present study. The Brookings Institution figures, although on a family income basis, are also not comparable, the report points out, owing to differences in the data and the methods used in preparing the estimates.

The data for 1935-36, presented in the report issued today, is different from these previous studies in that it is based on detailed statements of over 300,000 families, representing all types and places. From such a large sample, or series of samples, it is confidently believed a more accurate and detailed national picture has been developed than was ever possible before.

A second report analyzing expenditures of the incomes received in 1935-36 is now in preparation and will be published.

The committee, in its announcement, also says:

The report was made for the Industrial Committee of the National Resources Committee as part of a larger study of the Nation's consumption demands in relation to its productive capacities. Dr. Hildegard Kneeland, of the National Resources Committee, was in charge of the study. The results are based primarily on family income data obtained in the Study of Consumer Purchases, a Works Progress Administration project conducted by the United States Bureau of Home Economics and the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the National Resources Committee and the Central Statistical Board.

### Secretary Hull Says United States Seeks Peace Through Reduction of International Trade Barriers—Address Read at Opening Session of International Management Congress—Other Speakers Include Willis H. Booth, Secretary Roper, Lewis H. Brown, A. W. Robertson, and William Allen White

The United States tried to reduce international trade barriers in order to remove "pressure leading toward military action," Secretary of State Hull said on Sept. 19 in a welcoming address read to 2,000 delegates to the seventh International Management Congress in Washington. Due to the pressure of foreign affairs, Mr. Hull was unable to attend the meeting, and his address was read by Assistant Secretary of State George S. Messersmith. The delegates came from almost every State in the country and from 21 foreign countries. Among the many speakers at the congress, which concluded Sept. 22, were Willis H. Booth, Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York City, who acted as Honorary Chairman; Secretary of Commerce Roper; Lewis H. Brown, President of the Johns-Manville Corp.; A. W. Robertson, Chairman of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.; William Allen White, editor of the Emporia, Kan., "Gazette," and Ralph E. Flanders, President of the Jones & Lamson Machine Co.

Mr. Hull said that the United States had sought a return to standards of international law which promote commerce, improve management and increase wealth. As to his address, we quote as follows from a Washington dispatch, Sept. 19, to the New York "Journal of Commerce":

"Government, like management, has a further and positive task—to increase the volume of international trade and commerce by removing economic obstacles to its sound and healthy development," Mr. Messersmith said. "It must be plain to all of you that management can best succeed when conditions are stable, when trade is secure, and when there is throughout the world a basis for exchange of goods and services.

"Modern civilization may fairly be said to rest on that foundation; for nations were fertilized and enriched by exchange of ideas and the increase of production as their citizens traded with each other and the national economies of each were brought to an even higher level because they were able to exchange goods and services with other countries."

In response to Mr. Messersmith, the Rt. Hon. Viscount Leverhulme, President of the International Committee of Scientific Management and Governor of Lever Bros., Ltd., praised the support given to efforts of the conference by the United States. He lauded management methods and practices used in the United States and reiterated the idea expressed by Secretary of State Hull's speech that there should be an international exchange of efficient management methods.

Reporting Secretary Hull as saying "we hear it seriously urged that, in the fields of production and commerce, exclusive policies should be carried out with the aim of preventing the natural exchange of goods and services, of engineering skill and of management ideas across national lines," a dispatch by F. Raymond Daniell from Washington to the New York "Times" likewise gave, in part, as follows Mr. Hull's remarks:

The United States has endeavored to work out a policy for steady reduction of world trade barriers to promote mutually beneficial exchange so that the genius of any one in any country may be made available for the benefit of everybody in all countries.

This we have done in the firm belief that thereby there would be created in all countries conditions contributing to removal of pressure leading toward military action, and making unnecessary the enormous burdens placed upon the world by armament and the monstrous threat to the world of military action.

In order to do this we have engaged in and have encouraged with all our power a return to those standards of international law under which commerce thrived, management improved and wealth increased.

Mr. Booth, in his address opening the congress, said that Mr. Hull has been the principal American exponent of the cause of increasing international intercourse as a basis of peace. The Washington dispatch, Sept. 19, to the "Journal of Commerce" quoted him:

"In an emotional world he has been a constructive and sympathetic realist and has gone about the task of developing international economic cooperation in a most helpful and practical way. What we do individually in our various enterprises he is doing internationally from the point of view of the United States Government.

It only needs an Anglo-American trade agreement and a comprehensive revision of America's trade relations with the British Empire as a whole to justify in the eyes of the world the principles and methods by which the United States is seeking expansion of world trade in general as a basis for attainment of economic appeasement and political security."

#### Takes Up Social Welfare

Mr. Booth emphasized the growing trend toward recognizing human rights as superior to property rights, and pointed out that the solution to the problem thus created must be found or else the possibility of government control, destroyed initiative, and unprogressive industry must be faced.

"This congress," he said, "will be called upon to weigh with a sober and sane view, and a proper sense of proportion, just how far in the social

changes which are upon us we can go and make real progress, as distinct from over-ambitious social programs which may destroy all progress."

Secretary Roper, speaking at the concluding banquet on Sept. 22, stressed the importance of successful business management. Business, he said, is on the threshold of a more colorful and romantic era in which industrial leadership of the future will come up through apprenticeship. He continued, in part:

Under the urge of the profit motive, management cannot hope for a Utopian state in which problems will be dissolved by altruistic thinking. Yet only as you strive toward perfection can imperfections be overcome.

Basic to successful management is correct understanding, and through understanding the development of faith, mutual trust and cooperation. Wars and rumors of war are, or should be, obnoxious to this objective. The household of management, therefore, through its influence in the fields of industry, commerce, finance, agriculture and the home, should exercise every possible means of encouraging solidarity among world forces for peace and the security which alone can come through peaceful human relations. Only through a general raising of human sentiment to deepen spiritual quality and to carry it over a wider field can the factor of human motives and mutual trust be sufficiently changed to have an economic result.

This requires patience, forbearance and courage. If the crucial problems of industry, social relations and government are to be solved, the approach must be through unselfish cooperation and in a spirit of mutual sympathy and understanding.

While there is much in the monetary, the economic, the social, the political and even the peace outlook to provoke despair and pessimism, yet the defeatist attitude will not solve anything. Cooperatively, we must present a solid front in a spirit of optimism, faith in mankind, courage and willingness to call upon others to come out of their narrow personal environments and become a constructive force for making this era the beginning of a new order in a peaceful and prosperous world.

Mr. Brown, speaking at a session devoted to an exposition of the common ground between labor and management, said on Sept. 20 that the adoption of a "creed of management" that gives compelling expression to the ideals and intentions of those who are now managing American industry would be the basis for a common meeting ground in dealing with current social and economic problems. His address was reported by the congress as follows:

Mr. Brown emphasized that "during the last 30 years, under the continuously exerted pressure of change in this and other countries, and with the new widespread ownership of business by millions of shareholders, there has been developing an entirely new type of business executive who is a professional manager, not owner."

Modern managers, he said, in reality "are scientific specialists. These new industrial executives differ widely from the owner managers who preceded them in the ideas, ethics, social concepts and methods of management. In the complete industrial society under which we now live management no longer represents, as formerly, a single interest; increasingly it functions on the basis of a trusteeship, endeavoring to maintain a proper balance of equity between the shareholders, the job holders, the customers and the public."

Granting the existence of conflicts in the relationships of business with labor and with government, Mr. Brown contended that today's primary need was for an affirmation of "those principles upon which government and business, labor and agriculture, can work together in the solution of a common problem.

"Once we are agreed upon our true objectives as a nation," he continued, "unity of action will bring lasting business recovery. Without business recovery based upon sound national policies, there can be no stability, no security—nor can liberty itself be long preserved."

Mr. Robertson on Sept. 19 warned that misunderstandings regarding policies and achievements of private enterprise are bound to arise in a "kilowatt hour age" as contrasted with a "horsepower civilization." He was quoted further as follows, in an abstract of his speech made available by the congress:

"The greater the speed of living, or the higher the standard of living," he said, "the less people comprehend it. Almost anyone can understand a horsepower civilization and the simple transactions which constitute its life. Grain is planted, harvested, and sold; simple goods are manufactured and purchased. The complete round of life is clearly visible. But who among us can get a glimpse of the mechanism of this Kilowatt Hour Age, which is propelled through space almost as fast as the electric current which symbolizes it? Propellers we cannot see may be overlooked and neglected.

"Under such circumstances, when the wisest are at a loss and it seems easier to be wrong than to be right," Mr. Robertson continued, "management must stand by its colors, struggling to maintain the cause of free enterprise in a world threatened by too much regimentation.

"Free enterprise," he added, "may confidently hold up its head as representative of one of the most vital functions in our national economy today. It is the one thing which stands between us and a stale, flat, unhappy world of universal regimentation and individual conformity to a single pattern."

A high-light of the address, which dealt with management's responsibility to the public, was a suggestion regarding the formation of a stockholders' union to present demands for a greater share of business income. This was made in connection with a discussion of the charge that undue profits are earned and paid out by private undertakings.

Charles R. Hook, President of American Rolling Mill Co., speaking before the Congress on Sept. 22 said, according to Washington advices to the "Wall Street Journal" that the following three things must be done to safeguard the continuance of free enterprise:

- 1—Eliminate existing and threatening government competition with private enterprise.
- 2—Limit government expenditures to those needed for the economical administration of the legitimate functions of government, together with adequate relief appropriations for the unemployed. The tax burden on industry is more than double the 1932 figure, and taxes amount to 34% more than dividends paid to 5,200,000 common stockholders in 150 representative companies.
- 3—Give to the public an understanding of the facts about the free enterprise system.

The "middle class" is the real owner of American industry, Mr. White said on Sept. 20, adding that neither capital nor labor could thrive and prosper without its support, and warning that progress might be halted unless steps were taken to achieve industrial peace "outside party politics." In quoting Mr. White, a congress summary said:

"If a dozen or 20 years ago you, Mr. Capitalist," he said, "had used the social sense of the average man in the street, this problem of unemployment and old-age pensions would not be handing to your arch-enemies an organized, subsidized class-conscious proletariat which can be voted to your destruction. By your sloth you created this particular head devil who is mocking you. He is your baby. You begot him two decades ago in the days of your youth when you were going to handle your business in your own way and no man could come into your shop and tell you how to run it!"

Declaring that the platforms of both Republican and Democratic parties had contained planks as far back as 1920 calling for laws authorizing for workers "the right of collective bargaining with representatives of their own choosing," Mr. White continued by accusing capital of having failed to heed "the warning voice of wisdom," and with a large measure of responsibility for a "damned deluge" which "broke, good and plenty, on labor, capital and consumer."

Mr. White was similarly sharp in his criticisms of labor. . . . "Labor has been no Solomon. The proper business of a labor union is to get higher wages, better hours and good shop conditions for the workmen. But when labor en masse plunks its vote for its own party, then the spirit of party loyalty begins to obscure labor's objectives—high wages, short hours, decent shop conditions. Thus class-conscious labor leaders become more interested in their party welfare than in the fundamental objectives of labor unions. So we shall have the class-conscious political worker trading his vote not for the immediate objective of wages, hours and shop conditions, but for the power of his political labor boss."

Class-conscious labor should know, he said, that "the same patriotic indignation which turned upon a Federal class-conscious plutocracy and wrecked its power will turn upon a class-conscious proletariat and deny its aims."

"Without the support of the American public," he continued, "neither capital nor labor can thrive and prosper in this country. Progress will mark time until industry comes to its senses.

"This is a middle class country and the middle class will have its will and way. For the middle class is the real owner of American industry. The middle class is also 80% worker and the consumer of 80% of American industrial production in the home market. The middle class thinks and feels chiefly as the consumer. And before the middle class demands an increase in either interest for investors or higher wages for the worker, the middle class will demand fair prices and a stable industry."

A plea for a revival of initiative and enterprise in American business and industry was made before the congress on Sept. 22 by Mr. Flanders, who declared that the country's physical resources, technical progress and population justified preparations for expansion both in standards of living and in industrial activities. In quoting from his address, a congress summary said:

Speaking today on "The Balancing of Incentive and Security" at the seventh general session of the seventh International Management Congress, Mr. Flanders contended that business leadership has been lacking in the spirit of enterprise since 1929. Although granting that there were various explanations for this state of affairs, he insisted that the limits of the country's productivity had yet to be reached. As a means toward effective realization of existing possibilities, he advocated a clearer understanding of the need for a balance between security and incentive.

Granting, and in some measure advocating, society's obligation to youth, the unemployed, the underprivileged, and the aged, Mr. Flanders was, nevertheless, critical of the viewpoints of "the social worker whose mind is fixed on security alone," and of "the politician who finds the easy road to maintenance of power that of the promise of security."

Robert J. Watt, American Workers' Delegate to the International Labor Office, told the congress that American labor wants to be recognized as "the partner of capital in production, as the customer of capital in distribution, as the majority voice in a political democracy, and as the substantial center of our community life."

Mr. Watt qualified his statements by explaining that he was "talking simply as one labor leader," but declared that while individual union members might express differing individual views, there was common agreement on many basic objectives.

Defining labor as "a group term for working people," Mr. Watt advised business leaders and executives participating in the congress that a solution to many current problems was to be found in "viewing labor as a mass movement of individuals with the same sort of hopes and feelings and needs as yourselves," and urged them, in the interests of democratic institutions, to hasten the transition of labor unions from "the trenches to a state of mutually respectful partnership." The statement was made by Mr. Watt that labor did not prefer to ask for "the shorter work week and higher wages" by Government action. He added, however, that there was general agreement, despite objections of the American Federation of Labor to administrative policies and practices of the National Labor Relations Board, that Wagner Act principles should be maintained as "the foundation for the adequate and effective organization of workers."

In elaborating upon labor's desire for recognition as a partner of capital in production, Mr. Watt declared that while higher wages per unit of production was regarded as essential, it also was maintained that in situations where productive capacity exceeded consumer purchasing power, more men should be put to work at shorter hours.

In addition to those mentioned above, some of the other speakers at the congress were: Dr. Henry C. Link, Secretary of the Psychological Corp.; Dr. Karl T. Compton, President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Oswald W. Knauth, President of Associated Dry Goods Corp. of

New York; Emanuel Slechta, representing Czechoslovakia; R. Lloyd Roberts, Chief Labor Officer of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., London; Nils A. Sterner, Assistant General Manager of L. M. Ericson Telephone Co. of Stockholm; Alex Brule, Vice-President of National Committee of French Management; George Seebauer, Director of German Board of Efficiency, &c.

#### New York State Unit of National Conference of Investors Addressed by F. R. Dick and Rep. Pettin-gill—Railroad Legislative Program Adopted—Report Shows Roads Not Over-Capitalized

At a luncheon meeting of the New York State Unit of the National Conference of Investors, held at the Hotel Astor, in New York City yesterday, Sept. 23, speakers laid emphasis on the need of the more than 2,000,000 investors in railroad securities to organize and become articulate in order to protect their investments. Congressman Pettin-gill of Indiana, Fairman R. Dick of the investment firm of Dick & Merle-Smith and Jacob Aaronson, General Counsel of the New York Central R. R., were among those who addressed the meeting.

Mr. Dick pointed to the fact that in spite of transportation changes in the last 35 years, railroads are now carrying more freight than when they were financially strongest. He declared that if railroads were to finance their modernization requirements soundly, it must be through the sale of stock, not bonds. Under present conditions, however, he explained, the roads cannot find investors who are willing to risk buying railroad stocks. He held it rests with the investor to urge upon legislators the passage of legislation to revive public confidence in the railroads.

Another speaker who urged upon railroad investors the need for organization, in order to be heard by the lawmakers, was Representative Pettin-gill who is voluntarily retiring from Congress at the end of this year after serving eight years. He pointed to the influence in Washington of organized labor groups who are, considering industry in general, outnumbered by unorganized stockholders. He said that for Democracy to function properly there must be a balance between the voice of labor and that of capital.

He expressed the belief that if bankruptcy causes the Government to take over operation of the railroads, it will only be a matter of time when other forms of transportation, as well as communication systems, will become publicly owned. Later it will result in the Government acquiring coal and petroleum and perhaps even the railroad supply manufacturing industry. "If railroads go," he inquired, "who then is safe." He also questioned what effect there would be on Government credit, banks and insurance companies, if twenty billion dollars were added to the United States debt to take over the railroads.

The National Conference of Investors is a non-profit association of railroad investors, being organized throughout the country in state units. Units have already been formed in New York, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Oklahoma, Michigan, Texas, Iowa and North Dakota. On Sept. 26 the New York unit intends to start a circularization campaign to bring the 250,000 investors in New York State into the organization.

Robert E. Smith of New York City is Chairman of the National Conference and F. D. Russell, Pres., Security Mutual Life Insurance Co., Binghamton, New York, is Chairman of the New York State Unit.

A resolution introduced and adopted at the meeting places as follows the blame for the present plight of the railroads:

1. The invasion by Government of the functions of management without assuming its financial responsibilities.
2. Legislation which has robbed the railroads of their legitimate earnings and given them to subsidized competitors.
3. Pressure groups, public and private, which have totally disregarded (a) the interests of railroad labor as a whole and (b) a fair return to honest investment, thereby causing a total collapse of railroad credit.
4. Conditions under which the cost of wages, supplies, materials and taxes and other expenses are dictated by outside agencies whereas railroad managements are deprived of the right to fix the price of their transportation services and their management policies.

The resolution contends that the situation must be corrected by legislative action, both State and Federal, and calls upon State and National representatives to enact a program as follows, in brief:

##### Emergency Legislation

- (a) Revision of Rate-Making Rules to conform with existing conditions.
- (b) Removal of certain technical restrictions on RFC loans to railroads.
- (c) Repeal of Land Grant Freight Rates.
- (d) Discontinuance of Government owned and operated barge lines.
- (e) Regulation of water transportation.
- (f) Repeal of Long and Short Haul Clause of Interstate Commerce Act.

##### Long Range Legislation

- (a) Legislation facilitating railroad consolidations.
- (b) Important revision of Railway Labor Act.
- (c) Legislation relating to conflicting rate-making bodies.
- (d) Repeal of certain oppressive tax laws.
- (e) Tolls for commercial use of inland waterways.
- (f) Elimination of grade crossings at Government expense.
- (g) Legislation which will facilitate joint use of trucks, terminal facilities, stations, etc.
- (h) Protection against unjust claims.
- (i) Right of railroads to operate on highways and waterways.
- (j) Revision of Clayton Act.
- (k) Prohibition against Government officers appearing in rate cases as representatives of special, private interests or public expense.

- (l) Government to bear cost of reconstruction of bridges made necessary by improvement of navigable waters or flood control projects.

A report prepared by independent statistical agencies to show that railroads are not over-capitalized was presented at the meeting. It follows in full:

Railroads of the United States are not over-capitalized on the basis of the most conservative possible method of calculation; on the most liberal possible basis, they are under-capitalized to the extent of \$9,683,000,000, according to a report adopted by the National Conference of Investors.

The only authoritative compilations of railroad property investment are those of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Bureau of Valuation. The Bureau stated total property valuation (including present value of land and rights and working capital) as of Jan. 1, 1937 in four ways, as follows:

Original Cost.....	\$24,601,375,834
Original Cost Less Depreciation.....	18,453,054,652
Cost of Reproduction, New.....	27,714,527,378
Cost of Reproduction, Less Depreciation.....	20,693,951,492

As against these figures, Class I roads had outstanding \$18,031,003,191 par value of securities, comprising \$8,029,964,698 common and preferred stock and \$10,001,038,493 funded debt. On the basis of original cost, less depreciation, total capitalization is very nearly in line with valuation. On the basis of reproduction costs, total capitalization equals only 65% of valuation.

Moreover, the capitalization as given here is fictitious to the extent that it includes securities of roads in receivership or bankruptcy. Stocks of such roads total \$2,153,810,987, the greater part of which will be wiped out in eventual reorganizations, and the funded debt amounts to \$3,562,540,000, which will be greatly reduced.

Assuming only that the stocks are eliminated, total capitalization all Class I roads would be reduced to \$15,877,192,000, or 86% of property value on the most conservative possible basis of original cost less depreciation.

As a matter of fact, the sacrifice of security holders of bankrupt situations is in large part a fait accompli. Interest matured unpaid as of June 30, 1938, amounted to \$755,070,550. Of \$446,288,359 bond interest due last year, \$101,919,686 or 22.8% was not paid. In other words, bondholders have already taken a 22.8% cut, much of which will be permanent.

#### NLRB Trial Examiner Upholds C. I. O. Lead Union—Urges Reinstatement of 130 Striking Employees of Eagle Picher Mining & Smelting Co.

William Ringer, trial examiner for the National Labor Relations Board, on Sept. 12 recommended that the Board order the Eagle Picher Lead Co. and its subsidiary, the Eagle Picher Mining & Smelting Co., to reinstate with back pay 130 striking employees and 18 others. The company, it is reported, was also urged to stop encouraging membership in the Blue Card Union of Zinc, Lead, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor. The decision was regarded as a victory for the Committee for Industrial Organization, which had opposed the A. F. of L. union. Details of the ruling were given as follows in the Washington "Post" of Sept. 13:

The examiner, William Ringer, declared the Blue Card union was formed by the companies "as part of their three years' campaign to discourage membership in the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, formerly affiliated with the A. F. of L. but at the present time affiliated with the C. I. O.

##### Contract Void

The companies' contract with the Blue Card union should be declared null and void, Mr. Ringer held.

In addition to reinstatement of the 130 workers, Mr. Ringer called for remedial wages to 18 others.

The 130 were among some 600 members of the international union in the tri-State district (southeastern Kansas, northeastern Oklahoma and southeastern Missouri) who began a strike for union recognition on May 8, 1935. The union was then affiliated with the A. F. of L. Most of the strikers returned to work three weeks later in a back-to-work movement.

Mr. Ringer charged the companies formed and administered the Tri-State Union and its successor, the Blue Card Union, and that there were "numerous instances of violence and armed force by officers and members of the Tri-State Union against groups and individuals of the international union and persons sympathetic to its members."

Mr. Ringer said that F. W. Evans, operator of half a dozen mines in the district, cooperated in back-to-work mass meetings, and three weeks after the strike began assisted in the organization of the Tri-State Metal, Mine and Smelter Workers Union in opposition to the international. Mr. Evans eventually was named President of the new union, Mr. Ringer reported.

#### NLRB Announces Settlement of Two Disputes Involving Mackay Radio & Telegraph Co.

Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board in New York City, on Sept. 19 announced settlement of two labor disputes involving the Mackay Radio & Telegraph Co. Conditions of the settlement included reinstatement of 15 employees and payment of \$22,291. Mrs. Herrick said the settlement was reached as the result of a United States Supreme Court decision upholding a NLRB decision in a similar situation in Portland, Ore. The New York "Herald Tribune," Sept. 20, added:

The court, she said, upheld the decision that the company must take back four Portland employees and pay them \$7,291.37 in salary arrears. In New York, she said, the company would have to take back 11 employees and make good on back pay aggregating \$15,000.

#### Strike at Briggs Body Co., Affecting 18,900 Automotive Workers, Ended

A strike at the Detroit plant of the Briggs Body Co., which started Sept. 14, was ended Sept. 17 when a settlement was reached between representatives of the company and the United Automobile Workers. The strike, which affected 18,900 workers in the Briggs plant and several Chrysler Corp. divisions, was called because the union

alleged that the company was "speeding up" its production line. Strikers returned to work on Sept. 19. Terms of settlement, it is stated, included the reinstatement of three dismissed employees and reduction of production on the gun welding line from 50 to 45 units an hour, with fewer men working on the line. The Detroit "Free Press" of Sept. 18 gave the following additional details:

Some 7,000 workers in the Plymouth Division of the Chrysler Motor Co. and about 2,000 in the Chrysler Windsor plant will return to work as soon as the Briggs plant supplies material for their work.

The strike was called Wednesday by U. A. W. Local 212, after collapse of negotiations over the union's charge that the company was speeding up production and because a chief shop steward who protested and two other workers had been dismissed.

#### To Resume Production

The Briggs company supplies bodies for the Plymouth car, and the production on the Plymouth line is to be resumed as soon as bodies are obtained, an official said.

The U. A. W. was represented in negotiations by Emil Mazey, President of Local 212, and Tracy M. Doll, Executive Board member.

At the time the settlement of the Briggs strike was announced, Loren Houser, U. A. W. Executive Board member, announced that the union had reached a temporary agreement with the McCord Radiator Co. which would end the 47-day strike in the company's Detroit and Wyandotte plants.

#### Statement Is Denied

A statement issued by the Executive Committee of the McCord Local No. 210, however, declared that the local had rejected the truce and assailed Mr. Houser for going "over the head" of the local's Bargaining Committee.

N. J. Moskun, President of the local, said that he had arranged a conference with officials of the company for Monday morning. Meanwhile, according to the committee's statement, the strike will continue.

### International Typographical Union Approves Five-Day Week in All Shops—Convention Delegates Urge Peace Between A. F. of L. and C. I. O.

The International Typographical Union, at the final session on Sept. 17 of its annual convention at Birmingham, Ala., approved a proposal to make the five-day week mandatory in union shops throughout the printing industry. On the preceding day delegates to the convention urged peace between warring factions of organized labor in a resolution urging resumption of conferences between the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization. Associated Press advices of Sept. 16 from Birmingham, Ala., described this resolution as follows:

The resolution, asserting labor's civil war created "confusion" and retarded the labor movement, urged the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. "to unite these two bodies into one united American labor organization."

Other resolutions endorsed President Roosevelt's efforts "to maintain peace by quarantining and opposing in every way the aggressor nations who would destroy democracy" and praised "pro-labor legislation and policies" advocated by the President.

Delegates last night rejected a proposal calling for five six-hour days a week on grounds that it provided no maximum work period and no provision to assure acceptance by an employer. It was submitted by Frank E. Cozzolino of New York. The delegates contend the proposition "would have no more effect than a resolution."

The five-day week plan was commented upon in the following United Press dispatch of Sept. 17 from Birmingham:

The proposal will be submitted to a referendum of the I. T. U.'s 80,000 members in the United States and Canada.

If accepted, the proposal would outlaw the six-day week, which prevails in some shops on the basis of a six-hour and 40-minute working day. The 40-hour-a-week maximum working time would not be affected.

The proposal was seen as a compromise with delegations which sought to shorten the work week to 35 or 30 hours, in accordance with recommendations of William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor. The Chicago delegation proposed a four-day week.

### U. A. W. Warring Factions Sign Peace Agreement—Compromise Is Adopted Unanimously by Union's Executive Board

An agreement intended to bring peace between two warring factions of the United Automobile Workers of America and effect amicable relations between the union and the Committee for Industrial Organization was signed and ratified on Sept. 16. Philip Murray, C. I. O. representative who went to Detroit with a view to ending the dispute, said that the agreement represented "a victory for the rank and file of the union." Homer Martin, President of the U. A. W., said the union's Executive Board was unanimous in accepting the plan.

The differences between the two factions in the union were referred to in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 3, page 1427. The principal provisions of the agreement were summarized in a Detroit dispatch, Sept. 16, to the New York "Times":

1. The question of reinstatement of four expelled officers of the U. A. W., including Richard T. Frankenstein, is to be submitted to Sidney Hillman, President of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and Philip Murray, C. I. O. Vice-Chairman. Their decision is to be final. The original C. I. O. formula called for the immediate reinstatement of the expelled officers.

2. A joint committee composed of Mr. Murray and Mr. Hillman, for the C. I. O., and Mr. Martin and R. J. Thomas, a Vice-President, for the U. A. W., is established to "determine matters of policy relating to cooperation between the U. A. W. and the C. I. O. and to settle such disputes as may be referred to it by the U. A. W. Executive Board." The original C. I. O. formula called for reference of disputes to the "executive officers of the C. I. O."

#### "Full Autonomy" Recognized

3. The C. I. O. specifically recognizes the "full autonomy of the U. A. W. and its full right and responsibility to function under its own

Constitution." The U. A. W., on the other hand, affirms its "complete and unaltered loyalty and allegiance to the C. I. O. and its leadership, principles and policies."

Mr. Frankenstein, a Vice-President, and the other expelled officers signed an agreement to abide by the Murray-Hillman decision on their reinstatement. The three others are Ed Hall and Wyndham Mortimer, Vice-Presidents, and George F. Addes, Secretary-Treasurer. They apparently hoped to convince Mr. Hillman and Mr. Murray that their dismissals were unwarranted.

Other provisions of the compact were:

Reaffirmation by the U. A. W. of its adherence to the 20-point peace program of May, 1938.

A pledge by the C. I. O. to support the U. A. W. international officers and Executive Board in "any disciplinary action against any violation of the Constitution or policies of the U. A. W."

A pledge not to "tolerate" activities which "in the judgment of the U. A. W. Executive Board are detrimental to the best interests of the U. A. W. or C. I. O."

#### Policy on Contracts

C. I. O. support for complete adherence to the terms of contracts with industries.

A provision that all U. A. W. locals must pay their per capita taxes to the U. A. W. International.

The Detroit "Free Press" of Sept. 17 commented on the agreement as follows:

The original plan was drawn by John L. Lewis, C. I. O. Chairman, and called for the reinstatement of four officers who were expelled on charges brought by Mr. Martin.

Mr. Hillman said that acceptance of the plan by the Executive Board would set the policy of the union in the future.

The agreement accepted entitles the four expelled officers to a review of their cases by Mr. Murray and Mr. Hillman, which was accepted as a strong indication that the would be returned to their posts within two weeks.

The compromise plan called for complete autonomy of the U. A. W., a point for which Mr. Martin had fought since the Lewis plan first was announced.

The officers expelled from the union were Richard T. Frankenstein, Ed Hall and Wyndham Mortimer, Vice-Presidents, and George F. Addes, Secretary-Treasurer.

### NLRB Orders Armour & Co. to Dissolve "Company-Dominated" Union—Requires Election to Determine Bargaining Agent for Employees

The National Labor Relations Board on Sept. 16 issued an order requiring Armour & Co. to disestablish a "company-dominated" Employees' Mutual Association as the bargaining representative of the 7,000 employees at its Chicago plant, and reemploy two discharged workers with back pay less net earnings. The Board dismissed charges of discrimination in the discharge of four other employees. The NLRB also ordered an election within 30 days to determine whether the employees at the Chicago plant wished to be represented by a union affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

A Washington dispatch, Sept. 16, to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" said, in part:

The Board traced the formation of Armour & Co.'s Mutual Employees' Association, stating that its inception followed discontinuance of the employee representation plan, which was abandoned on the enactment of the Wagner labor bill. Under terms of the plan the employees elected their own representatives to a conference board, for contacts with the management, while the latter appointed an equal number of agents.

From Chicago, Sept. 16, advices to the New York "Times" stated:

Robert H. Cabell, President of Armour & Co., said today in reference to the Labor Board's order:

"The Labor Board's decision as reported by the press does not appear to be in accord with facts presented at the hearing in Chicago. We did not organize the Employees' Mutual Association, nor have we opposed organization of the C. I. O. or any other union. We are ready to deal with our employees through representation of their own choosing."

### Clerks' Strike Against 35 San Francisco Department Stores—Employers Refuse Arbitration and Union Leaders Reject Proposed Contract—Warehouse Dispute

Efforts to settle a strike by retail clerks affiliated with the American Federation of Labor against 35 San Francisco department stores met with little success this week as union leaders rejected the employers' latest draft of a seniority clause in the proposed new contract, while the employers continued to refuse to arbitrate. Calling of the strike was reported in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 10, page 1578. Meanwhile the department stores continued to operate, with fewer pickets and a greater number of patrons. No serious picket line disturbances were noted.

Progress of this strike, and of other San Francisco labor disputes, was described as follows in a United Press San Francisco dispatch of Sept. 12:

What was considered the most important break in the six-day department store strike came with the modification of a union demand for store-wide seniority.

Mayor Angelo Rossi, to whom the modification plan was delivered at a conference with representatives of more than 4,000 striking clerks, hurried before a meeting of the Retailers' Council, representing the stores, with the new proposal.

After a meeting with the retailers, Moyer Rossi scheduled a meeting with a five-man union committee for tomorrow.

The seniority issue was one of the two major problems which negotiators before the strike had failed to solve. The other was a union demand for a closed shop, later modified to one for a preferential hiring list.

Picket lines resumed their parade in front of the struck stores this morning after a temporary withdrawal over Sunday. The stores were open.

The first break in more than a week in the warehouse dispute came



with the distributors' invitation to the Committee for Industrial Organization International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union to meet with it tomorrow to discuss the situation.

#### Warehouse Strike

The warehouses have been closed more than two weeks in the involved dispute, which included expiration of contracts, demands for a master contract covering all types of warehousing, strikes at the Woolworth and Hiram Walker plants, and union charges of a lockout and attempts to smash the organization.

With food, drug, supply and other plants closed the San Francisco hospital conference reported to Mayor Rossi that its members were experiencing "serious shortages" of supplies. The Association of San Francisco Distributors, which announced last week it had arranged to bring in supplies from the outside, said its investigation showed no food shortages at the hospitals "and none in prospect."

On the third front, the dock worker' unit of the C. I. O. International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the Pacific Coast Water Front Employers' Association reported encouraging progress toward writing new contracts, to be effective Oct. 1. The union sought protection against speedups and the employers guarantees against work stoppages.

All other maritime union contracts have been renewed for another year.

Renewed efforts to end the department store strike were reported as follows in a San Francisco dispatch of Sept. 14 by Russell B. Porter to the New York "Times":

Mayor Rossi conferred all day today with a special committee of five from the San Francisco Labor Council of the American Federation of Labor in an effort to break the deadlock over terms of a new contract, which caused a strike last Wednesday by the Retail Department Store Employees Union, Local 1100, against 27 major department stores and eight branches.

The Policy Committee of the San Francisco Retailers Council stood by awaiting further conferences as the Mayor discussed with the labor group a new seniority clause drafted by Milton Marks, attorney for the employers, with the aid of City Attorney John J. O'Toole and the latter's assistant, Henry Heidelberg, a Labor Council delegate from the printing trades.

All the department stores remained open, with fewer pickets, fewer police on guard, no violence, and increased shopping by the non-union section of the public.

The union announced the discontinuance of night picketing, except for "cruise" automobiles which will keep watch to see that no trucks make deliveries to or from the stores except mail and Railway Express trucks.

#### Four-Day Truce Agreed to in Truck Drivers' Strike Which Tied Up Much of New York's Inter-City Freight Movement—Department Store Deliveries Hampered and Newsprint Shortage Had Been Threatened

An unauthorized strike of truck drivers which started on Sept. 15 and had seriously affected the movement of freight by motor in New York City this week, was halted on Sept. 21, when an agreement was reached whereby the strikers returned to work on Sept. 22, under a four-day truce. During the walkout strikers permitted the transportation only of perishable foodstuffs, hospital supplies and newsprint. Many newspapers, however, were forced to curtail editions because of the newsprint shortage, while department stores reported that 90% of the freight sent from out of town had been halted.

The strike started as an outlaw walkout on Sept. 15, but was approved by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs on Sept. 19. The union has been negotiating for a new wage agreement to replace the one which expired Sept. 1. The efforts toward bringing about a termination of the strike had been marked by the intervention of representatives of Mayor LaGuardia, in the latter's absence from the city during his attendance at the convention of the American Legion at Los Angeles. As to the truce agreed to, the New York "Sun" of Sept. 22 said:

The agreement was reached after extended negotiations at City Hall and accepted by the strikers at a meeting last night. Under its terms they are to return to work today while negotiations on their demands continue with employers' groups, with the provision that if a satisfactory contract is not forthcoming by Saturday night regular union officers will conduct an official strike vote on Sunday (to-morrow).

The truce offer came after a series of conferences throughout the day in which Abe Klein, insurgent strike leader; Michael J. Cashal, Vice-President of the Brotherhood; George Meany, President of the State Federation of Labor; Thomas Lyons, President of the Central Trades and Labor Council; representatives of employer groups headed by Arthur G. McKeever, managing director of the Merchant Truckmen's Bureau; Acting Mayor Newbold Morris, Mrs. Anna Rosenberg and Arthur Meyer of the State Mediation Board participated.

Some 2,500 striking members of Locals 807, 282 and 816 met at Beethoven Hall, 210 East Fifth Street, and accepted the proposal.

Abe Klein, who presented the truce offer, told the men it had the support of the Mayor and Mr. Cashal.

The insurgents went on strike last Thursday (Sept. 15) for a reduction of seven hours in the work week with no reduction in the basic pay.

At the last conference, shortly after midnight, Hugh E. Sheridan, Chairman of the Operators' Joint Wage Scale Committee read this statement:

"We agree that the men shall go back to work tomorrow (Thursday). We agree to negotiate as long as necessary with a committee designated and headed by Michael J. Cashal, Vice-President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. We agree that these negotiations must develop a contract acceptable to both sides or, failing in this, we will demand arbitration."

Mr. Lyons then read this statement on behalf of Mr. Cashal:

"We agree to return to work tomorrow (Thursday). We will go into negotiations Thursday and will continue to negotiate night and day if necessary till Saturday evening. We wish to convey to all concerned notice that there will be a meeting of the general membership of Locals 807, 282 and 816 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to take action on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 25."

#### Effects of Strike Felt

Meanwhile the effect of the strike began to grow more serious. Wholesale grocers reported a diminishing supply all products on hand, and Commissioner of Markets Morgan received reports of attempts to block handling

of perishable foods. Freight mounted higher along the water front and storage began to be a problem.

Eight business organizations appealed by telegram to Mayor LaGuardia, who is now on the West Coast, to return immediately and take action. They were the American Merchant Marine Institution, the Bronx Board of Trade, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of the Borough of Queens, the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, the Merchants Association, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Bush Terminal and the New York Board of Trade.

Their telegram follows:

"Representatives of undersigned business organizations meeting today, convinced that the truck is growing steadily worse and that many additional thousands of New York workmen face immediate unemployment, due to merchandise piled up in shipping rooms and at terminals, and that business and labor are sustaining irreparable losses, and the public faces hardship, and further convinced that recognized and authorized union labor leadership is facing a severe crisis, deem it imperative that you return at once and take official action to restore the free flow of domestic, interstate and foreign commerce in our city."

#### Expected Back Monday

The Mayor is expected back on Monday. If the strike is still in progress he is expected to appoint a fact-finding commission, a procedure used when labor troubles threatened to halt operations on the B. M. T. system some time ago.

Union officials during negotiations for a new contract have demanded the same terms which the insurgents began the outlaw strike for.

Reporting the beginning of the strike, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Sept. 16 said:

According to Arthur McKeever, managing director of the Merchant Truckmen's Bureau, one of the leading organizations of motor truck owners, with which the Local 807 of the Teamsters' Union has been negotiating for a new wage agreement to replace the one that expired on Sept. 1, the walkout was totally unauthorized by the drivers' union, since no strike vote had been taken.

#### Reports Small Effect

So far, he said, the shipments of goods had not seriously been interfered with, although there had been spasmodic attempts to hold up the operation of trucks. He added that the police, being assured by union officials that the union had not authorized the walkout, readily came to the aid of drivers where attempted disruption did occur. It was estimated that about 300 drivers had joined the walkout of their own accord. It was said that this action had been suddenly taken because the strikers felt that the union committee was too slow in coming to an understanding with the truck owners on a new wage agreement.

Union officials, it was learned, were using every effort to induce the drivers who joined the walkout to return to their jobs, on the plea that it was only a question of a day or two before a harmonious agreement would be reached with the truck owners.

Progress of the strike was indicated as follows in the New York "Times" of Sept. 20:

The Merchant Truckmen's Bureau and the Highway Transport Association, meeting in militant mood at the Capitol Hotel, resolved to support their joint wage scale committee in whatever stand it might take and appealed to members to sign no individual agreements.

Despite the creeping paralysis of commerce, the distribution of ballots for today's primary was completed and the embargo remained lifted on perishable foodstuffs, supplies for hospitals and newsprint. Twenty-five trucks were used to ration paper to the city's newspapers on a day-to-day basis.

Although the strikers have enforced their blockade against non-perishable foodstuffs, Markets Commissioner William Fellowes Morgan Jr. reiterated that the city's food supply was adequate, while grocers, including chain stores, estimated that they had a two-week supply and wholesalers gave assurance that their supply would last for several days.

Russell Forbes, Purchase Commissioner, announced that food supplies for free lunches in the city schools had been held up or turned back here and in New Jersey, giving the first indication of the actual spread of the strike across the Hudson River.

Numerous complaints received by the Merchants Association of New York emphasized the seriousness of the situation. The association's traffic bureau was informed by members that grocery shipments were tied up and that in order to move drugs it was necessary to have trucks marked by placards showing that the drugs were for emergency use.

The association appealed to the United States Maritime Commission to extend the free-time period during which imported goods accumulating on piers are exempt from storage charges. It announced that the Customs Appraisers had agreed to extend the free-time period.

#### Shipments Piling Up

Truck shipments of out-of-town merchandise to department stores was reported to be 90% halted, while 40% on inter-city shipments were being delayed. Merchandise was accumulating at piers and terminals.

Acting Mayor Newbold Morris, announcing on Sept. 21 that the employers and strikers were unable to reach an agreement, said he would again act as mediator when and if the participants needed him. It was revealed on Sept. 22 that Mayor La Guardia had telephoned his office from Los Angeles on many occasions in an effort to effect a settlement. The New York "Sun" of Sept. 21 added:

#### Must Go Back to Work

Acting Mayor Morris, who issued a 24-hour ultimatum to the strikers and to the trucking companies last night, gave out a statement today explaining that he had not withdrawn his offer to act as mediator in the dispute.

"I want the public to know," he said, "that I will exert every effort toward persuading both sides to commence immediate negotiations. The men must go back to work as soon as possible.

"I do not want any misunderstanding of my action last night. The city administration has not withdrawn from its efforts to find a solution, but places the situation on the shoulders of the parties concerned. They must fill their responsibility to the wage earners and to the business men of which this community is composed."

Despite the acting Mayor's ultimatum, the strikers last night laid plans to extend their activities today to tie up the garment center and the construction work at the World's Fair and Sixth Avenue subway project. Whether the loss of leadership led them to abandon the plans was not apparent, but little increase in activity was noted around the Holland Tunnel and other entrances to the city today.

### Violence Marks Baltimore Strike of Truck Drivers— Trouble Develops After Negotiators Had Believed Settlement Completed

A Baltimore strike involving 2,500 drivers and their helpers continued to be marked by violence this week, although it had been believed that terms of settlement were reached on Sept. 7. The walkout, called on Sept. 1, paralyzed operations of every major truck company in the city, after the companies had reportedly rejected union demands for a 20% wage increase. The strike was called by the Freight Drivers' and Helpers' Union, a subsidiary of the Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union, when negotiations for a new contract were unsuccessful. In describing the projected settlement, Associated Press Baltimore advices of Sept. 7 said, in part:

Everett B. Lackie, spokesman for the truck operators, and officials of the Freight Drivers' and Helpers' Union, an American Federation of Labor affiliate, issued a statement which read: "Settlement of the truck strike which has been in progress since midnight Aug. 31 was announced today in a joint statement by officials of the union and the Labor Relations Council. The terms of the settlement were not disclosed, and some details remain to be worked out. However, the employees will return to work as fast as operations can be resumed."

Announcement of termination of the strike came after police began conveying trucks through picket lines yesterday.

The union asserted that before entering upon the agreement a verbal promise of increased pay had been made to take effect upon a future contract.

### Painters End Strike in New York City Against Independent Shops

The strike of 2,500 painters in New York City, called on Sept. 11 to force the independent contractors to sign the agreement negotiated on Sept. 2 by District Council 9 of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, an American Federation of Labor affiliate, was ended on Sept. 13 when the men returned to work. According to a spokesman for the union, the strike was called against 25 independent shops; all shops affected, it is stated, signed the contract. The terms are said to include a five-day, 35-hour week, wage rate of \$10.50 a day, double pay for overtime, and establishment of a control board for the industry. The agreement signed Sept. 2 was referred to in these columns Sept. 10, page 1578.

### One-Week Strike Closing Silk Mills of Paterson, N. J., Is Ended with Signing of New Agreement

A one-week strike which almost completely halted the silk industry of Paterson, N. J., was officially ended on Sept. 19 when the Textile Workers Organizing Committee officially ratified an agreement negotiated with the Silk and Rayon Manufacturers Association. In summarizing the agreement, a Paterson dispatch of Sept. 19 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

The contract was described by Irving Abrahamson, spokesman for the union, as the strongest union shop agreement ever negotiated for silk workers in Paterson. It provides a minimum wage of \$14 for winders, which had held up negotiations for a time.

#### Protects Weavers

Under the new contract the minimum wage for weavers is safeguarded and guaranteed. The manufacturers agree to retain weavers and not lay them off when the loom load runs down to four for at least one week before rotating work. They also guarantee that if 25% of the weavers in any mill do not earn the minimum, the pick rate will be adjusted so that 75% must earn \$18 a week. There will be record keeping of any looms which run out in order to show the proportionate minimum earned.

The agreement also provides for a closed shop, check-off, arbitration of grievances, payment up to three weeks' back wages on any decision of reinstatement for improper discharge, right of union to strike when an employer cuts wages in violation of the agreement, a five-day 40-hour week, a new holiday on May 1, and two additional holidays upon request of the union (which will probably be used for organization purposes), and equal division of work in all shop departments.

#### Limits Giving Out Work

Under this agreement the giving out of work on commission or otherwise is forbidden unless the mill is filled to capacity load and then the consignee must be a union shop.

There is also a general provision in the contract giving the union and the association upon 14 days' notice the right to petition for adjustment of wages according to economic conditions. Mr. Abrahamson said that the union had insisted upon this clause because of expected benefits from the wages-hour law.

On Aug. 15 representatives of employers and the Federation of Dyers, Finishers, Printers and Bleachers of America signed a two-year contract which affected 120 plants in the Paterson area employing about 16,000 workers; reference thereto was made in our issue of Sept. 3, page 1425.

### Federal Court in Philadelphia Upholds Apex Hosiery Case Against C. I. O. Union

Dismissal of a \$3,515,000 damage suit brought by the Apex Hosiery Co. of Philadelphia against the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, a Committee for Industrial Organization affiliate, was refused by Federal Judge William H. Kilpatrick on Sept. 14 when he overruled the argument that the United States Supreme Court had "cleared the record" between the company and union. In reporting the ruling, the Philadelphia "Inquirer" of Sept. 15 said:

Instead, the United States District Court here allowed the company to broaden its case against the union by permitting it to charge that a six-

week sit-down strike at the mill was called with intent to restrain interstate commerce.

The damage suit was filed as a result of the strike, which kept the company's mill at Fifth and Luzerne Streets occupied with labor trouble in the spring of 1937. The damages were asked as a result of disorders at the plant and alleged destruction of property.

Attorneys for the union, which has its national offices in Philadelphia, sought dismissal of the suit on the ground that the highest tribunal in the United States had "cleared the record" by directing Judge Kirkpatrick to dismiss an injunction suit calling for the eviction of 200 sit-down strikers in the plant.

Hosiery mill attorneys, however, declared that the Supreme Court's decision had no bearing on the case, because the sit-downers left the plant after the United Circuit Court of Appeals had ruled that they were trespassers interfering with interstate commerce.

The Apex Co. estimated the strike damage to its plant at \$1,171,624 and asked for triple damages under the Clayton Anti-Trust Act.

A similar suit is pending in the State courts, filed by the hosiery company against Philadelphia County officials and William Leader, President of Branch 1 of the hosiery workers' union.

The United States Supreme Court order of Dec. 13, 1937, dismissing the litigation involving the constitutionality of the "sit-down" strike was reported in our issue of Dec. 18, page 3905.

### Railroad Wage Dispute to Run Its Course

Unable to agree on Sept. 21 upon a formula under which the proposed 15% wage reduction for railway employees would be abandoned by the carriers while a joint plan for a broad legislative program for railway rehabilitation was being worked out, spokesmen for the carriers and the standard unions deferred further parleys.

With the last possibility of sidetracking the wage problem gone, the entire efforts of management and unions turned toward the remaining moves for adjudicating the dispute under the provisions of the Railway Labor Act. The New York "Times" in reporting the dispute stated:

Leaders of the unions will meet in Chicago on Sept. 26 and will make public the strike votes by their members on the various roads. They will then fix Oct. 1 as the date for the nation-wide strike, after which President Roosevelt will name a Federal fact-finding board, calling a halt to action by either side.

A statement in behalf of the three railway executives and three union leaders who were called in by President Roosevelt was handed out during the afternoon of Sept. 24 by Carl R. Gray, Chairman of the board of the Union Pacific.

The statement follows:

"Owing to the pendency of the wage proceedings and as the President has indicated that he will appoint a fact-finding commission next week, the time of the labor executive will be so fully occupied during most of October that it was decided the next meeting would be postponed to a date later to be fixed.

"There was a general discussion at today's meeting of an approach and the methods which will be followed in pursuing the study the President has asked us to undertake."

Besides Mr. Gray, the group includes M. W. Clement, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad; H. E. Norris, President of the Southern Railroad; George M. Harrison, Chairman of the Railway Labor Executive Association; D. B. Robertson, President of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, and B. M. Jewell, Chairman of the Railway Department of the American Federation of Labor.

A joint legislative program from management and unions is held in abeyance until the wage dispute is out of the way. That is expected to be by Dec. 1, and possibly much earlier. By Nov. 1 the fact-finding commission's hearings will have been concluded and its report made public.

Had the railway executives been able to win their associates on the carriers' side to the union proposal for abandonment of the wage-reduction proposal, the joint conference to work out a railway rehabilitation program as suggested by President Roosevelt would have begun at once. That has now been deferred at least six to eight weeks.

It was reported that the railway executives took the position that they favored Mr. Roosevelt's suggestion that a comprehensive legislative proposal be worked out by the unions and the carriers, but that the wage-reduction machinery had gone so far it could not be stopped.

They said that the carriers' conference committee, headed by H. A. Enochs of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was in charge of the wage negotiations and there was no disposition to take the matter out of the hands of that committee.

### New Deal "Purge" Successful in Defeating Representative O'Connor in Democratic Primary—New Yorker, Chairman of House Rules Committee, Loses to James H. Fay, Endorsed by President Roosevelt

The last battle and the only victory of his so-called campaign to "purge" certain leading conservative anti-New Deal Democrats from the Senate and House was won on Sept. 20 by President Roosevelt when Democratic voters in the Sixteenth Congressional District defeated for renomination the Chairman of the House Rules Committee, Representative John J. O'Connor. James H. Fay, a New Dealer who had been endorsed by the President, defeated Mr. O'Connor for the nomination. Mr. O'Connor also ran in the Republican primaries, where he was the winner over Allen W. Dulles, lawyer and former diplomat. It was considered doubtful in political circles, however, that Mr. O'Connor could defeat Mr. Fay in the November election, and even should he do so, he would no longer be Chairman of the House Rules Committee, since he would be elected as a Republican. As Chairman of the Rules Committee, Mr. O'Connor was credited with having blocked important New Deal legislation, including President Roosevelt's Government reorganization bill. In commenting on the election, the New York "Sun" of Sept. 21 said:

Mr. O'Connor won the Republican primary designation for Representative by 984 votes. Mr. O'Connor's vote in the two primaries was more than the combined vote cast for both Mr. Fay and Allen Dulles, the regular Republican candidate.

The complete vote in the Democratic primary gave Mr. Fay 8,352 and Mr. O'Connor 7,799. The vote in the Republican primary gave Mr. O'Connor 2,953 and Mr. Dulles 1,969.

The result is credited as a partial victory for President Roosevelt in his purge campaign as far as Mr. O'Connor is concerned.

From Washington came reports today that Mr. Roosevelt and the White House politicians were jubilant over the defeat of Mr. O'Connor in the Democratic primary and a propaganda campaign was launched immediately to make it appear that this single result wiped off the sting of defeat suffered by Mr. Roosevelt in all nine senatorial setbacks.

#### Place for a Yes-Man Now

The White House based that argument on the fact that Mr. O'Connor, as Chairman of the Rules Committee, ranked second only to the Speaker in the House and was in a position to sidetrack vital New Deal legislation. Mr. Roosevelt is expected to move immediately to name his own yes-man to that chairmanship.

A question arose, however, over whether or not Mr. O'Connor might be rated as a Democrat if he runs independently as a Democrat even though he carried a Republican nomination. There was seen a possibility that the election might still be thrown into the House in that event. That was problematic. Congressman Sabath of Chicago, 72-year-old dean of the House, would be natural successor to Mr. O'Connor. He is 100% New Dealer.

Under date of Sept. 21, Associated Press accounts from Washington said:

President Roosevelt was 100% wrong in his prediction on the outcome of primary voting in New York's Sixteenth Congressional District, in which Representative John O'Connor lost his fight for Democratic renomination, but was nominated by the Republicans.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said today the President predicted last night that Mr. O'Connor would win by about 500 votes in the Democratic race over James H. Fay and lose in the Republican contest to Allen Dulles.

The forecast was made orally about 11:30 o'clock, New York time, last night to Dr. Ross McIntire, presidential physician, and Miss Margaret Le Hand, the President's personal secretary.

Mr. Early said Mr. Roosevelt told him today to remind reporters that personalities were subordinated to the issues in his attempt to unseat Democratic members of Congress whom he considered too conservative.

The President thought there was nothing to crow about in the New York result, Mr. Early added, and did not regard it as a victory.

Mr. O'Connor was one of four Democrats whose defeat the President recommended personally. The other three, Senators Millard E. Tydings of Maryland, Walter F. George of Georgia, and E. D. Smith of South Carolina were renominated.

Taking the picture of the four races as a whole, Mr. Early declared, the President regarded the outlook as favorable to his attempts to obtain liberals in Congress, just as he believes that he won his objectives in the Supreme Court campaign, even though Congress refused to let him enlarge the membership.

The renomination of Senator Tydings was noted in our Sept. 17 issue, page 1716.

#### President Roosevelt to Avoid Participation in Inter-Party Elections—Says He Was Discussing Principles Only in Commenting on Liberal Republicans—Comments on Maryland Bridges—Approval of PWA for Bridge at Havre de Grace

President Roosevelt will take no part in elections involving rival political parties, he said at a press conference on Sept. 20, adding that he had been discussing principles rather than practical politics when he recently announced that he would not object to the election of a liberal Republican to Congress where the voters' choice was between such a candidate and a conservative Democrat. His explanation was made in answer to a question as to whether he would support Senator Tydings of Maryland on the Democratic ticket, now that Mr. Tydings had been renominated against New Deal opposition. In reporting the President's remarks, a Washington dispatch of Sept. 20 by Felix Belair Jr. to the New York "Times" said, in part:

Replying to a suggestion that the Administration might carry its fight against Mr. Tydings into the November elections, Mr. Roosevelt said that it was well known that he never participated in elections between opposing parties. The questioner observed that it was also well known that the President had expressed a preference for liberal Republicans over conservative members of his own party.

#### A Matter of Principle

It was then that Mr. Roosevelt declared that in announcing his preference he had been addressing himself to a matter of principle, inferring that he would not necessarily carry the principle into practice in Maryland or elsewhere.

At the press conference, the first he has held since leaving Hyde Park, N. Y., for Rochester, Minn., where his son James underwent an operation, the President said he would predict the outcome of the primary vote in New York's Sixteenth District before the polls closed there tonight. He would confide his prediction to White House aides, he added, and indicated he would make known the figures later. The Administration sought the defeat of Representative John J. O'Connor in the New York contest. . . .

The President today voiced criticism of what he termed purely political newspaper stories suggesting a connection between the New Deal's campaign to nominate Representative David J. Lewis over Senator Tydings and the revival of plans to construct a \$3,000,000 bridge across the Potomac River at Morgantown, Md.

In his campaign against Senator Tydings in southern Maryland the President promised the new bridge. Backers of Mr. Lewis had for weeks been claiming that he should have credit for revival of the plans to build it. The subject came up today when it was observed that Secretary Ickes had been somewhat skeptical of plans for building any bridges in Maryland.

Mr. Roosevelt explained that applications had come for three bridges in Maryland—one at Havre de Grace, one across the Patapsco River near Baltimore, and the one over the Potomac at Morgantown. The total expenditure for the three would be about \$15,000,000.

The President said that approval of all three bridges was impossible, because they would have taken Maryland far over its quota of Public Works Administration allotments. Therefore, he talked with Governor

Nice about cutting down the total expenditure involved, he added, and it was agreed that the Patapsco bridge should be eliminated, thereby reducing the contemplated expenditure to about \$6,000,000 for the Havre de Grace and Morgantown bridges. Under the law, Maryland would put up 55% of the costs and PWA the remaining 45%.

