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January 12, 1940.

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January 4, 1940 Secretary



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R. A. CLARK, Secretary.
January 2, 1940.

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The Financial Situation

IN A political sense, at least, "economy" has become a live issue in Washington. The President, displaying his usual political cleverness, has sent to Congress a budget message which appears to have gained, or to be gaining, the status in the public mind of an "economy document," and plainly Congress is uncertain what to do with it. There are some indications that Congress itself will try its hand at political skulduggery, with the result that in the end it will be difficult to tell who wins or who loses in the political arena, whatever the public may lose in the process. The proposal of Senator Harrison for a Congressional committee to study the budget estimates, and indeed the entire budget situation, before action is taken is evidently and naturally under suspicion as fully as likely to result in a "whitewashing" of the state of affairs now existing as in anything else. The action of the House Appropriations Committee in forbidding its sub-committees to draft measures carrying larger appropriations than those proposed by the President may be a bona fide effort, as is now apparently believed in some quarters, at least, to prevent the farm groups from again adding more or less ad libitum to agrarian subsidies, and it may succeed, but it may also be hardly more than an attempt to throw back upon the President whatever onus may be attached to a reduction in these items, and not particularly successful in either outmaneuvering the President or helping the taxpayer. The answer to such questions and a number of others, as for example the strength of the determination on the part of some groups to inquire realistically into our so-called defense expenditures, now being made and proposed for the future, remains for time to furnish.

Meanwhile, confusion and fuzzy thinking about fiscal reform, not only among the politicians and others who might be excused for lack of clear perception, but also, we are afraid, among other groups in the community, are becoming more and more evident. Among that now large number of "economists" whose chief function is to forecast the future,

there is a growingly evident disposition to raise the question as to the course of business during the current year, should the President's "economy budget" be accepted without substantial change by Congress, and of course those with political leanings are beginning to wonder what will be the effects upon the approaching campaigns of a marked decline

in business activity stemming from "economy," in the months to come. Such uneasiness as this is hardly warranted in the premises, since in the first place the "economy budget" (even if accepted without change, including the \$460,000,000 in additional taxes) is not as drastic as it may seem, so far as "pump-priming" is concerned, and, moreover, the President is not very likely to hesitate to ask for further expenditures should he feel that there is political danger in not doing so. He has, of course, carefully prepared the ground for such additional requests. Should the \$700,000,000 which the President expects to obtain by "return of surplus funds from Government corporations," and which he subtracts from total expenditures to obtain a "net deficit," be obtained through utilization of now idle cash and the holdings of Government bonds by such corporations, this amount must be added to the deficit as reported before any estimate of the "pump-priming" effects of the budget is made.

A Serious Aspect

But the really serious aspect of the current discussion of the effect upon business of any "economy budget" at this time is of a different order. Whatever movement toward economy has been started in

Washington is without question the result of constantly reiterated demands from the business community for fiscal sanity. There can be little or no doubt that pressure stemming from a thousand appeals for lower expenditures and smaller deficits, and from predictions that business would not proceed normally and could not unless and until there was some real assurance of an abandonment of profligacy has been felt in political circles. Now, if at once, upon the initiation of a hesitant and half-hearted

Another Task Awaiting Us

We should remove as promptly as possible the present prohibitions and restrictions on the private possession of gold. We should resume specie payments, coining gold again and putting gold coins back into circulation. At the same time, gold certificates should be reinstated for the convenience of those who do not wish to use or hold sizeable amounts of gold coin. New imports of gold should be paid for in gold coin or negotiable gold certificates and the circulation of gold and gold certificates should be encouraged.

It is altogether probable that if gold were to be put back in circulation in the manner suggested, much would go out of sight in the private holdings of the people. To the extent that gold, in the form of coin or gold certificates, went out of sight or remained in general circulation, it would form a ready emergency reserve for future use. There have been many instances in monetary history where a gold circulation has proved its usefulness in times of national crisis. And at this time such gold as stayed out of circulation in private possession would reduce proportionately the menace of excess reserves.

We must all look forward to the day—and prepare for it—when the world will again find itself at peace. It is too soon to attempt a forecast of the influences which will determine the nature of that peace. But one thing is certain if peace, when it comes, is to have any real permanency, and that is that the multitudinous barriers which at the time of the outbreak of the war prohibited or unduly hampered trade between the nations of the world must be removed, and that a situation must be created in which goods may move freely and in volume over international boundaries. In the accomplishment of this result it is unavoidable that the United States, because of its great economic strength, will play a most important, if not controlling, role. There is no doubt in my mind but that one of the most vital contributions we will be in a position to make to the peace settlement is that which has to do with the problem of the stabilization of the exchanges between the constituent parts of the new political world which will be created by the treaties to be entered into at the end of the war.