Governor Nice, according to the President, said he would talk with the bankers about financing the Maryland share. If the bankers agreed, the projects would be put on the preferred list. If the bankers cannot put up the State's 55%, he declared, the Federal Government cannot put up its 45%.

On Sept. 22, President Roosevelt approved a \$2,167,000 PWA grant for construction of a \$4,815,000 bridge across the Susquehanna River at Havre de Grace, Md. Associated Press advices from Washington Sept. 22 said:

The President explained that Maryland bankers had declined to finance Maryland's share of the bridge's cost. He added that the PWA money intended for the bridges would be distributed among smaller projects.

B. H. Griswold Jr., Baltimore investment banker and financial adviser to the State roads commission, said later, however, that the bankers had assured Administrator Ickes of complete cooperation in the two-bridge program.

The President's comments on liberal Republicans were noted in these columns Sept. 10, page 1574.

#### Shipment by U. S. of Flour to Spain Through American Red Cross—Distribution to Begin Oct. 8—Wheat to Be Made Available by Federal Surplus Commodities Corp

Plans for the shipment to Spain of 60,000 barrels of flour to be milled from 250,000 bushels of wheat contributed by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, were made known on Sept. 16 by Norman H. Davis, Chairman of the American Red Cross, which will act as agent for the shipment of the flour, to be distributed by the American Friends Service Committee, to which the flour is to be delivered. The flour will be apportioned to sufferers in both sides of the Spanish conflict. An announcement issued by the State Department at Washington on Sept. 16 said:

Information which has reached the Department of State from Spain during the past few months, indicates the existence of a growing problem in human misery which, unless remedied, will result in widespread starvation and loss of life among women and children this Winter.

The main cause of the emergency, apart from the natural destruction of war, is the existence of a vast army of refugees, estimated at nearly three million people, who have been driven from their homes and sought refuge on one side or the other of the battle line. There is insufficient housing, clothing and food for these refugees.

The problem is beyond the resources of organizations created in America and abroad to raise funds for relief in Spain, despite the admirable work they have performed and are continuing.

Faced by such a situation the American people cannot remain indifferent. The Government itself cannot organize or dispense relief abroad, but the American Red Cross, in view of the emergency conditions prevailing, as volunteered to handle for distribution a large quantity of flour to be processed in the United States from surplus wheat to be turned over to the Red Cross by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

The Red Cross has arranged that the impartial distribution of this flour shall begin in October throughout the Spanish peninsula, according to need, with the actual distribution in the hands of agents of the American Friends Service Committee. Cooperation of government agencies and the Friends will make it possible to expedite the plan for getting relief without delay to the refugees.

From Washington Sept. 16 the New York "Times" reported:

According to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, the Red Cross will pay for the wheat as any other exporter, enjoying the customary advantage of the export subsidy. The Red Cross also will pay for the milling and transportation to the Atlantic seaboard, a cost of approximately \$1 a barrel. The United States Maritime Commission will provide free transportation for the flour in United States ships to French ports, where it will be delivered to the American Friends Service Committee.

Shipments, it is said, will begin Oct. 8.

#### Death of Edward Dickinson Duffield, President of the Prudential Insurance Company of America—Sponsored Vast Housing Program

Edward Dickinson Duffield, President of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, died at his home in South Orange on Sept. 17 from the effects of a stroke suffered the previous afternoon at his office in Newark, N. J. Mr. Duffield was born in Princeton, N. J. on March 3, 1871, the son of Professor John Thomas Duffield and Sarah Green Duffield. He was graduated from Princeton University in 1892, and three years later received his Master of Arts degree. Meanwhile, having taken up the study of law, he received his law degree from the New York Law School in 1894. Subsequently for many years he practised law in New Jersey. In 1904 he was elected to the New Jersey Assembly on the Republican ticket and the next year was appointed Assistant Attorney General.

The following year, 1906, Mr. Duffield's connection with the Prudential Insurance Co. of America began, when he became General Solicitor for the company. Seven years later he was elected Fourth Vice-President and a director. Still later (1918) he became Vice-President and General Counsel for the company, and in 1922 was elected President, the office he held at his death.

Since his graduation from Princeton University Mr. Duffield had maintained a direct interest in its affairs and in recognition of his many services he was elected a life trustee of the University and was also Chairman of its Board of Trustees for several years. In 1932 he was named acting

President of the University to succeed Dr. John Grier Hibben, who had retired, and for a year Mr. Duffield administered the affairs of the college with the cooperation of Dr. Luther Pfahler Eisenhart, Dean of the faculty.

Among other varied interests. Mr. Duffield was a director of several companies, including the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., the United New Jersey Railroad & Canal Co., the United States Guarantee Co., and the American Insurance Co.

In regard to Mr. Duffield's sponsorship of a vast housing plan, we quote the following from South Orange advices on Sept. 17 to the New York "Times":

Mr. Duffield was perhaps best known for his interest in housing. In such a huge organization as the Prudential, with vast sums of money entrusted to its keeping, he came to realize that an insurance company had other obligations than the financial protection of its policy holders. Thus he conceived the idea of lending financial support to the movement for "better homes in America" at a time when the country was suffering a housing shortage.

Mr. Duffield directed that the surplus funds of the Prudential Company be placed at the disposal of city and suburban dwellers in need of homes and of farmers.

"I know of no better way," he said, "in which an organization having funds to invest can use them than by making it possible for American citizens to own their own homes."

Before the depression the Prudential Company had invested approximately \$700,000,000 in that form of loans.

#### William McC. Martin, President New York Stock Exchange Addresses Senior Margin Clerks' Section of Association of Stock Exchange Firms

On Sept. 22 William McC. Martin, President of the New York Stock Exchange, spoke before the Senior Margin Clerks' Section of the Association of Stock Exchange Firms at their first Fall-Winter meeting on the "Reorganization of the New York Stock Exchange." Mr. Martin was introduced by E. A. Pierce, President of the Association of Stock Exchange Firms. Dr. Carl E. Parry, Chief of the Division of Security Loans of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, also spoke. Among the guests of honor were Charles H. Meyer, legal authority; Norman P. Davis, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and George H. Baston, Regional Administrator of the Commodity Exchange Administration.

#### F. F. Hill Named by President Roosevelt to Succeed W. I. Myers as Governor of Farm Credit Administration

Announcement was made at the White House on Sept. 20 of the appointment of F. F. Hill as Governor of the Farm Credit Administration to succeed William I. Myers, who resigned to return to his post at Cornell University. Mr. Hill, who is 37 years old, has worked continuously at the Farm Credit Administration since it was organized in 1933, and has been Deputy Governor since 1934.

It is stated by the Farm Credit Administration that he became identified with the Farm Credit Administration after a number of years at Cornell University and with the Federal Land Bank of Springfield, Mass., where he supplemented practical experience as a wheat farmer and county agent by research in farm finance and land utilization, and with actual experience in Federal land bank operation.

President Roosevelt in his letter expressing regret at Mr. Myers' resignation said:

My regret is twofold. Yours has been an effective and efficient administration, and one always gives up with reluctance the services of a tried executive. I shall miss also in the future the delightful personal association with you.

But you have done a fine job, and I feel that you are leaving behind you, in an efficient administration, a worthy monument to your labors in behalf of American agriculture. May I, in acknowledging your splendid services as a public official, wish you continued success and happiness in the duties to which you are returning in the College of Agriculture at Cornell University.

#### Allan Sproul Becomes Manager of System Open Market Account

Allan Sproul, First Vice-President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was made Manager of the System Open Market Account on Sept. 22, succeeding W. Randolph Burgess. The selection was approved by the Federal Open Market Committee. Mr. Burgess resigned as Vice-President of the New York Reserve Bank on Sept. 13 to become Vice-Chairman of the National City Bank of New York. He had been Manager of the System Open Market Account since the post was created on March 1, 1936.

An item regarding Mr. Burgess' new association appeared in our issue of Sept. 17, page 1720.

#### Election of Officers at Eighteenth Annual Meeting of Minnesota Group of I. B. A.

The eighteenth annual meeting of the Minnesota Group of the Investment Bankers Association of America was held at Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 13. The following were elected to office:

Chairman, R. C. Mees, Paine, Webber & Co., Minneapolis.  
Vice-Chairman, Stanley Gates, Stanley Gates & Co., St. Paul.  
Secretary-Treasurer, Donald Brown, Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis.

To serve on the Executive Committee for two years:

George Ostrom, Duluth.  
Palmer Jaffray, Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood, Minneapolis.  
Cliff Ashmun, C. S. Ashmun & Co., Minneapolis.

Other members of the Executive Committee are:

E. S. White, Kalman & Co., St. Paul.  
I. D. Owen, Allison-Williams Co., Minneapolis.  
Lester Elwood, Woodard-Elwood & Co., Minneapolis.  
Lee A. Sauer, First National Bank of St. Paul.

#### Dr. C. T. Wang Resigns as Chinese Ambassador to United States

Dr. C. T. Wang, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, resigned on Sept. 17, according to reports received from Chungking, seat of the Chinese Foreign Office, it was stated in Associated Press Shanghai advices of Sept. 17. It is expected that he will be succeeded by Dr. Hu Shih.

#### Preston Delano Appointed Comptroller of Currency Succeeding J. F. T. O'Connor—President Cancels Press Conference Because of Cold

Preston Delano, Governor of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, yesterday (Sept. 23) was appointed by President Roosevelt as Comptroller of the Currency succeeding J. F. T. O'Connor, who resigned on Jan. 14, it was announced at the White House. The following regarding the appointment is from United Press Washington advices of Sept. 23:

Mr. Delano's appointment was announced by White House Secretary Early, who met with members of the press at the hour of President's customary Friday morning press conference.

Mr. Early announced that Mr. Roosevelt had canceled his conference at the last moment because of the head cold from which he has been suffering this week. Mr. Early filled in for Mr. Roosevelt in replying to inquiries of newspaper men.

Mr. Delano, a distant relative of Mr. Roosevelt, will assume his duties as Comptroller within the next twenty-four hours, Early said. He is a native of Fairhaven, Mass.

The White House explained that the post had been held open for J. F. T. O'Connor who had resigned the office to run for the Democratic Governorship nomination in California. In a meeting with the President two days ago, he informed Mr. Roosevelt that he did not desire to re-enter the Federal service, but wished to return to California to practice law.

The resignation of Mr. O'Connor was reported in these columns of Jan. 22, page 539.

#### T. A. Wilson, President of New York State Bankers Association, Appoints Committees for 1938-1939—Three New Groups Named—Winthrop W. Aldrich, Adrian M. Massie and Theodore Rokahr Head New Committees

Thomas A. Wilson, President of the New York State Bankers Association and President of the Marine Midland Trust Co. of Binghamton, N. Y., announces the appointment of committees of the Association which will serve for the current year. In addition to the usual committees, three new committees have been appointed this year, notably, a Committee on Banking Policy under the chairmanship of Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chase National Bank of New York City; a Committee on Bond Portfolios under the chairmanship of Adrian M. Massie, Vice-President of the New York Trust Co., New York City, and a Committee on Standardization of Analysis Methods of which Theodore Rokahr, Vice-President of the First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. of Utica is Chairman.

In commenting on the objectives of the new Committee on Bond Portfolios, Mr. Massie stated:

The committee has been formed to study the problem in detail and to endeavor to find a practical method, through the cooperation of the members of the New York State Bankers Association, of dealing with the selection of investment securities and of managing the portfolios of the member banks to the end that the New York State banking structure will be kept in a strong position.

The Committee on Standardization of Analysis Methods will undertake to explore the possibility of devising a uniform method of analyzing deposit accounts in the commercial banks of the State.

#### Federal Bankruptcy Law to be Discussed by Representative Chandler at Convention of Mortgage Bankers' Association in Chicago Oct. 12-14

The new Federal Bankruptcy Law, also known as the Chandler Bill, which went into effect Sept. 22 will be the subject of an address by Congressman Walter Chandler of the Ninth Tennessee District, author of the legislation, at the 25th annual "Silver Jubilee" convention of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America to be held in Chicago on October 12 to 14, A. D. Fraser, President, announced this week. Congressman Chandler will speak October 14. Mr. Fraser also announced that Dr. Allen A. Stockdale of the National Association of Manufacturers will appear at the Convention for an address on October 12, speaking on "The American Way."

An attendance of more than 1,200 mortgage bankers, life insurance and title and trust company executives, commercial bankers and real estate men is expected at the meeting celebrating the twenty-fifth year of the Association.

Other speakers so far scheduled for the Convention include Stewart McDonald, Administrator of the Federal Housing Administration; Fred H. Clausen, Chairman of the Federal Finance Committee of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Irvin Jacobs of Chicago; and D. Howard Doane, who will be the opening speaker at a special Farm Mortgage Conference to be held October 12th. Mr. Fraser also announced the list

of speakers scheduled for the various group meetings at the Convention. Harry R. Templeton, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Company and Wm. A. Marcus, Vice-President of the American Trust Company of San Francisco will speak before the Bank and Trust Company Division. Dr. Ernest M. Fisher, Director of the Division of Economics and Statistics of the Federal Housing Administration and W. A. Clarke, President of W. A. Clark Mortgage Company, Philadelphia, will speak before the Insurance Company Correspondents Group.

An item with reference to the meeting appeared in our Sept. 10 issue, page 1582.

#### Fall Conference of Society for Stability in Money and Banking to Be Held in Minneapolis Oct. 13

The Society for Stability in Money and Banking will hold its third Annual Fall Conference in Minneapolis on October 13, according to an announcement Sept. 22, by Dr. Joseph E. Goodbar of New York, President of the Society. The general subject of the conference will be a preview of the banking issues for the next Congress. Four authorities on banking and finance will lead the discussion. Dr. Otto Rosenberg, former secretary and economic adviser of the Bankers' Association of Vienna who fled from Austria after Nazi occupation, will speak on "Should Control of Banking be Restored to Bankers?"

Other speakers will be: Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale, whose subject is "100 Percent Money—Its Nature, Its Effects, Its Expected Benefits"; Prof. Melchior Pelyi of the University of Chicago and late economic advisor to the German Reichsbank, "Ought Banking to be Made an Instrument of Government Economic Policy?"; and Dr. Goodbar, who will discuss "How Control Without Regimentation Can Restore and Stabilize Prosperity." Ralph W. Manuel, President of the Marquette National Bank of Minneapolis, will preside. The announcement issued by the Society includes a statement that it assumes no responsibility for the personal views of the speakers.

#### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

Arrangements were completed Sept. 19 for the sale of a membership in The Chicago Stock Exchange at \$1,500, unchanged from the last previous sale.

Beginning Sept. 26, the San Francisco Stock Exchange's opening hour will be changed from 6:00 a. m. to 7:00 a. m., it was announced Sept. 21. The Exchange will continue to close at 2:30 p. m. on week-days and 11:00 a. m. on Saturdays. Since May 2 the local board has opened at 6:00 a. m., conforming to the daylight saving time opening of markets in the East.

Arthur Kavanagh, former Vice-President of the National City Bank, New York, died on Sept. 21 at his home in Water Mill, Long Island, N. Y. He was 79 years old. A native of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mr. Kavanagh entered the employ of the bank in 1872 as office boy to Moses Taylor, then President. He became chief clerk in 1878, Assistant Cashier in 1899 and Cashier in 1906. In 1914 Mr. Kavanagh was made a Vice-President and continued in that capacity until his retirement in 1924. During his 52 years of employment with the institution Mr. Kavanagh served under six presidents.

Frederick Foster de Rham, Vice-President and Trust Officer of the Fulton Trust Co., New York, since May, 1934, died at his home in Tuxedo Park, N. Y., on Sept. 21 at the age of 54. He was graduated from Harvard University in 1905. Mr. de Rham had also been a Director of the bank. His death occurred suddenly, and followed considerable delay which he experienced, due to the heavy storm, while returning from New York to his home.

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. of New York City announces the appointment of Richard S. Carr as Assistant Secretary.

A study was recently made by the School Department of the East River Savings Bank, New York, of 811 school accounts transferred to regular accounts over a three-year period. It is said to indicate that school accounts are good source material for potential depositors of regular accounts—the thrift habit has been planted and can now be cultivated in a successful way. Further details of the bank's study were announced as follows:

One hundred and eighty-five of the school accounts were transferred to existing accounts in the name of the school child (many parents ask to have a child's school account transferred to a regular account when the amount on deposit seems excessive). The 185 items represented a total of nearly \$14,000.

Six hundred and twenty-six new accounts were opened from transferred school accounts; these included the entire balance of some of the school accounts, others represented only partial withdrawals from school accounts. The 626 accounts carried over a balance of \$92,526.

Of the 811 accounts transferred their total balance of \$106,224 was accepted in good faith as a fund that would remain with the bank and be increased from time to time.

At the end of the three-year study, it was determined that 726 of the 811 accounts were still open, and active. They totaled a balance of \$139,979,

or a gain of \$33,754. This evidence seems to point out that school accounts transferred to regular accounts are fairly permanent, at least as permanent, if not more so than regular savings accounts.

The Excelsior Savings Bank of New York made public this week the list of its unclaimed deposits, involving 203 depositors with accounts totaling in excess of \$25,000, which have been inactive for 15 years. Cordt G. Rose, Secretary of the bank, states that more than \$25,000 of unclaimed money was returned or reinstated to 116 owners during the past year.

The London banking firm of Thos. Cook & Son, Ltd., on Sept. 20 announced the appointment of John P. Ellison as head of their New York branch to succeed W. F. Brown, who retired on Sept. 1 after 45 years of service.

The appointment of Robert G. Cowan as Cashier of the National Newark & Essex Banking Co. of Newark, N. J., has been announced by Charles L. Farrell, President of the institution. Mr. Cowan succeeds Spencer S. Marsh, formerly Vice-President and Cashier, who retains the former office. Mr. Cowan was formerly with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

It is learned from Bethlehem, Pa., advices printed in "Money & Commerce" of Sept. 17, that Bernard C. Hoffner has been elected Assistant Cashier of the Gcsztonyi Bank of Bethlehem. Regarding his career the dispatch said, in part:

Mr. Hoffner has been identified with banking in Bethlehem for 20 years. From May of 1915 until November of 1935 he served the E. P. Wilbur Trust Co.

Since November, 1935, Mr. Hoffner has been connected with the Pennsylvania Department of Banking in its closed banks division and is at present an Office Manager at Allentown.

William B. McFall, a director of the Commonwealth Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., was recently elected President of the institution to succeed the late Howard Irish, it is learned from "Money & Commerce" of Sept. 17. Mr. McFall, who is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and the University of Pittsburgh Law School, is a member of the law firm of Dalzell, McFall & Pringle and has practised law in Pittsburgh since 1915. At the present time he is Vice-President of the Allegheny County Bar Association.

Stockholders of the Union Trust Co. of Washington, D. C., have been notified by its President, Ord Preston, that a special meeting will be held on Oct. 27 to ratify the recommendation of the directors that a common stock of the institution be reduced from \$2,000,000 to \$1,000,000. Under the proposed plan, as outlined in the Washington "Post" of Sept. 18, the par value of the shares will be changed from \$100 a share to \$50, leaving the total number of shares unchanged at 20,000. Providing the plan is approved by the stockholders and the Comptroller of the Currency, the \$1,000,000 freed from capital will be allocated as follows: \$500,000 added to surplus, making that account \$1,000,000 and equal to the new capital; \$250,000 added to reserves for contingencies, and \$250,000 used to write down the banking house and other real estate and loans and discounts. The directors also have agreed to reduce the item listed in the assets as "vault, furniture and fixtures" from \$136,500 to \$35,000. Books for the transfer of stock, the paper said, will be closed from Oct. 15 to Oct. 27, inclusive. We quote below from Mr. Preston's letter to the stockholders as printed in the "Post":

Owing to the fact that in the laws for the District of Columbia, under which trust companies are incorporated, there was no provision permitting a reduction of capital. (a privilege allowed national banks) no action could be taken until an amendment to those laws could be effected. An amendment allowing trust companies to reduce their capital was passed by the last Congress and on June 20, 1938, was approved by the President, thus granting trust companies in the District of Columbia the same privilege as national banks.

This plan has been submitted to the Comptroller of the Currency and to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the two governmental agencies having direct jurisdiction over such matters and they have each given their informal approval contingent upon the action of the stockholders. The plan was also submitted to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and we are advised by them that the corporation has no objection to the consummation of the capital reduction according to said plan.

Current progress, opportunities and responsibilities of research laboratories is being reviewed at the Fall meeting of the Industrial Research Institute at the Westchester Country Club, Rye, N. Y. The meeting began yesterday (Sept. 23). Continued to day, Robert B. Colgate, of New York, Vice-President of the Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., presides at the two-day session of the Institute which is an affiliate of the National Research Council.

The second annual meeting of the Municipal Bond Club of Chicago was held at the Kildeer Country Club on Sept. 22. The outing was attended by 155 members and their guests, who came from the principal financial centers of the country.

As a means of bringing the advantages of the New York State Bankers Retirement System to the Boards of Directors of the banks of the State, the Trustees of the System have developed a phonograph record running 10 minutes to explain the system and its functions. The record was made available for use at board meetings several days ago and 75 banks have sent in requests for its use. It gives a concise and authoritative statement in regard to the cost and benefits of the system. An announcement in the matter continued:

The system was organized by the New York State Bankers Association last January and will function as a private trust administered by a Board of Trustees of which Raymond F. Leinen, Vice-President of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank and Trust Co. of Rochester, is Chairman. An office is maintained by the system at 33 Liberty Street, New York City, and the trustees have been promoting participation in it during the past months. At this writing 30 banks employing approximately 400 officers and employees have agreed to participate.

The system calls for contributions by the employees of 4% of their salaries and contributions by the employing bank of approximately 5% of payroll. It provides pensions at age 65, death benefits in the event of death prior to reaching that age and the return of contributions to employees in the event that their service in the bank is terminated. In addition, employees are protected against the risk of total and permanent disability after ten years of service.

The system is similar to those now in operation protecting teachers, Government employees, employees of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks and various industrial corporations.

It is expected that the system will commence operations on Jan. 1 of next year.

Judge Adolph F. Marschner of the Circuit Court has approved a \$3,280,240 payoff by the defunct Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc., of Detroit, Mich., it is learned from the "Michigan Investor" of Sept. 17, which likewise said:

The payoff will start about Sept. 22, the bulk going to the Union Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit, which will receive \$2,289,985.

The remainder will be distributed as follows: The Union Industrial Trust & Savings Bank of Flint, \$918,755; Trenton Depositors Corp., \$40,000; State Savings Bank of Stanton, \$15,000; State Bank of Six Lakes, \$8,500, and the State Bank of Vestaburg, \$8,000.

A 15% dividend to depositors of the American Home Security Bank of Grand Rapids, Mich., amounting to \$465,000, was announced by Harry Glass, Sr., the receiver, according to a dispatch from that city, printed in the "Michigan Investor" of Sept. 17, which added:

Funds on hand, accumulated through the liquidation, are being combined with a loan obtained from the Old Kent Bank of Grand Rapids to make possible the dividend at this time, according to Receiver Glass.

Carl A. Pelton has been elected a Vice-President of the Community National Bank of Pontiac, Mich., succeeding the late Clarence J. Nephler, it is learned from the "Michigan Investor" of Sept. 17. Mr. Pelton has been a director, and the bank's attorney, since its organization.

O. A. Rowland, a Vice-President of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo., died of heart disease on Sept. 18. Mr. Rowland, who was a graduate of the School of Commerce and Finance of St. Louis University, was born in Parsons, Kan., 58 years ago. In 1903 he moved to St. Louis, where he entered the employ of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. as a stenographer and subsequently advanced through several positions until 1918 when he was elected Credit Manager. Eleven years later (1929) he was made a Vice-President, the office he held at his death. The deceased banker was a past President of the St. Louis Credit Men's Association, and was a member of the National Board of the Robert Morris Associates, a national organization of financial credit men.

Appointment of Arthur H. Evans as a Vice-President of the Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association (head office San Francisco, Calif.) was announced on Sept. 15 by L. M. Giannini, President of the institution. The Los Angeles "Times" of Sept. 16, in noting Mr. Evans's appointment, further said:

Mr. Evans began his banking career with the National City Bank of New York, and later was affiliated with the Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co. and then with the American National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago. He will be in the administrative branch of the public relations department of the Bank of America, with offices in the Los Angeles headquarters.

### THE CURB EXCHANGE

Despite the disturbing news from abroad, the Curb market was moderately brisk with a tendency toward higher levels during the fore part of the week and some of the speculative favorites registered modest gains. The aluminum shares attracted some buying attention and the industrial specialties were fairly active at higher prices, but public utilities were comparatively quiet. On Thursday prices moved irregularly lower, the downward drift becoming more pronounced on Friday when there was a sharp drop all along the line due largely to the uncertainty in the Czech situation and the halting of the peace parley.

Curb stocks sagged all along the line during the brief period of trading on Saturday. The recessions extended to

all parts of the list, the declines ranging from 1 to 7 or more points. Carrier Corp. was particularly weak and dropped to a new low at 16 with a loss of 2 points; Aluminium, Ltd., dipped 4 points to 105; Jones & Laughlin Steel slipped back 4 points to 23½, and Nehi Corp. fell off 3½ points to 36¼. Smaller losses were registered by Axton Fisher A; Chicago Flexible Shaft; Lake Shore Mines; New Jersey Zinc; Singer Manufacturing Co., and Pittsburgh Plate Glass. The transfers were approximately 90,000 shares with 276 issues traded in. Of these 29 closed on the side of the advance, 165 declined and 82 were unchanged.

Sharp advances among the trading favorites appeared all along the line on Monday, the gains ranging up to 7 or more points. The gains were fairly well scattered through the list and many market leaders that declined during the short session on Saturday regained a goodly part of their losses. The aluminum stocks were especially active, Aluminum Co. of America closing at 105¼ with a gain of 1¼ points, while Aluminium, Ltd., climbed up to 109 with an advance of 4 points. Other noteworthy gains were Jones & Laughlin Steel, 3½ points to 27; Nehi Corp., 2¼ points to 38½; Technicolor, 1½ points to 19; Bell Tel. of Pa., pref., 1½ points to 116¼; Carrier Corp., 1¼ points to 18, and Colt's Patent Fire Arms, 3½ points to 59.

Specialties and mining stocks moved to the front on Tuesday as prices forged ahead to higher levels. The market displayed a strong tone throughout the session, the advances ranging from 1 to 6 or more points and even higher in some instances. One of the strong stocks was Sherwin Williams which surged upward 7½ points to 107¾. Newmont Mining Co. was also a feature as it moved smartly forward 5 points to 72. Other shares prominent on the side of the advance were Carrier Corp., 2 points to 20; Childs pref., 3 points to 39; Gulf Oil Corp., 2 points to 39½; Humble Oil, 2½ points to 66; Pittsburgh Plate Glass, 2½ points to 100; Todd Shipyards, 2¾ points to 56, and Singer Manufacturing Co., 3 points to 233.

Higher prices prevailed during most of the trading on Wednesday, the gains ranging from 2 to 8 or more points. The improvement extended to practically all sections of the list, and while there were a number of moderate declines, they were, as a rule, among the less active stocks and had no special significance. The transfers for the day were approximately 123,310 shares, against 117,885 on Tuesday. Outstanding among the stocks closing on the side of the advance were United Shoe Machinery, 2½ points to 77¼; Pepperell Manufacturing Co., 5¼ points to 69; Mead Johnson, 3¾ points to 122; Cuneo Press, 7 points to 39; Chicago Flexible Shaft, 6 points to 65; Aluminium, Ltd., 3¾ points to 116, and Utah Power & Light pref., 2¼ points to 40¼.

Irregular price movements were apparent during most of the dealings on Thursday, and while there were a fair number of gains registered during the session, the predominating movements of the day were toward lower levels. There were occasional advances scattered through the list, notably Pittsburgh Plate Glass which moved up 2¾ points to 103; Kopper Co. pref., 7 points to 77; Electric Bond & Share pref., 1 point to 53 and Consolidated Mining & Smelting, 2½ points to 55½. The transfers for the day dipped to 67,470 shares against 123,310 on the preceding day. There were 229 issues traded in of which 68 closed on the side of the advance, 96 on the down side and 65 were unchanged.

The market again tumbled downward on Friday, the decline being accelerated by the unfavorable turn in the European situation. Foremost among the recessions were the aluminum stocks which were the market leaders during the early part of the week. Aluminum Co. of America dropped 3½ points to 103 followed by Aluminium Ltd. with a decline of 3 points to 109. Other stocks prominent on the side of the decline were Chicago Flexible Shaft, 3 points to 62; Mead Johnson, 4¼ points to 118, and Pittsburgh Plate Glass, 5 points to 96. As compared with Friday of last week the range of prices was fractionally higher, Carrier Corp. closing last night at 18¼ against 18 on Friday a week ago; Creole Petroleum at 19½ against 19¼; Electric Bond & Share at 6¼ against 6½; Gulf Oil Corp. at 38¾ against 34¼; International Petroleum at 24¾ against 23¾; Newmont Mining Corp. at 72 against 67¼, and United Shoe Machinery at 75½ against 74½.

### DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE

Week Ended Sept. 23, 1938	Stocks (Number of Shares)	Bonds (Par Value)			Total
		Domestic	Foreign Government	Foreign Corporate	
Saturday	89,650	\$616,000	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$630,000
Monday	101,730	718,000	1,000	19,000	738,000
Tuesday	117,685	989,000	2,000	26,000	1,017,000
Wednesday	124,380	1,180,000	17,000	22,000	1,219,000
Thursday	67,370	577,000	18,000	9,000	604,000
Friday	98,820	694,000	29,000	19,000	742,000
Total	599,635	\$4,774,000	\$71,000	\$105,000	\$4,950,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange	Week Ended Sept. 23		Jan. 1 to Sept. 23	
	1938	1937	1938	1937
Stocks—No. of shares	599,635	1,618,140	30,742,913	81,248,107
Bonds				
Domestic	\$4,774,000	\$6,607,000	\$237,798,000	\$318,752,000
Foreign government	71,000	305,000	5,011,000	9,535,000
Foreign corporate	105,000	130,000	4,602,000	7,778,000
Total	\$4,950,000	\$7,042,000	\$247,411,000	\$336,065,000



1937. Outside of this city there was a decrease of 10.5%, the bank clearings at this center having recorded a loss of 9.1%. 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 a loss of 9.1% and in the Boston Reserve District of 5.9%, but in the Philadelphia Reserve District the totals show a gain of 10.0%. The Cleveland Reserve District registers a decline of 18.9%, the Richmond Reserve District of 4.5%, and the Atlanta Reserve District of 8.6%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals record a decrease of 18.8%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 10.8%, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 8.8%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals are smaller by 16.1%, in the Dallas Reserve District by 10.9%, and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 12.8%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS
Table with columns: Week End. Sept. 17, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st to 12th), Total (112 cities), and Outside N. Y. City.

We now add our detailed statement showing last week's figures for each city separately for the four years:

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Sept. 17, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows are grouped by Federal Reserve Districts (First to Sixth) and include various cities within each district.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows include Seventh Federal Reserve District (Michigan, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Ind.—Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, South Bend, Terre Haute, Wis.—Milwaukee, Ia.—Ced. Rapids, Des Moines, Sioux City, Ill.—Bloomington, Chicago, Decatur, Peoria, Rockford, Springfield) and Total (18 cities).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows include Eighth Federal Reserve District (Mo.—St. Louis, Ky.—Louisville, Tenn.—Memphis, Ill.—Jacksonville, Quincy) and Total (4 cities).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows include Ninth Federal Reserve District (Minn.—Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul, N. D.—Fargo, S. D.—Aberdeen, Mount—Billings, Helena) and Total (7 cities).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows include Tenth Federal Reserve District (Neb.—Fremont, Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha, Kan.—Topeka, Wichita, Mo.—Kan. City, St. Joseph, Colo.—Col. Springs, Pueblo) and Total (10 cities).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows include Eleventh Federal Reserve District (Texas—Austin, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Galveston, Wichita Falls, La.—Shreveport) and Total (6 cities).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows include Twelfth Federal Reserve District (Wash.—Seattle, Spokane, Yakima, Ore.—Portland, Utah—S. L. City, Calif.—I. g. Beach, Pasadena, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Stockton) and Total (11 cities).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows include Grand total (112 cities) and Outside New York.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, 1938, 1937, Inc. or Dec., 1936, 1935. Rows include Canada and various cities across different regions (Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, etc.) and Total (32 cities).

\* Estimated. x No figures available.













Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, Holders of Record. Lists various companies and their dividend details.

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\* Transfer books not closed for this dividend.

† On account of accumulated dividends.

‡ Payable in Canadian funds, and in the case of non-residents of Canada deduction of a tax of 5% of the amount of such dividend will be made.



Weekly Return of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

The following was issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 22, showing the condition of the 12 Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. The first table presents the results for the System as a whole in comparison with the figures for the eight preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the 12 banks. The Federal Reserve note statement (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Reserve Agents and the Federal Reserve banks. The comments of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System upon the returns for the latest week appear in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 21, 1938

Table with 11 columns: Three Ciphers (000) Omitted, Sept. 21, 1938, Sept. 14, 1938, Sept. 7, 1938, Aug. 31, 1938, Aug. 24, 1938, Aug. 17, 1938, Aug. 10, 1938, Aug. 3, 1938, July 27, 1938, Sept. 22, 1937. Rows include ASSETS (Total assets: 14,249,373) and LIABILITIES (Total liabilities: 14,249,373), plus Maturity Distribution of Bills and Short-Term Securities.

\* "Other cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes. † Revised figure.
† These are certificates given by the United States Treasury for the gold taken over from the Reserve banks when the dollar was devalued from 100 cents to 59.06 cents on Jan. 31, 1934. These certificates being worthless to the extent of the difference, the difference itself having been appropriated as profit by the Treasury under provisions of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934.



Weekly Return of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Concluded)

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 21, 1938

Table showing resources and liabilities of 12 Federal Reserve Banks. Columns include Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, and San Fran. Rows are categorized into ASSETS and LIABILITIES.

\* "Other cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT

Table showing Federal Reserve Note Statement with columns for Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, and San Fran. Rows include Federal Reserve notes, collateral held, and eligible paper.

United States Treasury Bills—Friday, Sept. 23

Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

Table of Treasury bill rates for various dates from Sept. 28 1938 to Nov. 9 1938, with columns for Bid and Asked rates.

United States Government Securities on the New York Stock Exchange—See following page.

Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, Daily, Weekly and Yearly—See page 1897.

Stock and Bond Averages—See page 1897.

THE PARIS BOURSE

Quotations of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week:

Table of Paris Bourse stock quotations for Sept. 17-23, listing various banks and companies like Bank of France, Cie Generale d'Electricite, and others.

THE BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE

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

Table of Berlin Stock Exchange closing prices for representative stocks from Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, including companies like Allgemeine Elektrizitaets-Gesellschaft and Deutsche Reichsbahn.



LOW AND HIGH 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 per share.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various companies and their stock prices. Includes columns for 'Range Since Jan. 1' and 'Range for Previous Year 1837'.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. z Ex-div. y Ex-rights. ‡ Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges. Includes a 'Sales for the Week' column and various stock symbols and prices.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Range Since Jan. 1 On Basis of 100-Share Lots' and 'Range for Previous Year 1937'. Lists various stocks and their price movements.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. z Ex-div. y Ex-rights. ¶ Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for dates (Saturday Sept. 17 to Friday Sept. 23) and price ranges for various stocks. Includes sub-headers for 'per share' and 'Shares'.

Table titled 'STOCKS—NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various companies and their stock prices. Includes columns for 'Range Since Jan. 1' and 'Range for Precious Year 1937'.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. α Def. delivery. n New stock. Cash sale ‡ Ex-div. γ Ex-rights. ¶ Called for redemption.

Table with columns: LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; Saturday Sept. 17; Monday Sept. 19; Tuesday Sept. 20; Wednesday Sept. 21; Thursday Sept. 22; Friday Sept. 23; Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; Range Since Jan. 1 On Basis of 100-Share Lots; Range for Previous Year 1937. The table lists numerous stocks such as Firestone Tire & Rubber, General Motors, and various utility companies, along with their share prices and trading ranges.

Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. α Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. z Ex-div. y Ex-rights. † Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Sept. 17 to Friday Sept. 23) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices per share.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. It lists various stock companies (e.g., Indian Refining, Industrial Rayon) and their prices per share, along with 'Range Since Jan. 1' and 'Range for Previous Year 1937'.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. z Ex-div. y Ex-rights. ‡ Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Sept. 17 to Friday Sept. 23) and rows of stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

Column of sales figures for the week, corresponding to the stock prices in the adjacent table.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table of stock listings including company names, par values, and price ranges (Lowest and Highest) for the current week and the previous year (1937).

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. z Ex-div. f Ex-rights. † Called for redemption.



LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges per share. Includes sub-headers for 'Sales for the Week' and 'Shares'.

Table of STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Columns include stock names, price per share, range since Jan 1, and range for previous year 1937. Lists various companies like Pacific Ltg Corp, Pacific Mills, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. x Ex-div. y Ex-rights. ‡ Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Sept. 17 to Friday Sept. 23) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Main table of stock listings including columns for 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Range Since Jan. 1', and 'Range for Previous Year 1937'. Lists various companies like Safeway Stores, Shell Union Oil, and others.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. x Ex-div. y Ex-rights. † Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Sept. 17 to Friday Sept. 23) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

Table with columns for Stock Name, Par, Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), and Range for Previous Year 1937 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like United Biscuit, United Carbon, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. x Ex-div. y Ex-rights. ‡ Called for redemption.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

NOTICE—Prices are "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds. 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: BOND, Interest Period, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bids & Asked, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 23, Foreign Govt. & Mun. (Cont.), Interest Period, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bids & Asked, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1.

For footnotes see page 1897.

Table of bonds including Foreign Govt. & Munic. (Concl.), N. Y Stock Exchange, Week Ended Sept. 23. Columns: Interest Period, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Ask, Range Since Jan 1.

RAILROAD AND INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES

Table of railroad and industrial companies including Abtibi Paper & Paper Mill, Adams Express, Central N Y Power, and others.

Table of bonds including Bell Teleph of Pa, Bell Telephone of N Y, Canadian Nat, and various municipal bonds.

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Bennett Bros. & Johnson

MUNICIPAL BONDS

New York, N. Y. One Wall Street Digby 4-5200 N. Y. 1-761 + Bell System Teletype + Cgo. 543

Chicago, Ill. 135 So. La Salle St. Randolph 7711 N. Y. 1-761 + Bell System Teletype + Cgo. 543

Table of N. Y. Stock Exchange Bonds, Week Ended Sept. 23. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Range Since Jan. 1, and Range High/Low.

Table of N. Y. Stock Exchange Bonds, Week Ended Sept. 23. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Range Since Jan. 1, and Range High/Low.

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Main table containing bond listings for N.Y. Stock Exchange, including columns for Bond Description, Interest, Last Sale Price, Range of Bid & Asked, and Range Since Jan 1.

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Table with columns for Bonds, N.Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended Sept. 23, Interest Period, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and similar columns for the second section.



Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, Week Ended Sept. 23. Columns include Bond Name, Interest, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bld & Asked, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, Week Ended Sept. 23. Columns include Bond Name, Interest, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bld & Asked, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

• Cash sales transacted during the current week and not included in the yearly range.

• Cash sale; only transaction during current week. • Deferred delivery sale; only transaction during current week. • Odd lot sale, not included in year's range.

• The following is a list of the New York Stock Exchange bond issues which have been called in their entirety:

• Compagnies reported as being in bankruptcy, receivership, or reorganized under Section 77 of the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

• Friday's bid and asked price. No sales transacted during current week.

• Bonds selling flat.

• Deferred delivery sales transacted during the current week and not included in the yearly range:

Chesapeake & Ohio 5s 1939, Sept. 22 at 102.

Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

Table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange for Sept. 23, 1938. Columns: Week Ended, Stocks, Number of Shares, Railroad & Misc. Bonds, State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds, United States Bonds, Total Bond Sales.

Table showing sales at New York Stock Exchange for Week Ended Sept. 23 and Jan. 1 to Sept. 23. Columns: Sales at New York Stock Exchange, 1938, 1937, 1938, 1937.

Stock and Bond Averages

Below are the daily closing averages of representative stocks and bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange as compiled by Dow, Jones & Co.:

Table showing Stock and Bond Averages. Columns: Date, Stocks (30 Industrials, 20 Railroads, 15 Utilities, Total 65 Stocks), Bonds (10 First Grade Rails, 10 Second Grade Rails, 10 Utilities, Total 40 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 orders 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 (Sept. 17, 1938) and ending the present Friday (Sept. 23, 1938). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bond, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1, 1938 (Low, High), and transaction details (Date, Price, Shares). The table is split into two main sections: 'STOCKS' and 'STOCKS (Continued)'. It lists numerous companies such as Acme wire, Aero Supply, Agfa Anso, and many others, providing their weekly price ranges and trading volumes.

For footnotes see page 1903.

Table containing two columns of stock data. The left column lists stocks such as Compo Shoe Mach., V t o ext to 1946, Consol Biscuit Co., etc. The right column lists stocks such as Fox (Peter) Brew Co., Franklin Rayon Corp., Froedtert Grain & Malt Co., etc. Each entry includes price, range, sales, and range since Jan. 1, 1938.

For footnotes see page 1903.





STOCKS (Concluded)		Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices Low High	Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1, 1938 Low High		BONDS (Continued)		Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices Low High	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1, 1938 Low High			
Utah Radio Products	1				1 1/2	June	2	June	103 1/2	103 1/2	7,000	97 1/2	Mar	104	July
Utility Equities Corp.	*		2 1/2	200	1 1/2	Apr	3 1/2	July	107 1/2	107 1/2	5,000	107 1/2	Aug	110	May
\$5.50 priority stock	*		30 1/2	40	31 1/2	June	45 1/2	July	104 1/2	105	72,000	93	Mar	108 1/2	Aug
Utility & Ind Corp com	5				1 1/2	June	2 1/2	Jan	104 1/2	105	65,000	91	Mar	105 1/2	Sept
Conv preferred	7	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Mar	2 1/2	Jan							
Util Pow & Lt common	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	1 1/2	Mar	2 1/2	Jan							
Class B	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	400	1 1/2	Sept	2	Jan							
7% preferred	100	9 1/2	9 1/2	150	7	Mar	17 1/2	Jan							
Valspar Corp com	1	2	2 1/2	900	1 1/2	Mar	3 1/2	July							
\$4 conv pref	5				20 1/2	June	36	July							
Van Norman Mach Tool	5				11	Mar	25	Aug							
Venezuela Mex Oil Co	10	4 1/2	4 1/2	200	2 1/2	Mar	4 1/2	July							
Venezuelan Petroleum	10	1	1	1,600	1 1/2	Mar	1 1/2	July							
Va Pub Serv 7% pref	100				59	Apr	77 1/2	Jan							
Vogt Manufacturing					4 1/2	June	10 1/2	Jan							
Waco Aircraft Co					1 1/2	Mar	3 1/2	Jan							
Wagner Baking Co	*		5 1/2	200	6 1/2	Apr	11 1/2	Jan							
Waitt & Bond class A	*		7	200	5 1/2	Apr	7 1/2	Sept							
Class B					5 1/2	Apr	1	July							
Walker Mining Co	1		1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Apr	1 1/2	July							
Wayne Knitting Mills	5		8 1/2	200	6	Mar	9	Sept							
Weisbaum Bros-Brower					4 1/2	Apr	8	Aug							
Wellington Oil Co	1		3 1/2	100	3 1/2	Sept	6 1/2	Jan							
Wentworth Mfg	1.25	3	3	1,400	1 1/2	Mar	3 1/2	Aug							
Western Air Express	1		2	600	1 1/2	Sept	4 1/2	Jan							
Western Maryland Ry															
7% 1st preferred	100		42	44	20	30 1/2	Mar	75	Jan						
Western Tab & Stat															
Vot tr cts com					13 1/2	Sept	22 1/2	Mar							
West Texas Util \$6 pref	5				67 1/2	Mar	81 1/2	July							
West Va Coal & Coke	1	1	1 1/2	2,200	3 1/2	Mar	2 1/2	Jan							
Weyenberg Shoe Mfg	1				4 1/2	Apr	7 1/2	Jan							
Williams (R. C.) & Co	*				4 1/2	Apr	6 1/2	Aug							
Williams Oil & Mkt Ht	*		4	100	2 1/2	Apr	6 1/2	July							
Wilson-Jones Co	*		8	200	6 1/2	May	10 1/2	July							
Wilson Products Inc	1				58 1/2	Apr	70	Jan							
Wisconsin P & L 7% pt 100					2	Mar	3 1/2	Jan							
Wolverine Portl Cement	10		5 1/2	600	3 1/2	Mar	7 1/2	July							
Wolverine Tube com	2				5 1/2	May	7 1/2	July							
Woodley Petroleum	1														
Woolworth (F W) Ltd															
Amer dep rets	5		14 1/2	14 1/2	600	14 1/2	Mar	16 1/2	Jan						
6% preferred	5														
Wright Hargreaves Ltd	5	7 1/2	7	4,700	6	Mar	8 1/2	Feb							
6% preferred	5	7 1/2	7	4,700	6	Mar	8 1/2	Feb							
Yukon-Pacific Mining Co	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	600	1	Sept	2 1/2	Jan							

For footnotes see page 1903.

Table of bond listings with columns: BONDS (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, 1933 (Low, High), and a second set of columns for various bond types and their prices/ranges.

\* 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.

† Friday's bid and asked price. No sales were transacted during current week.

‡ Bonds being traded flat.

§ Reported in receivership.

¶ The following is a list of the New York Curb bond issues which have been called in their entirety:

Chicago Dist Electric gen. 6s ser. B 1961, on 22 at 104.

Empire Oil & Ref. 5 1/2s 1942, Oct. 5 at 101.

Pub. Serv. of Nor. Ill. 5s 1956, Oct. 1, at 110.

Saunder Falls 5s 1955, Oct. 1 at 107 1/2.

Tenn. Public Service 5s, 1970, Oct. 4 at 104.

Toledo Edison 6s 1962, Oct. 13 at 105.

† Cash sales transacted during the current week and not included in weekly or yearly range.

† No sales.

‡ Under-the-rule sales transacted during the current week and not included in weekly or yearly range.

‡ No sales.

§ Deferred delivery sales transacted during the current week and not included in weekly or yearly range.

§ No sales.

¶ Abbreviations Used Above—"cod," certificates of deposit; "cons," consolidated;

"cum," including; "conv," convertible; "m," mortgage; "n-v," non-voting stock;

"w," voting trust certificates; "w/1," when issued; "w/w," with warrants; "x-w,"

without warrants.

Other Stock Exchanges

New York Real Estate Securities Exchange

Closing bid and asked quotations, Friday, Sept. 23

Table with columns: Unlisted Bonds, Bid, Ask, Unlisted Bonds, Bid, Ask. Lists various real estate securities like B'way 38th St Bldg 7s 1945, Internat Commerce Bldg, etc.

Baltimore Stock Exchange

Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1, 1938. Lists stocks like Abundel Corp, Balt Transit Co, etc.

Boston Stock Exchange

Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1, 1938. Lists stocks like American Pneumatic Ser, Amer Tel & Tel Co, etc.

Large table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1, 1938. Lists numerous stocks including Amer Pub Serv pref, Amer Tel & Tel Co, etc.

CHICAGO SECURITIES

Listed and Unlisted

Paul H. Davis & Co.

Members New York Stock Exchange, Chicago Stock Exchange, New York Curb (Associate), Chicago Board of Trade. 10 S. La Salle St., CHICAGO

Chicago Stock Exchange

Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1, 1938. Lists stocks like Abbott Laboratories, Adams (J D) Mfg, etc.

For footnotes see page 1907









Canadian Markets LISTED AND UNLISTED

Provincial and Municipal Issues

Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns for Province of Alberta, Province of Ontario, Province of Quebec, and Province of Saskatchewan. Includes bid and ask prices for various issues.

Railway Bonds

Table listing Canadian Pacific Ry and Canadian Northern Ry bonds with bid and ask prices.

Dominion Government Guaranteed Bonds

Table listing Canadian National Ry and Grand Trunk Pacific Ry bonds with bid and ask prices.

Montreal Stock Exchange

Table listing various stocks on the Montreal Stock Exchange, including Ottawa L H & Power, Penmans, and others, with bid, ask, and weekly price ranges.

Montreal Stock Exchange

Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table listing Montreal Curb Market stocks, including Agnew-Surpass Shoe, Alberta Pacific Grain, and many others, with bid, ask, and weekly price ranges.

HANSON BROS Canadian Government Municipal Public Utility and Industrial Bonds. 255 St. James St., Montreal. 56 Sparks St., Ottawa. 330 Bay St., Toronto.

Montreal Curb Market

Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table listing Montreal Curb Market stocks, including Abitibi Pow & Paper Co, 6% cum pref, and others, with bid, ask, and weekly price ranges.

\* No par value

Canadian Markets—Listed and Unlisted

Montreal Curb Market

Table of Montreal Curb Market with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1938 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1938 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange

Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange (continued) with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1938 (Low, High).

\* No par value.

Canadian Markets—Listed and Unlisted

Toronto Stock Exchange

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange listings including columns for Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1, 1938 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange listings (continued) 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, 1938 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section

Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section listings including columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1, 1938 (Low, High).

Industrial and Public Utility Bonds

Closing bid and asked quotations, Friday, Sept. 23

Table of Industrial and Public Utility Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and various bond details.

Bank of Montreal Reports No Marked Change in Canadian Business from Recent Months

The Bank of Montreal in its Sept. 21 "Business Summary" states that "the advent of autumn finds no marked alteration in current business from recent months, but the outlook remains clouded by the gravity of conditions in Europe. Of major importance has been the successful garnering in the Prairie Provinces of the largest wheat crop since 1932." The following is also from the Bank's summary:

This Western crop is of good grade and is officially estimated at 334,000,000 bushels, each of the three provinces increasing its production as compared with last year—Alberta from 74,000,000 bushels to 141,000,000 bushels; Saskatchewan from 37,000,000 bushels to 143,000,000 bushels, and Manitoba from 48,000,000 to 50,000,000 bushels. This yield, more than double the final figure for last year's crop, combined with a guaranteed price by the Dominion Government, has lent prompt stimulus to business throughout the country. In all the other provinces there have been good crops of the main staples, and there is every indication that, taking Canada as a whole, rural purchasing power will be substantially higher with better distribution than last year. The effect of the improvement in the fortunes of a large body of prairie farmers is already making itself felt in an increased movement of merchandise to the West. Commencement of grain shipments has contributed to an improvement in railway car loadings, and gross revenues have risen in an encouraging degree.

In the industrial field gains have been about balanced by recessions. A feature of the month that may have an important bearing on future activity in certain lines is the preparation, under arrangements by the British Government, for the development of an extensive bomber-aircraft industry.

There have been further declines in wholesale commodity prices, chiefly in vegetable products and non-ferrous metals, but in certain other respects an improved business trend has been apparent. The month of August witnessed an increase of 24.6% over July in the value of all domestic exports, although the August figure was nearly 18% below that of the corresponding month of 1937.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Sept. 23

New York City Bonds

Table of New York City Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and various bond terms like 63s Jan 1 1977, 63 1/2s July 1 1975, etc.

New York State Bonds

Table of New York State Bonds including World War Bonus, Canal & Highway, and High Imp bonds.

Port of New York Authority Bonds

Table of Port of New York Authority Bonds such as Holland Tunnel, Inland Terminal, and George Washington Bridge.

United States Insular Bonds

Table of United States Insular Bonds including Philippine Government, Honolulu 5s, and U.S. Panama 3s June 1 1961.

Federal Land Bank Bonds

Table of Federal Land Bank Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and terms like 3s 1955 opt 1945, 3s 1956 opt 1946, etc.

Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds

Table of Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds listing various banks like Atlanta 3s, Atlantic 3s, Burlington 5s, etc.

Joint Stock Land Bank Stocks

Table of Joint Stock Land Bank Stocks listing Atlanta, Atlantic, Dallas, Denver, Des Moines, etc.

Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures

Table of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures with columns for Bid, Ask, and terms like F I C 1 1/2s Oct 15 1938, etc.

New York Trust Companies

Table of New York Trust Companies listing Banca Comm Italiana, Bank of New York, Bankers, Bronx County, etc.

New York Bank Stocks

Table of New York Bank Stocks including Bank of Manhattan Co., Bank of Yorktown, Bensonhurst National, Chase, etc.

Chicago & San Francisco Banks

Table of Chicago & San Francisco Banks including American National Bank, Continental Illinois Natl Bank, First National, Harris Trust & Savings, etc.

TRADING MARKETS

Banks—Insurance—Industrials—Utilities All Over-the-Counter Securities

Eugene J. Hynes & Co.

61 Broadway Whitehall 4-3254-8 New York City Bell Teletype N. Y. 1-2345

Insurance Companies

Large table of Insurance Companies with columns for Par, Bid, Ask and company names like Aetna Cas & Surety, Home Fire Security, etc.

Surety Guaranteed Mortgage Bonds and Debentures

Table of Surety Guaranteed Mortgage Bonds and Debentures listing Allied Mtge Cos Inc, Arundel Bond Corp, etc.

Miscellaneous Bonds

Table of Miscellaneous Bonds including Associates Invest 3s 1946, Bear-Mountain-Hudson, River Bridge 7s, etc.

For footnote: see page 1913.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Sept. 23—Continued

Guaranteed Railroad Stocks

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Table of Guaranteed Railroad Stocks with columns for Par, Dividend in Dollars, Bid, and Asked prices for various companies like Alabama & Vicksburg, Albany & Susquehanna, etc.

Public Utility Stocks

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, and Asked prices for companies like Alabama Power, Arkansas Pr & Lt, etc.

Chain Store Stocks

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, and Asked prices for companies like Berland Shoe Stores, B/G Foods, etc.

Sugar Stocks

Table of Sugar Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, and Asked prices for companies like Cuman Atlantic Sugar, Eastern Sugar Assoc., etc.

Railroad Bonds

Table of Railroad Bonds with columns for Bid and Asked prices for companies like Akron Canton and Youngstown, Atlantic Coast Line, etc.

Railroad Equipment Bonds

Table of Railroad Equipment Bonds with columns for Bid and Asked prices for companies like Atlantic Coast Line, Baltimore & Ohio, etc.

Public Utility Bonds

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for Bid and Asked prices for companies like Amer Gas & Power, Amer Utility Serv, etc.



Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Sept. 23—Continued

Water Bonds

Table of Water Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and Par values. Includes entries like Alabama Wat Serv 5s 1957, Ashabula Wat Wks 5s 58, and various municipal water bonds.

Industrial Stocks and Bonds

Table of Industrial Stocks and Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and Par values. Includes entries like Alabama Mills Inc., American Arch, American Cyanamid, and various industrial companies.

Investing Companies

Table of Investing Companies with columns for Par, Bid, and Ask values. Includes entries like Adminis'd Fund 2nd Inc., Affiliated Fund Inc., and various investment funds.

Real Estate Bonds and Title Co. Mortgage Certificates

Table of Real Estate Bonds and Title Co. Mortgage Certificates with columns for Bid, Ask, and Par values. Includes entries like Alden 1st 3s, B'way Barclay 1st 2s, and various mortgage certificates.

\* No par value. a Interchangeable. b Basis price. c Coupon. d Ex-Interest. e Flat price. f Nominal quotation. w When issued. w-s With stock. z Ex-dividend. y Now selling on New York Corp Exchange. z Ex-liquidating dividend. † Now listed on New York Stock Exchange. ‡ Quotations per 100 gold rouble bond, equivalent to 77.4234 grams of pure gold. § Quotation not furnished by sponsor or issuer.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Sept. 23—Concluded

Foreign Stocks, Bonds and Coupons  
Inactive Exchanges

BRAUNL & CO., INC.

52 William St., N. Y.

Tel. HANover 2-5422

Foreign Unlisted Dollar Bonds

Table listing various foreign unlisted dollar bonds including Anhalt 7s, Antioquia 8s, Bank of Colombia 7%, Barranquilla 35-40-46-48, Bavaria 8 1/2%, Bavarian Palatinite Cons, Bogota (Colombia) 6 1/2%, Bolivia (Republic) 8s, Brandenburg Elec 6s, Brazil funding 6s, Bremen (Germany) 7s, British Hungarian Bank, Brown Coal Ind Corp, Buenos Aires scrip, Burmeister & Wain 6s, Caldas (Colombia) 7 1/2%, Callao (Peru) 7 1/2%, Cauca Valley 7 1/2%, Ceara (Brazil) 8s, Central Agric Bank, Chile Govt 6s, Chlean Nitrate 5s, City Savings Bank, Colombia 4s, Cordoba 7s, Costa Rica funding 6s, Costa Rica Pac Ry 7 1/2%, Cundinamarca 6 1/2%, Dortmund Mun Util 6s, Duesseldorf 7s, Duisburg 7%, East Prussian Pow 6s, Electric Pr (Ger'y) 6 1/2%, European Mortgage & Investment 7 1/2%, Farmers Natl Mtge 7s, Frankfurt 7s, French Natl Mall 8s, German Atl Cable 7s, German Building & Landbank 6 1/2%, German Central Bank, German Conversion Office, German Dawes coupons, German Young coupons, Great Britain & Ireland, Guatemala 8s, Hanover Harz Water Wks, Haiti 6s, Hamburg Electric 6s.

Foreign Unlisted Dollar Bonds

Table listing various foreign unlisted dollar bonds including Hansa SS 6s, Housing & Real Imp 7s, Hungarian Cent Mut 7s, Hungarian Ital Bk 7 1/2%, Hungarian Discount & Exchange Bank 7s, Jugoslavia 5s funding, Jugoslavia 2d series 6s, Protestant Church (Germany) 7s, Prov Bk Westphalia 6s, Rhine Westph Elec 7%, Rio de Janeiro 6%, Rom Cash Church 6 1/2%, R C Church Welfare 7s, Saarbruecken M Bk 6s, Salvador 7%, Santa Catharina (Brazil), Santa Fe 7s stamped, Santander (Colom) 7s, Sao Paulo (Brazil) 6s, Saxon Pub Works 7s, Saxon State Mtge 6s, Slem & Halske deb 6s, State Mtge Bk Jugoslavia, Stuttgart Pub Util 7s, Stinnes 7s, Tolaia 7s, Union of Soviet Soc Repub, Wurttemberg 7s.

f Flat price.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks

Table listing telephone and telegraph stocks including Am Dist Teleg (N J) com, Bell Tele of Canada, Bell Tele of Pa pref, Cuban Teleg 7% pref, Emp & Bay State Tel, Frankln Telegraph, Gen Teleg Allied Corp, Int Ocean Telegraph, Mtn States Tel & Tel, New York Mutual Tel, Pac & Atl Telegraph, Peninsular Teleg com, Rochester Telephone, So & Atl Telegraph, Sou New Eng Teleg, Wisconsin Teleg 7% pf.

For footnotes see page 1913.

General Corporation and Investment News  
RAILROAD—PUBLIC UTILITY—INDUSTRIAL—MISCELLANEOUS  
NOTE—For mechanical reasons it is not always possible to arrange companies in exact alphabetical order. However, they are always as near alphabetical position as possible.

FILING OF REGISTRATION STATEMENTS UNDER SECURITIES ACT

The following additional registration statements (Nos. 3814 to 3816, inclusive) have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933. The total involved is approximately \$38,483,313.  
Virginia Electric & Power Co. (2-3814, Form A2), of Richmond, Va., has filed a registration statement covering \$37,500,000 3 1/2% 1st and refunding mortgage bonds, series B, due Sept. 1, 1968. Filed Sept. 15, 1938. (For further details see V. 147, p. 1790.)  
Public Service Corp. of Texas (2-3815, Form A2), of Fort Worth, Texas, has filed a registration statement covering 28,372 shares of 6% cumulative convertible preferred stock, par \$25, and \$220,000 shares of \$1 par common stock. Of the preferred stock, 24,028 shares will be offered by parent company at \$25 per share, 2,394 shares will be offered by issuer through parent company at \$25 per share and 1,950 shares of preferred will be taken by parent company as underwriting commissions. Of the common stock 141,860 shares will be reserved for conversion of above preferred stock, 38,140 reserved for the balance of outstanding preferred stock held by parent company, and 40,000 shares of common stock will not be offered publicly at present. The issuer's part of the proceeds will be used for working capital. Keystone Pipe & Supply Co. is named as underwriter. Wm. Horwitz is President of the company. Filed Sept. 16, 1938.  
Kant Blaze Fireproofing Corp. (2-3816, Form A1), of Lynn, Mass., has filed a registration statement covering 258,210 shares of common stock, par \$1, and will be offered at \$1.25 per share. Proceeds will be used for formulae, plant, machinery, equipment and working capital. Underwriter to be named by amendment. Arthur W. Lalime is President of the company. Filed Sept. 16, 1938.  
The last previous list of registration statements was given in our issue of Sept. 17, page 1766.  
Ahlberg Bearing Co.—Sales Contract— See Bower Roller Bearing Co., below.—V. 145, p. 594.  
Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.—Earnings—  
Month of— Aug., 1938 July, 1938 Aug., 1937  
Earnings prior to charges for depreciation and bond interest— \$250,338 \$256,843 \$500,668  
Shipments of newsprint in August amounted to 24,545 tons compared with 22,960 tons in July, and 42,736 tons in August, 1937. Present indications are that shipments of newsprint in September will be about 27,000 tons.  
Shipments of sulphite pulp in August amounted to 3,244 tons against 2,667 tons in July, and 5,516 tons in August, 1937. Present indications are that shipments of sulphite pulp in September will be about 3,400 tons. On Aug. 10 last, the market price of bleached sulphite pulp was reduced \$5 per ton.—V. 147, p. 1181.

Acme Gas & Oil Co., Ltd.—Earnings—  
Years Ended Dec. 31— 1937 1936 1935 1934  
Net income— \$97,979 \$89,590 \$59,046 \$104,636  
Previous surplus— 45,027 8,750 28,904 77,460  
Total surplus— \$143,006 \$98,340 \$87,950 \$182,096  
Dividends paid— 40,315 80,629  
Surplus— \$143,006 \$98,340 47,635 101,467  
Reserve for taxes, &c.— 64,954 60,000 43,364 72,563  
Sundry charges of previous years— 1,185  
Appreciation in value of investments— Dr9,183 Cr7,871 Cr4,479  
Surplus, Dec. 31— \$68,869 \$45,027 \$8,750 \$28,904

Assets—Cash in banks, \$21,398; loans (secured) on call against genera securities, \$97,000; oil in storage, \$1,214; accounts receivable, \$11,241; advances to agents, \$1,718; investments (at cost), \$37,241; investments (at market value), \$24,498; royalty rights, oil and gas wells, leases and equipment (less reserve for depreciation and depletion, \$280,000), \$390,935; total, \$585,244.  
Liabilities—Funds held for Illinois Canadian Corp. pending completion of organization, \$25,002; accounts payable, \$764; unclaimed dividends, \$255; reserve for taxes, \$14,954; capital stock (2,015,732 no par shares), \$475,400; surplus, \$68,869; total, \$585,244.—V. 146, p. 2999.

Acme Glove Works, Ltd.—Earnings—  
Calendar Years— 1937 1936 1935 1934  
Operating profit— \$131,292 \$132,890 \$191,229 \$138,261  
Directors' fees— 200 280 180 320  
Salaries of exec. officers— 38,600 38,600 37,500  
Depreciation— 23,184 23,114 28,078 27,133  
Prov. for income tax— 11,923 12,177 19,703 15,034  
Net profit— \$57,385 \$58,719 \$105,768 \$95,773  
Divs. on 6 1/2% cum. pref. stock— 44,714 47,096 29,140 21,937  
Common dividend— 12,000 9,000  
Surplus— \$861 \$2,623 \$76,628 \$73,836

Assets—Cash on hand and at banks, \$66,864; accounts receivable (less reserve for bad debts of \$25,000), \$163,213; inventories, \$710,172; cash deposited with Trust company for dividends payable Jan. 3, 1938, \$14,178; land, buildings, machinery and equipment (less reserve for depreciation of \$237,297), \$597,787; prepaid insurance and taxes, \$3,598; manufacturing, shipping and office supplies on hand (estimated), \$8,601; total, \$1,364,413.  
Liabilities—Accounts and bills payable, \$9,854; reserves for Federal, Provincial and municipal taxes, \$19,450; dividends payable Jan. 3, 1938, \$14,178; 6 1/2% cumulative convertible preference shares of \$100 each, \$687,900; common stock (24,000 no par shares), \$491,670; earned surplus, \$141,460; total, \$1,364,413.—V. 145, p. 98.







The stockholders also approved an additional amendment of the charter to effect a change or enlargement of the object or objects for which the corporation was chartered so as to include in its authorized objects the specific power to engage in the brewing business together with a full and detailed enumeration of powers necessary and incidental to the operation of such business and other businesses related thereto.

Stockholders also approved the dissolution and liquidation of its wholly owned subsidiary and the transfer of all its assets and operations to the corporation, subject to outstanding liabilities, effective Oct. 1, 1938.

Consolidated Income Statement, 9 Months Ended June 30, 1938 (Peerless Corporation and Subsidiaries.)

Table with columns for items and amounts. Includes rows for Gross sales, Net sales, Total profit, and Net income.

Consolidated Balance Sheet (Peerless Corp. and Subs.)

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for various financial items like Cash, Receivables, and Equity.

-V. 147, p. 1787.

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System—Earnings

[Including Brooklyn and Queens Transit System]

Table showing earnings for Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System with columns for months and years.

[Excluding Brooklyn and Queens Transit System]

Table showing earnings for Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System (excluding Brooklyn and Queens) with columns for months and years.

New Directors—

At a meeting of the board of directors held Sept. 19, Edwin P. Maynard and Cary D. Waters were elected directors to fill vacancies caused by the deaths of Thomas L. Chadbourne and James H. Post.—V. 147, p. 1634.

Brooklyn & Queens Transit System—Earnings

Table showing earnings for Brooklyn & Queens Transit System with columns for months and years.

New Director—

Fred C. Marston has been elected a director of this company to represent the preferred stock. He succeeds the late Thomas L. Chadbourne.—V. 147, p. 1635.

Cabot Mfg. Co.—Earnings

Table showing earnings for Cabot Mfg. Co. with columns for years and months.

-V. 145, p. 3003.

Calaveras Cement Co.—Earnings

Table showing earnings for Calaveras Cement Co. with columns for years and months.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$64,880; notes and accounts receivable, \$181,870; inventories, \$291,220; long-term notes receivable and sundry investments (less reserve of \$2,600), \$47,894; balance receivable under contract for sale of railroad (long term), \$100,654; land, buildings, machinery and equipment, (after reserves for depreciation and depletion of \$1,286,067), \$1,678,584; deferred charges, \$49,503; total, \$2,414,606.

California Cotton Mills Co.—Earnings

Table showing earnings for California Cotton Mills Co. with columns for items and amounts.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash and cash items, \$179,733; accounts receivable (net), \$154,073; inventories, \$982,395; investments, \$352,000; bond redemption fund, \$9,709; land, buildings, machinery and equipment (net), \$2,426,693; deferred items, \$103,379; total, \$4,208,581.

California Oregon Power Co.—Earnings

Table showing earnings for California Oregon Power Co. with columns for years and months.

Notes—(1) The revenues and expenses subsequent to Jan. 1, 1937 are shown in accordance with the classifications of accounts prescribed by regulatory commissions effective Jan. 1, 1937, which differ in certain respects from the classifications previously followed by the company. In certain instances the figures prior to Jan. 1, 1937 have been adjusted in accordance with the new classifications of accounts.

Campe Corp.—Earnings

Table showing earnings for Campe Corp. with columns for years and months.

x Includes interest received net of \$36,021. y Includes interest (net) and dividends received of \$22,880 and profit on sale of marketable securities of \$21,208. z Includes surtax on undistributed profits of \$3,445 in 1938 and \$5,500 in 1937. a Includes interest (net) and dividends received of \$29,022 and refund of processing taxes of \$8,065.

Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31

Table showing balance sheet for Campe Corp. with columns for Assets and Liabilities.

Total \$3,140,365 \$3,464,710. x After depreciation of \$558,164 in 1938 and \$514,260 in 1937. y Represented by 80,000 no par shares. z 6,398 shares in 1938 and 5,077 shares in 1937.—V. 146, p. 3176.

Canada Bread Co., Ltd.—Accumulated Class B Dividends

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on account of accumulations on the 5% cum. pref. class B stock, par \$50, payable

Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 22. Like amount was paid on July 2, April 1, and Jan. 3 last, and on Oct. 1, 1937; a dividend of 50 cents was paid on July 15, 1937; one of 75 cents on July 2, 1937; 62 1/2 cents was paid on April 1 and on Jan. 2, 1937, and one of 50 cents per share was paid on Oct. 1, 1936.—V. 147, p. 1185.

Canada Bud Breweries, Ltd. (& Sub.)—Earnings—

Calendar Years— 1937 1936 1935 1934
Net trading profit— \$279,969 \$286,002 \$256,731 \$185,542
Miscell. rev. received— 2,909 2,273 3,842 5,398
Total income— \$282,878 \$288,275 \$260,572 \$190,942

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$111,735; accounts receivable, \$80,717; stock—beer and supplies, \$381,687; land and buildings, \$862,394; machinery and equipment, \$706,659; furniture and fixtures, \$31,177; trucks and autos, \$59,665; investments, \$5,369; licenses, &c., \$20, deferred charges, \$8,942; total, \$2,228,566.

Canada & Dominion Sugar Co., Ltd. (& Subs.)

Earnings for Year Ended Jan. 31, 1938

Net operating profit after all charges— \$2,467,677
Interest on investments— Cr373,935
Loss on disposal of fixed assets (net)— 6,384
Loss on sale of investments— 1,562
Reserve for Dominion and Provincial income taxes— 499,000

Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan. 31, 1938

Assets—Cash, \$3,073,745; investment in bonds issued or guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada, \$9,224,207; interest accrued on bonds, \$113,773; accounts receivable (net), \$504,737; inventories, \$2,919,621; land, buildings, plant and equipment (after reserve for depreciation of \$3,391,571), \$4,976,875; pension fund, \$100,331; other assets (incl. loans to employee shareholders \$3,368), \$96,182; total, \$21,009,472.

Canada Iron Foundries, Ltd.—Earnings—

Calendar Years— 1937 1936 1935 1934
Operating profits— \$376,612 \$197,739 \$136,479 \$71,219
Other income— 80,492 188,413 143,088 255,033
Total income— \$457,103 \$386,152 \$279,567 \$306,252

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Real estate, buildings, machinery, &c., and goodwill (after reserve for depreciation of \$3,167,743), \$3,034,611; shares in and amounts owing by subsidiary companies, \$3,192,033; inventories, \$830,763; accounts and bills receivable (less reserve for doubtful debts), \$502,335; government bonds and other marketable securities, \$112,636; other securities, \$22,850; cash, \$121,072; deferred charges, \$1,972; total, \$7,818,280.

Canada Malting Co., Ltd.—Earnings—

Earnings for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1937

Profit from operations for the year after charging all manufacturing, selling and general expenses— \$970,231
Directors' fees— 2,500
Total amount paid as counsel and solicitors' fees, &c.— 59,126
Provision for depreciation— 200,000
Provision for Dominion and Provincial income taxes— 140,343

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$214,244; investment in marketable securities, \$332,828; accounts receivable (less reserve), \$412,343; inventories, \$2,672,791; Dominion of Canada bonds, at cost, deposited with Department of National Revenue, \$2,087; grain exchange seats and membership in clearing house at cost, \$17,200; deferred charges, \$41,987; fixed assets (after reserve for depreciation of \$1,626,569), \$3,103,073; total, \$6,796,553.

Canada Paper Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Years Ended Dec. 31— 1937 1936 1935 1934
Profit from operations— \$638,804 \$472,524 \$338,085 \$277,564
Other income— 60,999 374 705 3,030

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$76,502; accounts receivable (net), \$377,196; inventories, \$735,914; balance due from parent company, \$27,900; investment in subsidiary company, \$27,000; other assets, \$24,924; deferred charges, \$23,056; fixed assets, \$6,171,869; total, \$7,464,361.

Canada Permanent Mortgage Co.—Earnings—

Calendar Years— 1937 1936 1935 1934
Net profit— \$675,567 \$680,282 \$675,012 \$680,225
Previous surplus— 514,160 503,878 498,866 488,641

Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Assets— 1937 1936
Office premises— 3,896,500 3,996,500
Real estate held for sale— 1,257,955 1,227,632

Canada Wire & Cable Co., Ltd. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Years Ended Dec. 31— 1937 1936 1935 1934
Net operating profit— \$1,244,926 \$695,585 \$532,748 \$197,395
Other income— 7,923 8,742 13,070 21,820

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$849,419; marketable securities, \$333,731; accounts receivable, \$533,282; inventories, \$1,556,632; land, buildings, plant and equipment (after depreciation reserves of \$1,309,208), \$2,638,228; prepaid expenses, \$52,269; goodwill and patents, \$2; total, \$5,658,563.

Canadian Cannery, Ltd. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Years Ended— Feb. 28 '38 Feb. 28 '37 Feb. 29 '36 Feb. 28 '35
Profit— \$1,595,785 \$1,584,702 \$1,015,982 \$752,612
Interest— 124,863 173,235 189,613 194,256

Consolidated Balance Sheet Feb. 28

Assets— 1938 1937
Cash— \$ 10,620 \$ 59,078
Accounts & bills rec. (less reserve)— 727,536 1,064,957

Total— \$23,164,856 \$22,095,745
\* Convertible preference stock (callable at \$20 on 60 days' notice from the company subject to shareholders' right of conversion, share for share, into common). Authorized, 399,160 shares having no nominal or par value.





tion, \$251,792; capital surplus arising from treasury stock acquired at no cost, \$1,000; earned surplus appropriated for sinking fund reserve, \$164,167; earned surplus available for dividends, \$363,878. c Includes 17,464 shares bonus stock authorized and subsequently issued, par \$1. d Notes receivable only.—V. 146, p. 2843.

Central Power Co.—Dividends—

Directors at a meeting held on Sept. 14 declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% cumulative preferred stock and \$1.50 per share on the 6% cumulative preferred stock, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record at the close of business on Sept. 30. Dividends are in arrears.—V. 147, p. 1332.

Central & South West Utilities Co.—Accum. Divs.—

The directors have declared dividends as payments against arrears of \$1.75 per share on the prior lien preferred stock, \$7 dividend series, and \$1.50 per share on the prior lien preferred stock, \$6 dividend series, to be paid Oct. 20 to holders of record Sept. 30. Similar amounts were paid on July 20 and April 20 last. See also V. 146, p. 3663.—V. 147, p. 1186.

Central Vermont Public Service Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Period, 1938, 1937, 1936. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, State & municipal taxes, Social security taxes, Fed. taxes (incl. income), Net operating income, Non-oper. income (net), Gross income, Bond interest, Other interest (net), Other deductions, Net income, Pref. div. requirements.

Certain-tyed Products Corp.—Salary Agreement Modified—

Corporation on Aug. 15, 1938 modified its agreement with its President, Walter Baumhogger, under which Mr. Baumhogger will devote only half his time to the business of Certain-tyed and under which his salary is reduced to \$20,000 annually from \$40,000 annually.—V. 147, p. 1029.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: August—, 1938, 1937, 1936. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Abandonment—

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Sept. 2 issued a certificate permitting abandonment by the company of a branch line of railroad extending from Koyle, Iowa, in a general southerly direction to Cainsville, Mo., approximately 20.59 miles, all in Decatur County, Iowa, and Harrison County, Mo.—V. 147, p. 1482.

Chicago District Electric Generating Corp.—Bonds and Preferred Stock Called for Redemption—

See Commonwealth Edison Co.—V. 142, p. 3843.

Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR.—No Int.—

Trustees announced that because of insufficient earnings they do not intend at this time to take any action in respect of payment of interest due June 1, last, on Milwaukee & Northern RR. Co. first mortgage and consolidated mortgage bonds.

On May 23, 1938, trustees stated they had decided to make no application to the Court at that time for authority to pay interest on the Milwaukee & Northern. Whether such an application would be made at a later date, it was announced at that time would depend on the earnings for the six months. The study of earnings, recently completed, dictated the decision of the trustees not to apply for permission to pay the June 1 interest.—V. 147, p. 1483.

Chicago & Southern Air Lines, Inc.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended June 30—, 1938, 1937. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expense, Net loss from operations, Other income charges, net, Profit for the year.

Note—The company disclaims liability for Federal surtax on undistributed profits.

Balance Sheet June 30. Assets: Cash in banks and on hand, U. S. Govt. oblig. at cost, Accts receivable, Inventory of materials & supplies, Accrued int. rec., Other assets, x Fixed assets, Deferred charges, Air mail contract, franchises and goodwill. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Traffic bal. pay., Dep. on air travel contracts, Unearned revenue, Sundry creditors, Accrued expenses, Reserve for engine overhaul, 7% convert. pref. (par \$10), y Common stock, Paid-in surplus, Earned surplus.

Total— \$516,076 \$499,524. x After reserve for depreciation of \$169,633 in 1938 and \$91,679 in 1937. y Represented by 100,100 no-par shares (stated value in 1938, 15 cents per share, and in 1937, \$1 per share)—V. 147, p. 417.

Cincinnati Advertising Products Co.—12 1/2-Cent Div.—

Directors have declared a dividend of 12 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 23. Like amount was paid on July 1, last and previously regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were distributed.—V. 147, p. 108.

Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.—Reduction in Capital Approved by SEC—Capital Surplus of \$22,500,000 Approved—

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Sept. 19 ordered effective the declaration filed by the company, pursuant to Section 7 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, regarding the reduction of the capital represented by its common stock (750,000 shares without par value) from \$30,000,000 to \$7,500,000. It is proposed that the difference of \$22,500,000, resulting from such reduction of the common capital account, be credited to a special surplus account, to be designated "Special Capital Surplus."

All of the company's common stock, consisting of 750,000 shares without par value, is owned by Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. The company's cumulative 5% preferred stock, series A, consisting of 400,000 shares (par \$100) is held by the public. It appears that the common stock is, under normal conditions, the only stock entitled to vote. However, the laws of Ohio require, in the case of a transaction such as the one covered by the declaration, that the approval of both preferred and common stocks, voting by class, and to the extent of two-thirds of the amount of each class outstanding, be first obtained. Accordingly, the preferred shareholders of the declarant will be entitled to a class vote upon the proposed reduction.

The present capitalization of the company, and its capitalization after giving effect to the proposed reduction in common capital account, are shown by the following condensed tabulation, the figures of which are as

per the books of the company and have been prepared from more detailed financial statements submitted by the company in connection with this declaration:

Table with 5 columns: Description, At Present, % of Total, After Changes, % of Total. Rows include 1st mtge. bonds, Preferred stock, Common stock, Special capital surplus, Surplus.

It appears that the purpose of the management in proposing this reduction in common capital account is to create a surplus account against which there may be charged in the future, items which may now exist in the company's property, plant and equipment account which may be found to be improper. Declarant represents that no dividends will be paid out of this special surplus account.

The company does not concede that such improper items exist, but it is aware that items may be found objectionable by regulatory bodies in an amount in excess of its present surplus. If so, a surplus deficit would exist and the company would pay dividends on its preferred and common stock at its peril. By creating this special surplus fund, the company is of the opinion that it will provide against the maximum of future charge-offs and permit the payment of dividends out of earnings since Jan. 1, 1935.

In this connection, the company proposes to make the necessary accounting entries as of Dec. 31, 1937, that date being the end of its last fiscal year. Stockholders' Meeting Sept. 30— A special stockholders meeting has been called for Sept. 30, to vote on a proposed recapitalization plan approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission to writedown the stated capital represented by common shares and to segregate surplus so created in a special capital surplus account.—V. 147, p. 1188.

Cincinnati Street Ry.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Period, 1938, 1937, 1936. Rows include Net income, Earnings per share, x After depreciation, interest, Federal income taxes, &c. y On 475,239 shares of capital stock.

Claude Neon Electric Products Corp.—Dividend Action Deferred—

Directors deferred their dividend meeting until after the special stockholders meeting called for Sept. 29. The proposal to dissolve the parent company and merge it with the subsidiary, Electrical Products Corp., will be voted on at the stockholders meeting. Company's stock has been on a regular quarterly basis of 25 cents a share with the next payment normally due Oct. 1.—V. 147, p. 1483.

Clorox Chemical Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Years Ended June 30—, 1938, 1937, 1936, 1935. Rows include Gross profit from operation, Depreciation, Net profit from operation, Prov. for taxes, Other expenses (net), Net income, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus, Earns per sh. on cap. stk., x Less dividends on shares held by company and its subsidiary.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30. Assets: Cash on hand, Stocks and bonds, Accounts receiv., Inventories, Plant equipment & real estate, Trade-marks, Deferred charges, Prod. devel. costs. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Est. Fed. inc. and cap. stock tax., x Capital stock, y Earned surplus, z Capital surplus, z Sub. & parent co. inv. in cap. stock.

Total— \$1,842,697 \$2,033,588. x Par \$10. z Cost of sub. company's investment in capital stock of Clorox Chemical Co., 4,043 shares together with parent company's holdings of 100 shares.—V. 145, p. 2067.

Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended June 30—, 1938, 1937. Rows include Sales and operating revenue, less discounts, returns and allowances, Cost of sales and expenses, Depletion, Depreciation, Prov. for relining & rebuilding furnaces, &c., Net operating loss, Other income.

Total loss— \$35,493 y \$2,438,253. Interest on general mortgage bonds— 224,150 224,150. Int. on 5% income mortgage bonds— 551,760 552,435. Other interest— 2,248. Loss on abandonment of property, plant and equipment of subsidiaries— 962 1,739. Provision for Federal taxes on income (incl. \$175,000 surtax on undistributed profits)— 14,750 x \$52,079. Net loss— \$829,363 y \$1,207,849. Dividends paid— 553,036.

Deficit— \$829,363 sur \$654,813. Earnings per share on common stock— Nil \$2.18. x Includes \$175,000 surtax on undistributed profits. y Profit.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30. Assets: Cash in banks and on hand, x Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, a Long-term notes & accts. receiv., Cash depos. under empl. compensation law, Sundry investm'ts, Prop., plant & eq., Pat'ts, tradem'ks and goodwill, Def'd charges and prepaid expenses. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Notes payable, Acrued liabilities, 1,371,489 1,622,386. Accid. compen. pay, 70,087 57,337. Prov. for reorgan. expenses— 75,000. Prov. for Fed. taxes on income— 21,461 450,000. Accid't compen't'n paid after June 30— 227,000 271,000. Funded debt— 15,518,200 15,518,200. Reserves— 2,321,012 13,347,435. Deferred credits— 28,307 18,354. z Common stock— 5,636,200 5,531,250. Capital surplus— 13,127,778 12,717,937. Earned surplus— 181,122 654,813.

Total— 39,370,558 52,010,235. Total— 39,370,558 52,010,235. x After reserves of \$87,699 in 1938 and \$80,506 in 1937. y After reserves for depletion and depreciation of \$29,211,399 in 1938 and \$23,423,468 in 1937. z Represented by 553,620 (553,125 in 1937) no par shares. a After reserve of \$88,732 in 1938 and \$41,648 in 1937.—V. 146, p. 3008.





Fall River Gas Works, Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End, Aug. 31, 1938, Month, 1937, 1938, 12 Mos., 1937. Rows: Operating revenues, Gross income after retirement accruals, Net income.

Family Loan Society, Inc.—Dividends—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents per share on the \$3.50 participating preferred stock, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 17.

Famous Players Canadian Corp., Ltd.—15 Cent Div.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the non-par common stock payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 30.

Federal Mogul Corp.—Dividend Doubled—

Directors have declared a dividend of 20 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Oct. 1.

(Frank) Fehr Brewing Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Calendar Years, 1937, 1936. Rows: Net sales, Cost of beer sold, Expenses, Non-recurring charges, Net operating loss, Additional provision for bad debts, etc.

Assets—Cash, \$34,827; accounts receivable; beer (after reserve for doubtful accounts of \$8,500), \$77,850; inventories, \$150,619; revenue stamps, \$6,554; other assets, \$17,166; cash in hands of trustee under creditors extension agreement, \$9,629; investment in cooperage, cases & bottles (after reserve for depreciation of \$69,512), \$56,281; land, \$39,196; buildings, machinery & equipment (after reserve for depreciation of \$349,363), \$832,219; deferred charges, \$3,408; total, \$1,227,750.

Fiscal Fund, Inc.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Income, Expenses. Rows: Income, Expenses, Net income on a cash basis, before deducting losses on sales of securities, Portion of net receipts, Cash dividends paid.

Balance, Dec. 31, 1937, \$2,003. From sales and repurchases of Beneficial Shares, representing accumulations in income and other distributable funds at dates of sales and repurchases.

(1) Corporation began business on Jan. 21, 1937. (2) The above statement is presented on a cash basis in accordance with a resolution by the board of directors to maintain the general accounts of the corporation on that basis as to items of income and expense.

Assets—Cash in custodian bank, \$19,368; accts. receivable for beneficial shares sold, not delivered, \$24,589; securities, \$2,764,177; total, \$2,808,133.

Liabilities—Accts. payable for securities purchased, but not received, \$12,680; beneficial shares (par 10 cents)—bank stock series, \$34,215; insurance stock series, \$39,272; paid-in surplus, \$2,760,180; loss on sales of securities, Dr \$40,218; undistributed income & other distributable funds, \$2,003; total, \$2,808,133.

Note—The above balance sheet does not include 10,000 common shares, par value 10 cents per share which were issued to Transcontinent Shares Corp., sponsor, for \$1,000, inasmuch as (a) the proceeds were used to pay part of the organization expenses of the corporation and (b) such shares cannot in any event participate in any way whatsoever in the proceeds of the sale of beneficial shares or in any income, earnings, profits or proceeds thereof.

In the event of dissolution, winding-up or other liquidation of the corporation, each registered holder of beneficial shares of each series shall be entitled to receive his proportionate share out of, and only out of, the net proceeds of the sale of the underlying assets of each such series.—V. 147, p. 1776.

Fisher Mfg. Co., Inc.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Calendar Years, 1937, 1936, 1935, 1934. Rows: Net loss after deprec. & other charges, Assets, Liabilities, Total.

Total, \$414,338, \$554,747. x After reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 7,500 shares no par value.—V. 145, p. 278.

Fiske Brisk & Granule Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns: 6 Mos. Ended June 30, 1938, 1937. Rows: Net sales, Net loss after all charges.

Ford Hotels Co.—To Pay \$1 Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable Oct. 20 to holders of record Sept. 20.

Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End, Aug. 31, 1938, Month, 1937, 1938, 8 Mos., 1937. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net revs. from ops., Tax accruals, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Deductions from gross income, Net deficit.

Foothills Oil & Gas Co., Ltd.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1937. Rows: Income from operations after providing for all operating, administrative & general expenses, Profit realized from the sale of securities, Profit, Counsel & solicitors' fees & salaries of executive officers, Provision for depreciation, Net profit before providing for depletion.

Ford Motor Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Years Ended Dec. 31, 1937, 1936, 1935, 1934. Rows: Net profit from ops., Income from invest., Divs. rec. from sub. cos., Profit on sale of invest., Total income, Directors' fees, Prov. for income taxes, Net profit, Previous earned surplus, Adjustm't of prior year's reserve for taxes, Total surplus, Prior year's adjustments, Class A dividends, Class B dividends.

Earned surp., Dec. 31 \$20,939,890 \$18,825,807 \$17,167,326 \$16,027,641. Earnings per sh. on 1,658,960 shs. cl. A & B stk. \$2.27 \$2.02 \$1.17 \$1.13. x Includes \$3,429,489 in 1937 and \$2,517,351 in 1936, for portion of the aggregate operating profits for the year of overseas subsidiary auto on obile manufacturing and distributing companies, withdrawn in the form of dividends received or receivable.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table comparing 1937 and 1936 assets and liabilities. Rows: Assets (Plant account, Patents, Cash, Bonds, Accts. receivable, Deferred charges, Inventories, Investments, Customs drawback & refund claims, Interest accrued), Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, Res. for invest., Deprec. reserve, General reserve, Surplus).

Total, \$66,170,269, \$62,160,268. x Represented by 1,588,960 shares class A stock and 70,000 shares class B stock, both of no par value.—V. 144, p. 4344.

Ford Motor Co., Ltd. (England)—Earnings—

Table with columns: Years End, Dec. 31, 1937, 1936, 1935, 1934. Rows: Trading profit, Sundry profit, rents, &c., Profit on exchange, Int. over reserved in previous years, Total income, Deprec. & obsolescence, Contrib. to employees' benefit scheme, Interest, &c., Directors' fees, Prov's'n for loss at Near Eastern branch, Misc. charges & losses.

Profit before approp'n for income taxes, £604,706, £671,902, £657,056, £508,663. Previous surplus, £864,179, £771,487, £253,084, £388,171. Total surplus, £1,468,885, £1,443,389, £1,180,140, £896,834.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Table comparing 1937 and 1936 assets and liabilities. Rows: Assets (Land, bldgs., factories, &c.; Machin'y, plant, tools & equip.; Inv. in sub. cos.; Other investments, at cost; Fixed assets, invest., &c., outside Brit. Isles; Inventories; Trade accts., &c.), Liabilities (Capital stock, Trade accts. pay. & accr. accounts, Reserve for tax'n, Employees' invest. account, Capital reserve account).

Total, £16,183,286, £14,964,806. x After depreciation, &c. y Leasehold, land, buildings, plant, machinery, &c., connected with undertakings situated outside British Isles at cost less depreciation and stock of autos, parts and stores, debtors' cash, &c.—V. 146, p. 2850.



Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$20,338; U. S. Treasury bills, \$200,000; trade accounts receivable (less reserve of \$12,000), \$197,124; inventory, \$572,564; cash surrender value of life insurance, \$114,687; investments in national banks (less reserve of \$1,600), \$1,900; claims against closed banks (less reserve of \$9,000), \$1,209; sundry other assets, \$2,731; land, \$51,939; buildings, machinery and equipment (after reserve for depreciation of \$681,327), \$479,672; deferred charges, \$11,104; total \$1,653,267.
Liabilities—Accounts payable, salaries and wages, payroll taxes, &c., \$58,556; accrued expenses, \$3,520; Federal taxes on income, \$34,000; preferred stock called for redemption, including premium and cumulative dividend thereon to that date, \$202,222; reserve, \$12,500; common stock (par \$2.50), \$437,500; capital surplus, \$669,359; earned surplus, \$235,110; total, \$1,653,267.—V. 145, p. 1419.

Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Co.—Chairman Resigns— See Hanover Fire Insurance Co., below.—V. 146, p. 2852.

Golden Cycle Corp.—Earnings—

[Including Midland Terminal Ry.] Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1937

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Gross income, Total expense including Federal taxes, Operating profit, Capital gains, Bad debt recoveries, Depreciation, Depletion, Contingent, Bad debts charged off, Net income, Dividends paid.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$1,556,560; bullion in transit to mint, \$13,641; U. S. Govt. securities, \$337,440; bonds of corporations and municipalities, \$116,200; stock of corporations, \$719,171; accounts receivable, \$85,146; notes receivable, \$240,123; ore in process of treatment, \$259,590; coal and supplies, \$161,413; plants, equipment office building (less depreciation), \$669,215; real estate, \$15,727; coal lands and mining claims (less depletion), \$1,146,401; roadway (less depreciation), \$103,586; deferred charges, \$23,863; total, \$5,488,075. Liabilities—Current accounts payable, \$112,554; provisions for Federal and local tax, \$212,556; surplus reserves, \$349,004; capital stock (par \$10), \$2,596,470; capital surplus, \$2,927,750; deficit, \$710,260; total, \$5,488,075.—V. 143, p. 2840.

Golden State Co., Ltd. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years (1937, 1936, 1935, 1934) and Amount. Rows include: Net sales, Cost of products, Operating expenses, Prov. for depreciation, Loss from operations, Income from misc. oper., Other income, net of other expenses, Loss, Bond int. and expense, Other int. expense, net of interest income, Prov. for Fed. inc. tax, Net loss, Shs. cap. stock (no par), Earned per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$531,035; accounts and notes receivable (net), \$1,385,307; products and product manufacturing supplies, \$1,427,253; operating supplies, \$125,656; prepaid expenses, \$130,518; notes receivable, net (non-current), \$81,942; investments, \$60,111; employees' cash bond savings accounts (contra), \$28,182; land, plant and equipment (after provision for depreciation of \$5,983,315), \$4,737,858; deferred charges and miscellaneous assets, \$45,221; trade routes and goodwill, \$1; total, \$8,553,084. Liabilities—Notes payable to banks, \$200,000; accounts payable, \$1,111,092; accrued liabilities, \$248,914; term debt (due currently), \$161,303; term debt (non-current), \$855,313; employees' cash bond liability (contra), \$28,182; deferred credits, \$5,224; reserve for own compensation insurance, \$24,243; capital stock, \$4,731,390; capital surplus, \$1,067,889; earned surplus, \$39,534; total, \$8,553,084.—V. 145, p. 2548.

(H. W.) Gossard Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 3 columns: Period (9 Months Ended Aug. 31), 1938, 1937. Rows include: Profit after charges and Federal taxes, Earnings per share on common.

Graham-Paige Motors Corp.—Prices Reduced—

Price reductions on its 1939 cars, \$122 as compared to similarly equipped 1938 models, were announced on Sept. 22 by the corporation. The company will have a combination coupe and a two-door sedan that will deliver at Detroit, fully equipped, for \$940; the four-door sedan will deliver, with full equipment, for \$965. All Graham models have built-in trunks and such equipment as dual sun visors and windshield wipers, arm rests on both sides front and rear, assist straps, two ash trays, bumper guards, spare tire, &c. Prices include Federal tax, but where State or local taxes exist they must be added. The reduction of \$122 applies to the four-door sedan. The other two body types were not in the line in 1938. With supercharger equipment added to the basic car at the factory, the price will be \$130 additional, giving an increase of 26 horsepower and including such items as a larger radiator core, dual exhaust manifold and muffler, special exhaust valves, aluminum cylinder head, &c. The custom equipment group is also available at \$130. Dealers are reported to have enthusiastically endorsed the company's prices and sales program in a recent series of meetings with the factory executives.—V. 147, p. 1777.

Grant Building, Inc.—Earnings—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1937

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Rental income, Income from garage, safe deposit vault, &c. (net), Service income (net), Total income, Operating expenses, maintenance, property taxes, &c., Operating income, Other income, Profit, Amortization of bond discount and expense, Special expenses incurred in connection with plan of reorganization and deposit agreement, Interest expense, Provision for depreciation, Net loss.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$176,887; notes and accounts receivable (net), \$59,397; inventory of operating supplies, &c., \$10,433; security owned, \$500; property, buildings and equipment (net), \$4,944,837; unamortized portion of bond discount and expense, \$161,297; prepaid insurance and sundry expense, \$5,875; total, \$5,359,227. Liabilities—Accounts payable, \$38,948; accrued liabilities, \$226,148; funded and other long-term debt, \$3,372,477; deferred income, \$6,115;

class A common stock (par \$1), \$52,902; common (par \$1) stock, \$62,374; capital surplus, \$1,433,580; earned surplus, \$166,683; total, \$5,359,227.

A voluntary plan of reorganization and deposit agreement dated July 28, 1937, submitted to holders of the company's securities, was declared effective Dec. 31, 1937 with the approval of representatives of the bondholders. At the end of the year owners of \$2,645,100 of first mortgage leasehold 7% sinking fund bonds had deposited their bonds, with Aug. 1, 1934 and subsequent coupons attached, under the plan and agreed to accept for each \$1,000 of bonds deposited, \$1,000 of collateral trust bonds, dated April 1, 1937, due April 1, 1957, and 20 shares of class A common stock. Under the plan of reorganization, the first mortgage bonds deposited are held as security for the collateral trust bonds issued. The collateral trust bonds issued in exchange for first mortgage bonds bear interest from April 1, 1937 at the fixed rate of 2 1/2% per annum and are entitled to additional interest up to but not exceeding 2 1/2% per annum, payable April 1 from any available net income, as defined in the collateral trust bond indenture, for the preceding year.

Also, at Dec. 31, 1937 owners of the previously outstanding \$608,000 second mtge. leasehold 6% bonds had deposited said bonds, with Aug. 1, 1930 and subsequent coupons attached, under the plan and had agreed to accept for the \$608,000 of bonds, \$15,200 of unsecured non-interest bearing notes and 24,320 shares of new common (\$1 par) stock.

In connection with the plan the holder of a \$39,632 note payable of the company agreed to accept 1,585 shares of new common stock in exchange for said note.

By deposit under the plan of reorganization or by vote at a stockholders' meeting held Dec. 31, 1937, at which authorization was given for revision of the capital structure of the company, owners of the previously outstanding 28,200 shares of \$50 preferred stock agreed to exchange said 28,200 shares for 16,920 shares of new common stock and the owners of the previously outstanding 45,000 shares (no par) common stock of an aggregate stated value of \$45,000 agreed to exchange said 45,000 shares for 4,500 shares of new common stock.—V. 146, p. 1553.

Gray Telephone Pay Station Co.—To Amend Charter—

Stockholders have received notice of a special meeting on Sept. 30 to act on recommendations to amend the charter to permit general activity in any field the directors may decide upon and to act on new bylaws. The present management took over on Feb. 9 this year, following a bitter fight for control, George A. Long and directors having been ousted. Indications are that the calling of the special meeting will provide opportunity for a renewal of the fight.

Since that time Mr. Long has brought suits against Gray Telephone alleging breach of contract, claiming damages and return of his patents under terms of the contract, and salary due.—V. 147, p. 1036.

Great Britain & Canada Investment Corp.—Earnings

Earnings for Year Ended March 31, 1938

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Revenue from investments, Revenue from stock dividends, Total revenue, Management expenses, Other expenses, Loss on exchange, Income and other taxes, Interest on debentures, Net profit.

Balance Sheet March 31, 1938

Assets—Cash, \$145,175; account receivable, \$3,154; investment securities, \$7,179,274; accrued revenue from investments, \$49,275; prepaid charges, \$382; investment realization deficit, \$46,915; total, \$7,424,176. Liabilities—Accrued expenses, \$195; accrued debenture interest, \$92,466; 4 1/2% 30-year conv. debts., \$4,000,000; \$5 cum. conv. pref. stock, \$2,000,000; common stock (350,000 no par shares), \$1,000,000; earned surplus, \$331,515; total, \$7,424,176.—V. 143, p. 2370.

Great West Saddlery Co., Ltd.—Earnings—

Table with 3 columns: Period (6 Mos. Ended June 30), 1938, 1937. Rows include: Net loss before depreciation and income taxes, Earnings per share.

Great Western Electro-Chemical Co.—Earnings—

Earnings, Year Ended Dec. 31, 1937

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: Gross revenue from sales, less returns and allowances, Cost of goods sold, Gross profit from sales, Miscellaneous revenue, net, Total income, Expense, Profit from operations, Depreciation, Federal income tax, Surtax on undistributed profits, Net profit, Dividends on preferred shares, Dividends on common shares, Earnings per share on 69,260 shares of common stock.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash on hand and demand deposits in banks, \$88,603; time deposits in banks, \$250,000; accounts receivable (net), \$263,783; inventories, \$455,114; property, plant and equipment (after depreciation and obsolescence of \$2,983,396), \$2,461,694; licenses, patents and processes, \$1; other assets, \$98,396; deferred charges, \$27,861; total, \$3,645,423. Liabilities—Accounts payable, \$158,131; deposits refundable, \$75,223; accrued payroll, taxes and expense, \$42,426; provision for Federal income taxes, \$101,064; dividends payable, \$28,675; reserves, \$89,773; Capital—6% cumulative preferred stock (par \$20), \$1,911,700; common stock (69,260 no par shares), \$234,790; earned surplus, \$1,003,639; total, \$3,645,423.—V. 146, p. 598.

Greene Cananea Copper Co.—No Common Dividend—

Directors at their recent meeting took no action on payment of dividend normally due at this time on the common shares. Regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share was paid on June 13, last.—V. 147, p. 1036.

Griesedieck Western Brewery Co.—Larger Common Div.

Initial Preferred Dividend—

Directors have a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable to holders of record Sept. 22. This compares with 50 cents paid on Dec. 20, 1937; 50 cents paid on Nov. 4 and on Oct. 4, 1937; 25 cents paid on Dec. 22, 1936; 50 cents on Oct. 6 and on July 31, 1936; and dividends of 25 cents per share paid on Dec. 20, Oct. 1, and May 1, 1935. Directors also declared an initial dividend of 3 1/2 cents per share on the new 5 1/2% convertible preferred stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 13.—V. 147, p. 1779.

Grocery Store Products Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 3 columns: Years Ended Dec. 31—1937, 1936. Rows include: Gross sales (less returns, allowances and discounts), Cost of goods sold, Gross profit from sales, Selling, administrative and general expense, Provision for depreciation, Profit from operations, Income credits, Gross income, Income charges, Provision for Federal and State income taxes, Int. on coll. lien 6% conv. bonds of Grocery Store Products Co., Net income, x Including \$29 in 1937 and \$345 in 1936, surtax on undistributed profits.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$99,696; accounts receivable, \$226,907; inventories, \$614,473; investments, \$70,436; land, buildings, and equipment (after reserves for depreciation of \$590,547), \$885,567; goodwill, \$579,665; deferred charges, \$37,043; total, \$2,513,787.

Group No. 1 Oil Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Calendar Years, 1937, 1936, 1935, 1934. Rows include Gross oper. income, Oper. and admin. exp., Royalties paid, Taxes, Net oper. income, Non-oper. income-net, Total income, Sh. of oper. losses of Signal Gas Co. of Texas, Intangible devel. costs, Surrendered leases, Depletion, Depreciation, Net loss on disposal of equip. and warehouse stock, Federal income tax, Net income, Dividends, Balance, loss.

x Including intangible development costs and dry holes. y No liability for tax on undistributed profits is anticipated. z Before provision for amortization of non-producing leases determined by the management as having no value and charged to earned surplus March 31, 1936.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$769,827; accounts receivable, \$29,338; inventories, \$33,027; other current assets, \$3,161; due from affiliated cos., \$25,196; cash on deposit for payment of unclaimed divs. (contra), \$410; investments, \$117,939; property account (after reserves for deprec., depreciation, depletion and intangible development costs of \$3,162,371), \$895,299; prepaid expenses, \$10,673; total, \$1,884,872.

Group No. 2 Oil Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended Dec. 31, 1937, 1936, 1935, 1934. Rows include Gross operating income, Operating charges, Net operating income, Non-operating income, Net income before capital extinguishments and Federal income tax, Surrendered leases, Depletion and dry holes, Depreciation, Estimated Federal income, Net income.

x Includes \$313 undistributed profits tax. y For year before provision for amortization of non-producing leases determined by management as having no value and charged to earned surplus March 31, 1936.

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$39,644; inventories, \$2,150; cash on deposit for payment of unclaimed dividends (contra), \$2,945; investments, \$1; property acc'ts (after reserves for deprec., deplet., & intangible development costs of \$25,099), \$231,316; total, \$276,056.

(Charles) Gurd & Co., Ltd.—Earnings—

Table with 3 columns: Year End. 15 Mos. End., Mar. 31 '38, Mar. 31 '37. Rows include Operating profit, Taxes and licenses, Depreciation, Executive salaries, Directors' fees, Miscellaneous deductions, Reserve for Dominion & Provincial Income taxes, Net profit, Preferred stock dividends paid, Common stock dividend paid, Earns. per sh. on 60,000 shs. of com. stk., no par.

Balance Sheet March 31, 1938

Assets—Cash, \$84,692; accounts receivable (after reserve for doubtful accounts of \$15,000), \$119,088; inventories, \$179,726; real estate, buildings, machinery and plant, \$890,953; rolling stock, autos, trucks, &c., \$75,298; investment in Charles Gurd & Co. (Maritime), Ltd., \$74,227; investment in Charles Gurd & Co. (Ontario), Ltd., \$18,254; deferred charges, \$10,994; formulae, \$100,000; goodwill, \$1; total, \$1,553,234.

Gypsum, Lime & Alabastine, Canada, Ltd. (& Subs.)

Table with 4 columns: Year End, Nov. 30, 1937, 1936, 1935, 1934. Rows include Net profits for year, Interest on funded debt, Depreciation, Depletion, Written-off fund. assets, Prov. for bad debts, Directors' fees, Flood damage, Expense of special shareholders meeting, Losses by subsidiaries, Prov. for Dom. inc. tax, Net profit, Deficit, Jan. 1, Tr. against reduc. in cap., Total deficit, Miscellaneous credit, Adj. applic. to prior years, Surplus, Earns. per share on 440,043 shares cap. stock (no par).

x Profit on Gypsum, Lime & Alabastine, Canada, Ltd., bonds transferred from Standard Lime Co., Ltd., \$7,750 less organization expenses of Standard Lime Co., Ltd., written off, \$7,438; net, \$262. y Profit on sale of shares of Gyproc Products, Ltd. z Deficit.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$164,766; accounts and bills receivable less reserve thereon, \$330,366; inventories, \$506,243; deferred assets, \$92,498; investments, \$55,529; investment in and advances to subsidiary companies, \$34,302; cash in hands of trustees for bondholders, \$10,955; mines, quarries, &c. (after reserve for depreciation of \$509,427), \$3,456,103; mines, mine development and quarries (after reserve for depletion, \$25,207), \$1,766,566; total, \$6,417,328.

Liabilities—Accounts payable and accrued charges, \$185,350; accrued interest on bonds, \$52,243; dominion, provincial and other taxes, \$51,904; due to subsidiary company, \$6,157; deferred liabilities, \$8,100; funded debt, \$3,753,500; reserves, \$1,911; common stock (440,043 no par shares), \$2,200,215; surplus, \$157,948; total, \$6,417,328.—V. 144, p. 4179.

(C. M.) Hall Lamp Co.—Earnings—

Table with 2 columns: Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1937, 1936. Rows include Sales, less cost of goods sold, Selling, general and administrative expenses, Operating profit, Interest earned, dividends received, rent and miscell. income, Total income, Provision for doubtful accounts, Taxes and repairs on plant not used in operations, Provision for depreciation of plant not used in operations, Reduction of municipal bonds to market value, Sundry deductions, Provision for Federal normal tax on income (estimated), Net profit, Dividends paid.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$41,205; municipal bonds, \$405,464; trade accounts receivable (less reserve of \$40,000), \$219,497; inventories, \$351,463; claims against closed banks (less reserve of \$6,000), \$59,548; sundry investments (less reserve of \$147,601), \$69,650; deposit with insurance company, \$3,753; real estate not used in operations (after reserve for depreciation of \$390,824), \$580,653; advance to employee, \$27; land, \$59,399; buildings, machinery and equipment (after reserve for depreciation of \$609,042), \$283,582; patents and goodwill, \$1; deferred charges, \$75,072; total, \$2,149,315.

Liabilities—Accounts payable for purchases, expenses and payrolls, \$59,731; accrued expenses, \$2,000; Federal taxes on income of year 1937 (estimated), \$5,000; common stock (no par) outstanding, 362,069 shares, \$1,853,235; surplus, \$229,350; total, \$2,149,315.—V. 145, p. 1740.

Halle Bros. Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Years End. Jan. 31, 1938, 1937, 1936, 1935. Rows include Profit, Prov. for depreciation, Int., bond discount, &c., Provision for taxes, Net profit, Pref. divs. (6 3/4%), Conv. pref. dividend, Common dividends, Earns. per sh. on 224,480 shs. common stock, a Including \$25,000 for year ended Jan. 31, 1938, and \$10,500 for year ended Jan. 31, 1937, Federal surtax.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Jan. 31, 1938

Assets—Cash, \$893,887; U. S. Treasury notes, \$200,312; customers' accounts receivable and other current accounts (less reserve of \$130,138), \$3,089,249; Ohio State sales tax stamps, \$23,477; merchandise inventory, \$2,049,477; cash surrender value of life insurance, \$227,785; sundry investments, \$79,714; employee and sundry notes and accounts receivable (less reserve of \$6,000), \$61,455; claims against closed banks (less reserve of \$23,540), \$11,278; deposits with insurance underwriters, \$10,971; land (at cost), \$243,835; leaseholds (at cost less amortization), \$131,449; improvements (buildings), fixtures and equipment (after reserves for depreciation and revaluation of \$4,665,905), \$3,003,593; land and leasehold not used in operations (at cost less amortization and adjustment by management), \$126,596; deferred charges, \$241,689; total, \$10,394,768.

Liabilities—Accounts payable, \$596,961; accrued taxes, interest and rentals, \$201,625; provision for Federal taxes on income (est.), \$134,647; current portion of long-term debt, \$287,000; long-term debt, \$2,315,500; reserve for contingencies, \$100,000; convertible preferred (850 par) stock, \$2,942,500; common (\$5 par) stock, \$1,122,400; capital surplus, \$8,295; earned surplus, \$2,685,839; total, \$10,394,768.

Note—Merchandise in transit amounting to approximately \$117,000 has not been included in this balance sheet.—V. 147, p. 113.

Hajoca Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended Dec. 31, 1937, 1936, 1935, 1934. Rows include Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Gross profit, Oper., sell., gen. & administrative expenses, Profit from operations, Other income, Gross income, Other expenses, Provision for depreciation, Provision for Federal and State income taxes, Net income.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$124,315; cash surrender value of life insurance policies, \$11,370; notes and accounts receivable (after reserve for doubtful accounts of \$251,616), \$1,014,824; advances to employees and other accounts, \$17,442; inventories, \$1,528,976; investments, \$4,102; land, \$472,966; buildings, machinery and equipment (after reserve for depreciation, &c., of \$995,049), \$1,204,740; prepaid insurance, interest and licenses, \$22,523; leasehold improvements (unamortized portion), \$18,882; other deferred charges, \$23,234; total, \$4,443,373.

Liabilities—Notes payable, \$729,869; accounts payable, \$553,136; accrued taxes and interest, \$38,550; accrued Federal and State income taxes, \$44,139; deferred credit, \$12,377; mortgages payable, \$107,150; 10-year notes, \$75,000; preferred stock (\$100 par), \$1,852,600; common stock (\$1 par), \$36,076; earned surplus, \$398,426; capital surplus, \$496,049; total, \$4,443,373.—V. 145, p. 281.

Hamilton Bridge Co., Ltd. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 3 columns: Calendar Years, 1937, 1936. Rows include Combined operating profit for year, Interest on investments, Gain on securities sold, Total income, Depreciation, Executive salaries, Directors' fees, Legal expense, Provision for bad debts, Provincial corporation tax and adjustment of life insurance cash surrender value, Net loss, x Provision for Federal and Provincial taxes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Cash, \$1,932; accounts receivable, \$464,293; materials and supplies and work in process, \$733,386; investments (Dominion of Canada bonds and accrued interest), \$28,319; other securities, \$35,350; life-policy cash surrender value, \$9,550; deposits and tenders outstanding, \$80,148.







Balance Sheet July 31

Table with 4 columns: Assets (Investment secur., Stocks & bonds, Cash, Accrued interest on investm't bonds), Liabilities (Accrued taxes, Divs. payable, 7% cum. pref. stk., Com. stock, Reserve account, Surplus), 1938, 1937. Total: \$7,164,556 vs \$7,185,654.

-V. 145, p. 3820.

Illinois Terminal Co.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: August (1938, 1937), 1936, 1935. Rows: Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents, From Jan. 1—Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Total: \$469,720 vs \$517,631 vs \$494,489 vs \$460,567.

-V. 146, p. 2210.

Indiana General Service Co.—Hearing—

A hearing has been set for Sept. 28 at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Washington offices on the application (File 32-103) of company in regard to the proposed issuance and private sale of \$6,500,000 first mortgage bonds, 3 1/4%, series due Aug. 1, 1968, to a limited number of purchasers. The proceeds of the securities are to be used to retire outstanding indebtedness and for other purposes.—V. 147, p. 1639.

Indianapolis Water Co.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: 12 Months Ended Aug. 31—(1938, 1937), 1938, 1937. Rows: Gross revenues, Oper., maint. & retirement, or depreciation, All Federal and local taxes, Net income, Interest charges, Other deductions, Balance available for dividends. Total: \$2,594,609 vs \$2,592,098 vs \$1,194,990 vs \$1,254,870.

-V. 147, p. 1341.

Balance Sheet Aug. 31

Table with 4 columns: Assets (Fixed capital, Cash, Market securities, Notes receivable, Accts receivable, Mat'l's & supplies, Inv'ts—general, Prepayments, Special deposits, Unamort. dt. disc. & expense, Undistrib. debits), Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded indebted., Consumers' depts., Other curr. liab., Main ext. depos., Accrued taxes, Accrued interest, Other acc'r. liabil., Reserves, Corporate surplus), 1938, 1937. Total: \$24,509,375 vs \$25,028,950.