We are already the possessors of 60% of the world's monetary gold stock. Before peace can be achieved this share may have risen further. In a large sense we are and will be the conservators of the world's monetary system. It is for this reason, as well as for ample reasons of our own, that we must take action now to preserve the monetary character of gold.—Report of the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chase National Bank to shareholders.

Here is another of those tasks that await us—in addition to balancing the budget.

movement in the direction of economy, there are to be heard predictions in some of these same quarters that adverse business effects will follow, how shall we ever persuade the politicians to do what is fiscally necessary if this country is ever to get back to solid ground? What danger that the spenders will presently be able to point the finger of scorn at the advocates of public economy, saying that they want economy in the abstract but quickly show that they are as afraid of it as any one else when it appears to be just beyond the horizon!

Yet it must be admitted that there is a certain substance in the arguments used by some of the observers of the day who are apparently beginning to fear that anything in the nature of an economy budget for the year ending June 30, 1941 may be reflected adversely in the business picture before many months have elapsed. The trouble is—and its nature is well understood, of course, by some of those who are now expressing these fears—that the matter is not as simple as it may appear to many. It has often been said, and it is true, that retrenchment after an orgy of spending such as we have been witnessing for the past six or eight years is necessarily painful in one degree or another, often excruciatingly painful for a period of time, however necessary it may be for the attainment of financial and industrial health. It is an open question whether with the best of management we could ever escape from the predicament into which New Deal spending has plunged us without paying the piper a high price, but there can be no question that we must escape, and escape in the only way possible—that is, by reversing the policies which have created this unwholesome condition. If this disagreeable but ultimately unavoidable task awaits us, what is there to be gained from delay? Certainly unless it can be shown that there is a definite and relatively certain profit in deferring the evil day, we should not wait until “a more convenient season,” since such a season will never arrive.

The argument must not, however, be permitted to rest here. The vital consideration in the whole matter concerns not such factors as these, but the scope of action planned. The question of making a definite about-face regarding the New Deal in its essence does not appear to have been raised in Washington, certainly not in any realistic or practical way. The question under debate there at present is limited largely to whether or not we shall reduce expenditures, and by what amount. As to this, it is true, and there is not the slightest reason why it should not be frankly asserted, that reduction in expenditures or in the deficit by any amount now actively in question is not likely in and of itself to make the difference between conditions which shackle business causing it to hesitate and to avoid long-term commitments and those which “create confidence” and liberate private initiative for the immense tasks ahead. It may well be indeed that “moderate” reductions in outlays unaccompanied by any convincing evidence of a real change of heart about spending for spending’s sake or of any determination to proceed systematically and perseveringly to break the grip of the lobbies now maintained by recipients of favors in Washington, and, equally important, without firm ground for belief that New Deal and New Deal-like policies which have nothing in particular to do with the budget but which are

insurmountable obstacles to business are definitely losing ground in Washington, would at least for the time being hurt current rates of business activity more than it helped them.

We Must Have More

The leaders in the business community and elsewhere who have been saying so often and so emphatically that given a chance business would soon solve the unemployment problem and the various other problems of a kindred sort with which the New Deal has so fervently, if so ill-advisedly, adopted as its own were and are, of course, right. There might or might not be a period of serious readjustment this year were business given such an opportunity, but the period would be quite short-lived, we feel certain, and would be followed by sounder and more satisfactory conditions than we have enjoyed for a long while past. Indeed we suspect that the real problem would be not that of preventing a long sustained and difficult depression but one of avoiding feverish activity and speculative excesses as a result of the inflationary policies of the New Deal which have pretty thoroughly poisoned the banking and credit mechanism of the country. The chief deterrent would naturally be the state of affairs existing abroad, but even here the difficulty would be more the fruit of uncertainty as to whether we should manage our affairs in such a way as to avoid entanglements. The real trouble is that mere reduction in expenditures, even if fairly substantial, is alone not enough to produce conditions of the sort in question. Drastic curtailment of expenditures we must have, but we must have much more.