-V. 147, p. 1341.

Industrial Credit Corp. of New England—Extra Div.—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 6 1/2 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 32 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 19. Like amounts were paid on July 1, April 1, and Jan. 3, last, July 1, 1937 and in each of the seven preceding quarters.—V. 146, p. 4118.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—August Earnings—

Thomas E. Murray Jr., as receiver, in his monthly report states: Traffic—The subway division during the month of August carried 52,590,580 passengers, a decrease of 2,358,430, or approximately 4.29%, as compared with August, 1937. All lines on this division carried less traffic than in the corresponding month of last year, with the exception of the Pelham Bay Park line, which reported a slight increase. The rate of traffic on the division was actually lower by approximately 6.25% as compared with August, 1937, as the month had four Sundays this year, whereas last year there were five Sundays. Compared with the preceding month, the loss in traffic in August was 4.29% as against a loss of 6.63% in July over the corresponding months of last year. This reduction in loss did not represent an improvement in traffic as the irregularities in the calendar should account for an improvement of approximately 4%. The net result, therefore, is a decline in the rate of traffic from the preceding month of approximately 1.5%. The Manhattan Division during the month of August carried 15,447,654 passengers, a decrease of 768,164, or approximately 4.74% as compared with August, 1937. All lines reported less traffic than in the corresponding month of last year. Taking into account the irregularity of the calendar the rate of traffic was lower by approximately 6.75% than in August, 1937. Compared with the preceding month, the loss on this division in August was 4.74% as against a loss of 10.95% in July. After correcting for variation in working days the net result was an improvement in rate of traffic of approximately 2%. This was undoubtedly due to the warm weather during August, the Subway Division having shown a decline.

Subway Division Operations

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Aug. 31—(1938—Month—1937, 1938—2 Mos.—1937), 1938—Month—1937, 1938—2 Mos.—1937. Rows: Gross operating revenue, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Income from operation, Current rent deductions, Balance, Used for purchase of assets of enterprise, Balance, city and co., Payable to city under contract No. 3, Gross inc. from oper., Fixed charges, Net income from oper., Non-oper. income, Balance, deficit, Manhattan Division Operations (Gross operating revenue, Operating expenses, Net operating loss, Rental of jointly operated lines, Lexington Avenue line, White Plains Road line, Other rent items, Balance of oper. deficit).

-V. 147, p. 1781.

New Directors—

Dwight F. Faulkner Jr., chairman of the protective committee for 6% notes, was elected to the board of directors to fill a vacancy caused by the

resignation of Grover A. Whalen, who was on the board representing the public. Otis A. Glazebrook Jr., partner of G. M.-P. Murphy & Co. was also elected to the board to represent the 7% noteholders.

The election to the board of these two directors is considered as a step in the direction of conciliating differences between the bond committees and Interborough stockholders.—V. 147, p. 1341.

Industrial Securities Corp.—Smaller Preferred Dividend

Directors have declared a dividend of 9 1/4 cents per share on the 6% preferred stock, par \$25, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 13. Dividends of 18 1/4 cents were paid on April 1 and on Jan. 17, last, and previously regular quarterly dividends of 37 1/2 cents per share were distributed.—V. 147, p. 574.

International Agricultural Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings

Consolidated Income Account for Years Ended June 30

Table with 4 columns: 1938, 1937, 1936, 1935. Rows: Gross profit from oper., Operating, &c., exp., Net earnings, Int. & discount earned, Dividends received, Collections on receiv'les previously written off., Profit on prof. in excess of dividends rec. through oper. of affil., Profit on bonds purch., Total income, Bond interest, Loss on own bonds purch, Interest on loan, Deprec. and depletion, Profit on sales of capital assets, net., Federal & State income taxes, estimated, Surtax on undistributed profits (estimated), Net profits, Preference dividends, Earn. per share on com., Effective July 1, 1935, the company resumed charging depreciation on assets where the appraised value was greater than the book value. The effect of this change in accounting policy was to increase the depreciation charge and decrease the net profit for the current year by approximately \$71,000. z After deducting \$16,259 (\$8,195 in 1937) excess of dividends received over corresponding equity in net earnings of affiliated companies, not consolidated.

John J. Watson, President, says in part: During the year we sold our half interest in the Kaliwerke Sollstedt Gesellschaft, located in Germany. Of late years we have received no benefit from our holdings in this company, and with the German regulations and restrictions on its mining quota, the company could not operate at a profit. Further, as under German laws we were subject to assessment for required additional capital, it seemed for the best interest of the corporation to sell the shares. We received 1,600,000 marks for the 50 Kuxe owned by us. These funds, because it was impossible to get them out of Germany, were invested in the shares of the Kaliwerke Salzdetfurth Aktiengesellschaft, one of the largest of the German potash companies. These shares are listed on the Berlin Bourse.

During the year we have extended our fertilizer operations by building a plant at Greeneville, Tenn., and at Chicago Heights, Ill. These plants will serve agricultural areas not accessible from our present plants and in territories where the use of fertilizer is increasing. In the report for the year ended June 30, 1937, we made reference to a sale of phosphate rock lands to the Tennessee Valley Authority, completed after the close of that fiscal year. The proceeds of this sale, made upon reasonable terms, were used to retire outstanding first mortgage bonds of the corporation. The properties sold contained over 6,300,000 tons of phosphate rock suitable for furnace operations, and were sold by the corporation because it felt that it could not operate the properties successfully in competition with this Government Agency. Further, the properties were not needed for the other immediate business of the corporation.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table with 4 columns: 1938, 1937, 1938, 1937. Rows: Assets (RI. est., plant, &c., Investments, Cash, b Accts. and notes receivable, Inventories, Due from affil.—non-consol., Prepaid insurance, taxes, &c., Investment in co.'s securities, Insurance fund, Overburden from unmined phosphate property, Cash in sink. fund), Liabilities (Prior pref. stock, Common stock, 1st mtge. bonds, Accounts payable, Due to affil. not consolidated, Accrued interest, taxes, &c., Res. for insurance, Res. for contng., Earned surplus, Capital surplus), Total: 27,206,326 vs 28,498,025 vs 27,206,326 vs 28,498,025.

a Represented by 436,048 no par shares. b After deducting reserves of \$2,806 in 1938 and \$412,879 in 1937.—V. 146, p. 3503.

International Radio Corp. (& Sub.)—Earnings—

Consolidated Statement from Aug. 1, 1937 to July 31, 1938

Table with 4 columns: 1938, 1937, 1938, 1937. Rows: Net sales, Cost of sales, Gross profit on sales, Selling, general & administrative expense, Net income from operations, Other income—net, Net income before Federal income taxes, Federal income taxes, Balance, Surplus adjustments—Federal excise & income taxes, Total additions to surplus, Dividend, Net addition to surplus, Earned surplus, Aug. 1, 1937, Earned surplus, July 31, 1938, Earns. per share on 188,400 shares common stock (par \$1), Consolidated Balance Sheet, July 31 (Assets: Cash, Receivables—net, Inventories, Cash surr. value of life insurance, Prop., plant & equipment—net, Def. chgs. & other assets; Liabilities: Accounts—trade, Notes, Taxes—income, Taxes—other, Other curr. liabil's, Cap. stk. (par \$1), Paid-in surplus, Surp. acq'd from wholly owned sub, Earned surplus), Total: \$773,649 vs \$951,157 vs \$773,649 vs \$951,157.

-V. 147, p. 1781.







Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31

Table with columns for 1938 and 1937, and rows for Assets (Land, Cash, Receivables, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

Total 216,215,193 225,284,727. After depreciation of \$23,886,982 in 1938 and \$21,098,946 in 1937.

Montour RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for 1938 and 1937, and rows for August (Gross from railway, Net after rents) and From Jan. 1 (Gross from railway, Net after rents).

(John) Morrell & Co.—Corrected Dividend Record—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 24 to holders of record Sept. 26.

(Philip) Morris & Co., Ltd.—Stock Dividend—

Directors on Sept. 20 authorized the payment of a stock dividend of one-half share of common stock for each share held in addition to a cash distribution of 75 cents a share.

Morris Plan Corp. of America—Accumulated Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on account of accumulations on the series 1931 6% preferred stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 23.

Mountain States Power Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns for 1938 and 1937, and rows for Year Ended July 31 (Operating revenues, Operating expenses, etc.).

Table with columns for 1938 and 1937, and rows for Net operating revenue (before appropriation for retirement reserve), Rents from lease of properties, Interest on securities and notes receivable, etc.

Table with columns for 1938 and 1937, and rows for Net operating revenue and other income (before appropriation for retirement reserve), Appropriation for retirement reserve.

Table with columns for 1938 and 1937, and rows for Gross income, Rent for lease of electric property, Interest on funded debt, Amortization of debt discount and expense, etc.

Notes—(1) In the above statement of income accounts, net income for the year ended July 31, 1937 has been reduced by \$14,213 to reflect adjustments applicable to the period of 1936 included therein of amortization of debt discount and expense charged to surplus in 1937 and sundry other items charged or credited to surplus in 1937 which have been applied retroactively in the accounts.

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready—

The Chase National Bank announced that definitive 30-year 3 3/4% debentures due June 1, 1968 are now available for delivery in exchange for the temporary bonds at its corporate trust department, 11 Broad Street.

Nachmann-Springfilled Corp.—Earnings—

Table with columns for June 20 '37, June 14 '36, June 15 '35, June 16 '34, and rows for Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Selling, warehouse and delivery expenses, etc.

Including \$6,360 surtax on undistributed profits. No provision has been made for Federal income taxes as there are statutory deductions of the company in excess of taxable income.

Balance Sheet

Table with columns for June 18 '38, June 19 '37, and rows for Assets (Cash, Notes, Inventories, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, trade, etc.).

Total \$1,559,245 \$1,789,033. Represented by 14,237 shares. After reserve of \$21,209 in 1938 and \$21,838 in 1937.

National Bond & Share Corp.—Dividend on New Shares

Directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the new shares, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 20.

National Casket Co., Inc.—Dividend Reduced—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31.

National Tea Co.—Sales—

Sales for the four weeks ended Sept. 10, 1938 amounted to \$3,875,347, as compared with \$4,486,743 for the corresponding four weeks in 1937.

Neon Products of Western Canada, Ltd.—Earnings—

Table with columns for 1938 and 1937, and rows for Years Ended April 30 (Gross revenue from sales and rentals, Direct costs, etc.).

Table with columns for 1938 and 1937, and rows for Net profit, Preference dividends, Ordinary dividends, Earnings per share on 54,836 ordinary shares.

Balance Sheet April 30

Table with columns for 1938 and 1937, and rows for Assets (Cash, Rental arrears, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Def. accts. pay., etc.).

Total \$748,909 \$660,685. After provision for depreciation of \$99,489 in 1938 and \$69,838 in 1937.

Nevada-California Electric Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings

Table with columns for 1938-Month, 1937, 1938-12 Mos., and 1937, and rows for Period Ended July 31 (Operating revenues, Maintenance, etc.).

Net oper. revenues \$189,804 \$237,735 \$1,953,496 \$2,077,352. Other income 3,239 4,725 69,052 109,053.

Table with columns for 1938, 1937, 1938-12 Mos., and 1937, and rows for Gross income, Interest, Amortization of debt discount and expenses, etc.

Net income \$68,048 \$124,194 \$531,883 \$753,239. Profits on retirement of bonds and debts (net) 43,932 26,625.

Other miscell. debits and credits to surplus (net) Dr2,175 Cr11,609 Dr27,921 Cr26,984.

Earned surp. avail. for redemption of bonds, divs., &c. \$65,872 \$135,803 \$547,894 \$806,848.

In order to make proper comparison 1936 figures (as to major items) were revised to conform with Federal Power Commission classification effective Jan. 1, 1937.

Note—This statement properly omits extraordinary debits to surplus arising from amortization of pension funds, &c. Details have appeared in annual reports.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Div. Reduced—

Directors have declared a dividend of 6 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30.

New Jersey & New York RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for August 1938, 1937, 1936, 1935, and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, etc.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for 1938, 1937, 1936, 1935, and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, etc.

C. & O. Will Not Purchase Any 6% Notes—

Herbert Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Board of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. on Sept. 29 issued the following statement: The company has not in the current year purchased any of the Nickel Plate 6% unsecured notes, due Oct. 1, 1938, and in the light of the current general and railroad business conditions the directors at their meeting held Sept. 20, passed the following resolution: Resolved that the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. will not directly or indirectly make any investment in the Nickel Plate 6% unsecured notes, due Oct. 1, 1938.













Texas & Pacific Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End, Aug 31, 1938, 1937, 8 Mos—1937, 1937. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Railway tax accruals, etc.

Tivoli Brewing Co.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 10 cents per share in addition to the regular dividend of five cents per share on the common stock, both payable Oct. 20 to holders of record Oct. 1.—V. 147, p. 1355.

Twin State Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End, Aug 31, 1938, 1937, 12 Mos—1937, 1937. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, State and munic. taxes, etc.

Union Pacific RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End, Aug 31, 1938, 1937, 8 Mos—1937, 1937. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail revenue, etc.

United Electric Coal Cos.—Earnings—

Table with columns: 1938, 1937, 1936, 1935. Rows include Sales and commission, Profit after costs & exps., Other income, etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31

Table with columns: 1938, 1937. Rows include Cash, Trade accounts and notes receivable, Officers' and employees' accounts receivable, etc.

b 750,000 shares (\$5 par); subscribed for by officers and employees, but unissued, 33,450 (38,800 in 1937) shares; reserved for options to purchase on or before April 19, 1939, at \$8 per share, 50,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 515,095 (511,200 in 1937) shares (including 306,000 shares of \$5 par value each at previous aggregate stated value of 306,000 shares of

no par value, \$4,657,317), c 33,450 (38,800 in 1937) shares of \$5 par value each, \$167,250 (\$194,000 in 1937), and excess of subscription price over par value—to be credited to paid-in surplus upon payment of subscription, \$16,725 (\$19,400 in 1937). Note—Coal Sales Corp., the wholly-owned sales subsidiary of the company, was dissolved on June 30, 1937. The company now controls fully its sales outlet through its own sales department.—V. 147, p. 1647.

United American Bosch Corp.—May Change Name and Increase Stock—

Stockholders at a special meeting on Sept. 26 will consider the ratification of a contract with Mr. Donald P. Hess, President, for a term of five years to receive a fixed salary plus 5% of net profits in excess of \$150,000 per annum and the option to purchase 15,000 shares of capital stock at \$12.50 per share; and the action of the Board of Directors in approving adjustments in certain accounts of the company as of June 30, 1938, effecting a reduction in assets of \$1,423,324 and establishing a reserve for contingencies of \$100,000. To approve the change of the company's name from United American Bosch Corp. to American Bosch Corp. changing the par value of the capital stock from no par value to \$1 par value, increasing the authorized capital stock from 500,000 shares to 750,000 shares and reducing the capital from \$2,580,000 to an amount equivalent to \$1 per share.—V. 147, p. 1647.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Weekly Output—

Table with columns: Week Ended, Sept. 17, '38, Sept. 10, '38, Sept. 18, '37. Rows include Electric output of system (kwh.), etc.

United Milk Products Co.—Dividends—

The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 23. Similar payments were made in preceding quarters. Dividends similar to the above have been paid on the \$3 cum. participating pref. stock, no par value, in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share.—V. 146, p. 4132.

United States Trucking Corp.—Issuance of Notes—

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Sept. 12 authorized the issuance by the corporation of unsecured promissory notes in aggregate principal amount \$75,000 the net proceeds to be applied to retirement of outstanding bonded debt authorized.—V. 147, p. 1503.

United Verde Extension Mining Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1937, 1936, 1935, 1934. Rows include Gross revenue, Other income, Total income, Mining, &c., expends, etc.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1937

Assets—Mining property (less depletion reserve, \$35,000,510), \$268,238; smelter plant, mine and other machinery, equipment and buildings (less amortization and depreciation reserve, \$7,425,342), \$34,588; marketable securities at cost, \$710,297; other investments (less reserve, \$925,163), \$218,428; lands, ranches, &c. (less reserve, \$189,000), \$295,671; accounts and notes receivable and interest accrued, \$48,071; inventories of materials and supplies, \$53,699; cash in banks and on hand, \$590,186; due on metal and ore sold and copper on hand, \$201,641; total, \$2,420,818. Liabilities—Capital stock (par \$0.50), \$525,000; accounts payable incl. taxes and other items accrued, \$177,788; surplus, \$1,718,030; total, \$2,420,818.—V. 147, p. 1054.

United Wall Paper Factories, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings

Table with columns: Years Ended June 30—1938, 1937, 1936. Rows include Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Gross profit from operations, etc.

Surplus for the year \$13,301 \$31,224 \$108,868. Earns per sh. on 1,138,090 shs. com. includes \$2 par. \$0.08 \$0.24 \$0.06. Note—The above statement does not include undistributed current earnings of the subsidiary company not consolidated.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table with columns: 1938, 1937. Rows include Cash, Accts. payable, Accruals, Cust. notes, accts., etc.

Total \$6,763,263 \$6,935,417. After reserve for depreciation of \$2,054,312 in 1938 and \$1,856,574 in 1937.—V. 147, p. 1647.

Universal Products Co., Inc.—Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the com. stock, no par value, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 26. This compares with 15 cents paid on June 15, last; 50 cents on March 31, last; \$1.25 paid on Dec. 21, 1937; 50 cents paid on Sept. 30, June 30 and March 31, 1937; \$1.25 paid on Dec. 18, 1936; 75 cents on Sept. 30, 1936, and 25 cents paid on June 30 and March 31, 1936.—V. 146, p. 1896.

U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 and rows for 8 Mos. End Aug. 31, Profit after interest, Deprec., deplet. & amort, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Surplus, Sbs. com. stock outstanding, Earnings per share.

Average shares outstanding. No provision has been made for Federal surtax on undistributed profits in respect to the above stated earnings.

To Pay \$1 Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, par \$50, payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30.

U. S. Sugar Corp.—Dividends—

Directors have declared four quarterly dividends of \$1.25 per share on the preferred stock, payable on Oct. 15, 1938, Jan. 16, April 15 and July 15, 1939.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—SEC Lets Group Enter Utility Case—

The Securities and Exchange Commission issued an order Sept. 21 permitting Harry Reid, Max McGraw and B. B. Robinson as the general protective committee for security holders of the corporation to intervene in proceedings having to do with reorganization plans for the corporation.

In reaching that conclusion, however, the SEC, over the protest of counsel for the committee, refused to withdraw from the position it has taken that in its opinion the committee was organized on behalf of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. system.

The matter first reached the controversial stage on Sept. 17 when the commission adopted a memorandum opinion permitting intervention by the committee in which it stated it was clear from the record that the committee "was organized by Howard O. Hopson on behalf of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. system and that every member of the committee and its secretary and counsel are in some fashion linked with the Associated interests."

In its order Sept. 21 the commission consented to a slight modification by making this statement read:

"It is clear from the record that the committee was organized by Howard O. Hopson, and that every member of the committee and its secretary and counsel are in some fashion linked with the Associated interests, and it is our conclusion that it was so organized on behalf of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. System."

The commission also consented to strike from its original memorandum opinion the statement that "Associated owns some securities of each class which the committee claims to represent—which includes every class of security which the debtor has outstanding" and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

"Associated owns some debentures and A, B and common stocks of the debtor, all of which are also represented by the committee which also purports to represent preferred stock."

The Atlas Corporation, proponent of a plan of reorganization involved in the proceedings, had filed objections to the petition by the committee to intervene.

The commission based its findings in tying up the committee with the Associated Gas & Electric interests on testimony of Mr. Reid that Mr. Hopson suggested that the committee be organized.

The commission also provided that the committee would be permitted to intervene only on the condition that a copy of its opinion shall accompany any circulars or letters transmitted to security holders and that the committee will not be permitted to maintain any position inconsistent with any representations which it has made to security holders.

Clarence H. Ross, counsel for the committee, vigorously denied that the committee was an instrument of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. interests or that it will not provide security holders with independent representation.

The action of the commission in requiring that its memorandum opinion "attacking the committee" must accompany any letters or circulars transmitted to security holders of the corporation by the committee was characterized by Mr. Ross as "an abuse of discretion."

He said he did not know whether the committee would carry its case to the security holders or to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, but predicted "a complete vindication in either case."

Valspar Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1933, 1934, 1935 and rows for 12 Months Ended Aug. 31, Net profit, After all charges, incl. depreciation and Federal income taxes.

Victor Oil Co.—Dividend Reduced—

Directors have declared a dividend of seven cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 22 to holders of record Sept. 20.

Vanadium Alloys Steel Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1933, 1934, 1935 and rows for 8 Months End. June 30, Sales, less returns, &c., Cost of sales, Gross profit from sales, Other income, Gross income, Gen., adm. & sell. exps., Add'l comp. to directors, officers & employees, Provision for deprec'n., Loss on sale of securities, Federal income taxes, Prov. for est. Pa. inc. & capital stock taxes, Prov. for est. Fed. unemployment tax, Prov. for est. social security taxes, Research expense, Loss from sale of prop., Write-down in value of investments, Int. on notes payable, Combined net profit, Dividends paid, Surplus, Sbs. cap. stk. (no par), Earnings per share.

Includes capital stock taxes. Includes excess profits, undistributed profits and capital stock taxes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table with columns for years 1938, 1937 and rows for Assets (Land, buildings; Patents; Investments; Mtge. receivable; Due from emp'l; Due for purch. of real estate; Due fr. employees; Inventories; Notes & accts. rec.; Accrued int. rec.; Marketable secur.; Cash; U. S. Govt. bonds; Dep. und. ins. agreement; Cash in closed bks.; Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Common stock; Capital surplus; Empl. 7% cts. of investment; Prov. for personal injury settlement expenses; Add'l compens'n of employees; Accounts payable; Unclaimed wages; Acct'd gen. taxes; Acct'd Fed. taxes; Misc. acct. liabils; Surplus; Treasury stock).

Total \$6,017,235 \$6,831,847. Represented by 210,000 no par shares. After depreciation of \$1,695,002 in 1938 and \$1,582,953 in 1937. Represented by 9,633 (8,175 in 1937) shares at cost.—V. 146, p. 3035.

Virginia Electric & Power Co.—Supplemental Indenture

Stockholders at a special meeting on Sept. 26 will consider authorizing supplemental indenture to indenture of mortgage dated Nov. 1, 1935, for the purpose of issuing a new series of bonds to be designated first and refunding mortgage bonds series B 3 1/2% to be dated Sept. 1, 1938 and to be due Sept. 1, 1968, in the aggregate principal amount of \$37,500,000.

Hearing Oct. 3—

A hearing has been set for Oct. 3, 1938 in the Commission's Washington offices on the application (File 32-104) of the company in regard to a proposed issuance and sale of \$37,500,000 of first and refunding mortgage bonds, series B, 3 1/2%, due Sept. 1, 1968, and \$4,000,000 of 3% serial notes maturing from May 1, 1940, to Nov. 1, 1946, at 3% per annum.

Wagner Baking Corp.—No Preferred Dividend—

Directors at their recent meeting failed to take any action with regard to payment of dividend normally due at this time on the \$3 second preferred stock. Regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share was paid on July 1, last.—V. 147, p. 1790.

Walker & Co.—Accumulated Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$2.50 cum. class A conv. stock, no par value, payable Oct. 12 to holders of record Oct. 1. Like amount was paid on Aug. 25, last, and compares with 25 cents paid on July 5 and on May 28, last, and with 50 cents paid on Feb. 17, last; Dec. 23, Sept. 30, July 26, April 26 and Feb. 18, 1937; Nov. 30, Oct. 15, Aug. 31, July 1, April 25 and Feb. 15, 1936, and Dec. 20, Nov. 15, Aug. 15, May 15 and Feb. 15, 1935.—V. 147, p. 1210.

Wayne Pump Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1938, 1937 and rows for 9 Months Ended Aug. 31, Profit, after all charges, except Federal income tax, and before adjust. for Indiana gross income tax, Cancellation of reserve for Indiana gross income tax on interstate sales to Nov. 30, 1937, less related Federal income taxes, Total, Prov. for Indiana gross income tax on interstate sales, Estimated normal Federal income tax, Net profit for the period, Earnings per share on 289,659 shs. of capital stock.

The provisions made in 1937 for Indiana gross income tax on interstate sales were canceled in 1938, as the United States Supreme Court in 1938 reversed the decision given in 1937 by the Indiana Supreme Court. Excess profits and undistributed profits taxes are not provided, as they are not determinable until the end of the fiscal year.—V. 147, p. 1356.

Weinberger Drug Stores, Inc.—To Pay 25-Cent Dividend

Directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 24. This compares with 10 cents paid on June 27, last and previously regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share were distributed.—V. 147, p. 1509.

West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co.—Five-Cent Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of 5 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20. Like amount was paid on July 1, last; a dividend of 10 cents was paid on April 1 and on Jan. 3, last; dividends of 20 cents were paid on Oct. 1, July 1 and on April 1, 1937, and previously, dividends of 10 cents per share were distributed each three months.—V. 147, p. 1357.

Western Maryland Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1933, 1934, 1935 and rows for 12 Months Ended Sept. 14, Gross earnings (est.).

Wheeling Steel Corp.—Exchange Date Fixed—

Corporation reports that Dec. 14, 1938, has been fixed as the date up to which 6% preferred stock may be exchanged into \$5 cumulative convertible prior preferred stock and common stock in accordance with the plan of recapitalization dated June 8, 1937. There shall be payable to the corporation as an adjustment of dividends, the sum of \$1 per share for each share of 6% preferred stock surrendered for exchange during the period Sept. 15, 1938 to Sept. 30, 1938, both inclusive, and 50 cents per share for each share of 6% preferred stock surrendered for exchange during the period Oct. 1, 1938 to Dec. 13, 1938, both inclusive.—V. 147, p. 1791.

Willson Products, Inc.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1938, 1937 and rows for 6 Months Ended June 30, Net loss before taxes.

Wisconsin Hydro-Electric Co.—Accumulated Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.50 per share on account of accumulations on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20. Similar amount was paid on June 1 and on Oct. 1 last.—V. 146, p. 3039.

Woodward & Lathrop Co.—50 Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, par \$10, payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 26. Like amount was paid on June 29, last and previously, regular quarterly dividends of 37 1/2 cents per share were distributed. In addition, the company has paid a number of extra dividends, the record of which is given in V. 146, p. 2067.—V. 146, p. 4134.

Worcester Suburban Electric Co.—Smaller Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on its capital stock, par \$25, payable Oct. 11 to holders of record Oct. 5. This compares with \$1 paid on June 30 and March 31, last; 75 cents paid on Dec. 24, 1937; \$1.50 paid on Sept. 30, 1937; \$1.35 paid on June 30, 1937; \$1 paid in each of the six preceding quarters; 75 cents paid on Sept. 30 and June 29, 1935, and \$1 per share distributed each three months previously.—V. 147, p. 436.

# The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN

PROVISIONS—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Sept. 23, 1938.

**Coffee**—On the 19th inst. futures closed 5 to 8 points net higher in the Santos contract, with sales totaling only 39 lots. The Rio contract closed 4 points lower to 1 point higher on sales of 19 lots. Prices moved within a narrow range during most of the session, with orders either way influencing the trend. In the run of news there was nothing to add as a stimulus or a depressant. Shipments meanwhile from Brazil showed improvement for the week just ended. The total amounted to 377,000 bags against 259,000 bags in the previous week. To the United States the total amounted to 241,000 bags, Europe 117,000 bags, and all others 19,000 bags. Tomorrow will be a holiday in Rio. Havre closed 1¾ francs to 2 francs higher.

On the 20th inst. futures closed 8 to 16 points net higher, with sales totaling 117 lots. The Rio contract closed 9 to 12 points higher, with sales of 30 lots. Short covering and new speculative buying were in evidence, influenced apparently by the easing of war tension abroad. Demand was centered in the distant positions, which showed the maximum gains. For a time July, in which 47 lots of the total were traded, was selling at 6.89c., or 20 points above the previous close, but profit-taking for the account of operators who bought early scaled down some of the gains. Actuals were quiet, but a small amount of business was entered in futures against outside transactions. The market in Brazil was unchanged, and the Havre market closed ¾ to 4 francs lower.

On the 21st inst. futures closed 11 to 14 points net higher in the Santos contract, with sales totaling 50,000 bags. The Rio contract closed 8 to 16 points net higher, the spot month showing the maximum gain, on sales of only 11 lots. Demand was general and included short covering and new European buying. A fair part of the business represented hedging against actuals, which became active for the first time in several weeks. Havre closed 1¼ to 2½ francs higher. Five notices were issued against September Santos, bringing the total to date to 18.

On the 22d inst. futures closed 5 to 10 points net lower in the Santos contract, with sales totaling 37 lots. The Rio contract closed 10 points up on the Sept. delivery, and 1 point down on the remaining months, with sales of 39 lots. The coffee market declined in quiet trading. Santos contracts were off 8 to 9 points on sales totaling 5,000 bags up to early afternoon. During the early afternoon the Rio contract was off 6 points on sales totaling 8,000 bags up to that time. Cost and freight offers from Brazil were renewed at unchanged prices. Futures on the Havre Exchange advanced 3½ to 4 francs on sales of 17,500 bags. Today futures closed 2 to 15 points net lower in the Santos contract, with sales totaling 131 contracts. The Rio contract closed 19 points net lower, with sales totaling 22 contracts. Coffee futures reflecting the "war" news, opened lower, but in the later trading prices held fairly well. Near months were weaker than the distant deliveries as 10 Santos notices of delivery were issued and one "A" contract notice was circulated. Santos contracts opened 9 to 13 points lower, while Rios were 9 to 25 points lower. Later, Santos prices were 7 to 22 points lower, with Sept. at 6.42c., off 22 points. March sold at 6.73c., off 6 points. Rio contracts were unchanged. Cost and freight offers from Brazil showed little change. A fair business in Colombian coffees was reported yesterday with Manizales for Nov.-Dec. delivery selling at 11½¢.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

September	-----	May	-----	4.38
December	-----	July	-----	4.41
March	-----			4.35

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

September	-----	May	-----	6.70
December	-----	July	-----	6.70
March	-----			6.63

**Cocoa**—On the 19th inst. futures closed 3 to 5 points net higher. The opening range was 2 to 6 points higher. This market reflected the brighter outlook for a peaceful settlement of European difficulties, although trading interest was light. Operations were almost entirely of a professional character. Only 72 lots, or 965 tons, changed hands. Local closing: Sept., 4.97; Oct., 4.96; Dec., 5.09; Jan., 5.14; March, 5.22; May, 5.32; July, 5.42.

On the 20th inst. futures closed 2 points lower to 7 points higher. The opening range was 1 point lower to 3 points higher. Transactions totaled 141 lots, or 1,889 tons. Trading was limited largely to professional and trade interests, with total volume relatively light. London also reported quiet and steady markets, outside prices ruling unchanged to 3d. higher, with futures on the Terminal Cocoa Market showing a similar range and doing only 290 tons. Local closing: Sept., 4.95; Oct., 5.01; Dec., 5.15; Jan., 5.20; March, 5.29; May, 5.39; June, 5.43; July, 5.48; Sept., 5.57.

On the 21st inst. futures closed 3 points higher to 7 points lower. Transactions totaled 2,452 tons. The opening range was 7 to 1 points lower. London lost as much as 6d. on the outside, while futures there ranged unchanged to 1½d. lower, with 210 tons trading. With its final notice day due tomorrow, the September delivery in the local market turned stronger, while other deliveries were giving ground under general uneasiness following the rapid political developments abroad. Local closing: Sept., 4.98; Oct., 4.94; Dec., 5.09; Jan., 5.14; March, 5.23; May, 5.32; July, 5.44.

On the 22d. inst. futures closed 7 to 5 points net lower. Transactions totaled 137 contracts. The market ruled heavy during most of the session as a result of fresh liquidation influenced by renewed nervousness and uncertainty over the European situation. Wall Street is credited with having been a seller. Warehouse stocks decreased 600 bags. They now total 898,421 bags against 1,377,339 bags a year ago. Bahia cabled that the Cocoa Institute had reported exports from May to August inclusive of 638,000 bags of cocoa. Local closing: Oct., 4.87; Dec., 5.03; March, 5.17; May, 5.27; July, 5.36. Today futures closed 4 to 5 points net higher. Transactions totaled 145 contracts. Cocoa traders continued to remain on the side lines watching European developments. As a result the market held in the narrow trading range it has followed for the last couple of weeks. Prices this afternoon were 2 to 3 points higher with Dec. at 5.05c. Sales to that time totaled 120 lots. Warehouse stocks increased 2,854 bags. They now total 901,278 bags against 1,373,604 bags a year ago. Local closing: Oct., 4.91; Dec., 5.08; Jan., 5.13; March, 5.22; May, 5.32; July, 5.41.

**Sugar**—On the 19th inst. futures closed 1 to 2 points net higher. Improvement in the European outlook influenced the early weakness, but since present prices are not far removed from recent lows, there was sufficient new demand based on price alone to promote the rally. Only 4 lots were traded. While no sales were reported in the raw market, the undertone ruled steady in the futures market. Three or four cargoes of Cubas and Puerto Ricos were offered at 3.05c., and buyers continued to show interest at the last price of 3c. delivered. The world sugar contract closed unchanged to 1 point lower. Sales totaled 231 lots, or 11,550 tons. Apart from spot September, which was 2½d. lower, the London market closed ¼ to ½d. higher on a turnover of 10,000 tons. Raws there were held at 5s. 7½d., equal to 1.04c. f.o.b. Cuba.

On the 20th inst. futures closed 2 to 4 points net lower in the domestic contract. The pressure came largely in the form of hedge selling against new crops for the account of a Wall Street house with Cuban producing connections. Otherwise the light volume comprised realizing for the account of operators and trade interests based on the turn for the better in the European political outlook. Transactions totaled 105 lots, or 5,250 tons. In the raw sugar market Henderson of New Orleans bought 10,000 bags of Cubas for October shipment at 2.10c., cost and freight. That was the only reported sale, but a further limited interest for the same position was in the market, but sellers were asking 5 points over. The world sugar contract opened 2 to 2½ points off, and later the losses were increased to 3 to 4 points net lower, with sales totaling 127 lots. The London market closed ¾ to 1¼d. lower, with raws there offered at 5s. 6¾d.

On the 21st inst. futures closed 2 to 3 points net lower in the domestic contract, with sales totaling 180 lots. The market was easier on liquidation and new selling reflecting the trend of the European news. The only feature to the trading was the posting of 85 lots of March at 2c. for the account, it was believed, of a trade house with Cuban connections. That transaction swelled the March volume to 126 lots, and it was believed to be against actuals. September resisted the trend on belated covering to close at 2.01c. Following the trend in futures, raw sugar undertone was easier. Reports were current of business at 2.97c. or 2.95c., but this could not be confirmed. The world sugar contract closed ½ to 1 point lower on sales of only 71 lots. London closed ¼ to ½d. higher, and raws were unchanged at 5s. 6¼d.

On the 22d inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points up in the domestic contract, with sales totaling 36 contracts. The world sugar contract closed 1 to 1½ points up, with sales of 14 contracts. Sugar futures rallied in extremely quiet trading as European tension increased. World contracts were higher by 1½ to 2 points during the early afternoon on sales of only 500 tons. Most traders preferred to watch and wait pending developments abroad. January stood at 1.04½c. and March at 1.07½c. in early afternoon. In the domestic sugar market prices advanced as much as 3 points on a single sale of 250 tons of March at 2.02c. Raws were quoted at 2.95c. to 3c., with no sales. Futures in London were ½ to 1d. higher on sales totaling 500 tons.

Today futures closed 2 points net higher in the domestic contract, with sales totaling 29 contracts. The world sugar contract closed 1 to 2 points net higher, with sales totaling 91 contracts. Both sugar markets advanced here on the latest European developments. The domestic contract stood 3 points higher this afternoon, with July at 2.10c., up 3. The domestic raw sugar market was quiet and unchanged, with buyers at 2.95c. and sellers at 3c. a pound. In refined sugar, withdrawal demand was reported to be heavy, so much so that refiners were said to be rationing the sugar. The world sugar market was more active than the domestic. It opened up 1½ to 2 points and later stood 2½ to 3½ points higher with May at 1.12½, up 2½ points. London futures were ½ to 1½d. higher. Raws there were quoted at the equivalent of 1.04c. a pound f. o. b. Cuba. The Cuban price, c. i. f. London, according to a cable, includes war risk insurance at ½%, the excess being the liability of the buyer.

Prices were as follows:

September	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
March (new)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
September	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
January	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
March (new)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

**Lard**—On the 17th inst. futures closed 7 to 10 points net higher. The market's firmness was attributed largely to speculative buying influenced by reports of a fair export demand from the United Kingdom and the Continent. A good domestic cash demand was also reported. Lard futures opened 5 points higher on October and January and 10 points higher on the distant May, but December was off 2 points. Later the market firmed and scored fairly substantial gains at the close. No lard exports were reported from the Port of New York today. Liverpool lard futures were quite firm at 6 to 9d. higher. Chicago hog prices were steady, ranging from \$9.10 to \$9.25. Western hog receipts totaled 10,400 head against 8,100 for the same day last year.

On the 19th inst. futures closed 12 to 20 points net lower. In view of the decided break for the better in the political situation of Europe and the consequent decline in many commodity markets, it was only natural that lard should drop lower. There was considerable selling for speculative account, and under this pressure lard futures fell off 17 to 20 points, from which level there was little or no recovery. Export clearances of lard from the Port of New York over the week-end totaled 538,335 pounds, destined for Southampton and Hamburg. This was the heaviest in some time. Liverpool lard futures showed declines of 6 to 9d. Hog prices at Chicago were 10c. lower. Western hog receipts totaled 60,000 head against 50,700 head for the same day last year. Scattered sales were reported at Chicago during the day at prices ranging from \$8.35 to \$9.35.

On the 20th inst. futures closed 12 to 15 points net lower. The market appeared depressed as a result of many bearish influences, chief of which were larger hog receipts, falling off in the spot demand and a general decline registered in most commodity markets, all making for a decidedly bearish atmosphere. Lard prices opened 10 to 15 points lower, then eased 17 to 22 points below previous finals. The market rallied a bit, but fell off again in the late trading. Export clearances of lard from the Port of New York were 124,450 pounds, destined for London, Liverpool, Glasgow and Southampton. Western hog marketings were heavy, totaling 64,000 head at the principal Western delivery points, which compared with 55,300 head for the same day last year. Hog prices closed 10 to 25c. lower. Sales ranged from \$7.50 to \$9.20.

On the 21st inst. futures closed 10 points higher to 5 points lower. Trading was light, with fluctuations narrow. At the start prices were 5 points higher on the nearby September, but the deferred months were 2 to 5 points off. During the day the September delivery was quite firm, and at the high of the day was up 10 points due to scarcity of cash offerings. Lard exports were very light, totaling 840 pounds to Oslo. Liverpool lard futures were also barely steady at unchanged to 3d. lower. Chicago hog prices were 10c. lower. Sales ranged from \$7.50 to \$9.15. Western hog receipts totaled 51,400 head against 42,400 head for the same day a year ago.

On the 22d inst. futures closed 2 to 5 points net higher. At the highs of the day prices were up 7 points on the active deliveries. Trading was light and without any particular feature. Export shipments of lard totaled 93,600 pounds, destined for London, Liverpool and Manchester. Hog prices were 10c. lower. Sales ranged from \$7.25 to \$9.15. Western hog receipts were 39,800. Today futures closed 8 to 13 points net higher. The marked strength in the wheat markets and indications of a break-down in negotiations for peace in Europe—were the chief factors contributing to the strength in lard futures.

**Pork**—(Export), mess, \$26.37½ per barrel (per 200 pounds); family, \$23.25 (40-50 pieces to barrel), nominal, per barrel. Beef: (export), steady. Family (export), \$22 per barrel (200 pounds), nominal. Cut Meats: Quiet. Pickled Hams: picnic, loose, c.a.f.—4 to 6 lbs., 14½c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 13½c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 12¼c. Skinned, loose, c.a.f.—14 to 16 lbs., 22¼c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 19c. Bellies: clear, f.o.b. New York—6 to 8 lbs., 16¾c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 16¾c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 16¾c. Bellies: clear, dry salted, boxed, New York—16 to 18 lbs., 12¾c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 12½c.; 20 to 25 lbs., 11½c.; 25 to 30 lbs., 11¾c. Butter: creamery, firsts to higher than extra and premium marks—26 to 26¼c.

Cheese: State, held '37—19 to 21c. Eggs: mixed colors, checks to special packs—19 to 28c.

**Oils**—Linseed oil market is reported as quiet, with very little inquiry. Out of town deliveries are favorable, however, and quotations are fully maintained on the basis of 7.7 to 8.1c. a pound, in tank cars. Quotations: China Wood—Tanks, nearby, 11.8 to 12c.; drums, l.c.l., 12.5 to 12.7c. Coconut: Crude, tanks, 3¾c.; Pacific Coast, 3c. Corn: Crude, West, tanks, nearby, .07½c. nominal. Olive: Denatured, spot, drums, 9.2 to 9.3c. Soy Bean: Crude, tanks, West, .05¼; l.c.l. New York, 7.0. Lard: Prime, 9c.; extra winter strained, 8¾c. Edible: Coconut—76 degrees, 9½c. Cod: Crude, Norwegian, light filtered, no quotation. Turpentine: 26½ to 28¼c. Rosins: \$4.90 to \$7.45.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September	-----	-----	-----	7.75	7.77	-----
October	7.97	7.77	7.65	7.62	7.67	7.75
December	8.12	8.00	7.85	7.80	7.85	7.95
January	8.22	8.07	7.92	7.90	7.95	8.05

**Cottonseed Oil** sales, including switchers, 94 contracts, Crude, S. E. 6½c. @ 6½c. Prices closed as follows:

October	7.72@	7.74	February	7.95@	n
November	7.75@	n	March	8.01@	n
December	7.88@	7.91	April	8.05@	n
January	7.92@	7.93	May	8.09@	n

**Rubber**—On the 19th inst. futures closed 1 to 7 points net higher. Trading was relatively quiet, with volume totaling 2,640 tons. Spot standard No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets remained unchanged in the outside market at 16½c. Most of the activity on the floor consisted of trade switching from nearby months to forward positions and factories transferring futures for actual rubber. December showed 82 lots exchanged, while March had 10 lots switched. The remainder of the activity was mixed. Traders in the actual market are still hesitant in making commitments on shipment rubber. There were some small lots of factory and shipment business done today. Local closing: Sept., 16.06; Dec., 16.17; Jan., 16.19; March, 16.26; May, 16.30; July, 16.34.

On the 20th inst. futures closed 39 to 42 points net higher. Commission house and foreign buying, apparently influenced by the more peaceful outlook abroad, sent crude rubber futures soaring today (Tuesday), with prices closing at the highs of the session. The trade also bought on the exchange against shipment sales to factories. The opening range of the local market was 26 to 35 points higher. Transactions totaled 3,540 tons, of which 50 tons were exchanged for actual rubber by factories. Although the actual market was quiet, many dealers reported a fair amount of both factory and shipment business today. Spot standard No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets followed the stronger trend, advancing ¾ to 16½c. Local closing: Sept., 16.45; Oct., 16.48; Dec., 16.58; Jan., 16.61; March, 16.66; May, 16.74.

On the 21st inst. futures closed 6 to 15 points net lower. Trading was more or less mixed, with transactions totaling 2,720 tons, of which 630 tons were exchanged for actual rubber. Trade and commission houses were on both sides of the market. A little profit-taking was also witnessed during the session. Spot standard No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets eased 1/16c. in the actual market to 16 7/16c. Activity outside was generally quiet, with offerings from the Far East light. Local closing: Sept., 16.32; Oct., 16.33; Nov., 16.40; Dec., 16.48; Jan., 16.55; March, 16.57; May, 16.62.

On the 22d. inst. futures closed 6 to 5 points net lower on the near months, and 1 to 2 points up on the distant deliveries. The rubber market was nervous over the still unsettled foreign situation. It opened 2 to 18 points lower, but turned steady after that initial decline. The turnover was small, indicating that the majority of interests were awaiting developments abroad. Sales to early afternoon totaled only 500 tons, including 10 tons of futures which were exchanged for actual rubber. Malayan census figures were ignored. London closed 1-16 to 3-16 lower, but Singapore advanced 1-16d. Local closing: Dec., 16.42; March, 16.52; May, 16.57; July, 16.67; Sept., 16.34. Today futures closed 34 to 25 points net lower. Transactions totaled 186 contracts. Rubber traders did not like the European news, with the result that they were sellers. Cables were lower, with the foreign tension overshadowing all else. The market started 13 to 21 points lower, after which it was steady at the lower level. In early afternoon on sales of 1,300 tons, Dec. stood at 16.24, off 18 points, and May at 16.40, off 17 points. Of the sales, 160 tons represented exchanges of futures for actuals. London closed 1-16 to 1/8d. lower. It was predicted that United Kingdom rubber stocks would show a small increase, say of 350 tons this week. Singapore closed 1-16d. lower. Local closing: Sept., 16.00; Dec., 16.14; Jan., 16.17; March, 16.25; May, 16.32; July, 16.40.

**Hides**—On the 17th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower in the old contract, while the new contract closed 3 points lower to 2 points higher. Trading was very light and without any special feature. Sentiment in trade circles is reported as fairly cheerful. The outlook is considered fairly promising, and prices as a rule are steady. Transactions in the old contract totaled 760,000 pounds, while there were 960,000 pounds traded in the new contract. Local closing, Old Contract: Sept., 10.50; Dec., 10.60; March, 10.78; June, 10.86. New Contract: Dec., 11.17; March, 11.45; June, 11.74.

On the 19th inst. futures closed 7 points higher to 2 points lower in the old contract, and 3 points higher to 1 point lower in the new contract. During the greater part of the session the market held steady with trading of restricted proportions. Although the European political situation was somewhat less tense today, trade factors here still are inclined to keep to the sidelines pending further developments in the European situation. Transactions in hide futures totaled 1,480,000 pounds, of which 1,240,000 pounds was in the old contract. The spot hide market also remained rather quiet today. Local closing, Old Contract: Sept., 10.57; Dec., 10.60; March, 10.78; June, 10.84. New Contract: Dec., 11.20; March, 11.48; June, 11.73; Sept., 12.01.

On the 20th inst. futures closed 7 to 1 points decline in the old contract, while the new contract was unchanged to 6 points decline. Trading was moderately active, with sales in the old contract totaling 3,320,000 pounds, while transactions in the new contract totaled 1,360,000 pounds. In the domestic spot hide market there were approximately 30,000 hides sold on a basis of 11c. for light native cow hides. Local closing, Old Contract: Sept., 10.50; Dec., 10.55; March, 10.75; June, 10.85. New Contract, Dec., 11.20; March, 11.45; June, 11.69; Sept., 11.95.

On the 21st inst. futures closed 14 to 19 points up in the old contract, while the new contract showed advances of 8 to 15 points. Trading was active, and it was reported that about 40,000 packer hides were sold in Chicago at steady prices. On Tuesday it was reported that 30,000 hides were sold at unchanged prices. In addition to the domestic trading, it was learned that 8,000 frigorifico steers have just been sold at 11¼c., an increase of ¾c. over the last previous business. Transactions in the old contract totaled 1,840,000 pounds, while in the new contract sales were 920,000 pounds. Local closing, Old Contract: Sept., 10.55; Dec., 10.70; March, 10.89; June, 11.00. New Contract: Dec., 11.28; March, 11.56; June, 11.83; Sept., 12.10.

On the 22d. inst. futures closed 7 to 9 points net lower on the old contract, while the new contract closed 9 to 6 points off. Transactions on the old contract totaled 34 lots, while in the new, sales totaled 33 lots. The market sold off in sympathy with the lower stock market. Opening prices were 2 to 19 points lower on the old contract, but 3 to 12 points higher on the new. In the early afternoon Dec. old stood at 10.61c., off 9 points; Dec. new at 11.22, off 6, and March at 11.49, off 7 points. It was stated that sales in the domestic spot hide market yesterday aggregated 42,900 pieces, with July-Sept. native cowhides at 11c. Local closing: Old contract: Dec., 10.62; March, 10.81; June 10.91. New contract: Dec., 11.20; March, 11.47; June, 11.77. Today futures closed unchanged to 5 points up in the old contract, with sales totaling 12 contracts. The New Contract closed 4 points up to 2 points down, with sales totaling 26 contracts. Raw hide futures were easier in sympathy with the stock market, which they usually follow. On sales of 680,000 pounds prices receded 2 to 7 points. Dec. old this afternoon stood at 10.55 and Dec. new at 11.18. It was reported in the trade that 15,000 cow hides had sold in the Chicago market at steady prices, with tanners the buyers. Local closing: Old contract: Dec., 10.62; June, 10.96. New contract: Dec., 11.22; March, 11.51; June, 11.77; Sept., 12.02.

**Ocean Freights**—The market had a sharp pick-up the latter part of the week, eight vessels being chartered for grain from St. Lawrence. Charters included: Grain—St. Lawrence to Antwerp or Rotterdam, option picked ports United Kingdom, Sept. 24-29, 2s. 10½d. St. Lawrence to Antwerp or Rotterdam, option picked ports United Kingdom, Oct. 7-16, basis 2s. 9d. St. Lawrence to Antwerp or Rotterdam, option picked ports United Kingdom, Oct. 6-15, basis 2s. 9d. St. Lawrence to Antwerp or Rotterdam, option picked ports United Kingdom, basis 2s. 9d. St. Lawrence to Antwerp or Rotterdam, option picked ports United Kingdom, Oct. 6-13, basis 2s. 9d. St. Lawrence to Antwerp or Rotterdam, option picked ports United Kingdom, Oct. 5-14, basis 2s. 9d. St. Lawrence to Antwerp or Rotterdam, option picked ports United Kingdom, Oct., basis 2s. 9d. St. Lawrence to Antwerp or Rotterdam, option full range United Kingdom, including Ireland, Oct., basis 2s. 9d. Scrap: Atlantic range to Japan, Oct., private terms. Atlantic or Gulf to Far East, net form, no rate given. Trip: Trip out to Far East, delivery north of Hatteras, re-delivery Far East, ending Sept., 90c.

**Coal**—The demand for wholesale anthracite in the New York City area has shown a slight improvement this week. Buying is more consistent, with the smaller sizes moving more freely. Operators have not made any announcement as to the Oct. 1 advance in wholesale quotations. Retail schedules are also still unchanged. Reports from the field assert that business should show a gradual increase as the season progresses. The major part of the present production, it is further stated, is going into consumption rather than into storage. According to figures furnished by the Association of American Railroads, the shipments of anthracite into eastern New York and New England for the week ended Sept. 3, have amounted to 1,619 cars, as compared with 1,629 cars during the same week in 1937, showing a decrease of 10 cars, or approximately 500 tons. Shipments of anthracite for the current calendar year up to and includ-

ing the week ended Sept. 3, totaled 52,789 cars, compared with 55,857 cars the same period in 1937.

**Wool**—The wool market is more or less of a drifting affair now, with the developments of the week causing considerable uncertainty. Prices tend to sag, but show no definite yielding. Manufacturers are more or less apprehensive over the tangled political situation abroad, as almost anything can develop from it; also, there is considerable uncertainty regarding concessions made in the British Trade Treaty. The wool trade awaits results of the opening of the spring lines with the hope that the mills will receive some substantial orders. Business, meanwhile, is mostly in odd lots, the aggregate turnover too small to force any trend. Dealers at the moment are not increasing their inventories, and manufacturers for their part are disinclined to take on additional supplies until the situation shows further clearing. Prices here on Western wools continue firm, with an occasional lot moving. Average fine territory wool has sold in original bags at 63c., scoured basis. Small quantities of good French combing length bring 62 to 63c., but for substantial quantities of this grade of wool, dealers are asking 64 to 65c. Short French combing wool in original bags is available in moderate volume at 60c. scoured basis. There is a broader demand in the pulled wools for winter AA of the better class at 80c. in the scoured condition. Similar wool can be sold to top-makers, clean basis, around 68c.

**Silk**—On the 19th inst. futures closed ½c. higher to ½c. lower. Influenced by a higher securities market, raw silk futures ruled steady during most of today's session. Most of the activity was confined to trade switching from the nearby months to far forward positions. There also was some commission house buying. Transactions totaled 1,790 bales, including 970 bales on the old contract, 820 bales on contract No. 1, and none of contract No. 2. Yokohama ruled 5 to 12 yen easier, while Kobe was 4 to 9 yen off. Grade D declined 10 yen at Yokohama to 767½ yen and dropped 5 yen to 770 yen at Kobe. Spot sales at these Japanese centers totaled 850 bales, while futures transactions totaled 4,400 bales. Local closing, Old Contract: Sept., 1.70; Oct., 1.69½; Nov., 1.69½; Dec., 1.63; Jan., 1.67; Feb., 1.66½. No. 1 Contract: March, 1.65; April, 1.65. No. 2 Contract: March, 1.62; April, 1.61.

On the 20th inst. futures closed 1 to 3c. net higher. Following the higher trend of the stock market and strong cables from primary markets, silk futures here held strong during most of the session. New buying was in evidence and also trade short covering and some profit-taking. Transactions totaled 740 bales, including 300 bales on the old contract, 440 bales on No. 1 contract, and none of No. 2 contract. Yokohama ranged 3 to 12 yen better and Kobe was 4 to 14 yen higher. Grade D closed at 775 yen in both Japanese markets, 7½ yen higher at Yokohama and 5 yen up at Kobe. The spot sales from Yokohama were mutilated in the cable. Kobe spot sales were 175 bales. Futures transactions at both these centers totaled 2,600 bales. Local closing, Old Contract: Sept., 1.71; Oct., 1.71; Nov., 1.70½; Dec., 1.70½; Jan., 1.69½; Feb., 1.68½. No. 1 Contract: March, 1.67½; April, 1.68.

On the 21st inst. futures closed 2½c. higher to 2c. lower. The 2c. decline was in April No. 2, while the others ranged from unchanged to 2½c. up. Transactions totaled 1,370 bales, including 510 bales in the old contract and 850 bales in Contract No. 1, and 10 bales in Contract No. 2. Yokohama ruled 5 to 9 yen better, while Kobe was 6 to 13 yen higher. Grade D advanced 7½ yen to 782½ yen at both Japanese centers. Total spot sales in the Japanese markets was 1,250 bales, while transactions in futures totaled 3,450 bales. Local closing: Sept., 1.73½; Oct., 1.73½; Nov., 1.73; Dec., 1.72½; Jan., 1.71; Feb., 1.70½.

On the 22nd inst. futures closed 1c. down to 1c. up. After opening lower, raw silk futures rallied, standing ½ to 1c. net higher in the early afternoon. There was a mixed trade in the market, reports of damage to the Japanese fall cocoon crop and of good spot demand uptown influencing buyers. The price of crack double extra silk in the New York spot market advanced 2c. to \$1.79½ a pound. Yokohama Bourse prices advanced 5 to 9 yen, while Grade D silk advanced 7½ yen to 782½ yen a bale. Local closing: Old Contract—Sept., 1.73; Oct., 1.72½; Nov., 1.72; Dec., 1.71½; Jan., 1.71; Feb., 1.71. Today futures closed ½ to 3c. lower in the old contract, with sales of 66 lots. The No. 1 contract closed 2 to 1½c. net lower, with sales of 20 lots. Reflecting easier cables and unrest over the foreign situation, silk futures opened 1½ to 2½c. lower, and made little recovery from the initial prices. This afternoon September old stood at \$1.17½, off 1½c., and December old at \$1.69½, off 2c., while March new No. 1 stood at \$1.67, off 2. The price of crack double extra silk in the New York spot market declined 1½c. to 1.78. The Yokohama Bourse closed 1 to 6 yen lower, while grade D silk was 2½ yen lower at 787½ yen a bale. Local closing: Old Contract—Sept., 1.71½; Oct., 1.70; Nov., 1.69½; Dec., 1.69½; Jan., 1.68; Feb., 1.68½.

## COTTON

Friday Night, Sept. 23, 1938

The Movement of the Crop, as indicated by our telegrams from the South tonight, is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 236,651



bales, against 195,347 bales last week and 144,055 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1, 1938, 1,034,628 bales, against 1,875,440 bales for the same period of 1937, showing a decrease since Aug. 1, 1938, of 840,812 bales.

Table of cotton receipts at various ports from Sept. 23 to Oct. 1, 1938. Columns include date, receipts, and totals for 1938 and 1937.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1, 1938, and the stocks tonight, compared with last year:

Comparison table of cotton receipts and stocks between 1938 and 1937, broken down by port and cumulative since August 1st.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table showing cumulative cotton receipts at leading ports from 1933 to 1938, comparing current year totals with previous years.

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 82,330 bales, of which 8,538 were to Great Britain, 8,589 to France, 20,001 to Germany, 4,059 to Italy, 25,797 to Japan, 100 to China, and 15,246 to other destinations.

Table of cotton exports from various ports for the week ending Sept. 23, 1938, categorized by destination country.

Table of cotton exports from various ports for the week ending Sept. 23, 1938, categorized by destination country, including a comparison with 1937 and 1936 totals.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams tonight also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Table of cotton on shipboard not cleared for export as of Sept. 23, categorized by destination (Great Britain, France, Germany, etc.).

Speculation in cotton for future delivery during the past week has been more or less active, with the market's tendency generally downward. There is virtually no incentive to take the upper side, with the entire situation being heavily overshadowed by the war clouds of Europe.

On the 17th inst. prices closed 8 to 11 points net lower. Liquidation by nervous longs who were not willing to assume the risk of carrying their cotton over the week-end in face of the disquieting news from Europe sent cotton prices off very substantially from the previous finals.

On the 19th inst. prices closed 4 to 9 points net higher. The cotton market reflected the much improved situation abroad, and during most of the session showed a decidedly firm undertone. Most of the gains were made early, when prices ran up 12 to 15 points on a steadier tone to the Liverpool market and on the prevailing belief that the turn of events in Europe held out more hopes of a peaceful settlement of the serious political problems.

On the 20th inst. prices closed 19 to 22 points net higher. More definite indications of peace in Europe sent cotton prices up more than \$1 a bale today. The entire list advanced to above the 8c. level for the first time since Sept. 9, with December at 8.09c. and May at 8.06c.

On the 21st inst. prices closed 4 to 8 points net lower. Tuesday's gain of about \$1 a bale was thought to have probably discounted the improved foreign outlook as far as it had gone. The fact that the stock market was also showing nervousness and subject to quick changes discouraged aggressive buying, while advances invited increased liquidation and hedging.

On the 22d inst. prices closed 6 to 4 points net lower. After displaying a barely steady tone this morning, cotton

prices turned easier during the afternoon session in a moderate volume of business. Shortly before the end of the trading period the list was 3 to 6 points below previous finals.

Today prices closed 8 to 7 points net lower. The market for futures again moved slightly lower in a fairly heavy volume of sales. A short time before the close of business active positions showed declines of 3 to 6 points from the closing levels of the previous day.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table with columns for days of the week (Sat. to Fri.) and price ranges for Middling upland cotton.

Futures—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Large table showing futures prices for various months (Oct. to Aug. 1938) and grades (Range, Closing) from Saturday to Friday.

n Nominal.

Range for future prices at New York for week ending Sept. 23, 1938, and since trading began on each option:

Table detailing the range for future prices at New York for week ending Sept. 23, 1938, broken down by month and option.

New York Quotations for 32 Years

Table showing historical cotton price quotations for New York from 1938 back to 1931.

Market and Sales at New York

Table summarizing market conditions (Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed) and sales data (Spot, Contr't, Total) from Saturday to Friday.

The Visible Supply of Cotton tonight, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening.

Table detailing the visible supply of cotton, showing stock at Liverpool, Manchester, and various Continental and European stocks.

Total visible supply 8,362,896

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

Table showing the breakdown of visible supply by region: American (Liverpool, Manchester, Bremen, etc.), East Indian, Brazil, &c., and Total American.

Total American 6,317,896

Total visible supply 8,362,896

Table showing cotton exchange rates for various locations: Middling uplands, Liverpool, Broach, etc.

Continental imports for past week have been 64,000 bales.

At the Interior Towns the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and the stocks tonight, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Large table comparing cotton movement (Receipts, Shipments, Stocks) at various interior towns for the week ending Sept. 23, 1938, and Sept. 24, 1937.

Total 56 towns 276,001

\* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma. x San Antonio.

Volume of Sales for Future Delivery—The Commodity Exchange Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture makes public each day the volume of sales for future delivery and open contracts on the New York Cotton Exchange and the New Orleans Cotton Exchange.

Table with columns for New York and New Orleans, showing contract numbers and values for various months from 1933 to 1947.

Overland Movement for the Week and Since Aug. 1—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night.

Table showing overland movement statistics for 1938 and 1937, including shipped amounts, routes, and deductions.

\* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 9,589 bales, against 5,435 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 31,832 bales.

Table showing in sight and spinner takings for 1938 and 1937, including receipts at ports, net overland, and consumption.

\* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing movement into sight in previous years by week, with columns for bales and dates.

Quotations for Middling Cotton at Other Markets

Table showing closing quotations for middling cotton at various markets like Galveston, New Orleans, and Memphis.

New Orleans Contract Market—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing New Orleans contract market quotations for various months from 1938 to 1947.

Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for August, 1938—Percentage Basis to Be Changed—This report of the Bureau of the Census issued on Sept. 21 will be found in the department headed "Indications of Business Activity."

New Member of New York Wool Top Exchange—At a meeting of the Board of Governors of the New York Wool Top Exchange held Sept. 21, Winfred W. Windle, Treasurer and General Manager of W. W. Windle Co. Inc., Millbury, Mass., who are wool merchants, was elected to membership.

86,503,009 Pounds of Wool Appraised for Loans of \$15,164,009 by CCC Through Sept. 10—Announcement was made on Sept. 16 by the Commodity Credit Corporation that through Sept. 10, 86,503,009 net grease pounds of wool had been appraised for loans aggregating \$15,164,008.53.

Returns by Telegraph—Telegraphic advices to us this evening indicate that cotton continues to open very rapidly. Harvesting has made good progress and nearly 40% of the crop is reported to have been picked.

Table showing rainfall and thermometer readings for various cities across Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

The following statement has also been received by telegraph, showing the heights of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights at various points like New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, and Vicksburg.

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 1938 to 1936.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1, 1938, are 1,470,370 bales; in 1937 were 2,271,006 bales and in 1936 were 1,448,898 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 236,651 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 428,052 bales, stock at interior towns having increased 191,401 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:

Cotton Takings, Week and Season	1938		1937	
	Week	Season	Week	Season
Visible supply Sept. 16	8,017,771	7,858,941	5,168,287	4,339,022
Visible supply Aug. 1	552,641	2,246,309	741,598	3,004,114
American in sight to Sept. 23	23,000	142,000	3,000	62,000
Bombay receipts to Sept. 22	7,000	75,000	4,000	54,000
Other India ship'ts to Sept. 22	28,000	50,800	74,000	159,200
Alexandria receipts to Sept. 21	7,000	61,000	5,000	49,000
Other supply to Sept. 21 <sup>b</sup>	7,000	61,000	5,000	49,000
Total supply	8,635,412	10,434,050	5,995,885	7,667,336
Deduct—				
Visible supply Sept. 23	8,362,896	8,362,896	5,669,598	5,669,598
Total takings to Sept. 23 <sup>a</sup>	272,516	2,071,154	326,287	1,997,738
Of which American	205,516	1,392,554	225,987	1,209,938
Of which other	67,000	678,600	101,000	787,800

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.  
 a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 895,000 bales in 1938 and 1,005,000 bales in 1937—takings not being available—and the aggregate amount taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 1,176,154 bales in 1938 and 992,738 in bales 1937, of which 497,554 bales and 204,938 bales American. <sup>b</sup> Estimated.

**India Cotton Movement from All Ports**—The receipts of Indian 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:

Sept. 22 Receipts—	1938		1937		1936	
	Week	Since Aug. 1	Week	Since Aug. 1	Week	Since Aug. 1
Bombay	23,000	142,000	3,000	62,000	7,000	103,000

Exports from—	For the Week				Since Aug. 1			
	Great Britain	Continent	Jap'n & China	Total	Great Britain	Continent	Japan & China	Total
Bombay—								
1938	3,000	2,000	13,000	18,000	10,000	23,000	136,000	169,000
1937	3,000	4,000	7,000	14,000	3,000	39,000	93,000	135,000
1936	4,000	7,000	11,000	22,000	4,000	22,000	109,000	135,000
Other India—								
1938	7,000	—	—	7,000	26,000	49,000	—	75,000
1937	4,000	—	—	4,000	13,000	41,000	—	54,000
1936	7,000	3,000	—	10,000	29,000	41,000	—	70,000
Total all—								
1938	3,000	9,000	13,000	25,000	36,000	72,000	136,000	244,000
1937	7,000	4,000	11,000	16,000	16,000	80,000	93,000	189,000
1936	7,000	7,000	7,000	21,000	33,000	63,000	109,000	205,000

**Alexandria Receipts and Shipments**—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 21	1938	1937	1936
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	140,000	370,000	320,000
Since Aug. 1	253,421	795,116	875,468

Exports (Bales)—	This Week		Since Aug. 1	
	Week	Since Aug. 1	Week	Since Aug. 1
To Liverpool	5,000	8,794	6,000	8,523
To Manchester, &c.	5,000	14,796	12,474	11,001
To Continent and India	11,000	73,275	16,000	54,805
To America	—	2,335	400	1,051
Total exports	16,000	99,200	22,000	76,202

Note—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Sept. 21 were 140,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 16,000 bales.

**Manchester Market**—Our report received by cable tonight from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is quiet. Merchants are buying very sparingly. We give prices today below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1938			1937		
	32s Cop Twist	8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds	32s Cop Twist	8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds
June 24	9 @ 10	9 1 1/2 @ 9 4 1/2	4.83	13 3/4 @ 15	10 6 @ 10 9	6.95
July 1	9 1/4 @ 10 1/2	9 1 1/2 @ 9 4	4.96	13 1/2 @ 14 1/4	9 6 @ 10 9	6.87
8	9 3/4 @ 10 3/4	9 3 @ 9 6	5.16	13 1/4 @ 14 1/4	10 6 @ 10 9	6.98
15	9 1/2 @ 10 1/2	9 1 1/2 @ 9 4	4.88	13 3/4 @ 14 1/4	10 6 @ 10 9	6.85
22	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	9 1 1/2 @ 9 4	5.06	13 1/4 @ 14 1/4	10 6 @ 10 9	6.80
29	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	9 1 1/2 @ 9 4 1/2	4.99	12 3/4 @ 14 1/4	10 4 1/2 @ 10 7 1/2	6.12
Aug. 5	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	9 1 1/2 @ 9 4 1/2	4.89	12 3/4 @ 14	10 4 1/2 @ 10 7 1/2	6.20
12	9 @ 10	9 @ 9 3	4.78	12 3/4 @ 13 3/4	10 3 @ 10 6	5.93
19	9 @ 10	9 @ 9 3	4.78	12 3/4 @ 13 3/4	10 3 @ 10 6	5.78
26	9 @ 10	9 @ 9 3	4.74	11 3/4 @ 13 3/4	10 1 1/2 @ 10 4 1/2	5.63
Sept. 2	8 3/4 @ 9 3/4	9 @ 9 3	4.85	11 1/4 @ 13	10 1 1/4 @ 10 4 1/2	5.56
9	8 3/4 @ 9 3/4	9 @ 9 3	4.71	11 3/4 @ 13	10 1 1/4 @ 10 4 1/2	5.46
16	8 3/4 @ 9 3/4	9 @ 9 3	4.81	11 3/4 @ 13	10 1 1/2 @ 10 4 1/2	5.33
23	8 3/4 @ 9 3/4	9 @ 9 3	4.76	11 3/4 @ 13	10 @ 10 3	5.08

**Shipping News—Shipments in detail:**

Shipping Point	Bales
GALVESTON—To Japan, Sept. 20, Ferndale, 6,991	6,991
To Liverpool, Sept. 19, Dakarian, 1,108	1,108
To Manchester, Sept. 19, Dakarian, 174	174
To Copenhagen, Sept. 17, Vasaholm, 603	603
To Bremen, Sept. 17, Idarwald, 2,424; Sept. 21, Aachen, 2,056	4,480
To Oslo, Sept. 17, Vasaholm, 300	300
To Gdynia, Sept. 17, Vasaholm, 448	448
To Gothenburg, Sept. 17, Vasaholm, 736	736
To Ghent, Sept. 10, Narbo, 248	248
To Antwerp, Sept. 10, Narbo, 7	7
To Havre, Sept. 10, Narbo, 952	952
To Rotterdam, Sept. 10, Narbo, 385	385
To Genoa, Sept. 10, Cardonia, 1,083	1,083
To Venice, Sept. 10, Cardonia, 277	277
To Trieste, Sept. 10, Cardonia, 36	36
To Buena Ventura, Sept. 16, Margaret Lykes, 150	150
To Pt. Columbia, Sept. 16, Margaret Lykes, 69	69

Shipping Point	Bales
HOUSTON—To Japan, Sept. 20, Kiyokawa Maru, 1,685; Ari-masan Maru, 7,974; Sept. 19, Ferndale, 1,261	10,920
To Bremen, Sept. 17, Aachen, 1,004; Sept. 15, Idarwald, 3,153; Sept. 22, Liberator, 3,468	7,625
To Hamburg, Sept. 15, Idarwald, 97; Sept. 22, Liberator, 75	172
To Liverpool, Sept. 20, Dakatian, 1,608	1,608
To Manchester, Sept. 20, Dakatian, 1,212	1,212
To Ghent, Sept. 22, Spardam, 100	220
To Rotterdam, Sept. 22, Spardam, 220	323
To Enschede, Sept. 22, Spardam, 323	83
To Oporto, Sept. 22, Liberator, 85	217
To Reval, Sept. 22, Spardam, 217	
NEW ORLEANS—To Antwerp, Sept. 15, Leerdam, 100; Sept. 16, San Mateo, 300; Sept. 19, Dryden, 12; Sept. 14, Haveland, 3,161	3,573
To Havre, Sept. 16, San Mateo, 1,608; Sept. 19, Dryden, 259	1,867
To Dunkirk, Sept. 16, San Mateo, 950	950
To Rotterdam, Sept. 15, Leerdam, 750; Sept. 19, Dryden, 300	1,050
To Ghent, Sept. 19, Dryden, 300	300
To Oslo, Sept. 19, Toronto, 100	100
To Gdynia, Sept. 19, Toronto, 50; Vignot, 850	900
To Wasa, Sept. 19, Toronto, 100	100
To Abo, Sept. 19, Toronto, 100	100
To Liverpool, Sept. 15, Dakarian, 1,452	1,452
To Manchester, Sept. 15, Dakarian, 876	876
To Bremen, Sept. 14, Koenigsburg, 1,422	1,422
To Hamburg, Sept. 14, Koenigsburg, 735	835
To Genoa, Sept. 14, Cardonia, 1,597	1,597
To China, Sept. 14, Haveland, 100	100
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Ghent, Sept. 20, Ostende, 500	500
To Antwerp, Sept. 20, Ostende, 90	90
To Copenhagen, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 200	200
To Vejle, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 400	400
To Aalborg, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 200	200
To Tallin, Sept. 16, Simon von Utrecht, 200	200
To Havre, Sept. 20, Ostende, 1,920	1,920
To Dunkirk, Sept. 20, Ostende, 1,336	1,336
To Oslo, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 100	100
To Gdynia, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 950	950
To Gothenburg, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 250	250
To Karlsham, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 53	53
To Norrköping, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 100	100
To Geifle, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 200	200
To Mantyloute, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 396	396
To Abo, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 100	100
To Reval, Sept. 20, Vasaholm, 100	100
To Bremen, Sept. 17, Liberator, 1,064; Sept. 16, Simon von Utrecht, 2,280	3,344
To Hamburg, Sept. 17, Liberator, 105	105
To Venice, Sept. 16, Maria, 517	517
To Mestre, Sept. 16, Maria, 549	549
BROWNSVILLE—To Antwerp, Sept. 17, Ostende, 60	60
To Ghent, Sept. 17, Ostende, 291	291
To Havre, Sept. 17, Ostende, 342	342
To Dunkirk, Sept. 17, Ostende, 1,222	1,222
MOBILE—To Bremen, Sept. 15, De Soto, 1,077	1,077
To Liverpool, Sept. 20, Arizpa, 451	451
To Manchester, Sept. 20, Arizpa, 514	514
To Antwerp, Sept. 16, Zaka, 72	72
NORFOLK—To Liverpool, Sept. 22, Manchester Exporter, 30	30
To Hamburg, Sept. 19, Delaware, 41	41
To Manchester, Sept. 23, Quaker City, 105	105
To Antwerp, Sept. 23, Blackesprey, 42	42
CHARLESTON—To Bremen, Sept. 17, Patra, 1,000	1,000
To Rotterdam, Sept. 17, Patra, 200	200
To Czechoslovakia, Sept. 17, Patra, 300	300
PENSACOLA, &c.—To Manchester, Sept. 19, Arizpa, 364	364
To Liverpool, Sept. 19, Arizpa, 614	614
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan, (?), 739	739
LOS ANGELES—To Australia, Sept. 15, Marpolia, 325	325
To Japan, Sept. 17, President Coolidge, 1,272; Florida Maru, 813; Kiwiki Maru, 1,115; Vito, 2,621; Sept. 19, Rio de Janeiro Maru, 1,326	7,147
To Canada, Sept. 14, Kingley, 100	100
JACKSONVILLE—To Manchester, Sept. 21, Schoharie, 30	30
Total	82,330

**Cotton Freights**—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Origin	High Density	Stand-ard	High Density	Stand-ard	High Density	Stand-ard
Liverpool	52c	.67c	45c	.80c	85c	1.00
Manchester	52c	.67c	45c	.80c	85c	1.00
Antwerp	52c	.67c	45c	.80c	85c	1.00
Havre	52c	.67c	45c	.80c	85c	1.00
Rotterdam	52c	.67c	45c	.80c	85c	1.00
Genoa	45c	.60c	45c	.65c	55c	.70c
Oslo	55c	.73c	55c	.67c	55c	.60c
Stockholm	63c	.78c	52c	.67c	55c	.72c

\* No quotation. x Only small lots. d Direct steamer.

**Liverpool**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's imports, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23
Forward	35,000	35,000	34,000	38,000
Total stocks	1,556,000	1,162,000	1,158,000	1,167,000
Of which American	650,000	650,000	636,000	69,000
Total imports	42,000	42,000	33,000	45,000
Of which American	15,000	15,000	5,000	5,000
Amount afloat	149,000	149,000	134,000	121,000
Of which American	24,000	24,000	25,000	25,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Moderate demand	Quiet	Moderate demand	Moderate demand	Moderate demand	More demand
Mid. up'l'ds	4.81d.	4.76d.	4.74d.	4.74d.	4.75d.	4.76d.
Futures Market opened	Quiet, st'y, unch'd to 1 pt. adv.	Quiet 2 to 3 decline	Quiet, st'y, 1 point decline	Quiet, st'y, 4 to 5 pts. adv.	Quiet, unch'd to 1 pt. decl.	St'y, unch. to 2 pts. decline
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet, st'y, unch'd to 1 pt. decl.	St'y, unch. to 4 pts. decline	Steady 1 to 4 pts. decline	Quiet, st'y, 2 to 3 pts. advance	Quiet, st'y, 2 to 3 pts. advance	St'y, unch. to 1 pt. advance

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Sept. 17 to Sept. 23	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Close Noon	Close	Close	Close	Close	Close	Close
New Contract	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
October 1938	4.61	4.56	4.57	4.56	4.55	4.58
December	4.66	4.63	4.60	4.62	4.65	4.66
January 1939	4.68	4.65	4.66	4.63	4.66	4.68
March	4.69	4.67	4.68	4.66	4.68	4.70
May	4.70	4.69	4.70	4.68	4.70	4.71

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Sept. 23, 1938.

Flour—Trading was very light during the week, with no improvement in demand looked for, at least for the near future. So much is happening, and the element of uncertainty is so pronounced, that traders in all markets are cautious and operating in a limited way. Consumers of flour are decidedly on the sidelines.

Wheat—On the 17th inst. prices closed 3/4 to 1 1/8c. net higher. The high tension existing abroad, especially in government circles, caused another wave of speculative buying in the wheat pit, which lifted prices almost 2c. at the opening today. Thereafter the market was dull, and about half the gain was lost. Most of the activity was crowded into the first few minutes of trading. A more pessimistic view of the European political crisis and higher wheat prices in foreign markets stimulated the early rush to buy on the Chicago Board, but uncertainties connected with the situation abroad led to caution in the wheat trade, and many dealers accepted profits and evened up commitments over the week-end. Little export business was reported in North American wheat, but reports persisted that considerable quantities had been worked which were not made public.

On the 19th inst. prices closed 1 3/8 to 2c. net lower. The much more peaceful outlook concerning the European political situation influenced heavy selling of wheat on the Chicago Board, the market plunging downward 2 3/8c., the maximum decline for the day. From the outset prospects for a peaceful solution of the European political crisis pulled prices sharply to lower levels and prevented rallies of any consequence. Winnipeg led the tumbles in North American quotations and fell 3 3/8c. a bushel, maximum. Adding to adverse influences was the almost complete lack of export business both from Canada and the United States, together with 2,193,000 bushels increase of this country's visible wheat supply. Lowest prices of the day in wheat dealings on the Chicago Board promptly followed reports that Great Britain and France had acceded to dismemberment of Czechoslovakia.

On the 20th inst. prices closed 1/2 to 1c. net lower. The market had a severe slump today, prices toppling 1 3/8c. a bushel, the break being influenced largely by the more peaceful prospects in Europe. Three cents jump in the British pound to the topmost point reached in a fortnight served to confirm the reports that war had been headed off, at least for a time, and this was the signal for quite a wave of wheat selling. A further contributing influence to the decline in wheat values was the fact that export demand for grain from this country seemed to have dwindled temporarily to about zero. Fair quantities of Canadian wheat, however, were reported to have been taken for shipment to Europe, principally Great Britain. Friends of higher prices found but little consolation in assertions that Russian shipments had greatly diminished, and that it was probable the bulk of Russia's surplus had already been disposed of.

On the 21st inst. prices closed 1 to 1 1/4c. net lower. The market appeared to be still dominated by the political situation abroad, and as indications of a peaceful solution became stronger wheat values tended lower. A maximum setback of 1 5/8c. a bushel on the Chicago Board was witnessed, with very little tendency towards a rally shown. Contributing to downturns of values was the persistent dearth of export demand for United States wheat, together with indications that for at least the time being speculative buyers were demoralized. Estimates that European takings of wheat from Canada exceeded 750,000 bushels failed to have any effect. Liverpool quotations, considerably higher than due, were ignored here.

On the 22d inst. prices closed 3/4 to 1 3/8c. net higher. Immense export purchases in Canada, together with renewed nervousness over European political uncertainties, lifted the Chicago wheat market 1 7/8c. a bushel today. Late estimates were that more than 4,000,000 bushels of wheat from Canada had been bought for overseas shipment. According to some reports, the Canadian purchases were apparently linked in greater or less degree with governmental emergency plans abroad. Among the unsettling factors were reports of outspoken British opposition to demands by Hungary and Poland for parts of Czechoslovakia. Disturbance of British and French exchange rates were also given attention. In various quarters resignation of the Czech Cabinet was considered a further difficulty, and fears were expressed as to chances of attacks following military occupation of Czech territory.

Today prices closed 3/4 to 1 1/4c. net higher. New flare-ups of big-scale war peril ran Chicago wheat values approximately 2c. a bushel higher late today, but top quotations failed to hold. Reports, which were afterward denied, that there had been invasion of Czech territory were largely the basis for extreme upturns of prices. Revised estimates placed export purchases of Canadian wheat today at 750,000 bushels. Fears expressed of a possible collapse of the Anglo-German diplomatic conference were among the factors that tended to lift prices. Weakness of British exchange rates, together with delays in resumption of talks between Herr Hitler and Mr. Chamberlain received sharp attention. Active trading was witnessed here, spurred by

notable unexpected jumps of Liverpool wheat quotations. Open interest in wheat tonight totaled 108,052,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK and DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Tables showing prices for No. 2 red wheat, September, December, March, and May, with seasonal high and low data.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT IN WINNIPEG. Table showing prices for October, December, and May, with seasonal high and low data.

Corn—On the 17th inst. prices closed 1/2 to 1c. net higher. Moderate gains in corn were influenced by the upturn in wheat and reports of better inquiry for American corn abroad. Some export sales were reported, and cables said prices were on a more favorable basis in view of the recent upturn in Argentine quotations. Country cash corn offerings showed a tendency to increase as a result of price gains, and some dealers estimated 1,500,000 bushels had been bought this week. On the 19th inst. prices closed 1/2 to 1/4c. net lower. Trading was relatively light in this grain, though the undertone was easy during most of the session. Frosts in the corn belt were ignored as a market factor, being regarded as too late to do damage.

On the 20th inst. prices closed 7/8 to 1 1/4c. net lower. Further frosts in the corn belt were reported, but were totally disregarded as farmers generally report the corn crop as a whole safe from damage. With wheat prices toppling and a more peaceful outlook for Europe, considerable liquidation developed in corn futures, and as a result prices fell off substantially and closed at about the lows of the day. On the 21st inst. prices closed 5/8 to 1 1/4c. net lower. Enlarged rural movement of corn was much in evidence, and corn export business was decidedly light. For the first time in almost a month clear weather was reported over practically the entire corn belt, and led to increased confidence the crop would escape any frost damage.

On the 22d inst. prices closed unchanged to 5/8c. higher. Trading was relatively light, with the undertone steady. Today prices closed 1/4 to 1/2c. net higher. The firmness of wheat and the ominous reports from abroad had their effect on corn, though traders were not inclined to become aggressive on the up-side in view of the extreme uncertainty that prevails.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK and DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Tables showing prices for No. 2 yellow corn, September, December, March, and May, with seasonal high and low data.

Oats—On the 17th inst. prices closed 3/8 to 1/2c. net higher. Trading in this grain was light, the firmness of values being influenced largely by the strength in wheat and corn. On the 19th inst. prices closed 1/4c. off to 1/4c. up. There was comparatively little interest in this group, attention apparently being focused on the wheat markets, which showed pronounced weakness. On the 20th inst. prices closed 1/4 to 3/8c. net lower. There was considerable selling of oats, this pressure being influenced largely by the sharp drop in wheat and corn. On the 21st inst. prices closed 1/4 to 5/8c. net lower. There was very little of interest in this market, trading being light and undertone easier.

On the 22d inst. prices closed 3/8c. decline to 1/4c. advance. Trading was mixed, with considerable switching from the near months to the distant deliveries. Today prices closed 3/8c. net higher on all deliveries. There was very little to attract attention to this market, trading being very light and without feature.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO. Table showing prices for September, December, and May, with seasonal high and low data.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. Table showing prices for October, December, and May, with seasonal high and low data.

Rye—On the 17th inst. prices closed 7/8 to 1 1/8c. net higher. The rye market made a better showing than any of the other grains at the close. This being a bread-grain, it was subject to all the bullish influences resulting from the extreme gravity of the European political crisis. There was some substantial buying of rye, and this, together with evening up of commitments on the part of the short element, contributed largely to the market's strength. On the 19th inst. prices closed 1/2 to 1/4c. net lower. The relative firmness of rye was attributed to short covering and a lack of substantial offerings. On the 20th inst. prices closed 5/8 to 3/4c. net lower. Official advices that stocks of rye,

both domestic and foreign, are the largest in years, caused considerable selling of rye. On the 21st inst. prices closed 1/2c. decline to 1/2c. advance. This grain held up exceedingly well when the substantial declines in wheat values are considered. Offerings in the rye futures market were reported as scarce, with demand quite noticeable in the distant deliveries.

On the 22d inst. prices closed 1 3/4 to 3/4c. net higher. The firmness of rye was influenced almost entirely by the pronounced strength in wheat. Today prices closed 1 1/4 to 3/8c. net higher. Rye is bread-grain and necessarily a munition of war. It therefore was highly sensitive to the ominous reports coming from Europe, which indicated a break-down of the parley between England and Germany.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO

Table with columns: Month, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Includes data for September, December, May, and Season's High and When Made.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

Table with columns: Month, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Includes data for October, December, May.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

Table with columns: Month, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Includes data for October, December, May.

Closing quotations were as follows:

Table listing prices for FLOUR (Spring oats, Rye flour, etc.) and GRAIN (Wheat, Rye, Barley).

All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ended last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years:

Large table with columns: Receipts at, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Includes monthly and weekly data for various cities like Chicago, Minneapolis, etc.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Sept. 17, 1938, follow:

Table showing receipts for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley, comparing 1938, 1937, and 1936.

\* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Sept. 17, 1938, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from various states (New York, Albany, Philadelphia, etc.) for Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1, 1938, is as below:

Table showing exports for Week and Since July 1 for Flour, Wheat, and Corn to various countries like United Kingdom, Continent, S. & Cent. Amer., etc.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Sept. 17, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS

Table showing grain stocks for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley across various locations like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc.

Summary table of grain stocks for Total Sept. 17, 1938, Total Sept. 10, 1938, and Total Sept. 18, 1937, with notes on bonded grain.

Table for Canadian grain exports (Lake, bay, river—seab'd) for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

Summary table comparing American and Canadian grain stocks for Sept. 17, 1938, Sept. 10, 1938, and Sept. 18, 1937.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ended Sept. 16, and since July 1, 1938, and July 1, 1937, are shown in the following:

Table showing world exports for Wheat and Corn, comparing 1938 and 1937.

Corn-Loans of CCC Aggregated \$22,761,946 on 46,895,781 Bushels Through Sept. 15

The Commodity Credit Corporation announced on Sept. 16 that "Advices of Corn Loans" received by it through Sept. 15 showed loans disbursed by the Corporation and held by lending agencies on 46,895,781 bushels of corn. Such loans aggregated \$22,761,946.34, based on a loan rate of 50 cents per bushel, of 2 1/2 cubic feet of ear corn testing up to 14 1/2% moisture; the average amount loaned per bushel determined in this manner thus far has been 0.4854 cents.

Figures showing the number of bushels on which loans have been made by States are given below:

Table showing the number of bushels of corn on which loans have been made by various states including Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, and Minnesota.

Weather Report for the Week Ended Sept. 21

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Sept. 21, follows:

At the beginning of the week rain was general over most central Valley sections and cooler weather overspread most western districts. On the

following days of the week unsettled, showery conditions prevailed over eastern areas, while generally fair, cool weather continued over most southern sections west of the Mississippi River. At the close of the week general rains occurred on the Atlantic coast and in the Lake region, while the cool weather had extended eastward to the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys.

The week was abnormally cool in the central Mississippi and lower Missouri Valleys where the departures from normal temperature ranged from 6 degrees to 10 degrees. Generally subnormal temperatures prevailed from the Appalachian to the Rocky Mountains and variable conditions obtained in the Northeast. Above-normal temperatures were reported generally in the Southeast and in most districts west of the Rocky Mountains, especially in the interior of the Pacific Northwest where the departures ranged from 8 degrees to as much as 15 degrees. Maximum temperatures were mostly seasonable during the week, except in the Northwest where some were record-breaking; at the close, cooler weather over-spread the central sections of the country and brought subfreezing weather to parts of the northern Great Plains and frosts generally southward to Nebraska.

Rainfall for the week was heavy to excessive in many Atlantic coast districts from the Carolinas to Maine. In this area the weekly totals ranged from 2 to over 9 inches, the heaviest fall being 9.7 inches at Goldsboro, N. C. Moderate to heavy falls were reported from portions of the eastern Great Plains, the upper Mississippi Valley, the Lake region, and the eastern Ohio Valley as well as locally in some south-central districts and portions of eastern Texas. Inappreciable amounts occurred in some central Gulf areas while in most sections from the central Great Plains westward practically no rain fell, except in the extreme Northwest where light to moderate falls were noted.

The abnormally cold weather that overspread much of the Great Plains and adjacent sections on the closing days of the week brought light to killing frosts to practically all portions from North Dakota and western Minnesota southward to Nebraska and portions of western Iowa, with light frosts noted in eastern Kansas and Oklahoma and adjacent sections. In portions of Iowa and Nebraska these frosts were approximately 10 days to 2 weeks earlier than normal, but in more northern localities they were about the usual date. Damage from the frosts was comparatively slight as practically all major crops had matured in this region, although there was some injury to late garden truck and tender vegetation.

The light to heavy rains in the upper Mississippi Valley were extremely unfavorable for many crops, with much soy bean and other hay ruined, while in some sections potatoes are rotting and general harvests are at a standstill. However, in sections farther south, additional moisture during the present week was very favorable, particularly in most parts of Missouri and adjacent portions of Illinois and Kansas. Except for local areas, the moisture situation throughout practically all central parts of the country is very satisfactory at the present time; there is a general need of rain in southern Oklahoma and portions of Texas.

Pastures and fall vegetation would also be benefited by additional moisture in some Gulf States, while localities of the West and far Northwest are still too dry to permit fall seeding operations. In most of the Northeast there is generally adequate moisture for fall crops and for the soil, but the frequent rains during the week interrupted harvesting and haying operations and delayed fruit picking.

**Small Grains**—In most eastern sections the ground is in favorable condition for sowing winter grains and considerable rye and barley has been seeded in the lower Ohio Valley, with wheat sowing general in more northern areas. Some wheat and rye were sown in Iowa and this work is nearing completion in the upper Mississippi Valley and most Plains States, though it is still too dry for plowing and seeding in North Dakota, western Montana, Utah and portions of the Northwest. Much early sown is up and looking good from Minnesota and South Dakota southward to northern Oklahoma.

In the western third of Kansas winter wheat sowing is about three-fourths done, and is well started in eastern sections, with soil moisture generally sufficient for early growth. Moisture prospects are the best in years in New Mexico, but more rain is needed in portions of Texas and Oklahoma. The early rice harvest continues in Texas with some damage from last week's rain; harvesting and threshing rice were delayed by rain in Louisiana.

**Corn**—Corn is in fair to very good condition throughout the Ohio Valley with cutting and silo filling active in practically all sections; considerable is safe from frost in central parts where the bulk will be safe by the end of September; cold weather retarded drying in western sections, while some mauling in shock was reported locally.

Rapid maturity was reported in Missouri, with three-fourths of the crop now safe, while corn is mostly matured in Nebraska, with practically no frost damage. Cutting and silo filling are nearing completion in North Dakota, while in Minnesota the crop is mostly matured and much in shock, but maturity of late was delayed by rain. Much damage from the excessive rains was noted in Wisconsin where some was cut by hand as the fields were too soft for machinery.

In Iowa much corn was flooded along the course of the Des Moines River and the ears that were completely submerged are expected to be a total loss; flooding on other streams was also injurious. There is little or no serious frost damage, to the crop due to its nearly complete maturity in western parts, and the crop averages three-fourths safe for the State as a whole, but is less than half safe in some northern localities. Fodder cutting and silo filling were hindered by wet fields, with much hand cutting.

**Cotton**—The weather of the week favored outside operations in practically all localities of the Cotton Belt, with very little interruption by rain, except in the extreme northeast. In Texas picking and ginning made rapid progress generally and are nearing completion in the southern half; condition of the early crop is generally good, but the late ranges from mostly poor to only fair in northern districts. Picking made good advance in Oklahoma, with the crop opening satisfactorily.

In central States of the belt cotton is practically all open in many localities, with picking making good progress and ginning advancing as rapidly as possible; the crop has been half picked in portions of Arkansas. Picking made good to excellent advance in Georgia and South Carolina, with this work nearing completion in southern portions and well advanced elsewhere. Picking and ginning made good advance in South Carolina and is about completed locally, while in North Carolina the crop is opening rapidly and picking advanced well until stopped by rains in the Coastal Plain and lower Piedmont.

The Weather Bureau furnished the following resume of conditions in the different States:

**North Carolina**—Raleigh: Heavy to excessive rains in east latter part; but little in most of west, where more needed for late summer and early fall crops. Progress in cotton fair; opening rapidly; picking good advance until stopped by rains on coastal plain and in lower piedmont. Other crops in east helped by rain. Housing tobacco not finished in extreme northwest.

**South Carolina**—Columbia: Warm; local rains. Favorable for late crop development, but still dry some areas, delaying fall plowing and planting. Cotton picking and ginning generally good advance; picking about over locally in east and south; well along elsewhere, except in extreme north where picking first time.

**Georgia**—Atlanta: Mostly dry, but some local showers; warm first half, then cool. Cotton picking about done in south; well along elsewhere; almost all open. Favorable for curing corn on stalk; harvest well advanced in south and beginning in north. Favorable for peanut and potato harvests.

**Florida**—Jacksonville: Warm; light rains. Condition of cotton fairly good; picking nearly over locally; ginning good advance; weather favorable for checking weevil. Harvesting sweet potatoes. Planting tomatoes, celery, peppers, cucumbers and beans. Citrus groves good; fruit ripening. Avocados being marketed. Cane good. Peanuts being dug.

**Alabama**—Montgomery: Normal warmth; mostly light rains. Cotton maturing rapidly; condition mostly fairly good to good, but only fair locally in north, with bolls reported small; picking excellent advance generally; practically over in south and nearing end in middle. Potatoes, fall vegetables and pastures need rain. Harvesting and haying well along.

**Louisiana**—New Orleans: Warm with frequent light rains early in week; cool and dry weather thereafter. Condition of cotton generally good; about all open; picking and ginning slow first half, good advance latter; weevil activity favored, except last few days. Harvesting and threshing rice hindered by rains. Good progress gathering sweet potatoes and corn and planting fall crops. Cane generally very good; nearing maturity.

**Texas**—Houston: Cool; rains fairly general in south half and extreme northeast; elsewhere widely scattered. Good progress preparing land for winter wheat seeding, except in west-central where too dry; some sown in northwest. Harvesting late corn about done with crop fair to good condition, except badly burned in west-central and north-central. Cotton

picking and ginning made rapid progress generally; near end in south half; average condition early planted generally good, but late planted mostly poor to only fair in north areas. Ranges and truck deteriorated in north-central and west-central, but good elsewhere. Harvesting early rice continues; some damaged by rain of last week. Cattle generally good.

**Oklahoma**—Oklahoma City: Cool, with freezing or near freezing in east on 20th; dry after first day. Much winter wheat sown in north 3rd, some in central, but little or none in south where soil generally dry. Cotton picking good advance; generally opening satisfactorily. Corn gathering about done in south; good advance elsewhere. Some early sown wheat, rye and oats up to good stands. Livestock good. Heavy rains still needed in much of south.

**Arkansas**—Little Rock: Progress of cotton good; picking mostly excellent progress; half picked in many areas; crop made and all open locally; being ginned as rapidly as possible. Progress of late corn fair to good. Mostly favorable for pastures, potatoes, sweet potatoes and truck.

**Tennessee**—Nashville: Rains favored late cotton; condition mostly good; picking fair advance; worms damaging some places. Condition and progress of early corn good to excellent; late good in central, poor to fair elsewhere. Condition of burley tobacco very good, except some deterioration in barns from excessive moisture; dark tobacco fairly good. Potato crops mostly very good. Considerable advance cutting hay and corn. Late truck plentiful, except where too dry.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Sept. 23, 1938

Adverse weather conditions prevailing in many sections of the country retarded retail business during the past week, with predictions that the enormous damage caused by the hurricane in a number of North Eastern States will result in seriously affecting the total volume of September sales. Scattered labor troubles both on the Pacific Coast and in the metropolitan area, also served to hamper the normal seasonal expansion in trade, offsetting to a considerable extent the temporary lessening of the European tension. Department store sales, the country over, for the week ended Sept. 10, according to the report of the Federal Reserve Board, were 7% below the corresponding week of last year. For New York and Brooklyn stores, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported a loss in the volume of sales amounting to 0.7%, while in Newark stores a gain of 1.4% was recorded.

Trading in the wholesale dry goods markets early in the period under review gave indications of a more active demand on the part of wholesale and retail merchants. Although individual orders continued small, they covered a large number of staple items notably in the heavy goods division. Later in the week business dropped off materially, largely under the influence of the disastrous storms and the resulting dislocation of trade in important Eastern centers. A contributing factor in hampering business in the local area was the spreading of the trucker's strike. Business in silk goods expanded moderately, and prices showed a somewhat better trend. Trading in rayon yarns was less active than heretofore, although shipments continued at a gratifying pace. While most producers are well sold ahead on their October output, the sluggish condition of the cloth market is causing some uncertainty concerning the outlook for the remainder of the year. The statistical position of the market was reported further improved, with surplus stocks of yarns showing another decrease.

**Domestic Cotton Goods**—Trading in the gray cloths markets started the week in fairly active fashion. Subsequently a sharp increase in sales occurred, chiefly in consequence of a substantial recovery in raw cotton prices, engendered by the temporary lessening of the tension abroad, and the resulting rally in the security markets. Reports about the better movement of finished goods, and the depleted state of supplies in the hands of converters, also helped to improve sentiment. Later in the week trading became less active, partly because of a mild reaction in raw cotton values, and in part due to the necessity for digesting the earlier heavy purchases. Business in fine goods continued quiet, although late in the week inquiries for combed lawns gave indications of broadening somewhat. Hopsacking attracted increased attention, and an active call existed for flake spun rayon cloths. Closing prices in print cloths were as follows: 39-inch 80s, 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢; 39-inch 72-76s, 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢; 39-inch 68-72s, 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ ¢; 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 64-60s, 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢; 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 60-48s, 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ ¢.

**Woolen Goods**—Trading in men's wear fabrics turned fairly active, although orders placed by clothing manufacturers concerned mostly spot lots and goods for early shipment. Continued active interest prevailed in worsted coats, with reports current that premiums are being paid in view of the growing shortage in these materials. An improved demand developed for overcoatings, and tropical worsteds and gabardines also continued to move in fair volume. Reports from retail clothing centers made a less favorable showing as adverse weather conditions impeded the flow of goods in consuming channels. Business in women's wear materials was inactive, pending the opening of the new spring lines early in October. A fair call continued to manifest itself for tweeds and boucles.

**Foreign Dry Goods**—Trading in linens remained quiet, and sales were confined to occasional lots for immediate delivery. While some reports from foreign primary centers continued to stress the dearth of business, other advices mentioned rumors according to which American buyers have, of late, placed orders for considerable quantities of dress goods. Business in burlap remained quiet, but prices ruled higher reflecting the persistent upward trend in the Calcutta market. Domestically lightweights were quoted at 3.80¢., heavies at 4.95¢.

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#### PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

*Report on Progress of New Program*—We quote in part as follows from a news release made public by the above named Federal agency on Sept. 22:

The 1938 Public Works Administration program will pass its first quarterly period today with close to \$1,500,000,000 authorized in construction in its initial three months, Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes announced today.

PWA has allotted funds to a total of nearly 7,000 projects within the 13-weeks period following signature of the bill by President Roosevelt. The Presidential signature was attached June 21, and on the next day, PWA began releasing allotments at the rate of nearly 600 daily.

Moving faster than any previous program, the current drive has entered the home stretch with close to \$1,500,000,000 worth of construction authorized out of the potential \$1,867,000,000 building program which the Bureau of Labor Statistics found was the capacity of the agency under the 1938 Act. With blueprints for thousands of projects in the final stages, already actual construction work has been launched on nearly 700 projects—over three months before the Jan. 1 construction deadline fixed by Congress. Dirt is flying on \$177,000,000 worth of schools, municipal buildings, sewers, waterworks, roads, bridges and similar improvements scattered throughout the States.

To date, PWA records show that more than 5,500 municipal improvement projects have been approved and that almost 1,000 projects have been authorized for the various Federal departments. Total allotments of approximately \$626,000,000 have been made to the non-Federal projects, and roughly \$185,000,000 has been turned over to the Federal department undertakings. These amounts, together with the funds to be put up by the applicants, call for construction in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000,000.

The non-Federal program, Administrator Ickes said, is the "largest and fastest" ever attempted by PWA. With but eight days to go until applications are shut off by the terms of the 1938 Act, applications for projects continue to pour into the PWA offices. Since May, when taking of new applications was authorized, nearly 9,000 applications for PWA aid have swarmed into the seven regional offices.

## News Items

**City Managers' Conference to Open Sept. 26**—Problems that face American cities today will be discussed by 150 members of the city manager profession at the silver anniversary conference of the International City Managers' Association in Boston, Sept. 26-29. The addition of city clerks, finance officers, mayors and other officials from nearly 40 States is expected to raise the conference attendance figure to more than 300.

The complete program, announced on Sept. 21, lists 74 city managers with assigned subjects, and 16 other speakers.

With council-manager governments ranging from small sized towns to large metropolitan centers, a feature of the conference will be a "three-ring" breakfast session by population groups. Representatives of cities under 10,000 population will discuss such topics as the small city's provision for welfare and health services, and whether the profits of city-owned utilities should be used to reduce rates or to keep taxes down. R. E. Windom, City Manager of Westerville, Ohio, is Chairman.

Managers of cities from 10,000 to 30,000 population, with Bill N. Taylor, City Manager of Longview, Texas, Chairman, will deal with retirement provisions and security for employees during periods of unemployment. The session will also include such topics as the best methods of informing citizens about municipal services and their costs, and small city airport problems.

Obtaining additional revenues, in-service training of city employees, and the automobile parking problem will be considered by managers of cities over 30,000 population. L. P. Cookingham, City Manager of Saginaw, Mich., will preside.

E. L. Mosely, City Manager, Colorado Springs, Colo., and President of the Association, will act as Chairman of the opening luncheon on Monday, at which Charles J. Fox, Boston City Auditor, will be the guest of honor.

**Massachusetts—Uncollected Taxes of Larger Municipalities Tabulated**—A report dealing with the uncollected taxes of Massachusetts cities and towns of over 5,000 population has been drawn up by Jackson & Co., New York City, for distribution to interested parties.

The circular shows for each municipality the percentage of the 1937 levy uncollected as of July 1, 1938 and the percentage uncollected of the same levy on April 1, 1938. There are also figures showing the percentage of the 1936 levy uncollected as of July 1, 1937, which affords a comparison with the percentage uncollected over the same period on the 1937 levy. In addition the circular shows in dollars the amounts uncollected as of July 1, 1938 of 1935 and prior years' levies.

**Municipal Analysis Class Again in Session**—The Wall Street Center of New York University at 90 Trinity Place announces a course in the Analysis of Municipal Securities to be given on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 to 9:00 beginning Sept. 21.

This course will include the field of domestic public securities, including State, county, city and district obligations from the investor's viewpoint. Financial statements of municipalities will be analyzed in the light of assessment methods, tax delinquency, debt structure, revenue sources, debt and tax limits. Individual bonds are examined with respect to authority, purpose, process, and restriction of issue. Default records and remedies are studied. A discussion of the tax position, eligibility for trustee investment, and marketing methods are included. Current developments in the field of municipal finance will be considered at each session and special attention will be devoted to the problem of municipal debt adjustment and refunding, emphasizing the new bankruptcy law and the Securities and Exchange Commission's program. The question of tax exemption, now the subject of great controversy, will also be discussed.

The course will be under the direction of Dr. Bert C. Goss, instructor in finance at New York University and a staff writer for the "Journal of Commerce."

**United States—Report on Sales Taxes Levied by Cities**—Although cities throughout the Nation are seeking new revenue sources, only one adopted a new city sales tax law during 1938, the Federation of Tax Administrators reported on Sept. 19. Philadelphia was the only city to enact a sales tax for the first time, bringing the total number of municipalities administering the tax to eight.

New York City renewed its city sales tax enacted in December, 1934, and New Orleans substituted a 1% sales tax for a 2% luxury tax, during the year. All three of these metropolitan centers place the sales tax on their list of "emergency" levies, with the laws limited to one- or two-year periods. The sales tax revenue in these cities is being used to finance relief or other public welfare expenditures.

Extension of sales taxes to other cities has been curtailed partly because the laws of most of the 23 sales tax States reserve the right to levy such a tax to the State, the Federation said. In West Virginia, where the State law makes no such restriction, the cities of Charleston, Huntington, Bluefield, and Morgantown have collected sales taxes for several years.

The sales tax was administered by a number of cities in Missouri prior to June, 1937, when the State Legislature passed a law which barred municipalities from exercising this power. St. Louis, which has the status of a county, retained the tax.

The City of New Orleans, which obtained special permission under the State law to collect a sales tax, receives its revenue from this tax from the State. Residents of New Orleans pay a tax of 2% instead of the regular 1% State sales tax. The entire tax is administered by the State and turned over to the city treasury.

Sales taxes adopted by 23 States since 1921 annually produce about \$350,000,000, and rank as the third most important source of all State tax revenue.

## Bond Proposals and Negotiations

### ALABAMA

**AUTAUGA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Prattville) Ala. WARRANTS SOLD**—We are informed that the County Board of Education sold a \$50,000 issue of school improvement warrants on Sept. 14 to King, Mohr & Co. of Montgomery, as 3¼s paying a premium of \$825.00.

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—BONDS DEFEATED**—It is stated by E. C. Armstrong, City Comptroller, that at the election held on Sept. 20 the following bonds, aggregating \$6,000,000, were turned down by the voters: City Hall, \$1,420,000; fire stations, \$80,000; sanatorium, \$100,000; library, \$100,000; park, \$300,000; school, \$4,000,000.

**MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile) Ala.—BOND OFFERING**—It is stated by E. C. Doody, Clerk of the Board of Revenue and Road Commissioners, that he will sell at public auction on Sept. 30, at 10:30 a. m., an issue of \$125,000 not to exceed 5% semi-ann. coupon school bonds.

Dated Nov. 1, 1938. Denominations \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$2,500 in 1941 to 1943; \$3,750 in 1944 to 1949, and \$5,000 in 1950 to 1968. Principal and interest payable in New York City in lawful money. The bonds will be sold to the bidder whose bid shall prove highest and best upon consideration of both interest rate and amount bid, requiring the lowest net interest cost to the County as shown in Standard Bond Value Tables; provided that the bonds shall not be sold for less than 95% of their par value, together with accrued interest from the date of the bonds to the date upon which they are delivered and paid for. The bonds were authorized at an election held on July 9, 1929. They are general obligations of the County and are further secured by a charge upon a special tax to be levied annually. The purchaser will be furnished by the County with an opinion, approving the issue, from and by a nationally known firm of bond attorneys; and the County will print and deliver the bonds. A certified check for \$2,500 must be deposited.

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.—BOND OFFERING**—It is stated by B. A. Kilgore, City Auditor, that he will receive sealed bids until Sept. 27, for the purchase of the following 4¼% semi-ann. street improvement bonds aggregating \$200,000:

\$100,000 series A W bonds. Due \$10,000 from March 1, 1939 to 1948, incl. 100,000 series A X bonds. Due \$10,000 from March 1, 1939 to 1948, incl. (These are the bonds that were offered for sale on March 19, when all bids received were rejected, as noted in these columns at the time.)

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### ARIZONA

**COCONINO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Williams), Ariz.—BONDS VOTED**—It is stated by F. E. Dean, Superintendent of Schools, that at the election held on Sept. 3, the voters approved the issuance of \$54,000 in 4% construction bonds by a count of 183 to 61. These bonds are to mature in 1951.

**MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—REPORT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT DEFAULTS**—Frank Hallier, County Bookkeeper, reports as follows on defaults recorded in districts within the county:

"We can give you very little information concerning defaults as the records kept in this office and the Board of Supervisors' office does not list defaults in these districts and the information we can give you comes mostly from memory.

"A year ago School District No. 40 defaulted in some \$7,000 of its bonds and it was caused by default to them of \$7,000 of their securities. These securities were paid about two months after their due date and in turn Glendale School District No. 40 paid its defaulted bonds.

"Scottsdale High School District and Districts 40-48 and 85 have been in default on bond interest for a short time at various times. However, the only district now in default in bond interest is School District No. 85, and that only a matter of two or three hundred dollars. All the districts of Maricopa County except one or two are in splendid financial condition and we see no reason for future default in either bond interest or principal."

**PHOENIX UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING**—It is stated by J. E. De Souza, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, that he will receive sealed bids until Oct. 10, for the purchase of the following issues of not to exceed 4% semi-annual coupon bonds aggregating \$920,000:

At 10 a. m.—\$448,000 school bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1941 to 1948; \$35,000, 1949 to 1956, and \$36,000, 1957 and 1958.

At 10:30 a. m.—\$338,000 school bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1941 to 1948; \$26,000, 1949 to 1952, and \$27,000, 1953 to 1958.

At 11 a. m.—\$134,000 school bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1941 to 1948; \$10,000, 1949 to 1956, and \$11,000 in 1957 and 1958.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. No bids for less than par will be considered. The purchaser will be furnished with a certified copy of the



transcript of the proceedings so that the same may be passed upon by his attorneys. A certified check for an amount at least equal to 5% of the total amount of such bid for each issue, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

**TUCSON, Ariz.—BOND SALE**—The \$277,000 issue of coupon water system bonds offered for sale on Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1663—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Tyler & Co., Inc. of Boston, the Pasadena Corp. of Pasadena, Boetcher & Co. of Denver, and Refines, Ely, Beck & Co. of Phoenix, at a price of 100.07, a net interest cost of about 2.72%, on the bonds divided as follows: \$56,000 as 2 3/4%, maturing \$14,000 from Jan. 1, 1940 to 1943; the remaining \$221,000 as 2 3/4%, maturing on Jan. 1, 1941, 1940 in 1944; \$41,000, 1945 to 1947, and \$42,000 in 1948 and 1949.

**ARKANSAS**

**ARKANSAS, State of—BOND TENDERS INVITED**—It is announced by Earl Page, State Treasurer, that he will receive tenders until 11 a. m. (Central Standard Time), on Oct. 13, for the sale of: Highway refunding bonds, series A and B; toll bridge refunding bonds, series A and B; De Valls Bluff bridge refunding bonds; road district refunding bonds, series A and B; and funding notes and certificates of indebtedness.

Available funds will be applied to the purchase of bonds tendered at the lowest price on the basis of highest yield to the State, or best bid submitted.

Certified check for 3% of the face value of bonds tendered to guarantee delivery is required, or delivery must be guaranteed by a bank or trust company.

Tenders must be at a flat price not exceeding equivalent of par and accrued interest. No accrued interest will be paid on bonds accepted, and right of acceptance of any part of bonds so tendered is reserved.

Immediate confirmation will be made of accepted tenders, and payment made on or before Oct. 27, 1938.

Tenders must be submitted on forms prescribed by the above Treasurer, and may be obtained by request, at his office in Little Rock.

**ARKANSAS, State of—REPORT ON BOND TENDERS RECEIVED**—We quote in part as follows from the Little Rock "Gazette" of Sept. 15:

"Refunding Supervisor C. T. Ryan recommended to the State Refunding Board last night that it buy \$350,045.15 worth of State highway bonds tendered to the State at a discount before maturity for \$313,904.64. This would enable the State to effect a savings of \$66,760.64.

"An unusually large amount of bonds—\$2,412,274.52—was offered at yesterday's tender, making it possible for the State to buy the bonds at lower prices than usual.

"No purchases were recommended of highway B, toll bridge A and B and DeValls Bluff bridge bonds because prices were considered too high.

"The following recommendations were made:

"Purchase of \$97,000 worth of par value highway A bonds for \$91,905, effecting a savings of \$5,095. Top yield was 5.46163. A total of \$1,194,000 par value bonds was tendered.

"Purchase of \$246,000 worth of par value road district A bonds for \$199,658.60, effecting a saving of \$46,341.40. Top price was 81.60. A total of \$1,076,000 worth was tendered.

"Purchase of \$35,276.32 worth of par value road district B bonds for \$20,121.81, effecting a savings of \$15,063.51. Top price was 57.50. A total of \$43,012.23 worth was tendered.

"Purchase of \$2,268.83 worth of par value certificates of indebtedness for \$2,031.10, effecting a savings of \$237.73. Top price 89.60. A total of \$2,768.83 worth was tendered.

"Purchase of \$100 worth of par value funding notes for \$97, effecting a savings of \$3. Q total of \$100 worth was tendered."

**DE WITT, Ark.—BOND OFFERING**—It is stated by Mayor J. W. Loric that he will receive sealed bids until Oct. 7, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. paving bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due from 1941 to 1961. These bonds were approved by the voters at the election held on Sept. 12, by a count of 362 to 66.

**CALIFORNIA**

**CORONADO, Calif.—BONDS DEFEATED**—The voters are said to have rejected a proposal to issue \$52,250 in city hall bonds at a recent election.