Here is a matter of great importance. Unless it is understood by the rank and file, we shall not make much progress this winter or at any other time. What we must have is an abandonment of fiscal profligacy *accompanied by other alterations in policy equally as essential as balancing the budget*. Given these latter we need have no fear of the so-called deflationary effect of a reasonable budget, and without them it will prove difficult to balance the budget and such fiscal reform as is achieved is likely to be disappointing to many, however desirable such action unquestionably is. In fine, the needs of the situation are manifold, and it is not possible to tackle any one of them with reasonable hope of success and just expectation of the maximum of benefit. In the first place the man of affairs knows full well that so long as we retain the *policy* of large subsidies to the farmer, the shipowner, the airplane operator, and the others, and the *practice* of carrying the cost of all manner of so-called “social welfare” experimentation, the burden of taxation must remain heavy, and the outlook for a balanced budget uncertain to say the least. In these circumstances the difference between \$904,000,000 and \$1,317,000,000 for “aids to agriculture,” between \$641,000,000 and \$688,000,000 for public works, between \$308,000,000 and \$380,000,000 for “aids to youth” is not controlling when the business man has his plans for the future under consideration. His attitude is apt to be: For this much, many thanks, but evidently I must still proceed with circumspection in the confident belief that high taxes, probably continuing deficits, and consequent currency and credit disorders are definitely within the reach of possibility, if not probability.

That, however, is by no means the whole story. It has long been clear that many practical executives with large authority and influence in the business community are fully as much concerned with such matters as the National Labor Relations Act and the Board which administers this law as with the financial position of the Treasury or with taxes. The testimony which has been elicited and is being elicited in the current investigation of this situation makes the reason plain as a pikestaff. Yet there is as yet certainly no solid ground for great hope that some form of modification of the law and possibly some modification of practice on the part of the Board will not be the most to be obtained in relief during the current year, if that much is. The utility industry, long bedeviled with politics, has been a favorite scapegoat for Washington for the past six or eight years. There have been half-hearted cries of "Peace! Peace!" in this situation during past years but evidently, if one is to judge by the most recent developments, there is to be no peace.

Other Requirements

The investment banking business, so essential to a smooth flow of savings into productive enterprise, has been operating, so far as it has been able to operate at all, for years past under an increasingly painful regime established under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and amendments to these enactments. From large investment banker to small local dealer the industry is semi-prostrate. Yet the continuing aggressiveness of the Securities and Exchange Commission, with its never ending and always growing lists of rules and regulations, strongly indicate that there is to be no surcease of this sorrow, nor is there in evidence any great likelihood of obtaining relief from Congress this winter. The Temporary National Economic Committee, presumably with the full approval of the Administration, continues its investigations and its original line of conduct leading inevitably to uneasiness lest it presently recommend legislation adversely affecting not only the investment banker, in whom it appears for the moment to be chiefly interested, but many other elements in the population. There are movements afoot in Administration quarters looking toward drastic alterations in the anti-trust laws, which if enacted would be a thorn in the flesh of almost every business man of important affairs in the country. There is much both in the President's Annual Message and in more recent reports in circulation in Washington to keep business on tenterhooks regarding the management of our international relations and the danger of our becoming involved in wars which do not concern us, in consequence. The list might be extended almost indefinitely, but enough has been said to show that the Administration and the New Deal are precisely what they have always been, and what they have always been is what is now the trouble with business.

There is but one way by which Congress can contribute to the work of helping the country from the slough in which it has been laboring for years past — by doing whatever is necessary to make it possible for the business man to feel reasonably safe in proceeding with his plans for the longer term future. If the Government is ever to escape "from this business of relief," industry by not only providing the immediate needs of the day but by preparing itself

to meet the requirements of the future must "take up the slack." That in the very nature of the case it can do only if it feels reasonably certain of freedom from attack, from unnecessary taxation, from burdensome restrictions, and from the uncertainties of vagaries in public policies particularly perhaps regarding credit. In short, Congress must proceed not by picking hesitantly at this or that expenditure, but by drastic reduction in outlays at the same time that it strikes the shackles from the wrists of business. Let it do this latter, and we need have no particular fear of the adverse effects of a cessation of "pump-priming."