**FRESNO COUNTY (P. O. Fresno), Calif.—NOTES OFFERED**—Sealed bids were received until 10 a. m. on Sept. 23, by E. Dusenberry, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 not to exceed 5% notes. Denom. \$100,000. Due on Dec. 31, 1938.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—MANHATTAN BEACH SCHOOL OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 4, by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of Manhattan Beach City School District bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable A. & O. Dated April 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1, as follows: \$2,000 in 1940 to 1946 and \$3,000 in 1947 and 1948. The bonds will not be sold for less than par and accrued int. Bids will be received for all or any portion of said bonds. In the event that the bidder submit a proposal to purchase a portion of said bonds, the bid shall designate specifically the bonds bid for. All bonds sold to a bidder bidding for a portion of said bonds shall bear the same rate of interest, and bids for varying rates of interest for the same block or portion of said bonds will be rejected. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasury. Enclose a certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Chairman Board of Supervisors.

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—SAN GABRIEL SCHOOL BONDS NOT SOLD**—It is stated by the Chief Clerk of the Board of Supervisors that \$90,000 San Gabriel School District bonds were offered for sale on Sept. 20 but all the bids were rejected. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1941 to 1943, and \$4,000, 1944 to 1961. Interest rate not to exceed 5%, payable M-S.

**MONTEREY COUNTY (P. O. Salinas), Calif.—GONZALES SCHOOL BOND SALE**—The \$20,000 issue of Gonzales Union School District bonds offered for sale on Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1805—was awarded to the Monterey County Trust & Savings Bank of Salinas, as 3 3/4%, paying a premium of \$126, equal to 100.63, a basis of about 3.18%. Dated Oct. 11, 1938. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1939 to 1958 incl.

**MONTEREY CO. (P. O. Salinas), Calif.—GREENFIELD SCHOOL BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Oct. 1, by C. F. Joy, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$22,000 issue of Greenfield Union School District bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable A. & O. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 in 1939 to 1956 and \$2,000 in 1957 and 1958. Said bonds will be sold for cash and at not less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery, and each bid must specify the rate of interest offered and must state that the bidder offers par and accrued interest to date of delivery, and state separately the premium, if any, offered for the bonds for which the bid is made. Bidders will be permitted to bid different rates of interest for different maturities of said bonds. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasury. Enclose a certified check for 10% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the Clerk Board of Supervisors.

**NORTH SACRAMENTO (P. O. Sacramento), Calif.—BONDS SOLD**—We are informed by the City Clerk that \$75,000 general improvement fund bonds were purchased on Sept. 12 by R. H. Moulton & Co. of San Francisco, as 4 1/2%, paying a premium of \$940.00, equal to 101.253.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY (P. O. Redwood City) Calif.—PRICE PAID**—It is stated by the County Clerk that the \$130,000 Millbrae Elementary District school bonds purchased by Kaiser & Co. of San Francisco, as noted here recently—V. 147, p. 1663—were sold as 3 3/4%, at a price of 101.01 a basis of about 3.65%. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due from Sept. 1, 1939 to 1963.

**SAN LEANDRO, Calif.—BOND SALE DETAILS**—In connection with the sale of the \$185,000 municipal improvement bonds to Schwabacher & Co., and Donnellan & Co., both of San Francisco, jointly, at a price of 100.04, for \$65,000 2 3/4%, and \$120,000 3%, noted in our issue of Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1805—we are now advised as follows: The bonds are dated Oct. 1, 1938 and are issued in \$1,000 denominations. Principal and interest pay

able in lawful money at the City Treasurer's office. Legality to be approved by Orrick, Dahlquist, Neff & Herrington of San Francisco. The bonds were sold as follows: \$65,000 maturing \$5,000, Oct. 1, 1939 to 1951, as 2 3/4%, and \$128,000 maturing \$10,000 Oct. 1, 1952 to 1963, as 3%. Net interest cost 2.956%.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY (P. O. Redwood City) Calif.—HALF MOON BAY SCHOOL SALE**—The \$80,000 issue of coupon Half Moon Bay Union High School District bonds offered for sale on Aug. 16—V. 147, p. 1070—was awarded to Blyth & Co., Inc. of San Francisco, as 3 3/4%, paying a premium of \$125.00, equal to 100.156, a basis of about 3.22%. Dated July 1, 1938. Due \$4,000 from July 1, 1939 to 1958 incl.

The bids for the bonds were as follows:

Names of Other Bidders—	Int. Rate	Premium
BankAmerica Co.; Wm. R. Staats Co.	3 1/4 %	\$61.00
Kaiser & Co.; Lawson, Levy & Williams	3 1/4 %	\$26.00
Blyth & Co., Inc.	3 3/4 %	125.00
Dean Witter & Co.	3 3/4 %	112.00

**COLORADO**

**DENVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Denver) Colo.—BOND OFFERING**—It is stated by William R. Howland, District Treasurer, that sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 30, for the purchase of 2% coupon semi-ann. school bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$50,000 in 1943, \$75,000 in 1944, \$125,000 in 1945, \$150,000 in 1946, \$160,000 in 1947, \$250,000 in 1948 to 1950, \$300,000 in 1951 to 1953, \$400,000 in 1954 to 1956, and \$351,000 in 1957. Prin. and int. payable at the Denver National Bank, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. Bids must be for the entire issue and bids for less will not be considered. The bonds are offered subject to the approval of the voters on Sept. 29. The bonds will be printed by the district and will be delivered in Denver on or about Oct. 8, with all interest coupons attached. Purchaser will be required to pay accrued interest to the date of delivery in addition to the price bid. The approving opinion of Pershing, Nye, Bosworth & Dick, of Denver, will be furnished. Enclose a certified check for 2 1/2% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the District Treasurer.

(It is pointed out by Mr. Howland that while the election calls for bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 2 1/2%, the bonds will be printed and offered for sale at 2%.)

**MONTROSE, Colo.—BONDS SOLD**—It is stated by Ada White, City Clerk, that the following bonds aggregating \$107,000, approved by the voters on Sept. 7—V. 147, p. 1663—have been sold to Gray B. Gray, Inc., of Denver: \$85,000 water system, and \$22,000 sewage plant bonds.

**CONNECTICUT**

**CONNECTICUT (State of)—TO ISSUE \$25,000,000 BONDS**—Guy B. Holt, State Treasurer, reports that an issue of \$25,000,000 building and funding bonds will be offered for sale about Nov. 21.

Deputy State Treasurer Thomas H. Judd later reported that the bonds, authorized under a special Act of the Legislature in 1937, will be issued to provide for the funding of the State's temporary debt and for construction of State buildings. They will be dated Dec. 1, 1938, and mature serially in from 1 to 20 years. Data for information of bidders will be distributed by the State Treasurer on Oct. 19.

**DERBY, Conn.—BOND ELECTION**—V. J. Nolan, Town Clerk, reports that on Sept. 26 the voters will be asked to authorize the issuance of \$77,000 trade school construction, \$55,000 intercepting sewer and \$13,750 school repair bonds. Rate of interest would be limited to 5%.

**NAUGATUCK, Conn.—BONDS DEFEATED**—Charles F. Daley, Borough Clerk, reports that at the meeting on Sept. 16 the voters refused to authorize the issuance of bonds in connection with a proposed \$240,000 school project.

**NEW HAVEN, Conn.—BOND OFFERING**—Cecil J. Marlowe, Acting City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. on Sept. 29 for the purchase of \$1,250,000 coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$750,000 boulevard sewage disposal plant bonds, part of authorized issue of \$970,000. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$40,000 from 1940 to 1948, incl. and \$39,000 from 1949 to 1958, incl.

100,000 East St. sludge reduction plant bonds, representing total amount authorized. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$6,000 from 1940 to 1944, incl. and \$5,000 from 1945 to 1958, incl.

400,000 Ferry St. bridge bonds, part of authorized issue of \$785,000. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$22,000 in 1940, and \$21,000 from 1941 to 1958, incl.

All of the bonds are dated Oct. 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Bidder to name a single rate of interest covering the entire offering of \$1,250,000, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. The bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and authenticated as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston. Legal opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Pamer & Dodge of Boston will be furnished the purchaser. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Acting City Comptroller, must accompany each proposal.

**DELAWARE**

**DOVER, Del.—BONDS VOTED**—An issue of \$250,000 school construction bonds was authorized by the voters on Sept. 8.

**REHOBOTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111 (P. O. Rehoboth Beach), Del.—BOND SALE**—The \$160,000 coupon school bonds offered Sept. 23—V. 147, p. 1805—were awarded to the Farmers Bank of Dover as 3 3/4% at par plus a premium of \$170, equal to 100.106. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. They will be retired at par by equal payments and will be called for redemption in equal numbers on Oct. 1 in years 1939 to 1958, incl.; provided that bonds to be retired shall be ascertained each year by lot or otherwise. Second high bidder was Francis I. Du Pont & Co. of New York, at par and premium of \$80 for 3 3/4%.

**MIDDLETOWN, Del.—BOND ELECTION**—An issue of \$15,000 light and water plant bonds will be considered by the voters on Sept. 28.

**WILMINGTON, Del.—OTHER BIDS**—The \$120,000 1 1/4% incinerator bonds awarded to Francis I. DuPont & Co. of New York, at a price of 100.17, a basis of about 1.47%—V. 147, p. 1805—were also bid for as follows:

Bidder—	Amount Bid
First Boston Corp.	\$120,066.00
Wurts, Dulles & Co.	119,640.00
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, and Dougherty, Corkran & Co., jointly	119,600.40
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.	119,181.60

**FLORIDA BONDS**  
**Clyde C. Pierce Corporation**  
Barnett National Bank Building  
JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA  
Branch Office: TAMPA  
First National Bank Building T. S. Pierce, Resident Manager

**FLORIDA**

**DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—BOND ELECTION**—An election is reported to be scheduled for Sept. 27 to vote on the issuance of \$27,500 in building bonds.

**DUVAL COUNTY (P. O. Jacksonville) Fla.—BONDS DEFEATED**—We are informed by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, that at the election held on Sept. 20 the voters defeated the proposal to issue \$3,192,000 in public works bonds.

**HIGHLANDS COUNTY (P. O. Sebring) Fla.—BOND TENDERS INVITED**—It is stated by N. B. Jackson, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, that he will consider sealed offerings of road and bridge refunding bonds, dated Feb. 1, 1937, and refunding bonds of Special Road and Bridge District No. 1 of the county, dated Feb. 1, 1937, until 10 a. m. on Oct. 18. The amount of bonds to be purchased will be determined by the above Board. Offerings must be firm for at least 10 days or they will not be considered.

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—BONDS DEFEATED**—It is stated by J. E. Pace, City Auditor, that at the election held on Sept. 20 all the bonds, aggregating \$2,002,000, were approved by the voters on a majority basis of about 3½ to 1, but because of an old law requiring that one-half of all freeholders shall participate, the proposals were not carried.

It is said that the City Commission on Sept. 21 passed a resolution calling for a ruling by WPA and PWA on this election, as it does for any other city where a majority vote only is required. It is understood that this will come up shortly.

**MARION COUNTY (P. O. Ocala), Fla.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPORATED**—It is said that a \$50,000 issue of court house bonds may be submitted to the voters at the November election.

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.—BOND ELECTION**—An election is scheduled for Sept. 27 in order to vote on the issuance of \$105,000 in lake front improvement bonds, according to report.

**WINTER PARK, Fla.—BOND ELECTION**—It is reported that an election will be held on Sept. 27 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$325,000 in botanical gardens bonds.

### GEORGIA

**AUGUSTA, Ga.—BONDS VOTED**—At an election held on Sept. 9 the voters are said to have approved the issuance of \$209,000 in municipal auditorium bonds.

**BLAKELY, Ga.—BOND SALE DETAILS**—It is stated by the City Clerk that the \$30,000 3½% semi-annual public improvement bonds sold recently, as noted here—V. 147, p. 1806—were purchased by a syndicate composed of the Trust Co. of Georgia; the Robinson-Humphrey Co.; Brooke, Tindall & Co.; Clement A. Evans & Co.; Wyatt, Neal & Waggoner, and Johnson, Lane, Space & Co., Inc., all of Atlanta, at a price of 101.00, and mature on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1945 to 1948; \$2,500 in 1949; \$3,000, 1950; \$2,000, 1951 and 1952; \$1,000, 1953 to 1960, and \$500 in 1961, giving a basis of about 3.40%.

**CALHOUN, Ga.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 29, by H. B. Owen, City Clerk-Treasurer, for the purchase of two issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$26,000, divided as follows: \$16,000 city hall and fire station, and \$10,000 street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1944 to 1953, and \$1,000, 1954 to 1959. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank in Atlanta. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

**COLUMBUS, Ga.—BONDS VOTED**—It is stated by Marshal Morton, City Manager, that at the election held on Sept. 14 the voters approved the issuance of the various improvement bonds aggregating \$365,000. These bonds are to be offered for sale shortly, it is said.

**PINEHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Vienna), Ga.—BOND OPTION GRANTED**—It is stated by Roy B. Friedlin, attorney for the district, that an option has been granted to a local bond dealer for the purchase of the \$20,000 5% semi-annual building bonds offered on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1806—at a price above par. He says that the option is to be exercised prior to an adjourned meeting of the Board of Trustees on Sept. 24. Due from Jan. 1, 1944 to 1960.

### IDAHO

**MONTOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Montour), Idaho.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At an election held on Sept. 10 the voters failed to approve the issuance of \$12,000 in gymnasium and auditorium bonds.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Weiser), Idaho.—BOND SALE**—The \$30,000 issue of coupon court house and jail bonds offered for sale on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1523—was awarded to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane, as 2½s, paying a price of 100.33, according to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

### ILLINOIS

**ASHLEY, Ill.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—The City Council passed an ordinance authorizing an issue of \$11,000 4½% general obligation water works bonds, dated Sept. 1, 1938 in \$500 denoms, and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1939 to 1954 incl. and \$1,000 from 1955 to 1957 incl.

**BROOKFIELD NORTH RIVERSIDE WATER COMMISSION, Ill.—BOND SALE CONTRACT**—An issue of \$490,000 4% water revenue bonds has been sold privately at a price of \$465,799.15. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1942 and 1943; \$10,000, 1944 to 1946 incl.; \$12,000, 1947; \$13,000, 1948; \$15,000, 1949 to 1951 incl.; \$20,000, 1952 to 1954 incl.; \$25,000, 1955 and 1956; \$30,000, 1957; \$35,000, 1958 and 1959; \$40,000 in 1960 and 1961, and \$45,000 in 1962 and 1963. Principal and interest (M-S) payable at the American National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago.

**CARLINVILLE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Carlinville), Ill.—BONDS DEFEATED**—The proposed issue of \$50,000 road improvement bonds was defeated at the election on Sept. 3.

**CLINTON, Ill.—BOND ELECTION**—An issue of \$80,000 first mortgage revenue electric light system bonds will be considered by the voters on Sept. 30. They would be dated Nov. 1, 1938, bear interest at not more than 6% and mature \$4,000 each Nov. 1 from 1939 to 1958 incl.

**DECATUR, Ill.—SEEKS PWA GRANT**—Jerome J. Heger, Village Clerk, states that no action will be taken toward marketing the \$80,000 sewer bonds voted Sept. 2 until assurances have been received of the receipt of a grant from the Public Works Administration.

**DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Sycamore), Ill.—OTHER BIDS**—The \$200,000 2½% road bonds awarded to John Nuveen & Co. and the White-Phillips Corp., Davenport, jointly, at par plus a premium of \$4,175.25, equal to 102.087, a basis of about 1.99%—V. 147, p. 1806—were also bid for as follows:

Bidder—	Premium
T. E. Joiner & Co. and Channer Securities Co., jointly	\$4,158
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.	3,186
Stern, Wampler & Co.	2,500
First Trust & Savings Bank	638

**DUPAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 95 (P. O. Wheaton), Ill.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received by Mrs. Myrtle H. McCarty, Secretary of the Board of Education, until 7.30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 27 for the purchase of \$115,800 4% school building bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1938. One bond for \$800, others \$1,000 each. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$2,800, 1939; \$3,000, 1940 to 1944 incl.; \$10,000 from 1945 to 1953 incl. and \$8,000 in 1954. Board will accept bids for the bonds to bear interest of either 3%, 3½% or 4%, and offers may be made covering any one or all of those rates. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the Gary-Wheaton Bank of Wheaton. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of Otto F. Mau, District Treasurer, is required. Successful bidder to furnish and pay for legal opinion and will assume the entire cost of printing and otherwise preparing the bonds.

#### Financial Report

Fiscal year begins July 1. Equalized assessed valuations of the school district: 1935, \$7,054,005; 1936, \$6,996,046; 1937, \$7,032,049. Population of City of Wheaton—1930, 7,258.

This school district has never defaulted on debt obligations. Total bonded debt (excluding present offering), \$60,000 (after allowing for Oct. 1, 1938 maturity of \$10,000 already paid). Legal debt limit is 2½% of the equalized assessed valuation.

County Clerk's Annual Levy	Tax Data	Tax Receipts
1933-----\$110,843.52	Apr. 1, 1934 to Mar. 30, 1935-----	\$91,468.48
1934-----110,560.03	Apr. 1, 1935 to Mar. 30, 1936-----	97,658.12
1935-----97,345.27	Apr. 1, 1936 to Mar. 30, 1937-----	96,640.01
1936-----96,545.44	Apr. 1, 1937 to Mar. 30, 1938-----	85,819.93
1937-----97,042.28	Apr. 1, 1938 to Aug. 31, 1938-----	50,301.45

There are no unpaid tax anticipation warrants, teachers orders, or other unpaid floating indebtedness of any kind.

**EAST ST. LOUIS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ill.—BOND ELECTION**—An issue of \$700,000 school construction bond issue will be considered by the voters on Sept. 30. Program is based on receipt of Public Works Administration grant.

**FAIRBURY, Ill.—PURCHASER**—In connection with the report in V. 147, p. 1806, of the pre-election sale of \$22,000 3½% general obligation water system improvement bonds, we are advised that the bankers are A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., Chicago. Election will be held on Sept. 28. The maturity schedule given in the previous report was incorrect. Bonds will mature Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1940 to 1953, incl.; \$2,000 from 1954 to 1957, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago.

**FAIRFIELD, Ill.—BOND SALE DETAILS**—In connection with the report in V. 147, p. 1523, of the purchase by the White-Phillips Corp., Davenport, of \$33,000 3½% sewage disposal plant bonds at 100.68, we are advised that the sale is subject to approval of issue at the election on Oct. 6. Bonds would mature \$3,000 each Dec. 31 from 1942 to 1952 incl. Interest J-D.

**GALENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 120 (P. O. Galena), Ill.—BOND SALE**—The \$20,000 3% school bonds offered Sept. 16—V. 147, p. 1806—were awarded to the First National Bank of Galena. Dated July 1, 1938, and due \$2,000 on Jan. 1 from 1940 to 1949, incl.

**HENRY, Ill.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—City Council passed an ordinance providing for an issue of \$24,000 3½% city hall building bonds, to be dated Oct. 15, 1938 and mature Oct. 15 as follows: \$1,000, 1940 to 1955 incl.; \$2,000 in 1956, and \$3,000 in 1957 and 1958. Principal and interest (A-O 15) payable City Treasurer's office.

**HOMEWOOD, Ill.—BONDS VOTED**—An issue of \$74,000 municipal building bonds was authorized at the election on Sept. 9.

**LaGRANGE, Ill.—BOND SALE**—The \$425,000 3% water revenue bonds offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1806—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York, at par plus a premium of \$1,655.25, equal to 100.37, a basis of about 2.97%. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1942; \$11,000, 1943 to 1945 incl.; \$12,000, 1946 to 1948 incl.; \$13,000, 1949 and 1950; \$14,000, 1951 to 1953 incl.; \$15,000, 1954 and 1955; \$16,000, 1956 and 1957; \$17,000, 1958 and 1959; \$18,000, 1960 and 1961; \$19,000, 1962 and 1963; \$20,000, 1964; \$21,000, 1965 and 1966; \$22,000 in 1967, and \$24,000 in 1968.

**LA SALLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 289 (P. O. Mendota), Ill.—BONDS VOTED**—George E. Hossenberger, Secretary of Board of Education, reports that an issue of \$30,000 3% school building bonds carried by a vote of 223 to 32 at the Sept. 7 election. Early marketing of the loan is anticipated.

**LEE COUNTY (P. O. Dixon), Ill.—TAX RATE**—Tax rate for 1939 is \$4.55 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Budget for the year is predicated on existence of a \$12,284 surplus at the close of the period.

**LENA, Ill.—BONDS DEFEATED**—An issue of \$50,000 sewage system bonds was turned down by the voters at the Sept. 8 election.

**MAINE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Des Plaines), Ill.—BONDS DEFEATED**—The proposal to issue \$50,000 3½% auditorium bonds was defeated by a vote of 543 to 141 at the Aug. 20 election.

**MASSAC COUNTY (P. O. Metropolis), Ill.—BOND ELECTION**—On Sept. 27 the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$90,000 court house construction bonds and the levying of an additional tax of up to 18 cents per \$100 valuation for a period from 1938 to 1953 incl. in order to service the debt. Bonds would bear 3½% interest and mature Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1940 to 1953 incl. and \$10,000 in 1954 and 1955.

**MOLINE, Ill.—BOND SALE**—It is reported that the Board of Aldermen authorized sale of \$770,000 3¼% sewer revenue bonds to White-Phillips Corp., Davenport, and C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago, jointly. Due serially from 1939 to 1968 incl.

**MOLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40, Ill.—BONDS OFFERED**—E. W. Freeman, Secretary of the Board of Education, received sealed bids until 7.30 p. m. on Sept. 23, for the purchase of \$212,000 2% building bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1940 to 1943, incl.; \$20,000, 1944 to 1947, incl.; \$28,000 in 1948 and 1949, and \$36,000 in 1950. This issue was authorized at the Sept. 17 election. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Township's School Treasurer. Legal opinion to be furnished by successful bidder.

**MONMOUTH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ill.—BOND SALE**—D. W. Moffatt & Co. of Monmouth purchased an issue of \$130,000 2½% coupon high school addition construction bonds at par. Dated Sept. 15, 1938 and due Sept. 15, 1958. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denoms. Int. M-S. 15. The bonds were voted on Aug. 30, although the amount was previously given as \$130,363.—V. 147, p. 1807.

The issue is due annually on Sept. 15 in the following amounts: \$6,000, 1941 to 1945 incl.; \$7,000, 1946 to 1951 incl.; \$8,000, 1952 to 1957 incl. and \$10,000 in 1958.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 157 (P. O. Hillsboro), Ill.—BOND SALE**—John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago purchased \$70,000 3½% coupon school building bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1942 to 1944 incl.; \$4,000, 1945 to 1951 incl.; \$5,000, 1952 to 1954 incl. and \$6,000 from 1955 to 1957 incl. Prin. and int. (J-D) payable at the Hillsboro National Bank, Hillsboro. Registerable as to principal. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. The bonds are payable from unlimited general taxes on all district's taxable property.

#### Financial Statement

Assessed valuation, 1937-----	\$3,914,546
Bonded debt (including this issue)-----	85,000
Population (estimated)-----	6,500

The above financial statement does not include the debt of other political subdivisions having power to levy taxes on all property within this district.

#### Tax Collection Record

Year—	1935	1936	1937
Levy-----	\$44,675.18	\$49,647.22	\$48,021.29
Collected-----	43,970.16	47,492.49	46,300.20
Percent-----	98.25%	95.75%	96.50%

**MOUNT VERNON, Ill.—BOND SALE**—We are advised of the approval by the voters on Sept. 20 of \$58,000 city hall building bonds by a vote of 1,167 to 549 and the sale of the issue as 3½s, to mature serially from 1941 to 1952 incl.

**NORMAL, Ill.—BOND SALE**—An issue of \$49,500 community building bonds was sold to C. E. Bonlander & Co. of Bloomington, as 3s, at a price of 100.40.

**OGLESBY, Ill.—BOND SALE**—An issue of \$60,000 2% sewage treatment bonds was sold to the H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago at a price of 100.275, subject to result of election to be held Oct. 15.

**PIATT COUNTY COMMUNITY (MANSFIELD) HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 211 (P. O. Mansfield), Ill.—BOND SALE**—John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago purchased \$75,000 3½% coupon school building bonds and reoffered them on a yield basis of from 1.50% to 3%, according to maturity. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1940 to 1943 incl.; \$4,000 from 1944 to 1950 incl. and \$5,000 from 1951 to 1957 incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Peoples

State Bank, Mansfield. First coupon due Oct. 1, 1939. The bonds were authorized at an election and are direct and general obligations of the district, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all of its taxable property. District includes the Village of Mansfield. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

Financial Statement
Assessed valuation, 1937-----\$2,323,008
Basis of assessment, (35% of actual)-----
Bonded debt (this issue)-----75,000
Population, estimated, 1,500.

Note—Taxes for 1937 are now in process of collection. The first half became delinquent June 1, 1938 and the second half Sept. 1, 1938.

POPULAR GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 33, Ill.—BONDS VOTED—An issue of \$13,000 construction bonds was authorized at an election on Aug. 27.

ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 205, Ill.—BOND OFFERING PLANNED—S. H. Berg, Superintendent of Schools, states that Oct. 20 has been tentatively set as the date on which sealed bids will be received for the purchase of \$1,650,000 not to exceed 3% interest building bonds, being part of the \$1,800,000 authorized at the Sept. 8 election—V. 147, p. 1807. The entire issue is due annually as follows: \$2,000, 1939; \$6,000, 1940; \$10,000, 1941; \$29,000, 1942; \$47,000, 1943; \$65,000, 1944; \$83,000, 1945; \$101,000, 1946; \$104,000, 1947; \$106,000, 1948; \$109,000, 1949; \$112,000, 1950; \$116,000, 1951; \$119,000, 1952; \$123,000, 1953; \$126,000, 1954; \$130,000, 1955; \$134,000, 1956; \$138,000 in 1957 and \$140,000 in 1958. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

WOODSTOCK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ill.—BOND SALE—Following authorization of the loan by the voters on Sept. 20 an issue of \$100,000 school building bonds was sold to Ballman & Main of Chicago.

### INDIANA

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Greensburg), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD—No bids were received at the offering on Sept. 10 of \$133,890.90 6% Fennig Ditch construction bonds—V. 147, p. 1227. Dated July 5, 1938 and due in equal annual instalments on May 15 from 1939 to 1948, inclusive.

ALBION, Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Frank W. Foote, Town Clerk-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Sept. 29 for the purchase of \$30,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon municipal light and water plant revenue bonds. Dated Aug. 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Aug. 15 from 1946 to 1951 incl. Redeemable on any interest date after Aug. 15, 1943, at a price of 102. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (P. & A.) payable at the Albion National Bank, Albion. Issue will be registerable as principal. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the town, is required. The approving legal opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis, together with transcript of proceedings relating to the authorization of the issue, will be furnished the successful bidder. Delivery of bonds will be made at such bank in Albion as the successful bidder may designate. No conditional bids will be considered.

A copy of the ordinance approving the issue may be examined at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer. All bidders shall be deemed to be advised of the provisions of said ordinance and as to the revenues and financial conditions of the town's light and water plant and system. Said ordinance provides that said bonds shall be payable from a bond and interest redemption account into which there is set aside 14.5% of the revenues of the water plant and system and 12.7% of the revenues of the electric plant and system, which fund is accumulated until sufficient funds exist to pay the interest and maturities of all bonds payable from such fund. Said town also covenants to levy sufficient rates to assure payment into the fund of the amount required to meet the principal and interest plus the 20% surplus in each year; also that said bonds shall not constitute a corporate indebtedness of the town within the provisions and limitations of the Constitution of the State of Indiana. The town's light and water utility system is unencumbered, and the revenues thereof are subject only to a prior pledge to pay principal and interest of bonds now outstanding in the total amount of \$18,500 maturing in varying amounts with the last maturities on Aug. 15, 1945.

BICKNELL, Ind.—BOND SALE—The \$23,000 city hall bonds offered Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1664—were awarded to the Security Bank & Trust Co., Vincennes, as 3s, at par plus a premium of \$17, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 2.99%. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due as follows: \$1,000 Jan. 1 and July 1 from 1940 to 1950, incl. and \$1,000 Jan. 1, 1951. Second high bid, for 3 ½s, was made jointly by McNurlen & Huncilman, and the City Securities Corp.

CLARKSVILLE, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD—The \$30,000 street and sewer construction bonds offered Aug. 20—V. 147, p. 1071—were not sold.

GARY, IND.—BOND OFFERING—Richard Hotchkiss, Secretary of Public Library Board, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Central Standard Time) on Oct. 4 for the purchase of \$45,000 not to exceed 4 ½% interest public library bonds. Dated July 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 30 from 1939 to 1947 incl. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the Gary State Bank, Gary. The bonds will not be an obligation of the City, but will evidence the indebtedness of the Public Library Board only, and will be payable out of the funds of the Board to be derived from a special tax to be levied and collected on all of the taxable property in the Public Library Taxing District which embraces all of the territory within the corporate limits of the city. The opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis, approving the legality of the bonds, will be furnished the purchaser. Enclose a certified check for \$1,000, payable to the Public Library Board. (The above issue will be sold in place of that in amount of \$75,000 for which all bids were rejected on April 25.)

GREENFIELD SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Brighton), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—A. D. Mathews, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (Central Standard Time) on Oct. 8 for the purchase of \$22,000 not to exceed 3 ½% interest school building bonds. Dated Nov. 15, 1938. Denom. \$550. Due \$550 on June 15 and Nov. 15 from 1940 to 1959 incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Interest J. & D. The bonds are direct obligations of the school township, payable out of ad valorem taxes to be levied on all of its taxable property. The approving legal opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis will be furnished the successful bidder. No conditional bids will be considered and the bonds will be ready for delivery within 30 days after the award.

GUILFORD CIVIL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Plainfield), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—E. E. York, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a. m. on Oct. 7, for the purchase of \$38,590 not to exceed 4 ½% interest community building bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1938. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$750. Due \$2,750 on Jan. 1 from 1940 to 1953, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Interest J. & J. The bonds are payable out of unlimited ad valorem taxes on all of the civil township's taxable property. The approving legal opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis will be furnished the successful bidder. No conditional bids will be considered.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—BOND SALE DETAILS—The \$85,000 2 ¼% improvement bonds sold jointly to the Fletcher Trust Co. and the City Securities Co., both of Indianapolis, at 100.048—V. 147, p. 1807—are dated Sept. 10, 1938, and mature July 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1940 to 1958 incl. and \$9,000 in 1959. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denoms. Interest J. & J.

JASPER CIVIL CITY, Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Julius Giesler, City Clerk-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Central Standard Time) on Oct. 10, for the purchase of \$25,000 not to exceed 4% interest school building bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$625. Due \$2,500 each April 1 from 1941 to 1950, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Interest A. & O. The bonds are direct obligations of the civil city, payable out of unlimited ad valorem

taxes on all of its taxable property. Proceeds will be used in the improvement of the high school building of Jasper, heretofore begun by the School City of Jasper. No conditional bids will be considered and the bonds will be ready for delivery within 14 days after the sale.

JASPER SCHOOL CITY, Ind.—BOND OFFERING—The Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. on Sept. 24, for the purchase of \$15,000 4% school repair bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,500 on Jan. 1 from 1940 to 1949, incl. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the School Board.

KANKAKEE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Telf), Ind.—BOND SALE—The \$16,775 3 ½% bonds offered Aug. 30—V. 147, p. 1071—were awarded to McNurlen & Huncilman of Indianapolis at par plus a premium of \$564, equal to 103.36. The sale consisted of: \$11,200 school township bonds. Due \$500 July 1, 1939; \$500 Jan. 1 and July 1 from 1940 to 1949, incl.; \$500 Jan. 1 and \$200 July 1, 1950. 5,575 civil township bonds. Due July 1 as follows: \$395 in 1939 and \$370 from 1940 to 1953, inclusive.

Each issue is dated Sept. 1, 1938. Other bids:
Bidder-----
City Securities Corp.-----Premium \$224
Fletcher Trust Co.-----186

MILLGROVE TOWNSHIP, Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Cleo H. Kaim, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Oct. 7, for the purchase of \$23,000 3% bonds, divided as follows:

- \$7,000 School Township series A school bonds. Due \$500 on Jan. 1 from 1940 to 1953, inclusive.
7,000 School Township series B school bonds. Due \$500 on July 1 from 1940 to 1953, inclusive.
4,500 Civil Township series A school bonds. Due \$250 on Jan. 1 from 1940 to 1957, inclusive.
4,500 Civil Township series B school bonds. Due \$250 on July 1 from 1940 to 1957, inclusive.

All of the above bonds will be dated Nov. 1, 1938. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank, Fremont. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Township Advisory Board, must accompany each proposal. Bids shall be received subject to approval by the State Board of Tax Commissioners of the appropriation ordinance which was scheduled to be adopted by the township on Sept. 20.

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Ezra Stoner, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Oct. 7, for the purchase of \$120,000 not to exceed 4% interest county hospital bonds of 1938. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1940 to 1943, incl.; \$6,000 from 1944 to 1953, incl. and \$8,000 from 1954 to 1958, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Callable on any interest payment date after five years from Sept. 1, 1938, in inverse numerical order at face value plus accrued and unpaid interest, upon 30 days' notice given in the manner stated on the face of the bonds. A certified check for 3% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis will be furnished the successful bidder. No conditional bids will be considered and the bonds will be ready for delivery within 12 days after the award. The bonds are direct obligations of the county, payable out of unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all of its taxable property.

Assessed valuation, 1938-----\$45,038,050
Total bonded debt (excluding present issue)-----64,000
Sinking fund, floating debt, none. Population, estimated, 22,804.

Tax Collections
Year-----
Levy-----1938 1937 1936 1935
\$1,423,050.21 \$1,366,870.43 \$1,443,866.03 \$1,423,050.21
Collected in fiscal year-----480,384.87 1,080,262.33 1,124,379.50 1,052,845.37

WAYNE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Ind.—PLANS BOND ISSUE—The township has announced its intention to issue not to exceed \$61,000 school building bonds to mature serially from 1940 to 1954 incl. Int. rate limited to 4 ½%. Net assessed valuation of taxable property reported as \$15,854,460 and debt currently outstanding in amount of \$255,973.

### IOWA

CHARITON, IOWA—BONDS DEFEATED—At an election held on Sept. 12 the voters are stated to have rejected the proposal calling for the issuance of \$55,000 in building and equipment bonds by a wide margin.

DAVENPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Davenport), Iowa—BOND ELECTION—It is stated that a special election will be held on Sept. 26 to vote on the issuance of \$1,800,000 in bonds for school building and equipment purposes.

DELMAR, Iowa—BOND SALE—The \$3,500 issue of 3% semi-annual water works bonds offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1807—was awarded to the Jackson State Savings Bank of Maquoketa, paying a price of 100.71, according to the Town Clerk. Due from 1942 to 1949; redeemable in 1945.

FORT DODGE, Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by H. R. Sittig, City Clerk, that he will receive bids until 10 a. m. on Sept. 26, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of refunding bonds. The bonds and attorney's opinion are to be furnished by the city.

GARRISON, Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Sept. 30, by O. N. Helderbrandt, Town Clerk for the purchase of a \$17,000 issue of water works bonds. These bonds were approved by the voters on June 1.

GRUNDY CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Grundy Center), Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by V. T. Hancock, Superintendent of Schools, that he will receive bids until 1:30 p. m. on Sept. 26, for the purchase of a \$38,000 issue of school bonds. Due from 1941 to 1951. These bonds were approved by the voters at an election held on Aug. 2.

HUMBOLDT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Humboldt), Iowa—BOND SALE—The \$24,700 issue of coupon school building bonds offered for sale on Sept. 16—V. 147, p. 1665—was awarded to the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, as 3 ½s, paying a premium of \$60.00 equal to 100.24, a basis of about 3.23%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due from Nov. 1, 1948 to 1952 incl. Interest payable M. & N.

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Little Cedar), Iowa—MATURITY—It is stated by the District Clerk that the \$7,000 building and equipment bonds purchased by the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines as 3 ½s at 101.21—V. 147, p. 1807—are due \$1,000 from 1940 to 1946, giving a basis of about 2.99%.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Marshalltown), Iowa—BOND SALE—The \$35,000 issue of poor fund bonds offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1665—was awarded to the Fidelity Savings Bank of Marshalltown as 1 ½s, paying a premium of \$105, equal to 103.30, a basis of about \$1.43%. Due on Oct. 1 in 1942 to 1944.

MELBOURNE, Iowa—BOND SALE—The \$21,000 issue of water system bonds offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1808—was awarded to Vieth, Duncan & Wood of Davenport, as 3 ½s, paying a price of 100.42, according to the Town Treasurer.

MUSCATINE COUNTY (P. O. Muscatine), Iowa—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$24,000 poor relief fund bonds were purchased recently by the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Davenport, as 2 ½s, paying a price of 100.10.

OTTUMWA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ottumwa), Iowa—BONDS DEFEATED—At the election held on Sept. 15 the voters defeated the proposal calling for the issuance of \$240,000 in grade school bonds.

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY (P. O. Council Bluffs) Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is reported by James C. Jensen, County Treasurer, that he will receive sealed and oral bids until Oct. 3, at 2 p. m., for the purchase of an issue of \$112,000 funding bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$22,000 in 1947, and \$30,000 from 1948 to 1950. Bidders should specify the rate of interest, but no award will be made on any bid of less than par and accrued interest. Prin. and int. (M-S) payable at the County Treasurer's office. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, is required.

SILVER CITY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Servil City), Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is reported by Roy W. Gater, District Secretary, that he will receive bids until 8 p. m. on Sept. 26, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. gymnasium bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 15, 1938. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 15, 1939 to 1953 incl. Bonds and legal opinion are to be furnished by the purchaser. A deposit of 10% of the bid is required.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa—BOND SALE—The \$128,000 issue of funding bonds offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147. D. 1665—was awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, as 2 1/8s, paying a premium of \$1,551.00, equal to 101.21, a basis of about 2.07%. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due from July 1, 1940 to 1948.

Other bids were as follows:

	Premium
Carleton D. Beh Co.	\$1,550
Iowa Des Moines Nat'l Bank & Trust.	1,400
Jackley & Co. Des Moines.	650
Security National Bank. Sioux City.	25

WELDON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Weldon), Iowa—BONDS SOLD—An \$11,000 issue of school bonds was offered on Sept. 21 and was awarded to the White-Phillips Corp. of Davenport, as 3 1/8s, paying a premium of \$5, equal to 100.045, a basis of about 3.24%. Due \$1,000 from Nov. 1, 1939 to 1949 incl.

WESLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wesley), Iowa—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$12,700 school bonds were purchased by Shaw, McDermott & Sparks of Des Moines, as 3 3/8s, paying a price of 100.08. These bonds were approved by the voters on Sept. 1.

WEST BURLINGTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Burlington), Iowa—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is now reported that the \$40,000 building bonds purchased by W. D. Hanna & Co. of Burlington, as 2 1/8s, at a price of 101.192, as noted here on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1808—were dated Sept. 1, 1938, and mature \$2,000 from Nov. 1, 1939 to 1958, giving a basis of about 2.37%. Legal approval by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

WOODBURY COUNTY (P. O. Sioux City), Iowa—BONDS NOT SOLD—It is stated by Van W. Hammerstrom, County Treasurer, that the \$150,000 funding bonds offered for sale at auction on Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1808—were not sold as all bids received were rejected. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due \$60,000 on April and Oct. 1, 1939 and \$30,000 on Dec. 1, 1939. BONDS SOLD—It was reported later by the County Treasurer that the above bonds were sold the following day to the Toy National Bank of Sioux City, at 1%, plus a premium of \$205.

### KANSAS

CHANUTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Chanute), Kan.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Sept. 29 by L. H. Pettit, Superintendent of Schools, for the purchase of a \$55,000 issue of building bonds. Dated Sept. 20, 1938. Due \$2,750 from 1939 to 1958, incl. Interest for the first 10 years will be at the rate of 2% and for the last 10 years at the rate of 2 1/2%. The bonds will be offered to the State School Fund Commission at its meeting to be held on Sept. 26.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago is offering for general subscription an issue of \$100,000 2% semi-ann. general improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 Sept. 1, 1939 to 1948. Principal and interest payable at the State Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Bowersock, Fizzell & Rhodes, of Kansas City. These bonds will be, in the opinion of counsel, direct general obligations of the entire county and all taxable property within the county will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes without legal limit, sufficient to pay principal of these bonds and the interest thereon when due.

### KENTUCKY

KENTUCKY, State of—BOND OFFERING—It is announced by Robert Humphreys, Commissioner of Highways, that he will on Oct. 11, at 10 a. m. (Central Standard Time), receive and publicly open sealed competitive bids for the purchase of a \$513,000 issue of Bridge Revenue Project No. 15 bonds, to be issued by the Department of Highways, an agency of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 172, Acts of 1928 and Chapter 157, Acts of 1930. General Assembly, to provide funds, together with a Public Works Administration grant in the amount of \$212,140, to construct a bridge crossing the Green River at or near Rockport, Ky.

The bonds of this issue will be dated July 1, 1938; will be issued in the denomination of \$1,000 each; will mature on July 1, 1958; and will be redeemable in whole or when selected by lot, in part, at the option of the Department on July 1, 1939, or on any interest payment date thereafter prior to maturity on 30 days' notice at par and accrued interest, together with a premium of 2 1/2% of the principal amount thereof if redeemed on or prior to July 1, 1943; 2% if redeemed thereafter and on or prior to July 1, 1945; 1 1/2% if redeemed thereafter and on or prior to July 1, 1947; 1% if redeemed thereafter and on or prior to July 1, 1949; 1/2% if redeemed thereafter and on or prior to July 1, 1951; and without premium if redeemed thereafter and before maturity. Both principal and interest of the bonds will be payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York City, or at the office of the State Treasurer in Frankfort, at the option of the holder. The bonds will be subject to registration in the names of the holders as to principal alone.

All bonds of this issue will bear interest at the same rate, not exceeding 4%, in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, such interest being payable Jan. 1, 1939, and semi-annually thereafter, and each bid must specify the rate of interest and the price bid for the bonds of this issue. In considering the relative merits of the bids submitted the Commissioner will estimate the future annual revenue from this project to be \$42,000 and will also assume that the revenue in excess of interest requirements will be used for the purpose of retiring bonds on each interest payment date to the fullest extent possible under the terms of the trust indenture.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by an unconditional certified check in the amount of \$10,000 on a bank or trust company considered by the Commissioner of Highways to be financially responsible, payable to the order of the Treasurer of Kentucky.

McLEAN COUNTY (P. O. Calhoun), Ky.—BOND REFINANCING AGREEMENT—The County Fiscal Court is reported to have accepted a proposal made by the Bankers Bond Co. of Louisville, to refinance a total of \$185,000 road bonds.

OWENSBORO BRIDGE COMMISSION, Ky.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC—The Bankers Bond Co. of Louisville is offering for public subscription an issue of \$1,400,000 3 1/2% bridge revenue bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1938. Due on Aug. 1, 1963. Legality approved by Masslich & Mitchell of New York. Prin. and int. (F-A) payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., in New York. Callable at the option of the Owensboro Bridge Commission as a whole or in part on Aug. 1, 1940, or on any interest payment date upon at least 30 days published notice at 104, if called on or before Aug. 1, 1943; thereafter at 103 up to and including Aug. 1, 1948; thereafter at 102 up to and including Aug. 1, 1953; thereafter at 101 up to and including Aug. 1, 1957; and thereafter at 100 to maturity; plus accrued interest in each case. Coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000, registerable as to principal only.

### LOUISIANA

DE SOTO PARISH, WARD 3 SCHOOL DISTRICT (P.O. Mansfield), La.—BOND SALE—The \$10,000 issue of coupon gymnasium bonds offered for sale on Sept. 16—V. 147, p. 1808—was purchased by the First National Bank of Mansfield, as 6s, paying a price of 100.253, according to S. M. Shows, Superintendent of the School Board. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$100. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Interest payable A. & O.

FRANKLINTON, La.—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Sept. 29, by B. P. Burreis, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. sewer bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due over a period of 20 years.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Jennings), La.—BOND OFFERING DETAILS—It is stated by John T.

## Louisiana Municipal Bonds Bought and Sold

### Whitney National Bank of New Orleans

#### LOUISIANA

Hood Jr., Secretary of the Police Jury, that the \$220,000 not to exceed 6% semi-ann. road bonds, scheduled for sale on Oct. 6, as noted here on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1809—are due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1941; \$5,000 1942 to 1945; \$6,000 1946 and 1947; \$7,000 1948 and 1949; \$8,000 1950; \$9,000 1951 to 1953; \$10,000 1954 and 1955; \$11,000 1956; \$12,000 1957; \$14,000 1958 and 1959; \$15,000 1960; \$16,000 1961 and 1962; and \$17,000 in 1963. Prin. and int. payable at any bank which may be designated by the purchaser.

Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$17,000 in 1940, \$18,000 in 1941 and 1942, \$19,000 in 1943 and 1944, \$20,000 in 1945, \$21,000 in 1946 and 1947, \$22,000 in 1948, \$23,000 in 1949, \$24,000 in 1950 and 1951, \$25,000 in 1952, \$26,000 in 1953, \$27,000 in 1954 and 1955, \$28,000 in 1956, \$29,000 in 1957, \$30,000 in 1958 and 1959, \$31,000 in 1960, \$32,000 in 1961, \$34,000 in 1962 and \$35,000 in 1963. Place of payment to be designated by the bidder. Authority: Article XIV, Section 14, State Constitution of 1921, as amended, and Act 46 of the Legislature of the State for the year 1921, as amended. The bonds are payable in principal and interest from an unlimited ad valorem tax to be levied each year on all taxable property in the sewerage district sufficient to pay principal and interest due in the ensuing year.

JEFFERSON PARISH (P. O. Gretna), La.—BOND OFFERING DETAILS—In connection with the offering scheduled for Oct. 4 of the \$650,000 Sewerage District No. 1 bonds, noted in our issue of Sept. 3—V. 147, p. 1524—it is now reported that while the official notice of sale calls for bids on \$650,000 of bonds, it is the intention of the governing authority of the district to sell only \$600,000 bonds.

JENNINGS, La.—BOND OFFERING DETAILS—In connection with the offering scheduled for Oct. 6 of the \$220,000 public improvement and the \$50,000 street improvement bonds, noted here on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1809—it is stated by R. Moses, City Clerk, that the bonds are more fully described as follows:

\$220,000 public improvement bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$4,000 in 1941, \$5,000 in 1942 to 1945, \$6,000 in 1946 and 1947, \$7,000 in 1948 and 1949, \$8,000 in 1950, \$9,000 in 1951 to 1953, \$10,000 in 1954 and 1955, \$11,000 in 1956, \$12,000 in 1957, \$14,000 in 1958 and 1959, \$15,000 in 1960, \$16,000 in 1961 and 1962 and \$17,000 in 1963.

\$50,000 street improvement bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,000 in 1941 to 1944; \$2,000 in 1945 to 1957; \$3,000 in 1958 to 1961 and \$4,000 in 1962 and 1963.

Prin. and int. payable at such bank as may be designated by the purchaser. The bonds are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied each year sufficient in amount to pay principal and interest, as required by law, and were authorized at the election held on July 26 and by Article 14, Section 14, of the Constitution of 1921, as amended, and Act 46 of 1921, as amended.

MADISON PARISH (P. O. Tallulah), La.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. Oct. 10 by P. O. Benjamin, Secretary of the Police Jury, for the purchase of a \$60,000 issue of 4% semi-annual court house and jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000 1939 to 1941; \$5,000 1942 to 1947, and \$6,000 from 1948 to 1950. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, will be furnished. A certified check for \$500, payable to W. H. Hewes, President of the Police Jury, is required with the bid. (This notice supplements the offering report given here on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1809.)

RAPIDES PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Alexandria), La.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by H. M. Wells, Secretary-Treasurer of the Parish School Board, that he will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. on Oct. 18, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 coupon school bonds. Due in 15 years. These bonds were approved by the voters at an election on Sept. 13, by a count of 212 to 12.

TERREBONNE PARISH (P. O. Houma) La.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Oct. 13, by O. J. Theriot, Secretary of the Police Jury, for the purchase of an issue of public improvement bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable M. & N. Dated Nov. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$13,000 in 1939 and 1940, \$14,000 in 1941 and 1942, \$15,000 in 1943 and 1944, \$16,000 in 1945 and 1946, and \$17,000 in 1947 and 1948. The bonds are issued under the authority of Article XIV, Section 14 (e), of the State Constitution for the year 1921, as amended, and Act 40 of the State Legislature for the year 1922, and were specially authorized by resolution duly and legally adopted by the governing authority of the Parish on Sept. 14, 1938. The approving opinion of B. A. Campbell, of New Orleans, and the transcript of record as passed upon will be furnished the purchaser. Enclose a certified check for not less than \$3,000, payable to the Parish Treasurer.

### MAINE

MAINE (State of)—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids addressed to Belmont Smith, State Treasurer, will be received until 10 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 30 for the purchase of \$1,000,000 2% coupon highway bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$100,000 on Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1949 incl. Principal and interest payable at the office of the State Treasury Department. The bonds are exempt from taxation in Maine and from all Federal income taxes. They are an unqualified direct obligation of the State, the credit and good faith of which is pledged for the payment of both principal and interest. Legal opinion of the State Attorney General will be furnished the successful bidder. These bonds are part of the total of \$5,000,000 authorized by Chapter 96 of the Resolves of the 87th Legislature, approved March 30, 1935, and favorably voted at a special election held Sept. 9, 1935. Bids must be for the entire \$1,000,000 now offered.

Financial Statement	
Valuation of the State.	\$661,209,219
Bonded debt (exclusive of this issue) Oct. 1, 1938.	28,409,500

### MARYLAND

FREDERICK COUNTY (P. O. Frederick), Md.—BOND OFFERING—The Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Sept. 28 for the purchase of \$300,000 not to exceed 3 1/2% interest school bonds of 1937, authorized by Chapter 258 of Acts of Maryland General Assembly in session of January 1937. Bonds will be dated July 1, 1937. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1939 to 1948, incl., and \$25,000 from 1949 to 1952, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Coupon bonds, with interest payable J. & J. Principal and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office. Bonds may be registered as to principal on books kept for that purpose at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners. Accrued interest from July 1, 1938 to date of payment and delivery shall be adjusted with the purchaser. All matured coupons will be detached from the bonds. Under existing laws the bonds are exempt from all State, county and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland. A certified check for 5% of the bonds, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, is required. The legality of this issue is subject to the approval of Messrs. W. Clinton McSherry and Leslie N. Coblenz of Frederick, Md., attorneys for the Board of Education of Frederick County, by Mr. Edward S. Delaplaine, attorney for the Board of County Commissioners of Frederick County, and by Messrs. Barton, Wilmer, Bramble, Addison & Semans and Messrs. Niles, Barton, Morrow & Yost, both of Baltimore, Md., and the approving opinions of these gentlemen will be delivered upon request to the purchaser of the bonds without charge.

**HARFORD COUNTY (P. O. Bel Air), Md.—BOND OFFERING**—The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids until Sept. 26 for the purchase of \$200,000 highway bonds.

**MARYLAND (State of)—PWA APPROVES \$2,167,000 GRANT FOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION**—President Roosevelt has approved a grant for the construction of a bridge over the Susquehanna River near Havre de Grace, Maryland, in the amount of \$2,167,000. Originally an application was made for grants that would construct in addition to the Susquehanna Bridge, one over the Potomac at Morgantown and one over the Patapsco River near Baltimore. The total grant asked for the three bridges was \$9,880,000. The 55% representing the contribution of the State for the three bridges was to be raised by revenue bonds which Public Works Administration was assured Baltimore banks were prepared to take. The PWA found it impossible to finance the three bridges for the reason that this would have meant the granting of Maryland of a sum largely in excess of that to which it is equitably entitled out of the funds appropriated for Public Works by the last Congress when the rights of other States are taken into account. Further conferences with R. H. Griswold Jr., of Baltimore, fiscal agent of the State Highway Commission, disclosed that it would be able to finance the Susquehanna River Bridge on the same basis as was originally proposed for all three bridges. That is, if PWA would make a grant of 45% the remaining 55% of the total cost would be obtained by the sale of revenue bonds through the Baltimore banks. As the grant of \$2,167,000 could be made without giving Maryland an undue share of the public works funds the President, on the recommendation of Public Works Administrator Ickes, has signified his approval.

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (P. O. Upper Marlboro), Md.—BOND OFFERING**—Nicholas Orem, County Superintendent of Schools, will receive sealed bids until noon on Sept. 27 for the purchase of \$192,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon public school bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1937. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in 1940 and 1941; \$8,000 from 1942 to 1953 incl.; \$9,000 from 1954 to 1957 incl., and \$8,000 from 1958 to 1963 incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the First National Bank of Southern Maryland, Upper Marlboro. The bonds now offered are the unsold portion of an issue of not to exceed \$442,000 which was authorized under Chapter 277, Acts of General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the January session in 1937. The other \$250,000 were sold in the fall of 1937. Said bonds will be issued on the full faith and credit of Prince George's County, and will bear the endorsement of the County Commissioners of Prince George's County and its promise to pay principal and interest thereof through the agency of the Board of Education of Prince George's County. Said bonds will be payable by an unlimited ad valorem annual tax on all the assessable property in Prince George's County, and will be exempt from all State, county and municipal taxation in the State of Maryland. Bidders must state in their bids the price offered per \$100 of par. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of \$1,000. Accrued interest on the bonds will be adjusted with the purchaser or purchasers up to the date when said bonds are delivered. The purchaser or purchasers will be furnished with the legal opinion of Niles, Barton, Morrow & Yost of Baltimore, certifying to the validity of the bonds.

(Previous mention of this offering appeared in V. 147, p. 1525.)

**SALISBURY, Md.—BOND OFFERING**—City Clerk will receive sealed bids until Oct. 3 for the purchase of \$50,000 water and sewer and \$25,000 street and drainage bonds.

## MASSACHUSETTS

**ABINGTON, Mass.—BOND OFFERING**—Francis S. Murphy, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Sept. 27 for purchase of \$133,000 coupon school bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1939 to 1951 incl., and \$6,000 from 1952 to 1958, incl. Bidder to name one rate of interest expressed in a multiple of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at Merchants National Bank of Boston. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**BLACKSTONE, Mass.—BOND SALE**—Kennedy, Spence & Co. of Boston purchased an issue of \$60,000 3  $\frac{1}{4}$ % school bonds. Dated Sept. 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 on Sept. 15 from 1939 to 1958 incl. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the First National Bank, Boston. The bonds are direct and general obligations of the town, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all of its taxable property. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

**FITCHBURG, Mass.—LOAN AUTHORIZED**—The City Council has voted to issue \$200,000 bonds for various purposes, to mature in from 1 to 10 years.

**HAVERHILL, Mass.—BOND SALE**—The \$19,000 municipal relief bonds offered Sept. 22 were awarded to Tyler & Co. of Boston as 8s at 100.50, a basis of about 2.90%. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1939 to 1947 incl. and \$1,000 in 1948. Principal and interest (M-8) payable at the National Shawmut Bank, Boston. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. Absence of any other bids was attributed by City Treasurer to extremely adverse weather conditions previous to sale date.

**MARSHFIELD, Mass.—OTHER BIDS**—The \$100,000 high school notes awarded to Tyler & Co., Inc., Boston, as 2s, at 100.79, a basis of about 1.92%—V. 147, p. 1809—were also bid for as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Washburn & Co., Inc.	2%	100.65
Second National Bank of Boston	2%	100.55
Kidder, Peabody & Co.	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.53
First Boston Corp.	2 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.30

**QUINCY, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING**—Howard P. Newall, City Treasurer, will receive bids until Sept. 27 for the purchase at discount of \$300,000 notes, dated Sept. 27, 1938 and due \$200,000 Dec. 29, 1938 and \$100,000, June 29, 1939.

**STOUGHTON, Mass.—NOTE SALE**—The \$30,000 coupon water notes offered Sept. 20 were awarded to Merchants National Bank, Boston, as 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ s, at 100.79, a basis of about 1.62%. Dated Sept. 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 on Sept. 15 from 1939 to 1948 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at Merchants National Bank. Notes certified as to genuineness by Director of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxation, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Second high bid of 100.703 for 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ s was made by Second National Bank of Boston.