Federal Reserve Bank Statement

BANKING statistics this week again are affected mainly by the seasonal decline of currency in circulation, and by continuance of the gold movement toward the United States. Currency in circulation declined no less than \$118,000,000 in the week to Jan. 10, to a total of \$7,463,000,000. Monetary gold stocks of the country advanced \$50,000,000 in the same period to \$17,747,000,000. Much of the money promptly found its way into member bank reserves, and the excess reserves over legal requirements were estimated officially as of Jan. 10 at \$5,380,000,000, an increase for the statement week of \$110,000,000. The level now attained is only \$150,000,000 under the all-time high record of last Oct. 25, and even the former record bids fair to be exceeded in coming weeks. The pressure of such totals of idle funds is enormous, as the extremely low current money rates testify. But there is still no great tendency toward credit use and no evidence whatever of undue expansion. The condition statement of New York City weekly reporting member banks reflects an unseasonal increase of business loans by \$21,000,000 to \$1,693,000,000, but it is understood that the advance reflects short-term loans to large corporations, of the type which used to go to the ordinary capital market. Loans to brokers and dealers on security collateral fell \$19,000,000 to \$519,000,000.

Modest liquidation of Treasury bonds continues from the open market portfolio of the Federal Reserve banks. In the statement week to Jan. 10 holdings of United States Government securities fell \$7,000,000 to \$2,477,270,000, all of the decline taking place in Treasury bonds, which fell to \$1,344,045,000, while Treasury note holdings were motionless at \$1,133,225,000. The Treasury deposited \$79,904,000 gold certificates with the regional banks, raising their holdings of such instruments to \$15,384,025,000. Other cash of the regional banks advanced sharply, and total reserves gained \$134,754,000 to \$15,764,347,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation dropped \$61,534,000 to \$4,886,229,000. Total deposits with the regional institutions moved up \$136,921,000 to \$13,162,115,000, with the account variations consisting of an increase of member bank reserve balances by \$109,308,000 to \$11,829,930,000; an increase of the Treasury general account by \$4,359,000 to \$655,434,000; an increase of foreign bank balances by \$6,950,000 to \$409,375,000, and an increase of other deposits by \$16,304,000 to \$267,376,000. The reserve ratio moved up to 87.3% from 87.0%. Discounts by the Federal Reserve banks advanced \$34,000 to \$6,842,000. Industrial advances were off \$40,000 to \$10,843,000, while commitments to make such advances dropped \$51,000 to \$8,403,000.

Business Failures in December and the Calendar Year

COMMERCIAL failures in the final month of 1939 were the first of any month last year to compare unfavorably with the corresponding month of 1938, according to the records of Dun & Bradstreet. At the same time, however, they were contra-seasonally fewer (although only slightly) than in November. The explanation of the seemingly opposite trends is that the figures for December, 1938, were exceptionally small compared with the month preceding, as well as with other months of that year. It is therefore possible to regard the commercial solvency situation as slightly improved on the basis of last month's results.

December's failures numbered 882 involving \$12,078,000 liabilities, compared with 886 involving \$11,877,000 in November and 875 involving \$36,528,000 in December, 1938. The very large volume of liabilities in the last-mentioned month was largely because of the McKesson & Robbins disaster which broke at that time.

The results of the whole of 1939 were considerably better than 1938, but still inferior to 1937 and 1936 with respect to number of failures. The year's insolvencies involved, however, the smallest volume of liabilities of any year since 1919. Failures last year totaled 11,408 with \$168,204,000 liabilities in comparison with 12,836 and \$246,505,000 liabilities in 1938, 9,490 and \$183,253,000 in 1937, and 9,607 and \$203,073,000 in 1936.

The retail division accounted for more than half of last year's failures, with a total of 6,925, but these involved only about a third of aggregate liabilities. The group's insolvencies were just a thousand fewer than in 1938. The second largest group with respect to number of cases was the manufacturing, with 2,167 insolvencies for the year. However, liabilities involved were in greater volume in this division than in the retail, aggregating \$66,895,000. In 1938, 2,428 firms failed in this group. Wholesale failures numbered 1,256 in 1939 compared with 1,289 in 1938; construction, 582 compared with 625, and commercial service 478 compared with 569.

In December retail failures numbering 508 and involving \$4,176,000 liabilities were in fewer number than in December, 1938, when 527 firms failed for \$4,142,000 in this group. In all the other commercial divisions there were more failures last month than a year previous. Manufacturing failures last month numbered 179 with \$4,837,000, compared with 175 with \$6,285,000 in December, 1938. In the wholesale group 90 firms failed last month for \$1,262,000 in comparison with 88 for \$23,676,000 a year before. This was the group including McKesson & Robbins. Construction bankruptcies totaled 52 with \$1,057,000 liabilities as compared with 48 with \$797,000 in the same month of 1938. The commercial service division had 53 failures for \$746,000, while last year the same group had 37 involving \$1,628,000.