Other bids:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Tyler & Co.	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	100.55
Perrin, West & Winslow	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	100.515
Jackson & Curtis	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	100.28
Bond, Judge & Co.	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	100.03
R. L. Day & Co.	2%	100.519
Newton, Abbe & Co.	2%	100.165

Year	1935	1936	1937	1938
Tax levy	\$280,871.94	\$308,779.72	\$346,761.49	\$368,319.70
Uncollected Sept. 10 '38.	None	53.00	17,623.50	214,378.31

1938 assessed valuation, \$8,241,633. Population, 8,600. Tax rate, 1938, \$30. Tax titles Sept. 10, 1938, \$31,329.67. Borrowed against tax titles, none.

Funded Debt as of Sept. 15, 1938

Water bonds and notes	\$16,000
Sewer bond	117,000
School bonds	65,000
Total	\$198,000
This issue	30,000

**TEMPLETON, Mass.—BOND SALE**—The \$13,500 relief bonds offered Sept. 16 were awarded to the First National Bank of Boston as 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ s at a price of 100.285. Dated Oct. 1, 1938, and due serially from 1939 to 1942 incl. Second high bid of 100.249 for 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ s was entered by Goldman, Sachs & Co. Other bids:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Second National Bank of Boston	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.174
Tyler & Co.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	100.125
R. L. Day & Co.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	100.749

**WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN**—Town Treasurer Henry E. Schmuck recently sold an issue of \$10,000 revenue anticipation notes at 0.07%. Due Jan. 9, 1939.

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**ADRIAN, Mich.—BONDS VOTED**—On Sept. 13 voters authorized issues of \$55,000 hospital, \$42,000 civic auditorium and \$15,000 storm sewer bonds.

**BATTLE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND ELECTION**—A special election will take place Oct. 17 at which the voters will again be asked to authorize an issue of \$269,000 Urban school building bonds. This proposal, also two others, were all rejected at the Aug. 29 election. At the new election the voters will also consider a proposed increase of one-half mill in the tax rate for a period of five years.

**BERRIEN COUNTY (P. O. St. Joseph), Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED**—The proposed issue of \$236,500 bonds was defeated by the voters on Sept. 13.

**CASSOPOLIS, Mich.—BOND SALE**—The \$48,000 self-liquidating sewer and sewerage disposal plant revenue bonds for which no bids were received Aug. 10—V. 147, p. 1073—were sold later to Kidder, Peabody & Co., New York, as 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ s at par. Dated Aug. 1, 1938 and due Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1942 to 1948 incl.; \$1,500, 1949 to 1954 incl.; \$2,000, 1955 to 1960 incl. and \$2,500 from 1961 to 1968 incl.

**CHARLEVOIX, Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—Ray S. Hamilton, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Sept. 26 for the purchase of \$70,000 3% general obligation electric light works improvement bonds. Issue was authorized by a vote of 248 to 57 on Sept. 9. Bonds will be dated Oct. 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$4,000, 1939 to 1944 incl.; \$5,000, 1945 to 1949 incl.; \$6,000 from 1950 to 1952 incl., and \$3,000 in 1953. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for 5% of the bid, payable to the order of Fred V. Tyler, City Treasurer, is required.

**DETROIT, Mich.—OFFERINGS WANTED**—John N. Daley, City Controller, will receive sealed offerings until 10 a. m. on Oct. 3 (bids to remain firm until 1 p. m. of the following day) for callable refunding bonds in the amount of \$436,000, under the following conditions:

If callable bonds are offered at a premium: (a) When the interest rate is 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ % or higher, the yield shall be computed to the second call date. (b) When the interest rate is less than 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ %, the yield shall be computed to the sixth call date. If bonds are offered at par or less than par: Yield shall be computed to the date of maturity. All tenders shall be in writing and shall be sealed. Tenders shall show the purpose, the rate of interest, date of maturity, the dollar value and the yield. Tenders will be accepted on the basis of the highest net yield to the city as computed from the dollar price. Only 1962-63 maturities of callable bonds will be accepted. The city reserves the right on bonds purchased, which are delivered subsequent to Oct. 10, 1938, to pay accrued interest up to that date only.

**ADDITIONAL CALL FOR OFFERINGS**—City Controller also announces that he will receive sealed offerings at his office until 10 a. m. on Sept. 28 (to remain firm until 1 p. m. of the following day) of bonds in the amount of about \$384,000 for the Street Railway Sinking fund.

Conditions are as follows:

- If callable bonds are offered at a premium: (a) When the interest rate is 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ % or higher, the yield shall be computed to the first call date. (b) When the interest rate is less than 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ %, the yield shall be computed to the sixth call date.
- If bonds are offered at less than par: Yield shall be computed to the date of maturity, whether callable or non-callable.

3. Non-callable bonds:

Non-callable bonds shall be computed to the date of maturity.

4. Offerings:

- Offerings shall show the rate of interest, the date of maturity, the dollar value and the yield on each offering.
- Offerings will be accepted on the basis of the highest net yield to the city.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids. No bonds maturing beyond Aug. 1, 1950 will be accepted. All offerings shall be in writing and shall be sealed.

The city reserves the right on bonds purchased which are delivered subsequent to Oct. 5, 1938, to pay accrued interest up to that date only.

**ADDITIONAL CALL FOR OFFERINGS**—Edward M. Lane, Secretary of the Teachers' Retirement Fund Board, will receive sealed offerings until noon on Sept. 27 of city non-callable bonds in the amount of about \$100,000. Offerings should specify the rate of interest, maturity date, the dollar value and the yield in each instance. They must be firm until 10 a. m. on Sept. 28.

**EAST LANSING, Mich.—BONDS VOTED**—An issue of \$70,000 sewer system bonds was authorized at the Sept. 13 election.

**EAST TAWAS, Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—Fred Lomas, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 26 for the purchase of \$22,000 not to exceed 4% interest revenue water works bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$1,000 from 1940 to 1958, incl., and \$1,500 from 1959 to 1960, incl. Interest rate or rates to be expressed in multiples of  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the City Treasurer's office. A certified check for 2% of the bonds, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required. They are self-liquidating revenue bonds, secured by statutory lien created by Act No. 94 of Public Acts of Michigan of 1933, and by ordinance No. 107 of the city. They are payable solely from water works revenues and do not in any sense constitute an obligation of the city. Proposals will be conditioned only on the opinion of R. Read Smith, Attorney, approving legality of the bonds. Cost of such opinion and printing of the bonds will be paid by the city.

**FENTON, Mich.—BOND ELECTION**—At a special election on Oct. 1 the voters will consider a proposed issue of \$20,000 sewage disposal plant bonds, to bear interest at not more than 5% and mature \$2,000 each Oct. 31 from 1940 to 1949 incl.

**FERNDALE-PLEASANT RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND ELECTION**—A vote will be taken Sept. 26 on a proposal to issue \$24,200 school building bonds and to increase the tax rate in amount of 49 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Bonds would bear interest at not more than 4% and mature over a period of five years.

**FRANKFORT, Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—H. M. Snider, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 30 for the purchase of \$14,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon, registerable as to principal only, sewage disposal plant and system revenue bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1953, incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at office of City Clerk-Treasurer or, at holder's option, at the State Savings Bank, Frankfort. Bonds are callable on any interest date prior to maturity as provided by Sec. 31 of Act 94 of Public Acts of 1933 of Michigan. Proposals will be conditioned only on the approval, as to validity, of Miller, Canfield, Pad-dock & Stone of Detroit.

**GROSSE POINTE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND ELECTION**—The Superintendent of Schools informs us that an election will be held on Sept. 27 in connection with a proposed issue of \$350,000 school building bonds, to mature serially in from one to five years.

**HARBOR BEACH, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At the Sept. 13 election the voters refused to authorize an issue of \$25,000 park bonds, the count being 174 for to 196 against.

**HILLSDALE COUNTY RURAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—DISTRICT CREATED**—The above district, comprised of 11 school units in the Village of Pittsford and adjacent vicinity, was recently created by favorable vote of electors in the new body, the first to be established in the county. A vote will be taken shortly on a proposed issue of \$25,000 bonds in connection with a projected \$157,000 school building. Of the balance of the necessary funds \$78,500 would be requested from the Public Works Administration, as a grant, and the other \$55,000 supplied by the Kellogg Foundation.

**HOLLAND, Mich.—BONDS REJECTED**—The proposed issue of \$85,000 library and museum bonds was rejected by the electorate on Sept. 13.

**HOLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BONDS VOTED**—An issue of \$10,000 school bonds was authorized by the voters on Sept. 13.

**IRON RIVER, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED**—An issue of \$17,500 water tank construction bonds was defeated at the election on Sept. 13.

**ISHPEMING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Route No. 1, Box 243, Ishpeming), Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—E. O. Bengry, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 26 for the purchase of \$50,000 not to exceed 3 1/2% interest coupon school bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1940 to 1942, incl., and \$20,000 in 1943. Interest rate or rates to be expressed in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the Peninsula Bank, Ishpeming. All of the district's taxable property will be subject to levy of such ad valorem taxes as may be necessary to pay the principal and interest within the State constitutional limit. An additional 5-mill levy has been voted for the period 1938 to 1942, incl. A certified check for 2% of the bonds, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, is required. District will pay the cost of printing the bonds and legal opinion. Latter will be given by Fred H. Berg, Attorney of Ishpeming.

**LINCOLN PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—TENDERS WANTED**—May V. Smith, District Secretary, will receive sealed tenders of certificates of indebtedness, dated Nov. 1, 1935, and certificates second series, dated May 1, 1937, all due Nov. 1, 1945, until 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Oct. 6. Amount available in the sinking fund for purchase of certificates is \$2,703.65. Offerings should be firm for five days and fully describe the certificates tendered.

**MANISTEE COUNTY (P. O. Manistee), Mich.—BONDS VOTED**—MILLAGE INCREASE REJECTED—The proposed issue of \$74,250 courthouse and jail construction bonds carried by a vote of 1,877 to 1,463 at the Sept. 13 election. As the bonds were to mature in five years, it was necessary to vote also on an increase in the millage rate for that period. This being a constitutional amendment, all citizens were entitled to vote, with result that the measure was rejected by a count of 2,723 to 1,899. We are advised that an effort will be made to permit the issuance of the bonds over a 20- or 30-year period.

**MARION TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Decker ville), Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—M. M. Forrester, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 30 for the purchase of \$20,000 not to exceed 4% interest school bonds. Dated June 1, 1938. Denom. \$500. Due June 1, as follows: \$5,500, 1939; \$4,000 from 1940 to 1942, incl., and \$4,500 in 1943. Principal and interest (J. & D.) payable at the State Bank of Sandusky. Successful bidder to pay for printing of bonds and legal opinion. A certified check for 2% of the issue, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, is required. The district is authorized and required by law to levy on all of its taxable property such ad valorem taxes as may be necessary to pay the bonds and interest thereon within the limitation prescribed by the State Constitution. An additional 13-mill levy has been voted for the five-year period 1938-1942, inclusive.

**MEMONINEE COUNTY (P. O. Memoninee), Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED**—On Sept. 13 the voters turned down the proposal to issue \$190,000 road bonds, the count being 1,184 for to 2,598 against.

**MICHIGAN (State of)—OTHER BIDS FOR HIGHWAY BONDS**—The \$58,000 highway refunding road assessment district No. 484 bonds awarded to McDonald, Moore & Hayes, Inc. of Detroit, at 100.105 for the bonds due in 1939 as 3s, and those maturing from 1940 to 1946 incl. as 2 1/4s—V. 147, p. 1810—were also bid for as follows:  
Martin, Smith & Co.—\$58,114.00 for 5% bonds to May 1, 1939, and 3 3/4% thereafter.  
Shannon Kenower & Co.—\$58,087.33 for 2 1/4% bonds dated Oct. 1, 1938.  
\$58,065.83 for 2 1/4% bonds dated Nov. 1, 1938.  
First of Michigan Corp.—\$58,245.00 for 2 3/4% bonds.  
Braun, Bosworth & Co.—\$58,053.00 for 4% bonds.

**MOUNT PLEASANT, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED**—On Sept. 13 the voters refused to authorize an issue of \$266,500 power plant bonds.

**NILES CITY AND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Niles), Mich.—BOND SALE**—The \$65,000 coupon school bonds offered Sept. 21—V. 147, p. 1810—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., as 1 3/4s, at par plus a premium of \$99.70, equal to 100.138, a basis of about 1.70%. Dated Sept. 15, 1938 and due June 15 as follows: \$13,000 from 1939 to 1943 incl. Second high bid of 100.26 for 2s was made by Martin, Smith & Co. of Detroit.

**ROGERS CITY, Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—Theodore C. Bruning, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 26 for the purchase of \$49,000 not to exceed 3% interest coupon bonds, divided as follows:  
\$28,000 series A general obligation bonds, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all of the village's taxable property. Denom. \$800. Due \$5,600 on Jan. 2 from 1940 to 1944, incl. Callable on any interest date.  
21,000 series B special assessment bonds, secured only by the assessments levied against the special assessment district of \$951,550 valuation. Denom. \$700. Due \$4,200 on Jan. 2 from 1940 to 1944, incl. Callable on any interest date.

Each issue is dated Oct. 1, 1938. Rate or rates of interest to be expressed in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (J. & J. 2) payable at the Presque Isle County Savings Bank, Rogers City. A certified check for 2% of the bonds, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Bids shall be conditioned upon the unqualified approving legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit, cost of which shall be borne by the village.

**SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—R. R. Reinhart, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Oct. 3 for the purchase of \$100,000 not to exceed 6% interest community building bonds. Dated Sept. 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Sept. 15 from 1939 to 1948, incl. Interest M. & S. 15. Rate or rates to be expressed in multiples of 1/4 or 1/2%. Bonds to be payable at place designated by purchaser. They will be general obligations, supported by full faith and credit of the city. A certified check for 2% of the bonds, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required. City will furnish bonds and transcript of proceedings; successful bidder to furnish legal opinion.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY (P. O. Manistique), Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED**—An issue of \$33,000 jail construction bonds was turned down by the voters on Sept. 13.

**SEBEWAING, Mich.—BOND OFFERING**—C. L. Manske, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 27 for the purchase of \$55,000 not to exceed 4% interest general obligation water works bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1941 to 1967, incl., and \$1,000 in 1968. Rate or rates to be expressed in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. All bonds maturing after Aug. 1, 1945, are redeemable at par on any interest date after that date. Principal and interest (F. & A.) payable at the Village Treasurer's office. The bonds are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, is required. Successful bidder to furnish printed bonds and approving legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

**WASHTENAW COUNTY (P. O. Ann Arbor), Mich.—BONDS VOTED**—An issue of \$120,000 court house construction bonds was authorized by the voters on Sept. 13.

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 AND 2 (P. O. Pontiac, R. F. D. No. 7), Mich.—BOND SALE**—The \$5,000 school bonds offered Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1810—were awarded to the Clarkson State Bank of Clarkson as 4s, at par and premium of \$25, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 3.86%. Dated Sept. 15, 1938 and due \$1,000 on Sept. 15 from 1940 to 1944, inclusive.

**MINNESOTA**

**BLACK HAMMER, Minn.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 10, by Olaf Staven, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of coupon road and bridge bonds. Bidders to name the rate of interest, at not less than par and accrued interest. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due \$2,000 from Oct. 1, 1941 to 1950 incl. The approving opinion of Junell, Fletcher, Dorsey, Barker & Colman of Minneapolis, will be furnished. A certified check for \$500, payable to the Town Clerk, must accompany the bid.

**CASS COUNTY (P. O. Walker) Minn.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Oct. 1, by L. C. Peterson, County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$304,000 issue of not to exceed 4% semi-ann. refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. The issue will consist of two series in the respective amounts of \$150,000 and \$154,000. The bonds are to be issued to refund outstanding bonds which are redeemable Jan. 1, 1939, and the county reserves the right to deliver said bonds from time to time whenever an equal amount of outstanding bonds are available for payment and cancellation.

**EAST GRAND FORKS, Minn.—BOND OFFERING**—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Oct. 13, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of water works bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 3%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due from 1939 to 1948.

**GILBERT, Minn.—BONDS SOLD**—It is reported by the Village Clerk that the \$10,000 3% semi-ann. improvement bonds approved by the voters on Aug. 30, have been purchased by the State of Minnesota. Due \$5,000 on July 1, 1944 and 1945.

**HENNEPIN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (P. O. Osseo), Minn.—BOND SALE**—The \$20,000 issue of coupon refunding bonds offered for sale on Sept. 15—V. 147, p. 1074—was awarded jointly to the First National Bank & Trust Co., and the Wells-Dickey Co., both of Minneapolis, as 2 1/2s, paying a premium of \$95.00, equal to 100.475, a basis of about 2.41%. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due \$2,000 from 1939 to 1948 incl.

The other bids (both for 2 1/2s), were as follows:  
Bidder—Premium  
Allison-Williams Co., Minneapolis..... \$80.00  
Farmers State Bank, Osseo..... 70.00

**LYON COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 11 (P. O. Lynd), Minn.—BONDS OFFERED**—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. on Sept. 24, by R. W. Nicholson, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$38,000 issue of not to exceed 2 1/4%, semi-ann. refunding bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1939 to 1948, \$3,000, 1949, and \$5,000, 1950 to 1952. All bonds maturing on Sept. 1, 1949 and thereafter to be callable on and after Sept. 1, 1948.

**NEUBURG, Minn. (P. O. Mabel, R. F. D.), —BOND OFFERING**—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 10, by W. T. Wiger, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of coupon road and bridge bonds. Bidders to name the rate of interest, bidding not less than par and accrued interest. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due \$2,500 from Oct. 1, 1941 to 1950 incl. The approving opinion of Junell, Fletcher, Dorsey, Barker & Colman of Minneapolis, will be furnished. A \$500 certified check, payable to the Town Clerk, must accompany the bid.

**REDWOOD COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Redwood Falls) Minn.—BOND REDEMPTION NOTICE**—It is stated by Parker D. Sanders, Clerk of the Board of Education, that funds will be available at the First National Bank of St. Paul, on Oct. 15, for the payment at par and accrued interest to Jan. 1, 1939, of 5% coupon school building bonds, dated Jan. 1, 1924. Holders are requested to communicate with him or the above-named bank.

**REDWOOD COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31 (P. O. Lambertton) Minn.—BONDS SOLD**—It is reported that \$23,000 building bonds were sold recently to the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Lambertton, as 3s, paying a price of 101.26. These bonds were approved by the voters at an election held on May 31.

**ROCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rochester), Minn.—BOND ELECTION**—It is said that an election will be held on Sept. 27 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$400,000 in building bonds. (We understand that these are the bonds which were scheduled for sale on Aug. 15, the offering of which was postponed.)

**STEPHEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stephen), Minn.—BOND SALE**—The \$25,000 issue of 3 1/4% coupon semi-ann. auditorium bonds offered for sale on Sept. 16—V. 147, p. 1667—was purchased by two local banks, paying a price of par. Due from 1941 to 1953 incl. No other bid was received, according to the District Clerk.

**THIEF RIVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Thief River Falls), Minn.—PWA LOAN APPROVED**—In response to an inquiry concerning a Public Works Administration loan for school construction, the following statement was made by Morris Bye, Superintendent of Schools: "The report that the Public Works Administration has granted us a loan of \$183,000 for an addition to our high school is true. I doubt, however, whether we will accept the loan because we expect to get a lower interest rate by selling our bonds to the highest bidder. "We are holding a bond election on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 1938, at which time the voters will vote on the proposition of authorizing the school board to sell \$185,000 of bonds to assist in financing the school building. If this election carries, as we have every indication that it will, the bonds will be sold to the highest bidder on a date to be advertised."

**WARREN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Warren), Minn.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At an election held on Aug. 29 the voters defeated the issuance of \$35,000 in auditorium and gymnasium bonds.

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**BILOXI SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Biloxi), Miss.—BOND ELECTION**—It is said that an election will be held on Sept. 29 in order to vote on the issuance of \$99,848 in school construction, repair and equipment bonds.

**BROOKHAVEN, Miss.—BOND SALE**—The \$25,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. land, building and public park bonds offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1811—was purchased by Millsaps College of Jackson, at par, according to the City Clerk. Dated Aug. 15, 1938. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 15, 1939 to 1963 incl.

**LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Meridian), Miss.—BOND OFFERING**—In connection with the report given our issue of Sept. 17, that bonds would be offered for sale on Oct. 23—V. 147, p. 1811—it is now stated by Howard Cameron, Chancery Clerk, that it is the intention of the Board of Supervisors to offer for sale on Oct. 3, an issue of \$140,000 court house and jail bonds, unless taxpayers should file a petition against the issuance of these bonds. If this action is taken it will be necessary to call an election on the proposal.

Dated July 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1939 to 1942, \$6,000 in 1943 to 1946, \$7,000 in 1947 to 1950, \$8,000 in 1951 to 1954, and \$9,000 in 1955 to 1958. Bidders to name the rate of interest. Payable at the County Treasurer's office. Payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limit as to rate or amount upon all the taxable property within the territorial limits of the county.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Miss.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by A. C. Alsworth, Chancery Clerk, that he will receive sealed and auction bids until Oct. 4 at 1:30 p. m. for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated May 1, 1936. Due as follows: \$3,000 in 1941 to 1950, \$5,000 in 1951 to 1955, and \$10,000 in 1956 and 1957. Bidders to name the rate of interest. These bonds are part of an issue of \$500,000 ordered in 1936 under authority of Senate Bill No. 389, of which \$350,000 have already been sold. Principal and interest payable at the county depository. The approving opinion of Charles & Trauernicht of St. Louis will be furnished. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Columbia), Miss.—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$10,000 2 1/2% semi-ann. jail bonds have been purchased by J. G. Hickman, Inc. of Vicksburg. Dated Aug. 1, 1938.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Forest), Miss.—PWA LOAN APPROVED—It is stated by Geo. J. Taylor, Jr., Chancery Clerk, that the Public Works Administration has approved a loan of \$30,000 for court house construction and the Board of Supervisors has filed notice of intention to issue \$30,000 of bonds for this purpose, unless objections are entered by taxpayers.

TATE COUNTY (P. O. Senatobia), Miss.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by M. S. Dougherty, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, that he will sell at public auction on Oct. 3 a \$60,000 issue of 4% semi-annual County Agricultural High School and North-West Mississippi Junior College bonds. Due serially in 20 years. These bonds were approved by the voters on Aug. 30.

MISSOURI BONDS
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LANDRETH BUILDING, ST. LOUIS, MO.

MISSOURI

CALLAWAY COUNTY (P. O. Fulton), Mo.—BOND SALE—The \$125,000 issue of court house and jail bonds offered for sale on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1527—was awarded to Francis Bro. & Co. of St. Louis, as 2 1/2%, paying a premium of \$5,00, equal to 100.004, a basis of about 2.499%. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due from Feb. 15, 1940 to 1958 incl.

CEDAR COUNTY (P. O. Stockton), Mo.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received by Joe B. Bacon, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 27 for the purchase of a \$60,000 issue of court house and jail bonds. Bidders to name the rate of interest. Due from 1940 to 1958. Legality approved by Bowersock, Fizzell & Rhoads of Kansas City.

TROY, Mo.—BOND ELECTION—We understand that an election will be held on Sept. 30 to vote on the issuance of \$45,000 water system purchase bonds.

MONTANA

BAKER, Mont.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 8:30 p. m. on Nov. 1, by L. W. Busch, City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$110,000 sewerage refunding and funding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & J. Dated Jan. 1, 1939. Denom. \$1,000. Amortization bonds will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice of the council. If amortization bonds are sold and issued the entire issue may be put into one single bond, or divided into several bonds, as the council may determine upon at the time of sale, both principal and interest to be payable in semi-annual instalments during a period of 20 years from the date of issue. If serial bonds are issued, the sum of \$5,000 of said serial bonds will become due and payable on the first day of July, 1939, and a like amount each year thereafter until 1948, incl., and the sum of \$6,000 will become due and payable on the first day of July, 1949, and a like amount on July 1 each year thereafter until all of such bonds are paid for. The bonds, whether amortization or serial bonds will be redeemable on any interest bearing date after July 1, 1945. The bonds will be sold for not less than their par value with accrued interest to date of delivery and all bidders must state the lowest rate of interest at which they will purchase the bonds at par. The council reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to sell the bonds at private sale. Enclose a certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City Clerk. An issue of \$120,000 refunding bonds was offered for sale on May 3, and no bids were received.

BOZEMAN, Mont.—BOND ELECTION—It is reported that an election will be held on Sept. 30 to vote on the issuance of \$70,000 city hall, and \$40,000 water system bonds.

CASCADE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Great Falls), Mont.—BOND SALE—The \$170,000 issue of coupon school building bonds offered for sale on Sept. 15—V. 147, p. 1230—was awarded to Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane, paying a premium of \$350.00, equal to 100.205, on the bonds divided as follows: \$42,500 as 2 1/2%, and \$127,500 as 3s. Dated Sept. 15, 1938. Due in 20 years; optional after five years.

The only other bid received was an offer of \$975.00 premium on 3s, tendered by a syndicate headed by Kalman & Co. of St. Paul. Prin. & int. payable at the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago. The bonds were issued in coupon form, denom. of \$1,000 and \$500, and are offered subject to the opinion of counsel that they will be direct general obligations of the entire district and that all the taxable property within the district is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes without legal limit, sufficient to pay principal of these bonds and the interest thereon when due. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago. The bonds were sold as follows: \$42,500 maturing \$8,500 Sept. 15, 1939 to 1943, as 2 1/2%, and \$127,500 maturing \$8,500 Sept. 15, 1944 to 1958, as 3s, making the net interest cost 2.962%.

GLACIER COUNTY (P. O. Cut Bank), Mont.—BOND SALE—The \$65,000 issue of court house and jail bonds offered for sale on Sept. 16—V. 147, p. 1374—was awarded to the State Land Board, as 2 1/2%, according to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

LAUREL, Mont.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 14 by Rosella Fritz, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$22,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-annual water system bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1938. Amortization bonds will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice of the Council. If amortization bonds are sold and issued the entire issue may be put into one single bond or divided into several bonds, as the Council may determine upon at the time of sale, both principal and interest to be payable in semi-annual instalments during a period of 20 years from the date of issue.

If serial bonds are issued and sold they will be in the amount of \$1,000, the sum of \$1,000 of said serial bonds will become due and payable on Aug. 1, 1939, and a like amount on the same day each year thereafter until all such bonds are paid, except that the last instalment will be in the amount of \$3,000. The bonds, whether amortization or serial bonds, will be redeemable at the option of the city at any time after 10 years from the date. No bid for less than par and accrued interest. Enclose a certified check for \$2,000 payable to the City Clerk.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Laurel), Mont.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. on Oct. 15, by E. L. Fenton, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$33,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. school bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1938. Amortization bonds will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice of the School Board. If amortization bonds are sold and issued, the entire issue may be put into one single bond or divided into several bonds as the Board of Trustees may determine upon

at the time of sale, both principal and interest to be payable in semi-annual instalments during a period of 20 years from the date of issue. If serial bonds are issued and sold they will be in the amount of \$500 and \$100 each.

NEBRASKA

DIXON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Ponca), Neb.—PRE-ELECTION SALE—It is stated by the District Secretary that \$21,000 3 1/2% semi-ann. construction bonds were purchased subject to the outcome of an election by Wachob, Bender & Co. of Omaha. Due in 15 years.

HOLDREDGE, Neb.—BOND SALE—The two issues of bonds, aggregating \$101,750, offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1811—were purchased by the First Trust Co. of Lincoln as 3 1/4%, at par. The issues are divided as follows: \$74,250 municipal building and \$27,500 park bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1938.

KEARNEY, Neb.—BOND ELECTION—We understand that an election will be held on Sept. 30 to vote on the issuance of \$55,000 in city hall, jail and fire department bonds.

NEW JERSEY

CARTERET SCHOOL DISTRICT, N. J.—BONDS VOTED—At the Sept. 13 election the voters authorized two school bond issues aggregating \$154,000. They will mature \$4,000 in 1940, and \$5,000 annually thereafter.

ENGLEWOOD, N. J.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE—An ordinance providing for an issue of \$205,000 construction bonds in connection with Public Works Administration grant will be considered on Sept. 29.

HADDONFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, N. J.—BOND SALE—The \$15,000 school bonds offered Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1528—were awarded to Burr & Co., Inc., New York, as 3s at par plus a premium of \$77.85, equal to 100.519, a basis of about 2.88%. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due Sept. 1, 1945, as follows: \$2,000 from 1939 to 1943 incl., and \$1,000 from 1944 to 1948 incl. Other bids:

Bidder table with columns for Bidder name and amount: C. C. Collings & Co. \$27.00, M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc. 15.00

HILLSDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, N. J.—BOND OFFERING—George M. Strohsahl, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Oct. 4, for the purchase of \$120,000 2, 2 1/4, 2 1/2, 2 3/4, 3, 3 1/4, 3 1/2, 3 3/4, 4, 4 1/4 or 4 1/2% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1940 to 1964, incl. and \$5,000 from 1965 to 1968, incl. Principal and interest (A.-O.) payable at the Hillsdale National Bank, Hillsdale. The bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$132,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lawrenceville), N. J.—BONDS DEFEATED—The proposed issue of \$220,000 school construction bonds was defeated at the Sept. 14 election, the vote being 216 for and 817 against.

LYNDHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lyndhurst), N. J.—BOND ELECTION—A proposal to issue \$398,750 school construction bonds will be considered by the voters on Sept. 27.

NEW MILFORD, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD—The \$25,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds offered Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1812—were not sold. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1939 to 1949, incl. and \$3,000 in 1950. Bidder was asked to name interest rate of not more than 6%.

PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tabor), N. J.—BONDS VOTED—W. G. Leighton, Clerk of the Board of Education, reports that an issue of \$55,000 construction bonds carried by a vote of 144 to 53.

PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pemberton), N. J.—BONDS VOTED—At an election on Sept. 13 the voters authorized an issue of \$35,000 school building bonds.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—BOND SALE—The \$268,000 street improvement bonds for which no bids were received on Aug. 17—V. 147, p. 1231—were sold later to B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc., New York, as 5s. Dated Aug. 1, 1938, and due Aug. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1939 to 1942, incl.; \$28,000, 1943, and \$35,000 from 1944 to 1947, incl.

SOUTH RIVER, N. J.—BOND OFFERING—Guy Gilbert, Borough Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 26 for the purchase of \$15,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered sewer bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1939 to 1953, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank, South River. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bonds offered, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

TENAFLY, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT—The following is given in connection with the proposed sale on Sept. 27 of \$107,500 not to exceed 6% interest sewer and incinerator bonds, described in V. 147, p. 1812:

Financial Statement June 30, 1938 table with columns for Indebtedness, Deductions, and Assessed Valuations

Tax Collections table with columns for Year, Total Tax Levy, During Levy Year, Delinquent Close of Year, Delinquent June 30, '38\*

TOTAWA, WEST PATERSON AND LITTLE FALLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, N. J.—BOND ELECTION—An election is expected to be held prior to Oct. 1 on a proposal to issue \$330,000 school construction bonds.

WALLINGFORD, N. J.—CONSIDERS BOND REFUNDING—Following receipt of an informal proposal the State Funding Commission stated that it would give consideration to a detailed program involving the proposed issuance by the borough of \$489,000 refunding bonds, with the understanding that the municipality accept a cash basis and provide for a complete funding operation.

WEST WILDWOOD (P. O. Wildwood), N. J.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids addressed to Herbert J. Tild, Borough Clerk, will be received until 8 p. m. (Daylight Saving Time) on Sept. 24 for the purchase of \$35,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered sewer bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1939 to 1973, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. The sum required to be obtained at the sale of the bonds is \$35,000. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the Marine National Bank, Wildwood. All of the borough's taxable property will be subject to a levy of unlimited ad valorem taxes in order to cover both principal and interest requirements. A certified check for 2% of the issue, payable to the order of the borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

BOND SALE POSTPONED—The above sale has been postponed.

WESTFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, N. J.—BOND ELECTION—The question of bonding the district in the amount of \$504,712 to provide its share of a projected school building program, to be undertaken in cooperation with the Public Works Administration, will be the subject of a referendum on Sept. 29.

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex.—CORRECTION ON OFFERING—We are now informed by Ida V. Malone, City Clerk, that the \$200,000 storm sewer bonds offered for sale without success on Sept. 13, as noted here—V. 147, p. 1812—will be reoffered on Sept. 27, not on Feb. 27, as we had reported previously. Dated July 1, 1938. Due from July 1, 1941 to 1958.

McKINLEY COUNTY (P. O. Gallup), N. Mex.—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is now reported by the County Treasurer that the \$125,000 3% semi-ann. court house bonds purchased by the State of New Mexico, as noted here on Sept. 10—V. 147, p. 1668—were sold at par and mature on Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1939 to 1942; \$9,000, 1943 and 1944; \$10,000, 1945 to 1947; \$11,000, 1948 to 1950, and \$12,000 in 1951.

NEW YORK

ADAMS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Adams), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Roy R. Allen, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 27 for the purchase of \$107,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1940 to 1943, incl., and \$4,000 from 1949 to 1968, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. The bonds are general obligations of the district, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes to be levied on all of its taxable property. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the order of R. W. Ripley, District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt, Washburn & Clay of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

ALBANY, N. Y.—BIDS REJECTED—BONDS AGAIN OFFERED FOR SALE—The city rejected all of the eight bids submitted for the \$930,000 not to exceed 4% interest debt equalization bonds offered for sale on Sept. 22. Lawrence J. Ehrhardt, City Comptroller, then announced that he would receive new sealed offers for the loan until 2 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 29. Except for that noted below. No other change was made in the details of the offering, a complete report of which was given in—V. 147, p. 1812, together with the latest report on the finances of the city. A number of bidders conditioned their offers upon approval of bonds as to legality by attorneys of their own choice. According to the new sale notice no bid will be considered which is conditioned in any respect. The following is a list of the bids that were rejected:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists various banks and firms with interest rates ranging from 2.34% to 2.75% and bid amounts from 100.10 to 100.329.

AUBURN, N. Y.—PAYING AGENT—The Manufacturers Trust Co., New York, is paying agent for \$675,000 school and \$180,000 refunding bonds.

BROOKHAVEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Center Moriches), N. Y.—BOND ELECTION—An issue of \$60,500 construction bonds will be submitted to a vote on Sept. 27. The proceeds would be supplemented by Public Works Administration grant.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—W. A. Eckert, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Sept. 29 for the purchase of \$3,000,000 not to exceed 6% interest, bonds divided as follows: \$2,000,000 refunding bonds. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$40,000 from 1939 to 1943, incl., and \$120,000 from 1944 to 1958, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. 1,000,000 city contribution-relief project bonds. Due \$100,000 on Oct. 15 from 1939 to 1943, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%.

All of the bonds will be dated Oct. 15, 1938. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the City Comptroller's office or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York City, at option of the holder. A certified check for \$60,000, payable to the order of the Comptroller, must accompany each proposal. Delivery of bonds will be made on or about Oct. 15, 1938, at either the Comptroller's office or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, New York, preferred place of delivery to be stated in the bid. Coupon bonds, registerable as to principal and interest, will be issued in \$1,000 denoms., and, at holder's option, may be exchanged for bonds in denom. of \$1,000 or multiples thereof, registered as to principal and interest. Legal opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder. The bonds are eligible for postal savings deposits.

Financial Statement, Aug. 31, 1938. Table with columns: Description, Amount. Shows total assessed valuation of \$965,467,590.00 and net debt of \$91,051,065.29.

BATAVIA, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—John C. Pratt, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Oct. 3

for the purchase of \$96,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1938. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$600. Due \$9,600 on Nov. 1 from 1939 to 1948, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in multiple of 1/4 of 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the Genesee Trust Co., Batavia, with New York exchange, or at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Bonds may be registered at the City Clerk's office only as to both principal and interest, and not otherwise. If registered, interest thereon, at request of registered owner, will be remitted in New York exchange. They are general obligations of the city, payable from unlimited taxes. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the city, is required. Approving legal opinion of Dillon, Vandewater & Moore of New York City will be furnished the unsuccessful bidder.

CROTON-ON-HUDSON, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Frank Finnerty, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 26 for the purchase of \$44,000 3% coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Oct. 1 from 1939 to 1960, incl. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at the Marine Midland Trust Co., N. Y. City. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of N. Y. City will be furnished the successful bidder.

DE WITT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. East Syracuse), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—M. Eileen Hirsh, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Oct. 3 for the purchase of \$55,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Nov. 1 from 1939 to 1949, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at the East Syracuse or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. The bonds are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all of the district's taxable property. A certified check for \$1,100, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. Approving legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED—At the Sept. 16 election the voters authorized a total of \$166,000 bonds for fire station and sewage disposal plant projects. Combined vote was 1,401 for and 316 against.

GOSHEN, HAMPTONBURGH, CHESTER, WALKKILL AND WAWAYANDA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Goshen), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$379,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered Sept. 22—V. 147, p. 1668—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., New York, as 2.40s at par plus a premium of \$2,565.83, equal to 100.677, a basis of about 2.34%. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due March 1 as follows: \$14,000, 1941; \$15,000 from 1942 to 1956 incl. and \$20,000 from 1957 to 1963 incl. Bankers reoffered the bonds at prices to yield from 1.20% to 2.40%, according to maturity.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists various banks and firms with interest rates ranging from 2.60% to 3% and bid amounts from 100.327 to 100.396.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29 (P. O. Merrick), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Henry J. Mullen, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 28 for the purchase of \$152,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1940 to 1947, incl., and \$6,000 from 1948 to 1967, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the First National Bank, Merrick, with New York exchange. The bonds are general obligations of the district, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all of its taxable property. A certified check for \$3,040, payable to the order of the district, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Dillon, Vandewater & Moore of N. Y. City will be furnished the successful bidder.

LEICESTER, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Charles J. Welch, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 28 for the purchase of \$42,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1939 to 1974, incl., and \$1,500 from 1975 to 1978, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the Genesee Valley National Bank & Trust Co., Genesee, with New York exchange. The bonds are general obligations of the village, payable from unlimited taxes. A certified check for \$840, payable to the order of the village, must accompany each proposal. Approving legal opinion of Dillon, Vandewater & Moore of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

MADISON, EATON AND AUGUSTA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Madison), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$25,000 coupon or registered building bonds offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1812—were awarded to J. & W. Seligman & Co. of New York as 2 3/4s at a price of 100.30, a basis of about 2.72%. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due \$1,000 on March 1 from 1940 to 1964, incl. Other bids:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists various banks and firms with interest rates ranging from 3% to 3.40% and bid amounts from 100.30 to 100.577.

MAYVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mayville), N. Y.—BONDS VOTED—An issue of \$149,000 construction bonds was authorized by a vote of 157 to 16 at the Sept. 12 election.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$75,000 coupon or registered bonds offered Sept. 22—V. 147, p. 1812—were awarded to Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc., New York, as 1.75s., at par and premium of \$60, equal to 100.08, a basis of about 1.74%. Re-offered by the bankers to yield from 0.61% to 1.90%, according to maturity. Included in the sale were:

\$25,000 public welfare bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1939 to 1943, incl. and \$3,000 from 1944 to 1943, inclusive. 50,000 public works bonds. Due \$5,000 on Oct. 1 from 1939 to 1948, incl. Each issue is dated Oct. 1, 1938. Other bids:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Lists various banks and firms with interest rates ranging from 1.90% to 2.40% and premium amounts from \$156.20 to \$175.00.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD (P. O. Manhasset), N. Y.—OFFERING OF GARDEN CITY PARK WATER DISTRICT ISSUE—T. W. Fitzgerald, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 27 for the purchase of \$100,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered Garden City Park Water District bonds. Date Sept. 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$3,000 from 1941 to 1972, incl., and \$4,000 in 1973. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Bank of New Hyde Park, in New Hyde Park, or at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the order of the town, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt, Washburn & Clay of N. Y. City will be furnished the successful bidder. The bonds are authorized to be



issued pursuant to Article 15 of the Town Law of New York, for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing improvements to the water supply system in the Garden City Park Water District.

Financial Statement

The assessed valuation of the property subject to the taxing power of the town is \$227,545,838; the total bonded debt of the town, including the bonds described above, is \$3,505,960; the population of the town according to the most recent United States Census is 62,202; the bonded debt of the town does not include the debt of any other subdivision having the power to levy taxes upon any or all of the property subject to the taxing power of the town.

ROTTERDAM FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Schenectady), N. Y.—BONDS DEFEATED—On Sept. 12 the voters refused to authorize an issue of \$10,000 fire station bonds.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$80,000 coupon or registered home relief bonds offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1812—were awarded to Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc., New York, as 2s, at par plus a premium of \$264, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 1.935%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Lists bidders like Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. and R. D. White & Co. with interest rates and premiums.

RIDGEWAY AND SHELBY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Medina), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$80,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1813—were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo, as 2 1/4s, at par plus a premium of \$206.46, equal to 100.27, a basis of about 2.72%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Lists bidders like E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc. and Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—TO ISSUE \$1,850,000 BONDS—City Comptroller Louis D. Cartwright reports that an offering of about \$1,850,000 public welfare bonds will be made in the near future.

ROCKLAND, CALICOON, FREMONT, COLCHESTER AND HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Roscoe), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Ronald M. Albee, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 27 for the purchase of \$250,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered school building bonds.

Financial Statement

The assessed valuation of the property subject to the taxing power of the district, according to the 1938 assessment roll, is \$2,613,071, and the full valuation of the real property is \$4,278,392.

The school year commences July 1 and ends June 30 next. Said district was duly organized on May 12, 1937. The first taxes for the purposes of said district were levied for the year commencing July 1, 1937 and ending June 30, 1938, amounting to \$31,219.57, of which \$675.70 remained uncollected at the end of such fiscal year.

Description of District

This school district, organized in May, 1937, is a consolidation of 18 districts. The district is chiefly farming, although there are some industries located therein such as: Roscoe Table Works, Wood Dye & Chemical Plant, Staten Island Milk & Cream Co. have a large shipping depot at Roscoe.

SALAMANCA, N. Y.—BONDS DEFEATED—At the Sept. 19 election voters refused to authorize an issue of \$110,000 school bonds, vote being 417 for to 636 against.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$40,000 coupon or registered public works bonds offered Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1669—were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo, as 2.40s for a premium of \$40, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 2.39%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists bidders like George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. and Sherwood & Reichard.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—William A. Wick, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until noon (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 29 for the purchase of all of the following described bonds, aggregating \$740,000:

- \$200,000 general municipal bonds, series A. Due \$20,000 on Sept. 1 from 1939 to 1948 inclusive.
180,000 general municipal bonds, series B. Due \$18,000 on Sept. 1 from 1939 to 1948 inclusive.
360,000 debt equalization bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1944; \$35,000, 1945; \$50,000 in 1946 and 1947; \$60,000, 1948; \$75,000 in 1949 and 1950.

All of the bonds are dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds, registerable as to both principal and interest. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (M. & S.) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City.

Financial Statement table with columns: Assessed valuation, Total bonded debt (incl. present offering but excluding bonds to be refunded), Net debt (including proposed issue), Population, 1930 Federal census, 95,652.

Tax Collection Record

Table with columns: Year, Levy, Uncollected at End of Fiscal Year, Uncollected at End of Aug. 31, 1938. Lists years 1935-1938.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—TAX RATE UP—Tax rate for 1939 has been set at \$32.85 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of \$4.55 over the current figure of \$28.30.

WARRENSBURG, THURMAN, CHESTER, BOLTON, CALDWELL, HORICAN, STONEY CREEK & JOHNSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Warrensburg), N. Y.—BONDS VOTED—Newman Aubrey, Clerk of Board of Education, reports that an issue of \$598,000 school construction bonds carried by a vote of 725 to 219 at the Sept. 17 election.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—BONDS PURCHASED BY SINKING FUND—The City Sinking Fund was the only bidder for the \$300,000 series of 1938 debt equalization bonds offered Sept. 20, taking the issue as 2 1/4s, at par.

YORKTOWN (P. O. Yorktown Heights), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$21,700 coupon Hanover Water District bonds offered Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1813—were awarded to Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc., New York, as 3.90s, at 100.54, a basis of about 3.85%.

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ASHEBORO, N. C.—BOND SALE—The three issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$200,000, offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1813—were awarded to the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem and associates at a price of par, giving a net interest cost of about 4.16% on the bonds, as follows:

- \$50,000 street improvement bonds as 4 1/2s. Due on Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,000 from 1941 to 1944 and \$3,000 in 1945 to 1958.
40,000 municipal building bonds, of which \$32,000 are 4 1/2s maturing on Sept. 15: \$1,000 in 1940 to 1945 and \$2,000 in 1946 to 1958; the remaining \$8,000 as 4s, maturing on Sept. 15, \$2,000 from 1959 to 1962, inclusive.
110,000 water and sewer bonds, of which \$75,000 are 4 1/2s, maturing on Sept. 15: \$2,000 from 1941 to 1945 and \$5,000 from 1946 to 1958; the remaining \$35,000 as 4s, due \$5,000 from Sept. 15, 1959 to 1965, inclusive.

Acting in conjunction with the above firm in the submission of the bid, which was the only one received, was Lewis & Hall, Inc., of Greensboro; R. S. Dickson & Co. of Charlotte; Vance, Young & Hardin, Inc., and the Wm. B. Greene Co., both of Winston-Salem.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY (P. O. Asheville), N. C.—BOND TENDERS RECEIVED—In connection with the call for tenders of bonds up to Sept. 14, noted here on Sept. 3—V. 147, p. 1529—it is stated by Curtis Bynum, Secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission, that the following bonds were purchased by the sinking funds:

- \$106,000 Buncombe County refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 34.54.
88,527 City of Asheville gen. refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 33.52.
15,038 City of Asheville water refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 59.04.
18,000 Asheville Local Tax School District refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 34.00.
1,000 Johnson Special School Tax District refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 64.00.
10,000 Valley Springs Special School Taxing District refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 48.50.
1,000 Weaverly Public School District refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 60.00.
2,000 Beaverdam Water and Sewer District refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 29.50.
2,000 Fairview Sanitary Sewer District refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 49.90.
1,000 Skyland Sanitary Sewer District refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 29.50.
1,000 Swannanoa Water and Sewer District refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 30.50.
17,000 Woodfin Sanitary Water and Sewer District refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1936, at 64.00.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—BONDS VOTED—At an election held on Sept. 13 the voters are said to have approved the issuance of the \$350,000 in hospital bonds to be used in connection with Public Works Administration funds, by a large margin.

FARMVILLE, N. C.—BOND SALE—The two issues of bonds, aggregating \$99,000, offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1813—were awarded to the Bank of Farmville as 4s, paying a premium of \$49.50, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 3.99%. The issues are as follows:

- \$54,000 electric light system bonds. Due from April 1, 1941 to 1958, incl.
45,000 water and sewer bonds. Due from April 1, 1941 to 1958, incl.

Table with columns: Bidder, \$54,000 Electric Light System, \$45,000 Water and Sewer. Lists bidders like Wm. B. Greene Co., Guaranty Bank & Tr. Co., and Vance, Young & Hardin.

GUILFORD COUNTY (P. O. Greensboro), N. C.—BOND OFFERING—We are informed by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, that he will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 27 at his office in Raleigh for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-annual coupon road and bridge refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in 1943 to 1947, \$8,000 in 1948 to 1952, \$12,000 in 1953 to 1957 and \$14,000 in 1958 to 1962.

LUMBERTON, N. C.—NOTES SOLD—A \$7,000 issue of notes was purchased recently by Kirchof and Arnold of Raleigh at 2%, it is reported.

NEWTON, N. C.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, at his office in Raleigh, until 11 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time), on Sept. 27, for the purchase of an issue of \$115,000 coupon water and sewer bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable M. & S. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$3,000 in 1940 to 1949, \$4,000 in 1950 to 1959, and \$5,000 in 1960 to 1968. Bidders are requested to name the interest rate or rates in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Each bid may name one rate for part of the bonds (having the earliest maturities) and another rate for the balance, but no bid may name more than two rates, and each bidder must specify in his bid the amount of bonds of each rate. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the bonds at the lowest interest cost to the town, such cost to be determined by deducting the total amount of the premium bid from the aggregate amount of interest upon all of the bonds until their respective maturities. No bid of less than par and accrued int. will be entertained. Prin. & int. payable in lawful money in New York City. The bonds are registerable as to principal alone. General obligations; unlimited tax. Delivery on or about Oct. 7 at place of purchaser's choice. The approving opinion of J. L. Morehead, of Durham, and Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will be furnished. Enclose a certified check for \$2,300, payable to the State Treasurer.

NORTH CAROLINA (State of)—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until noon (Eastern Standard Time), on Sept. 27, by Chas. M. Johnson, State Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$4,620,000 issue of coupon permanent improvement bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4%, payable J. & J.

Dated July 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$270,000 in 1940, \$200,000 in 1941 to 1943, \$300,000 in 1944, \$500,000 in 1945 and 1946, \$1,250,000 in 1948 and \$1,200,000 in 1949. Bidders are requested to name the interest rate or rates in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Each bid may name one rate for part of the bonds (having the earliest maturities) and another rate for the balance, but no bid may name more than two rates, and each bidder must specify in his bid the amount of bonds of each rate. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the bonds at the lowest interest cost to the State, such cost to be determined by deducting the total amount of the premium bid from the aggregate amount of interest upon all of the bonds until their respective maturities. No bid of less than par and accrued interest will be entertained. Principal and interest payable at the State Treasurer's office or in New York City. General obligations; the full faith and credit of the State are pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds. The bonds are registerable as to principal alone and as to both principal and interest. The approving opinion of Masslich & Mitchell of New York will be furnished. Bids are required on forms to be furnished by the above Treasurer. Delivery on or about Oct. 10, at place of purchaser's choice. Enclose a certified check for 2% of the par value of bonds bid for, payable to the State Treasurer.

RALEIGH, N. C.—BONDS VOTED—At the election held on Sept. 14 the voters approved the issuance of the \$385,000 in water supply bonds by a count of 1,272 to 388, according to the City Clerk.

RALEIGH, N. C.—NOTE OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Sept. 27 by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, at his office in Raleigh, for the purchase of \$50,000 bond anticipation notes. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. to suit purchaser. Dated Sept. 27, 1938. Due on Oct. 27, 1938. Payable at place of purchaser's choice. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt, Washburn & Clay of New York will be furnished. A certified check for \$250, payable to the State Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Oct. 4 by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, at his office in Raleigh, for the purchase of two issues of not to exceed 6% semi-annual coupon bonds aggregating \$555,000, divided as follows:

\$170,000 refunding bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1946 and 1947; \$15,000, 1948 to 1953; \$20,000, 1954 and 1955, and \$30,000 in 1956.

385,000 water bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1941 to 1943; \$8,000, 1944 to 1946; \$10,000, 1947 to 1949; \$13,000, 1950, and \$15,000, 1951 to 1970.

Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. A separate bid for each issue (not less than par and accrued interest) is required. Bidders are requested to name the interest rate or rates in multiples of 1/4 of 1%; each bid may name one rate for part of the bonds of either issue (having the earliest maturities) and another rate for the balance, but no bid may name more than two rates for either issue, and each bidder must specify in his bid the amount of bonds of each rate. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the bonds at the lowest interest cost to the city, such cost to be determined by deducting the total amount of the premium bid from the aggregate amount of interest upon all of the bonds until their respective maturities. Prin. and int. payable in lawful money in New York City.

RAMSEUR, N. C.—NOTES SOLD—It is reported that \$4,000 revenue anticipation notes were sold recently to the Bank of Coleridge at 6%.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA—BOND SALE—The \$287,000 issue of dining hall and dormitory building revenue bonds offered for sale on Sept. 21—V. 147, p. 1814—was awarded to a syndicate composed of R. S. Dickson & Co., of Charlotte; Kirchof & Arnold, of Raleigh; Lewis & Hall, of Greensboro; Scott, Horner & Mason, of Lynchburg; Vance, Young & Hardin, Inc., of Winston-Salem, and the Southern Investment Co., of Charlotte, at par, a net interest cost of about 3.72%, on the bonds divided as follows: \$267,000 as 3 1/2%, maturing on Sept. 1, \$20,000 from 1940 to 1943; \$11,000, 1944; \$12,000, 1945; \$13,000, 1946 to 1948; \$14,000, 1949; \$15,000, 1950 to 1951; \$16,000, 1952 and 1953; \$17,000, 1954; \$18,000, 1955; \$19,000, 1956 and 1957, and \$20,000 in 1958; the remaining \$20,000 as 3 3/4%, maturing Sept. 1, 1959.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Warrenton), N. C.—NOTES SOLD—We are informed by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, that \$7,000 revenue anticipation notes were awarded on Sept. 20 to the Bank of Clayton at 6%, paying a premium of \$140.25.

WHITEVILLE, N. C.—BOND SALE—The three issues of bonds aggregating \$60,000, offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1814—were awarded to the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. of Whiteville as 4s, paying a premium of \$399.85, equal to 100.656, a basis of about 3.90%. The issues are divided as follows:

\$34,000 street improvement bonds. Due from Sept. 1, 1941 to 1949.

10,000 water works extension bonds. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 1, 1941 to 1950 inclusive.

16,000 public improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 1, 1941 to 1956, inclusive.

The following is a complete list of the bids received:

Bidder—	\$34,000		\$10,000		\$16,000	
	Street	Water	Water	Water	Public	Public
	Improvement	Works	Extension	Extension	Improvement	Improvement
Waccamaw Bk. & Tr. Co.---	a\$34,199.92	a\$10,058.80	a\$16,141.13			
Wm. B. Greene Co. and Guar-						
any Bank & Trust Co.---	a34,005.00	a10,005.00	c16,005.00			
R. S. Dickson & Co.---	b34,000.00	b10,000.00	b16,067.60			
a 4%. b 4 3/4%. c 4% for first \$10,000; 4 1/4% for balance.						

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AMENIA, N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 26, by Evelyn Nesvig, Village Clerk, at the County Auditor's office in Fargo, for the purchase of a \$2,000 issue of general obligation bonds. Denom. \$200. Due \$200 from Nov. 1, 1940 to 1949 incl. A certified check for not less than 2% of the bid is required.

BLAINE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (P. O. Bottineau), N. Dak.—CERTIFICATES SOLD—Of the \$4,000 certificates of indebtedness offered for sale on Sept. 15—V. 147, p. 1814—a block of \$2,000 was sold to two local investors, according to the District Clerk.

GRAND FORKS, N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by Chas. J. Evanson, City Clerk, that he will receive sealed and oral bids until Oct. 3, at 3 p. m., for the purchase of the following bonds aggregating \$177,000:

\$150,000 water works extension bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 3 3/4 % payable A. & O. Due on April 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1941 to 1943, and \$12,000, 1944 to 1953. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to J. E. McFadden, President of the Board of City Commissioners, is required.

27,000 park district bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4%, payable A. & O. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1941 to 1952, and \$3,000 in 1953. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to M. B. Rudd, President of the Board of Park Commissioners, is required.

Denom. \$1,000. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. These bonds are being offered subject to the election to be held on Sept. 27.

LANGDON CITY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Langdon), N. Dak.—BOND SALE—The \$25,000 issue of improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1669—was awarded to E. J. Prescott & Co. of Minneapolis, according to the District Clerk. Due from Oct. 1 to 1958; redeemable on and after Jan. 1, 1945.

LEONARD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Leonard), N. Dak.—BOND SALE—The \$28,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 10—V. 147, p. 1530—was purchased by the State Workmen's Compensation Bureau, according to the District Clerk. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due from Oct. 1, 1941 to 1958.

NORTH DAKOTA, State of—CERTIFICATE SALE—The \$200,000 issue of State certificates of indebtedness offered for sale on Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1669—was purchased by the Bank of North Dakota of Bismarck, according to the Secretary of the State Industrial Commission. Dated Sept. 19, 1938. Due on Sept. 19, 1939.

**OHIO MUNICIPALS**

**MITCHELL, HERRICK & CO.**

700 CUYAHOGA BUILDING, CLEVELAND

CANTON    AKRON    CINCINNATI    COLUMBUS    SPRINGFIELD

**OHIO**

BROOKLYN (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio—BOND ELECTION—An issue of \$117,000 improvement bonds will be considered by the voters on Sept. 30.

CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—BOND ELECTION—On Sept. 30 the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$345,000 construction bonds in connection with Public Works Administration grant

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Ohio—BOND CALL—H. M. Kimpel, Director of Finance, has called for payment on Oct. 1, 1938, at par, the following 6% refunding bonds, dated Dec. 1, 1933: First issue, 1933, Nos. 7972 to 7995, totaling \$18,000; second issue, 1933, Nos. 8164 to 8415, aggregating \$213,000.

These bonds will be retired from the proceeds of the recent sale of \$231,000 refunding bonds to Johnson, Kase & Co. of Cleveland, as 1 3/4s, at 100.63, a basis of about 1.59%—V. 147, p. 1814.

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbia Station), Ohio—BOND SALE—The issue of \$60,000 school addition bonds offered Sept. 15—V. 147, p. 1531—was awarded to the State Teachers' Retirement System, as 3s, at par plus a premium of \$575, equal to 100.95, a basis of about 2.90%. Dated Sept. 15, 1938. Due \$1,500 on April 15 and Oct. 15 from 1940 to 1959, inclusive. Other bids:

Bidder—	Int. Rate	Premium
Lorain County Savings & Trust Co.---	3 3/4 %	
Middendorf & Co.-----	3 3/4 %	\$210.00

CUYAHOGA HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. R. F. D. South Park), Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$20,000 school bonds offered Aug. 22—V. 147, p. 1078—were awarded to Fox, Einhorn & Co., Inc., Cincinnati, as 2 1/2s at 100.92, a basis of about 2.64%. Dated Sept. 15, 1938, and due annually on Dec. 1 from 1940 to 1964 incl.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$6,120,000 refunding bonds offered Sept. 22—V. 147, p. 1531, 1814—were awarded to a syndicate representing consolidation of two bidding groups, headed jointly by Field, Richards & Shepard, Inc. of Cleveland, and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., Chicago. Successful bid was par plus a premium of \$1,013, equal to 100.016, for the \$285,000 issue as 3 1/2s and the other \$5,835,000 bonds as 3 3/4s, or a net interest cost of about 3.736%. Other members of the banking group are Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., St. Louis; Fox, Einhorn & Co., Inc., Cincinnati; First Cleveland Corp., Cleveland; Banco Ohio Securities Co., Chicago; Schlater, Noyes & Gardner, Inc., and C. F. Childs & Co., both of New York; Seasongood & Mayer, Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, Nelson Browning & Co., Charles A. Hirsch & Co., Inc. and Magnus & Co., all of Cincinnati; R. D. White & Co., J. N. Hynson & Co. and Sherwood & Reichard, all of New York; Middendorf & Co., Cincinnati; H. C. Speer & Sons Co., Chicago, and Edward Lower Stokes & Co., Philadelphia. The sale included the following issues:

\$760,000 refunding bonds. Due \$38,000 on April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1949 incl. They are issued to refund certain general bonds originally issued within a then existing 15-mill limitation, but issued prior to Jan. 1, 1931.

1,600,000 refunding bonds. Due \$80,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1949 incl. They are issued to refund various obligations originally issued with a then existing 15-mill limitation, but issued prior to Jan. 1, 1931.

285,000 refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$17,000 April 1 and \$16,000 Oct. 1, 1940 to 1942 incl.; \$16,000 April 1 and Oct. 1, 1943; \$16,000 April 1 and \$15,000 Oct. 1, 1944; and \$15,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1945 to 1948 incl. They are issued to refund certain callable bonds which have been called for payment on Oct. 1, 1938, and are payable from taxes levied outside the 15-mill limitation.

735,000 refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$42,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1942 incl.; \$41,000 April 1 and Oct. 1, 1943; \$41,000 April 1 and \$40,000 Oct. 1, 1944; and \$40,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1945 to 1948 incl. They are issued to refund certain callable bonds which have been called for payment on Oct. 1, 1938, and are payable from taxes levied inside the 15-mill limitation.

2,740,000 refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$153,000 April 1 and Oct. 1, 1940 and 1941; \$152,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1942 to 1948 incl. They are issued to refund certain callable bonds which have been called for payment on Oct. 1, 1938, and are payable from taxes levied inside the 15-mill limitation. All of the bonds will be dated Oct. 1, 1938.

DAYTON, Ohio—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE—City Council passed legislation authorizing an issue of \$355,000 3% fire department bonds. Dated June 1, 1939. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$35,000 from 1940 to 1944, incl. and \$36,000 from 1945 to 1949, inclusive.

DOVER (P. O. Dover Center), Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$43,670 bonds offered Aug. 18—V. 147, p. 781—were awarded as 4 1/2s to Johnson, Kase & Co. of Cleveland. Included in the sale were:

\$26,670 refunding bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,670, 1941; \$2,500 from 1942 to 1945 incl. and \$3,000 from 1946 to 1950 incl.

17,000 refunding bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500, 1941 and 1942; \$2,000, 1943; \$1,500, 1944; \$2,000, 1945; \$1,500, 1946 and 1947; \$2,000, 1948; \$1,500 in 1949, and \$2,000 in 1950.

EAST PALESTINE, Ohio—CORRECTION—In V. 147, p. 1815, we reported that call had been issued for redemption on Oct. 1, 1938 of four issues of refunding bonds. We now learn that only two of the issues have been called, these being in the amounts of \$3,600 and \$42,443.41, respectively.

FINNEYTOWN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio—BOND ELECTION—On Sept. 27 the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$30,000 school bonds.

GARFIELD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—BOND ELECTION—On Sept. 27 the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$220,000 high school addition construction bonds.

GIRARD, Ohio—NOTE SALE—The \$46,000 property owners' portion street improvement notes offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1531—were awarded to the BancoOhio Securities Co. of Columbus, the only bidder, as 3s, at par and premium of \$46, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 2.94%. Dated Aug. 1, 1938, and due July 1, 1940.

HOWARD RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$46,750 school building bonds offered Sept. 14—V. 147, p. 1377—were awarded to the State Teachers' Retirement System, Columbus, as 3s, at par plus a premium of \$465, equal to 100.99, a basis of about 2.90%. Dated Sept. 15, 1938, and due semi-annually on April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1963, incl. Second high bid of 100.36 for 3¼s was made by Saunders, Stiver & Co. of Cleveland.

JEFFERSON RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Adams Mills), Ohio—BOND ELECTION—On Sept. 27 the voters will reconsider the proposed issue of \$45,000 high school addition bonds that was rejected at the Aug. 9 primary election.

KENT, Ohio—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$23,000 fire department equipment bonds was sold to the Sinking Fund Trustees.

MANSFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—BONDS VOTED—John H. Bristol, Clerk of the Board of Education, reports that an issue of \$550,000 improvement bonds was approved by a vote of 5,816 to 3,138 at the Sept. 20 election.

MAUMEE, Ohio—BOND ELECTION—On Sept. 27 the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$65,000 water system bonds.

MEAD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shadyside), Ohio—BOND ELECTION—An issue of \$40,000 construction bonds will be submitted to the voters on Sept. 30.

MILLERSBURG-HARDY EXEMPTED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Millersburg), Ohio—BOND SALE—The issue of \$21,000 building bonds offered Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1531—was awarded jointly to the Commercial & Savings Bank, and the Adams Bank, both of Millersburg, as 3s, at par plus a premium of \$300, equal to 101.42, a basis of about 2.77%. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due \$500 April 1 and Oct. 1, 1940; \$1,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1950 incl. Other bids:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Rows include BancoOhio Securities Co., State Teachers' Retirement System, Saunders, Stiver & Co., Prudden & Co., Ryan, Sutherland & Co.

MONTPELIER EXEMPTED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—TO EXCHANGE NOTES FOR BONDS—We are advised that the \$140,000 2¼% notes sold to the BancoOhio Securities Co. of Columbus, at 102.239—V. 147, p. 1669—will be exchanged for a similar amount of school building bonds to bear interest at the same rate and mature \$6,000 yearly from 1940 to 1954 incl. and \$5,000 from 1955 to 1964 incl. Public Works Administration will furnish a grant of approximately \$115,000 toward cost of the project.

NEW LEXINGTON, Ohio—BONDS VOTED—An issue of \$36,000 swimming pool construction bonds was authorized by the voters on Aug. 30.

REPUBLIC, Ohio—BOND ELECTION—On Sept. 27 the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$15,000 4% water works system bonds.

RICHFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Richfield), Ohio—BOND SALE—The State Teachers' Retirement System was awarded on Sept. 16 an issue of \$40,000 school addition bonds as 3¼s, at a price of 100.12. Second high bid of 100.96 for 3¼s was made by Nelson, Browning & Co. of Cincinnati.

SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$826,263.50 refunding bonds offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1531—were awarded as 4s at 100.677, a basis of about 3.89%, to a syndicate composed of McDonald-Coolidge & Co., Cleveland; BancoOhio Securities Co., Columbus; Merrill, Turben & Co., Mitchell, Herrick & Co., Otis & Co., all of Cleveland; Stranahan, Harris & Co., Toledo; First Cleveland Corp., Cleveland; VanLahr, Doll & Isphording, Inc. and Weil, Roth & Irving Co., both of Cincinnati; Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo, and Field, Richards & Shepard, Inc. of Cleveland. The issue is composed of the following series:

- \$511,263.50 series I bonds. Due as follows: \$31,263.50 April 1 and \$32,000 Oct. 1, 1940; \$32,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1947 incl. A certified check for \$5,112.64 is required.
264,750.00 series G bonds. Due as follows: \$13,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1943 to 1947 incl.; \$13,250 April 1 and \$13,500 Oct. 1, 1948; and \$13,500 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1949 to 1952 incl. A certified check for \$2,647.50 is required.
50,250.00 series H bonds. Due as follows: \$2,500 April 1 and Oct. 1, from 1943 to 1947 incl.; \$2,750 April 1 and \$2,500 Oct. 1, 1948, and \$2,500 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1949 to 1952 incl. A certified check for \$502.50 is required.
All of the bonds will be dated Oct. 1, 1938.
The only other bid received, an offer of 100.30 for the \$315,000 series G and H bonds as 4¼s, was submitted by Middendorf & Co. of Cincinnati.

TIFFIN, Ohio—MATURITY—The \$102,517 city hall construction bonds sold to Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Toledo, as 2¼s, at 101.611—V. 147, p. 1669—mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1940 to 1962 incl.; \$5,000 in 1963, and \$5,517 in 1964. Basis of about 2.11%.

TOLEDO, Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$47,000 coupon or registered Anthony Wayne Boulevard bonds offered Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1531—were awarded to Seufferle & Koutz of Cincinnati, as 3¼s, at par plus a premium of \$380, equal to 100.80, a basis of about 3.36%. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1940 to 1946 incl. and \$4,000 from 1947 to 1949 incl. Second high bid of 100.68 for 3¼s was made jointly by Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc. and Ryan, Sutherland & Co.

TUSCARAWAS, Ohio—BONDS NOT SOLD—No bids were received at the offering on Sept. 12 of \$27,000 4% water works mortgage revenue bonds—V. 137, p. 1531. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1940 to 1953 incl., and \$1,000 from 1954 to 1973 incl.

WILLARD, Ohio—BOND ELECTION—An issue of \$72,000 not to exceed 4½% interest sanitary and storm sewer bonds will be considered by the voters on Sept. 27.

70,400 storm sewer bonds. Due \$5,000, 1941 to 1953, and \$5,400 in 1954. Bidders are to name the rate of interest. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

(These are the bonds that were previously scheduled for sale on Sept. 20, as noted in our issue of Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1815.)

AVANT, Okla.—BOND SALE—\$22,000 issue of coupon high school building bonds offered for sale on Sept. 14—V. 147, p. 1816—was awarded to the Taylor-Stuart Co. of Oklahoma City, paying par for the bonds divided as follows: \$6,000 as 4s, maturing \$2,000 from Sept. 1, 1943 to 1945; the remaining \$16,000 as 4¼s, maturing \$2,000 from Sept. 1, 1946 to 1953, giving a basis of 4.209%.

CHEROKEE, Okla.—BOND SALE—The \$73,200 issue of coupon electric plant bonds offered for sale on Sept. 13—V. 147, p. 1670—was purchased by the Alfalfa County National Bank of Cherokee, paying par for bonds bearing 2.72% interest.

LAWTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lawton), Okla.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Sept. 27 by J. Kuntz, District secretary, for the purchase of an issue of \$132,000 high school building bonds. Bidders to name the rate of interest. Due as follows: \$10,000, 1941 to 1952, and \$12,000 in 1953. These bonds were approved by the voters at an election held on Sept. 13.

LAMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lamont), Okla.—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 26, by J. B. Cowen, Jr., District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$22,000 issue of school bonds. Bidders to name the rate of interest. Due \$1,500 from 1941 to 1954, and \$1,000 in 1955. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

McALESTER, Okla.—BOND SALE—An issue of coupon water and sewer bonds offered for sale on Sept. 12, was awarded to R. J. Edwards, Inc., of Oklahoma City, as 3s at par, according to the City Clerk. The only other bid was submitted by C. Edgar Honoald of Oklahoma City.

MUSKOGEE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Muskogee), Okla.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Oct. 3 by the Clerk of the Board of Education for the purchase of a \$275,000 issue of building bonds. Due in 25 years. These bonds were approved by the voters at an election held on Sept. 15.

PURCELL, Okla.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Sept. 26, by Leo Cobb, Financial Secretary, for the purchase of the following bonds aggregating \$89,500:

\$15,000 water system improvement and repair bonds. Due \$1,500 from 1941 to 1950 incl.

7,000 park improvement and repair bonds. Due \$700 from 1941 to 1950 incl.

65,500 electric light and power system extension, improvement and repair bonds. Due as follows: \$6,500 from 1941 to 1949, and \$7,000 in 1950.

2,000 fire equipment bonds. Due \$200 from 1941 to 1950 incl. Interest rate to be stated by the bidder, at not less than par and accrued interest. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid for each issue is required. These bonds were approved by the voters on Sept. 13.

STILLWATER, Okla.—BONDS OFFERED—It is reported that sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 20, by H. J. Nester, Commissioner of Revenue and Accounts, for the purchase of various issues of civic improvement bonds aggregating \$192,500.

TULSA, Okla.—BOND ELECTION—It is stated by the City Clerk that at the election to be held on Sept. 30, the following not to exceed 3% bonds aggregating \$2,150,000 will be up for approval by the voters: water system, \$600,000; sewer system, \$120,000; park system, \$150,000; fire department equipment, \$89,500; fire station, \$49,000; Police Department equipment, \$41,500; traffic signals, \$50,000; sewage disposal plant, \$550,000; incinerator plant, \$25,000; Street Dept. equipment, \$97,000; public library repairs, \$7,000, and street improvement, \$371,000.

Due in 10 years, commencing not less than 3 years nor more than 5 years from date.

OREGON

LINN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55 (P. O. Sweet Home), Ore.—BONDS OFFERED—Sealed bids were received until 7:30 p. m. on Sept. 23, by Alice P. Storey, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$12,700 issue of school bonds. Bidders were to specify interest desired. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$500, 1940 to 1951; \$1,000, 1952 to 1955; \$1,200 in 1956, and \$1,500 in 1957.

MALHEUR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Nyassa), Ore.—BONDS OFFERED—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 24, by B. Lienkaemper, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$13,500 issue of not to exceed 6% coupon semi-ann. building and equipment bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500 in 1943, and \$2,000 from 1944 to 1949; callable after Sept. 30, 1947.

PENNSYLVANIA

BRISTOL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND ELECTION—Paul V. Forster, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Oct. 4 for the purchase of \$25,000 1½, 1¾, 1¾, 2, 2¼, 2½, 3, 3½, or 3¾% coupon improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1939 to 1963 incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, payable A. & O. Bonds will be registered as to principal and issued subject to approving legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia, and Howard I. James of Bristol. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

CHESTER, Pa.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT—The \$300,000 not to exceed 3¼% interest sewer improvement bonds being offered for sale on Sept. 27—V. 147, p. 1670—are payable as to principal and interest at City Treasurer's office. A detailed report on condition of the city's finances, compiled by C. C. Collings & Co. of Philadelphia, contains the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Assessed valuation, 1938 (90% of actual) \$54,719,615.00; Gross bonded debt \$3,196,000.00; Floating debt (including judgments) \$3,670,364.95; Gross debt \$6,866,380.00; Sinking fund \$577,894.70; Assessed \$39,061.00; Funded and floating debt \$3,057,409.25; Deductions \$268,675.88; Net debt \$2,562,161.65; Net debt ratio 4.68%; Tax anticipation notes 0.00%; Bonds authorized but unissued 300,000.00; Net debt after proposed issue 2,562,161.65; Net debt ratio after proposed issue 4.08%; Tax rate, 1938 (mills) 11½; Amount of tax duplicate (levy), 1938 629,888.00; Debt service charge (1938) \$133,558.50 (a) Interest and State tax \$172,000.00 (b) Principal 305,558.50; Per capita assessed value 897.04; Debt burden.

R. J. EDWARDS, Inc. Municipal Bonds Since 1892 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma AT&T Ok Cy 19 Long Distance 787

OKLAHOMA

ADA, Okla.—BOND OFFERING—It is now reported by Albert Chamberlain, City Clerk, that he will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Sept. 30, for the purchase of the following two issues of bonds, aggregating \$109,450: \$39,050 sewage disposal plant bonds. Due \$3,000, 1941 to 1952, and \$3,050 in 1953.

	Ratio to Assessed Value	Per Capita
Net direct debt burden	4.68%	\$42.00
Net overlapping debt burden	2.45%	21.95
Total	7.13%	\$63.95

**Overlapping Debt**  
 School District of Chester—Gross debt, \$2,030,000; sinking fund, \$959,139.55; delinquent and liened taxes, \$468,482.55 (75% of actual).  
 Delaware County—Gross debt, \$5,777,000; sinking fund, \$220,896.63; delinquent and liened taxes, \$692,975.07 (75% of actual).  
 Population: 1930 census, 59,164; 1938 estimate, 61,000.

Year—	1935	1936	1937	1938
Levy	\$622,167.34	\$621,464.18	\$628,162.06	\$629,888.00
Collected in levy year	450,751.23	469,651.34	507,467.29	*471,529.61
Per cent.	72.45%	75.57%	80.79%	*74.86%
Uncollected Aug. 1, '38	49,624.61	63,873.08	82,910.56	*158,358.39
Per cent.	7.97%	10.23%	13.19%	*25.14%

\* In process of collection.

**DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Transfer, R. D. 1), Pa.—BOND SALE**—The issue of \$34,000 coupon school bonds offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1670—was awarded to the McDowell National Bank of Sharon, Dated Oct. 1, 1938, and due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1941 to 1946, incl., and \$2,000 from 1947 to 1960, incl.  
 Successful bid was for 3% bonds, at par plus a premium of \$60, equal to 100.176, a basis of about 2.98%.

**FREDONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND SALE POSTPONED**—Sale of the \$11,000 coupon school bonds offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1671—was deferred for two weeks. Two highest bidders were the McDowell National Bank, Sharon, and Singer, Deane & Scribner, Pittsburgh. Dated Oct. 1, 1938, and due \$1,000 Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1951, incl.

**GLADE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warren), Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—D. L. McGuire, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 6 for the purchase of \$20,000 3 3/4%, 4 or 4 1/2% coupon land purchase bonds. Dated Oct. 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 15 from 1941 to 1960 incl. Interest A-O. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of issue by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

**HARRISON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harrison Valley), Pa.—BONDS VOTED**—An issue of \$20,000 building bonds was approved by a vote of 129 to 38 on Sept. 8.

**HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coatesville, R. D. No. 5), Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—F. L. Warren, Clerk of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Sept. 26, for the purchase of \$20,000 2, 2 1/2, 2 3/4, 3, or 3 1/2% coupon, registerable as to principal, school building and equipment bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 from 1940 to 1959, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, payable M. & N. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds will be issued subject to approving legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

**HOMESTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—Mary J. Kinney, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Oct. 6, for the purchase of \$250,000 school bonds. Dated Oct. 15, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 15, as follows: \$10,000 from 1941 to 1943, incl. and \$11,000 from 1944 to 1963, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Issue was authorized at the May 17 primary election. A certified check for \$5,000 payable to the order of the district, must accompany each proposal. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs, and the successful bidder will be furnished with approving legal opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh.

**HONSDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND ELECTION**—On Sept. 27 the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$60,000 construction bonds.

**MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND SALE**—The \$20,000 school bonds offered Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1532—were awarded to Johnson & McLean of Pittsburgh, as 3 1/4%, at 100.41, a basis of about 3.20%. Dated Oct. 10, 1938 and due \$1,000 on Oct. 10 from 1939 to 1958 incl. Last 10 maturing bonds are callable on any interest date. Second high bid of 100.315 for 3 3/4% was made by S. K. Cunningham & Co. of Pittsburgh.

**MEADVILLE, Pa.—PLANS BOND ISSUE**—City proposes to issue \$50,000 2 1/2% sewage treatment plant bonds. Dated July 1, 1938. Due \$5,000 on July 1 in 1940, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1948, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, and 1958.

**MEADVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—R. X. Brown, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on Oct. 11 for the purchase of \$137,000 coupon, registerable as to principal, school building bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1939 to 1951 incl., and \$6,000 from 1952 to 1963 incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at office of the Treasurer of the School District. Bonds will be free of all taxes, except gift, succession or inheritance taxes levied pursuant to any present or future law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of issue by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. District will furnish the approving legal opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh, and print the bonds. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

Actual value, estimated	\$25,000,000.00
Assessed valuation, 1937-38	10,624,431.00
Total bonded debt (including this issue), electoral	\$263,000
Councilmanic, \$224,500	487,500.00
Amount in sinking fund	46,280.42
Population, estimated, 20,000	

*Information as to Tax Collections as of July 1, 1938*

Year—	1935	1936	1937
Total levy	\$202,618.84	\$226,177.81	\$237,799.88
Amount collected	172,695.26	194,632.58	196,049.20
Amt. uncollected (property tax)	3,164.95	25,916.85	31,486.54

**PENNSYLVANIA (State of)—LOCAL BOND ISSUES APPROVED**—The Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs has approved the following issues of local municipal bonds. Information includes name of the municipality, amount and purpose of issue, and date approved:

Name and Purpose of Issue	Date	Approved	Amount
Newry Borough, Blair County—Improving and constructing streets and sewers	Sept. 12		\$4,000
Darlington Borough School District, Beaver County—Purchase site; erect, equip and furnish school bldg.	Sept. 13		7,500
Darlington Township School District, Beaver County—Purchase or acquire site or grounds; erect, equip and furnish school building thereon	Sept. 13		40,000
Norristown Borough School District, Montgomery County—Constructing and equipping new high school building	Sept. 13		55,000
Blawnox Borough, Allegheny County—Erecting a municipal building, improving, grading, paving and curbing streets and additions to public works	Sept. 14		35,000
Bradford Township, Clearfield County—Refunding bonded indebtedness	Sept. 14		207,000
Cambria County—Refunding bonded indebtedness	Sept. 14		20,000
Chambersburg Borough, Franklin County—Constructing sewage pumping station and sewage treatment plant	Sept. 14		145,000
Patton Township School District, Allegheny County—Erecting, equipping and furnishing a school building	Sept. 14		57,000
Topton Borough School District, Berks County—Refunding bonded indebtedness	Sept. 15		29,000

**MONESSEN, Pa.—BOND ELECTION**—At the November election the voters will be asked to approve issues of \$125,000 street improvement and \$60,000 swimming pool construction bonds.

**MOUNT CARMEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Locust Gap), Pa.—BOND SALE**—The \$205,000 Bradley High School additional bonds offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1816—were awarded as 4 1/4%, at par, as follows: \$130,000 to the Pennsylvania Teachers' Retirement Fund and \$75,000 to Leavens & Leader, Inc. of Shamokin. No other bids were received. Dated Sept. 1, 1938 and due March 1 as follows: \$11,000 from 1940 to 1944, incl. and \$10,000 from 1945 to 1959, inclusive.

**PLUM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O., R. D. No. 2, New Kensington), Pa.—BONDS VOTED**—An issue of \$150,000 building bonds was authorized by a vote of 715 to 207 at the election on Sept. 13.

**ROSCOE, Pa.—BONDS DEFEATED**—At the Sept. 9 election voters defeated the proposed issues of \$23,000 street improvement and \$4,000 funding bonds.

**SHAMOKIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—APPROVES REFUNDING**—The Board of Education determined on Sept. 12 to refund, at 2 1/2% interest, the issue of \$205,000 4% school bonds of 1934, according to report.

**SHARPSBURG, Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—Henry J. Hohman, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Oct. 10 for the purchase of \$85,000 coupon borough bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Oct. 1 from 1939 to 1955 incl.; optional on Oct. 1, 1943, or any subsequent interest date. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of issue by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder.

**TITUSVILLE, Pa.—BOND SALE**—The \$65,000 2 1/2% bonds offered Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1378—were awarded to Singer, Deane & Scribner of Pittsburgh, at 101.695, a basis of about 2.34%. Sale consisted of: \$20,000 general street No. 6 bonds. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1939 to 1958, incl.  
 45,000 general street No. 7 bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1939 to 1943, incl., and \$2,000 from 1944 to 1963, incl.  
 All of the bonds will be dated Sept. 1, 1938.

Other bids:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Glover & MacGregor	101.30
Phillips, Schmetz & Co.	101.04
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.	100.535
Burr & Co., Inc.	100.309

**WEST ELIZABETH, Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—David C. Gilliland, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Oct. 10 for purchase of \$9,000 coupon bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1941 and 1942, and \$1,000 from 1943 to 1947 incl. Bidder to name single rate of interest, expressed in multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of issue by Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. A certified check for \$500, payable to order of Borough Treasurer, required. Legal opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh will be furnished successful bidder.

**WHITE TOWNSHIP (P. O. R. D. No. 1, Beaver Falls), Pa.—BOND OFFERING**—George L. Haley, Township Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Oct. 15 for purchase of \$20,500 coupon bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500 in 1943 and \$1,000 from 1944 to 1962 incl. Bidder to name single rate of interest, expressed in multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of issue by Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. A certified check for \$500, payable to order of Township Treasurer, required. Legality approved by Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh.

**RHODE ISLAND**

**PROVIDENCE, R. I.—TAX RATE UNCHANGED**—The Board of Tax Assessors has fixed the 1938 tax rate on real and tangible personal property at \$24 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, the same as for 1937. The tax levy, at \$13,310,895.44, represents an increase of \$213,507.04, and is the second largest on record. The peak figure of \$13,483,960.72 was established in 1931. That no advance was made in the tax rate, despite the higher tax levy, was due principally to a sharp increase in the valuations for 1938. Bulk of this is accounted for in the tangible and intangible personal classifications, due largely to the vigorous efforts of assessors in uncovering taxable wealth of that nature. The program in that direction got under way several years ago and the results are clearly reflected in the following table, particularly in the intangible listing:

	Valuations Since 1935		
	Real Estate	Personal Tangible	Personal Intangible
1935	\$408,417,940	\$80,623,000	\$128,974,500
1936	408,235,920	82,545,200	146,331,000
1937	406,484,200	86,012,200	294,618,700
1938	407,192,760	98,802,200	291,754,100

**SOUTH CAROLINA**

**BEAUFORT COUNTY (P. O. Beaufort), S. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD**—The \$300,000 issue of Beaufort, Sheldon and St. Helena Townships not to exceed 4% semi-ann. general obligation bonds offered for sale on Sept. 15—V. 147, p. 1671—was not sold as there were no bids received, according to the County Board of Directors. Dated Aug. 15, 1938. Due from Aug. 15, 1942 to 1961 incl.

**COLUMBIA, S. C.—PRICE PAID**—It is stated by the City Clerk that the \$29,000 4% semi-ann. public market revenue bonds purchased by the Firemen's Insurance and Inspection Fund of the city, as noted here on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1817—were sold for a premium of \$25,000, equal to 100.086, a basis of about 3.99%. Due from Jan. 1, 1940 to 1958 incl.

**JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Ridgeland), S. C.—PAYING AGENT APPOINTED**—It is stated that the Manufacturers Trust Co. of New York is the paying agent for \$50,000 School Board Authority Building bonds.

**WILLIAMSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20 (P. O. Anderson), S. C.—BONDS SOLD**—It is reported that \$32,000 school bonds were purchased on Sept. 19 by W. F. Coley & Co. of Greenville, and Hamilton & Co. of Chester, jointly, as 3 1/4%, paying a premium of \$31.75, equal to 100.099, a basis of about 3.74%. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1945 to 1954, and \$3,000 in 1955 to 1958.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

**CORONA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Corona), S. Dak.—BONDS SOLD**—The \$5,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 20—V. 147, p. 1080—was awarded to the Allison-Williams Co. of Minneapolis, as 4 1/2% at par, according to report. Due in from two to 17 years.

**FLANDREAU, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids were received until Sept. 23, by Carl Hanson, City Auditor, for the purchase of a \$24,500 issue of 3 1/4% semi-ann. sewage treatment plant bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,500 in 1941; \$3,000, 1942 to 1947, and \$4,000 in 1948.

**FREDERICK, S. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD**—The \$2,300 issue of 5% coupon semi-ann. auditorium bonds offered for sale on Aug. 29—V. 147, p. 1235—was not sold as no bids were received. Dated May 1, 1938. Due from May 1, 1947 to 1956.

**SLOCUM'S COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Howard), S. Dak.—BONDS OFFERED**—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 19, by J. A. Abramson, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$2,000 issue of 5 1/2% coupon semi-ann. school bonds. Denom. \$250. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due \$250 from Sept. 1, 1939 to 1946 incl.

**TYNDALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tyndall), S. Dak.—BOND SALE**—The \$70,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1817—was awarded to Wachob, Bender & Co. of Omaha, as 3 1/4%, paying a premium of \$925, equal to 101.32, a basis of about 3.28%. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due from Jan. 1, 1941 to 1953; optional after Jan. 1, 1946.

TENNESSEE

ALCOA, Tenn.—BOND SALE—The \$59,000 issue of high school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1671—was awarded to Jack M. Bass & Co. of Nashville, as 3 1/4%, at a discount of \$583.00, equal to 99.01, a basis of about 3.35%. Dated Sept. 15, 1938. Due from Sept. 15, 1944 to 1955.

Other bids were as follows on the \$59,000 bonds:

Table with columns: Names of Other Bidders, Price Bid, Int. Rate. Includes Bank of Maryville, Nashville Securities Co., Booker & Davidson Inc., and Fidelity Bankers, Trust Co., and Equitable Securities Co.

HOLLOW ROCK-BRUCETON SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hollow Rock), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Sept. 30, by the Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$7,500 issue of school bonds.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—BOND SALE CONTEMPLATED—A special dispatch from Memphis to the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 21 reported as follows:

"Despite resumption yesterday of negotiations for the sale of Memphis Power & Light Co. to the City of Memphis this municipality is moving ahead with the construction of its own system and on Oct. 27 will open bids on \$1,000,000 electric plant bonds. Memphis already has spent \$4,000,000 on this project and this expenditure constitutes one of chief obstacles in the path of the sale of the utility."

MOUNT PLEASANT, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING—It is announced by L. H. Hammond, City Recorder, that he will receive sealed bids until noon on Oct. 7, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of not to exceed 4% semi-annual water main, general obligation bonds. No bids for less than par will be considered.

OBION COUNTY (P. O. Union City), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by J. A. Hefley, County Judge, that he will sell at public auction on Sept. 28, at 1:30 p. m., an issue of \$110,000 not to exceed 4% semi-ann. court house bonds. Due serially from 1939 through 1958.

PARIS, Tenn.—BOND SALE—The \$25,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1532—was awarded to the Nashville Securities Corp., as 3 3/8%, at a price of 99.55, a basis of about 3.56%. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due from Oct. 1, 1944 to 1951 incl.

TEXAS

BEE COUNTY (P. O. Beeville) Texas—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—The following information is furnished in connection with the sale of the \$275,000 road bonds to a syndicate headed by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, at a price of 100.10, as noted in our issue of Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1818. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. The bonds were voted and issued for road purposes, constitute direct and general obligations of the entire county, and are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property located herein. The bonds were issued subject to approval as to legality by the Attorney General and a recognized bond attorney, and were sold as follows: \$205,000 maturing \$10,000 March 1, 1942 to 1946 \$15,000 March 1, 1947 to 1951, and \$20,000 March 1, 1952 to 1955 as 3 1/4%, and \$70,000 maturing \$20,000 March 1, 1956, and \$25,000 March 1, 1957 and 1958, as 3s, making the net interest cost, 3.1508%.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas—CITY ACCEPTS BOND REFUNDING PLAN—A special dispatch from this city to the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 22 reported as follows:

"The City Council has accepted a proposal of the Ranson-Davidson Co. bond dealers, for refunding \$400,000 outstanding water plant revenue repair bonds dated Feb. 1, 1933, bearing 5 1/4% interest.

"Under the refunding arrangement, the new bonds will bear 4% interest, and may bear only 3 1/2%.

The bonds were first issued in the amount of \$500,000, and of which \$100,000 has been retired, and were for the purpose of repairing the Mathis dam, which washed out shortly after it was turned over to the city.

"If possible, the bonds will be called for redemption on Feb. 1, 1939, and at the latest on Aug. 1, 1939.

The agreement provides that if the bonds shall not have been called for redemption on Feb. 1 and if on June 15 litigation is pending involving the right of the city to issue such refunding bonds, then in that event the contract shall remain effective so long as litigation is pending and so long after the termination of the litigation as shall be necessary to public notice of intention to redeem the bonds.

"The bonds until recently were held by the Reconstruction Finance Corp., according to word received here."

EL PASO COUNTY (P. O. El Paso), Texas—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—The \$630,000 2 1/2% road refunding, series 1938-A, bonds that were purchased by the State Investment Co. of Fort Worth, and associates, as noted in our issue of Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1818—were reoffered for public subscription at prices to yield from 0.75% to 2.70%, according to maturity. Dated Nov. 7, 1938. Due from Nov. 7, 1939 to 1953, incl. Prin. and int. (M-N 7) payable at the office of the State Treasurer in Austin. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

GALVESTON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Dickinson), Texas—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—In connection with the public reoffering by R. A. W. Barrett & Co. of Houston, of the \$160,000 3 1/4% semi-ann. school bonds, noted in our issue of Sept. 10—V. 147, p. 1671—we are now informed that Mahan, Dittmar & Co. of San Antonio, and Duquette & Co. of Houston, were in joint account with the above named firm. Legal approval by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due from Sept. 1, 1939 to 1953.

GILLESPIE COUNTY (P. O. Fredericksburg) Texas—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is stated by the County Judge that the \$80,000 2 3/4% semi-ann. court house bonds sold recently, as noted here—V. 147, p. 1818—were purchased by the Fredericksburg National Bank, at a price of 100.60. Due serially in 20 years.

GOLIAD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Goliad), Texas—BOND SALE—The \$37,500 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 16—V. 147, p. 1818—were awarded to the First National Bank of Goliad, divided as follows: \$17,500 as 3s, maturing on Sept. 1, \$1,500 in 1939 to 1943, and \$2,000, 1944 to 1948; the remaining \$20,000 as 3 1/4%, maturing on Sept. 1, \$2,000, 1949 and 1950; \$2,500, 1951 to 1954, and \$3,000 in 1955 and 1956.

The successful bidder paid a premium of \$11.00, equal to 100.029. The other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rates Bid. Includes Brown-Crummer Co., Dallas, George V. Rotan Co., Houston, Ranson-Davidson Co., Wichita.

GRAPELAND CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Grapeland), Texas—BOND SALE DEFERRED—It is stated by Geo. E. Darsey, President of the Board of Education, that the sale of the \$15,000 school bonds, which was scheduled for Aug. 22—V. 147, p. 1081—was held up pending a Public Works Administration grant. Due serially in 20 years; optional after five years.

HEBRONVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hebronville) Texas—MATURITY—It is now reported by the Superintendent of Schools that the \$33,000 4% semi-ann. school bonds sold to the State Board of Education, at par, as noted here recently—V. 147, p. 1672—are due as follows: \$500, 1939 to 1946; \$1,000, 1947 to 1958; \$1,500, 1959 to 1964, and \$2,000, 1965 to 1968; optional after 10 years.

LUFKIN, Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$150,000 4% semi-annual water works and sewer revenue bonds were purchased on Aug. 19 by Moroney & Co. of Houston and Mahan, Dittmar & Co. of San Antonio, jointly, paying a price of 101.843. Due from 1939 to 1959.

LULING, Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by Mae Slater, City Secretary, that \$41,500 3 1/4% semi-ann. sewer, paving, swimming pool and recreation center bonds approved by the voters on Sept. 13, by a count of 235 to 58, have been sold.

SONORA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sonora) Texas—BOND SALE CONTRACT—It is stated by T. T. Jones, Superintendent of Schools, that a local investor has contracted to purchase the \$32,500 gymnasium bonds approved by the voters on Aug. 27.

UTAH

MOAB, Utah—BOND ELECTION—An election was scheduled for Sept. 24 to vote on the issuance of \$33,000 in water system bonds, it is reported.

VERMONT

BENNINGTON, Vt.—BOND ELECTION—An issue of \$96,000 sewerage disposal plant bonds will be considered by the voters on Sept. 27. A Public Works Administration grant will be sought in connection with the project.

MONTPELIER, Vt.—BONDS VOTED—On Sept. 9 the voters authorized issues of \$198,000 school, \$110,000 water and \$35,000 Works Progress Administration projects bonds.

RUTLAND, Vt.—BONDS DEFEATED—The proposed issue of \$395,000 sewage disposal plant bonds was defeated at the election on Sept. 13.

Advertisement for F. W. CRAIGIE & COMPANY, Richmond, Va. Offering \$10,000 PORTSMOUTH, VA. Ref. 4 1/2s Due February 1, 1953 at 3.30% basis. Phone 8-9137, A. T. T. Tel. Rich. Va. 83.

VIRGINIA

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.—BONDS VOTED—We are informed by the City Clerk that at the election held on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1534—the voters approved the issuance of the \$339,735 school bonds. Interest rate to be named by the bidder. Due serially in from two to 30 years. The count on the balloting showed 609 "for" to 261 "against." He states that these bonds will be offered for sale in about 30 days.

KING GEORGE COUNTY (P. O. King George), Va.—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$27,500 3% semi-annual school bonds have been purchased by Frederick E. Nolting, Inc., of Richmond at a price of 100.76.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY (P. O. Farmville), Va.—BOND ELECTION—An election is said to have been scheduled for Sept. 28 to vote on the issuance of \$75,000 in court house bonds, to be used in connection with a Public Works Administration grant.

WYTHEVILLE, Va.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 7, by R. W. Arthur, Acting Clerk, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of coupon or registered town bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4%, payable J. & J. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1, 1938. Due in 30 years after date; subject to call at par and accrued interest at any interest due date from and after five years from date of issue, not exceeding \$5,000 in any one year. Interest rate to be in multiples of 1/4 of 1%, and all the bonds must be at the same rate of interest, at not less than par. The Council reserves the right to reject all bids for said bonds, and that in case of two or more equal bids for said bonds, the bonds to be pro-rated to the several bidders in proportion to their respective bids; and that a forfeit equal to 5% of the amount of bonds allotted to any bidder be deposited with the Town Treasurer within 5 days after receipt of notice of the allotment of bonds, the balance of amount bid to be paid to the Treasurer not less than 5 days prior to the issue date of the bonds, and the balance of the amount bid, with interest discounted from July 1, 1938, be paid to the Treasurer within 5 days after notice of demand therefor.

WASHINGTON

CUSTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 332 (P. O. Bellingham), Wash.—BOND OFFERING POSTPONED—It is stated by R. C. Atwood, County Treasurer, that the sale of the \$10,000 school bonds, originally scheduled for Sept. 16, as noted here—V. 147, p. 1534—has been deferred until Oct. 11. Interest rate is not to exceed 4 1/2%, payable semi-annually. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due in 2 to 21 years, callable in whole or in part at any time after 5 years from date of issue. Bidders are required to submit a bid specifying: (a) The lowest rate of interest and premium, if any, above par at which the bidder will purchase the bonds, or (b) the lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase the bonds at par. Principal and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office, the State Treasurer's office or the fiscal agency of the State in New York. Enclose a certified check for 5%.

EPHRATA, Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD—The three issues of not to exceed 6% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$54,858, offered on Aug. 29—V. 147, p. 1081—were not sold as no bids were received, according to report. The issues are as follows:

- \$6,000 general obligation bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$200, 1940 to 1948; \$400, 1949 to 1957, and \$600 in 1958.
33,151 water revenue bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$651 in 1940; \$1,500, 1941 to 1947, and \$2,000, 1948 to 1958.
15,707 sewage revenue bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$207 in 1948; \$500, 1941 to 1945, and \$1,000, 1946 to 1958.

LONGVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122 (P. O. Kelso), Wash.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by H. D. Renner, County Treasurer, that he will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Oct. 1, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 school bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1938. Denoms. of \$100 each, or some multiple thereof not exceeding \$1,000 as may be determined hereafter, to mature and become payable in their numerical order, lowest number first, on semi-annual interest dates beginning the third year after the date of issue thereof; interest not to exceed 6% per annum, payable semi-annually, provided that the interest thereon for the first year shall be due and payable one year after the date of issuance.
Bonds to run for a period of 20 years. The various annual maturities of said bonds to run (as nearly as practicable) be in such amounts as will, together with interest on the outstanding bonds, be met by an equal annual tax levy for the payment of said bonds and interest. Bidders are required to submit a bid specifying: (a) the lowest rate of interest and premium, if any, above par, at which such bidder will purchase said bonds, or (b) the lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase said bonds at par. Principal and interest payable at the County Treasurer's office or at the State Treasurer's office. Enclose a certified check for 5%.

SKAGIT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Mt. Vernon) Wash.—BOND SALE—The \$6,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1672—was purchased by the State of Washington, as 4s at par. No other bid was received, according to the County Treasurer.

SPOKANE, Wash.—BONDS AUTHORIZED—An emergency ordinance authorizing a \$300,000, 4% revenue water bond issue, to apply as part payment of the proposed \$784,000 city-works Progress Administration program of water betterments, was passed by the City Council recently. The bonds mature in 12 years in amounts of from \$20,000 to \$39,000 annually, the final payment to be made in 1950.

SPOKANE, Wash.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Oct. 13, by H. D. Dearling, City Auditor, for the purchase of a \$300,000 issue of water revenue of 1938 bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1938, Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$21,000 in 1939, \$23,000 in 1940, \$25,000 in 1941, \$27,000 in 1942, \$29,000 in 1943, \$31,000 in 1944, \$33,000 in 1945, \$35,000 in 1946, \$37,000 in 1947 and \$39,000 in 1948. Bidders are requested to name the price and rate of interest at which they will purchase the whole of said bonds or any of said series separately, the rate, however, in whatever form the same may be offered, shall not exceed a cost to the city of more than 4%. Accrued interest on the bonds purchased must be paid by the purchaser to the date of delivery of the bonds. Said bonds are issued pursuant to the terms of Ordinance No. C6410; passed the City Council of the City sept. 12, 1938, and pursuant to the provisions of

Chapter 33 of Title 60 of Remington's Revised Statutes of Washington, as amended by Chapter 163 of the 1933 Laws of Washington. These bonds are to be paid out of the special water revenue fund created by said Ordinance No. C6410, and shall constitute a first lien upon the water revenues of the city after the cost of operation and maintenance, subject only to certain outstanding water revenue bonds chargeable to the water revenues, as specified in said ordinance, which outstanding bonds are to be retired by the close of the year 1945 and total in amount of \$520,000. The city will furnish printed bonds and the approving opinion of Burcham & Blair, of Spokane. Enclose a certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the city.

**TACOMA, Wash.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**—In connection with the \$760,000 not to exceed 4% semi-ann. water revenue bonds passed by the City Council on Aug. 23, to be issued in connection with a Public Works Administration grant, the following description of the bonds is furnished by T. A. Swayze, City Comptroller: Dated July 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000 Jan. and \$63,000 July 1, 1951, \$64,000 Jan. and \$93,000 July 1, 1952; \$93,000 Jan. and \$100,000 July 1, 1953; \$100,000 Jan. and \$107,000 July 1, 1954; \$108,000 Jan. and \$25,000 July 1, 1955. The city may at its option redeem all or any of the bonds herein authorized on Jan. 1, 1949, or on any interest paying date thereafter, providing that at time of negotiating sale of said bonds it shall be determined for the best interests of said city that such right of redemption be reserved, in which event all or any number of said bonds may be redeemed at one time, said bonds to be redeemed in reverse numerical order commencing with the highest number outstanding bond: Providing 60 days' previous notice of such intended redemption shall have been mailed to the holder or holders of said bonds, if registered, or if not registered, shall have been filed at the places of payment provided in said bonds; and interest on any bonds so noticed for redemption shall cease on the date named, and the coupons representing interest subsequently to accrue shall be void. City water bonds are free from State and local taxation and are payable from the revenues of the department. Legality to be approved by Thompson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York.

Prin. and int. payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York City.

**YAKIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113 (P. O. Yakima) Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD**—It is stated by the County Treasurer that the \$34,000 not to exceed 6% semi-ann. school bonds offered on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1672—were not sold as no bids were received. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due in from two to 20 years after date.

WEST VIRGINIA

**ALBRIGHT, W. Va.—BOND OFFERING CANCELED**—It is stated by Clyde Foley, Town Recorder, that the \$1,000 3% semi-ann. sewer and street bonds which were to have been offered on Sept. 15, as noted here on Aug. 27—V. 147, p. 1380—will not be sold for some time because of legal difficulties.

**KENOVA, W. Va.—BOND ELECTION**—It is said that an election will be held on Sept. 27 to vote on the proposed issuance of \$100,000 in municipal building bonds.

WISCONSIN

**EAU CLAIRE COUNTY (P. O. Eau Claire), Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED**—The County Board is said to have approved the issuance of a total of \$394,000 in highway improvement bonds.

**LENDALE (P. O. Kendall) Wis.—BONDS SOLD**—The \$12,000 3% semi-ann. highway bonds that were originally scheduled for sale on June 18, the offering of which was postponed until September—V. 146, p. 4156—have been awarded to Harley, Haydon & Co. of Madison, at a price of 102.58, according to the Town Clerk.

**LA CROSSE COUNTY (P. O. La Crosse), Wis.—NOTE OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 26, by Esther M. Domke, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of not to exceed 3% corporate purpose notes. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due on Aug. 1, 1939; optional on May 1, 1939. Payable at the County Treasurer's office.

**MARSHFIELD, Wis.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Oct. 4, by Emil E. Forseth, City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$180,000 2½% coupon semi-ann. senior high school building bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$15,000 Sept. 1, 1943 to 1954.

The bonds may be serially called in for payment by the City Treasurer on any interest paying date on or subsequent to Sept. 1, 1940, at par, plus accrued interest and a premium of 1%, upon 30 days' notice. Principal and interest payable in lawful money at the City Treasurer's office. These bonds are issued under authority of Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes of 1937 for the purpose of securing funds to construct a senior high school building and are being issued in connection with a 45% PWA grant for which application has been made. The bonds are to be sold in part to the highest bidder. The bidder offering the highest premium will be awarded the issue. Both principal and interest are to be paid from a sinking fund created in accordance with a resolution of the Common Council. Legality will be approved by Fred A. Rhymer Jr., City Attorney, of Marshfield. Enclose a certified check for 2% of the principal.

**MOUNT HOREB, Wis.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 5 p. m. on Sept. 26, by Stanley Holun, Village Clerk, for the purchase of an \$18,000 issue of 2% sewage, series C bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 1, 1938. Due \$1,000 from March 1, 1939 to 1956 incl. Bids will be received for not less than par and accrued interest. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the Village Treasurer. These bonds will be secured by a direct, general tax on all property. They will be certified by the Attorney General of the State. A \$1,000 certified check, payable to the Village Treasurer, must accompany the bid. (This notice supplements the offering report given here on Sept. 17—V. 147, p. 1818.)

**RACINE, Wis.—BOND OFFERING**—It is stated by Frank J. Becker, City Clerk, that an issue of \$125,000 school building construction bonds will be offered for sale at public auction on Oct. 4, at 2 p. m., (C. S. T.), at the City Hall. Interest rate is not to exceed 3%, payable A-O. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due on April 1 as follows: \$15,000, 1939 to 1943, and \$10,000, 1944 to 1948. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a certified check for not less than 2% of the par value of said bonds, made payable to the City Treasurer. The successful bidder shall furnish printed bonds. No bid shall be received for less than par and accrued interest plus furnishing of bonds. Bonds will be sold on the basis of interest rate and premium most favorable to the City. Said bonds are to be issued subject to the favorable opinion of Chapman and Cutler of Chicago, which will be furnished to the successful bidder.

Official Financial Statement

Assessed valuation—1937	\$105,493,481
Equalized valuation—1937	118,380,640
Bonded indebtedness	\$3,595,000
Floating indebtedness	112,184
Total	\$3,707,184
Less sinking fund	146,000
Total indebtedness	\$3,561,184

City and School Tax Levies and Delinquents

Tax Roll Year	Total Levy	Delinquents
1933	\$1,809,246.45	\$187,624.19
1934	1,898,994.30	225,088.40
1935	1,819,518.75	139,251.77
1936	1,816,833.56	124,133.72
1937	1,831,919.94	42,299.84

**RACINE COUNTY (P. O. Racine) Wis.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC**—The \$1,000,000 issue of relief, second series of 1938 bonds that was offered for sale without success on Sept. 15, as reported here—V. 147, p. 1818—is being offered by John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, for public investment at prices to yield from 1.00% to 2.50%, according to maturity. Due \$200,000 on Sept. 1 from 1939 to 1943 incl. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

Financial Statement (Officially Reported by County Clerk as of Aug. 1, 1938)

Full value of taxable property	\$250,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1937	166,303,071
Total bonded debt, including this issue	3,191,000
Population, 1930 U. S. census	90,217

The above financial statement does not include the debt of other political subdivisions having power to levy taxes on property within the county, nor does it include a \$22,500 State loan.

These bonds, in the opinion of counsel, are full and direct obligations of Racine County, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all taxable property therein.

**RIVER HILLS (P. O. Station F, Route 9, Milwaukee), Wis.—BOND SALE**—The \$30,000 issue of village hall bonds offered for sale on Sept. 19—V. 147, p. 1672—was awarded to the Securities Co. of Milwaukee, as 1½% premium of \$161.00, equal to 100.536, a basis of about 1.71%. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due \$3,000 from Oct. 1, 1939 to 1948 incl.

Unsuccessful offers were reported to us as follows:

Names of Other Bidders	Price Bid	Rate
Marine National Bank, Milwaukee	30.356	2
Morris Fox & Co., Milwaukee	30.168	2½
City Bank & Trust Co., Milwaukee	30.660	2¾

**SPRING GREEN, Wis.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on Sept. 27, by C. L. Carpenter, Village Clerk, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of not to exceed 3½% semi-annual sewerage and sewerage treatment plant bonds. A \$500 certified check payable to above clerk, must accompany the bid.

**WAUWATOSA, Wis.—BOND SALE**—The \$187,000 issue of school bonds, 21st series, offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 147, p. 1534—was purchased by the Channer Securities Co. of Chicago, as 2½% premium of \$2,377.50, equal to 101.27, a basis of about 2.35%. Dated Sept. 15, 1938. Due from March 15, 1939 to 1958 incl.

WYOMING

**ALBANY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Laramie), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING**—We are informed by Jack Costin, Clerk of the Board of School Trustees, that the said Board will sell at public auction on Oct. 17, at 7.30 p. m., a \$250,000 issue of school building bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 3½%, payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1, 1938. Due \$10,000 on July 1 from 1939 to 1963, incl. Bonds maturing in the years 1959 to 1963, incl. being redeemable on and after July 1, 1958. No bid will be considered for less than par and accrued interest. The district will furnish the successful bidder with the executed bonds and the approving opinion of Myles P. Tallmadge of Denver. A \$5,000 certified check, payable to the District Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

The following information is furnished with the offering notice: The assessed valuation of this school district for 1938 is \$11,935,571. This is 60% of the actual valuation. The actual valuation, then, should be about \$20,000,000. There is a great deal of building going on at the present time. The assessed valuation next year should exceed \$12,000,000. There is at present \$332,000 of bonds outstanding. Our outstanding bonds have all been refunded on a serial basis. All are bonds which were issued for building purposes. The last of the outstanding bonds will mature in 1959.

There is now \$14,649.38 in the bond sinking fund and \$6,924.14 in the bond interest fund.

I think bonds have always been paid promptly when due. Few districts, I think, have a better financial rating.

Tax Information

Year	Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Year	Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate
1933	\$11,311,530	\$7.00	1936	\$11,130,005	\$9.64
1934	16,808,430	9.00	1937	11,666,617	9.65
1935	10,822,199	9.45	1938	11,935,571	9.00

Tax collections in this school district have always been very good. We have always operated on a cash basis. The population of this school district is about 12,000. It is a first class district organized in 1878. School census last April, 3,213.

**BIG HORN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Hyattville), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 15, by Jennie B. Mercer, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$10,200 issue of coupon school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. Dated July 1, 1938. Due \$1,000 from 1941 to 1949, and \$1,200, 1950. No bid is to be for less than par and accrued int. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at that of the State Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

**CARBON COUNTY (P. O. Rawlins) Wyo.—BOND SALE**—The \$160,000 issue of court house and jail bonds offered for sale on Sept. 21—V. 147, p. 1818—was purchased as 2½% premium of \$885.00, equal to 100.55, a basis of about 2.28%. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Due \$16,000 from June 1, 1940 to 1949 incl.

**SHERIDAN, Wyo.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids will be received until Oct. 5, by D. A. Ruff, City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$160,000 not to exceed 4% semi-annual sewage disposal plant bonds. Due serially in from one to 30 years. These bonds were approved by the voters at the election held on Sept. 6, by a count of 561 to 219.

CANADA

**CANADA (Dominion of)—TREASURY BILL SALE**—The government recently sold another issue of \$25,000,000 Treasury bills at an average cost of 0.608%. Due Dec. 15, 1938. This compares with a rate of 0.532% obtained at the last previous sale of such securities.—V. 147, p. 1672.

**GERALDTON, Ont.—BOND SALE**—Laurence Smith & Co. of Vancouver purchased \$10,000 5% public school addition bonds at a price of 97.50. Due serially in 10 years.

**LA TUQUE, Que.—BOND OFFERING**—Sealed bids addressed to the City Clerk will be received until Oct. 4, for the purchase of \$18,000 4½% public works bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1938 and due in 1948.

**MONCTON, N. B.—BOND OFFERING**—H. H. Trimble, Secretary of the Board of School Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on Sept. 27 for the purchase of \$11,000 3½% coupon school bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1938. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 20 years. Registerable as to principal and payable, together with semi-annual interest, at the Bank of Montreal at Moncton, Montreal, Toronto or St. John.

**PRESTON, Ont.—BOND SALE**—An issue of \$34,000 3½% 10-year serial bonds was sold to J. M. Scott of Preston at 100.75, in order to reimburse the town for a loan made to the Butler Stamping & Machine Screw Co. with approval of ratepayers and the Ontario Municipal Board.

**ST. CATHARINES, Ont.—BOND SALE**—The \$55,000 3½% bonds offered Sept. 19 were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto at a price of 100.83, a basis of about 3.39%. Sale consisted of: \$15,000 public library bonds due in from 1 to 15 years. 40,000 bonds. Due in from 1 to 20 years.

The following other bids were received:

Bidder	Rate
Harris, Ramsay & Co., Limited	100.52
Bank of Toronto, Toronto	100.19
Canadian Bank of Commerce, St. Catharines	99.90
Gairdner & Co.	99.60
Fairclough & Co.	99.58
J. L. Graham & Co.	99.53
Laurence Smith & Co.	99.50

**ST. COLOMB, Que.—BOND SALE**—The issue of \$96,000 improvement bonds offered Aug. 24—V. 147, p. 1236—was awarded to Dube, Leblond & Co. of Quebec as 4s, at a price of 99.18, a basis of about 4.10%. Dated June 1, 1938 and due serially in 20 years.

**ST. HYACINTHE, Que.—BOND OFFERING**—The city will receive sealed bids until Oct. 3 for the purchase of \$248,000 3½% public works bonds, due serially in 30 years. The issue is composed of two by-laws, one for \$148,000 dated Nov. 1, 1937 and the other for \$100,000 dated Feb. 1, 1938.

# The "Monthly Earnings Record"

Shows in addition to the latest monthly, quarterly and semi-annual returns of earnings, all of the items in detail that the Interstate Commerce Commission now requires the railroads to file monthly in a supplementary statement. This statement shows, along with other items, fixed charges, other income, dividends, as well as many selected Balance Sheet items. All of the monthly, quarterly and semi-annual returns of Public Utility, Industrial and Miscellaneous companies are still continued.

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AARON COLNON,  
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Chicago, September 16, 1938

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