Comparing the December figures for the past two years on a geographical basis shows that the increase over the earlier period was almost wholly in the Western sections of the country. The New York Federal Reserve District was the only one east of Chicago to have a greater number of disasters, while in all west of that point, as well as the Chicago District, there was an increase over the year previous.

The New York Stock Market

CONTRASTING sharply with a rather well-maintained volume of general business in the United States, the New York stock market moved irregularly lower this week. At no time was there any pronounced buying, but the liquidation appeared to be persistent from time to time, and in the thin current markets this tended to depress levels materially. Commodity markets also reflected this general weakness, which necessarily relates to the widespread uncertainty of these days regarding both domestic and foreign affairs. In the sessions on Monday and Wednesday the stock market held its own. But the dealings on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday were marked by selling that increased as prices declined. All groups of equities suffered in this widespread liquidation, leading issues falling for the weekly period by one to four points, while others were off more moderately. Trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange was much under the 1,000,000-share mark in the first half of the week, when relative steadiness prevailed. It approached the 1,000,000 figure and finally passed that level yesterday, as selling pressure increased.

The decline in commodities doubtless exercised a sympathetically depressant effect upon the share market. Wheat and other grains tumbled in the pits, with the leading cereal again under the \$1 level. A heavy purchase of Canadian wheat by the British authorities failed to aid the market for that staple. The course of the European war and the possibility that the conflict rapidly will spread added to the worries of the markets, especially in the light of the fact that anticipated results of the conflict upon the American economy are not developing. Domestic political events are most unsatisfactory, mainly because the impression grows steadily that Mr. Roosevelt seeks to maneuver the Democratic party into a position where he will be nominated for a third term next summer. The Jackson Day dinners attended by leading Democrats bolstered this view. Study of the budgetary position of the country brought the realization that even added taxation for armaments requirements would not bring Federal fiscal affairs into anything remotely approximating a balance. Finally, it appears that the Securities and Exchange Commission and other administrative agencies in Washington are more determined than ever to push their bureaucratic controls, however deplorable the effect upon the country. The SEC virtually forced the vast Associated Gas & Electric Co. to seek reorganization Wednesday, by refusing to permit subsidiaries to transfer funds to the parent concern for payment of debt service. The sharp decline of the company's obligations on the Curb caused uneasiness also among holders of utility securities listed on the Big Board.

In the listed bond market the tendency was uneven, with high-grade investment obligations well maintained, while other securities drifted lower. United States Treasury and best-rated corporate bonds held to former levels. The receptiveness of the capital market was again indicated by rapid distribution of \$30,000,000 debentures of American Gas & Electric. Speculative railroad liens succumbed to the pressure of mild liquidation, and other groups of bonds with a speculative tinge likewise moved lower. Foreign dollar bond trading was quiet, with Scandinavians in better demand, owing to a \$10,000,000 United States Government loan to

Norway, and rumors of still other advances of this nature. In the commodity market the severe decline of wheat was paralleled by corn, rye and other staples. Base metals were relatively steady. Foreign exchange trading was quiet, with sterling around former levels. Gold continues to move toward the United States in heavy volume, which is the best available indication of the true state of the exchange situation.

Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange remained unchanged at 1%.

On the New York Stock Exchange the sales on Saturday were 341,820 shares; on Monday, 631,960 shares; on Tuesday, 671,350 shares; on Wednesday, 601,250 shares; on Thursday, 844,820 shares, and on Friday, 1,109,440 shares.

On the New York Curb Exchange the sales on Saturday were 62,050 shares; on Monday, 158,215 shares; on Tuesday, 148,075 shares; on Wednesday, 135,385 shares; on Thursday, 176,780 shares, and on Friday, 178,705 shares.

A gradual easing of values took place on Saturday of last week in a market where the volume of sales approximated about one-half of the total of the previous short session, the closing being characterized by irregularly lower price changes. Dull and narrow movements obtained on Monday as moderate priced issues commanded the greater share of trading interest. For the market as a whole the finish was firm and mixed. Opening prices on Tuesday ruled steady and quiet, but selling pressure was not long in making itself felt, and deterioration of prices followed. The peak of the downward movement was reached at midday, declines running to two points, with steel, chemical, aircraft and motor shares bearing the brunt of the attack. In the last hour activity was resumed, bringing with it some recovery in prices. The final result, however, was not affected in any material degree. An irregularly higher trend developed on Wednesday, induced by market interest in low-priced shares, which helped to lift the main body of stocks to a more favorable position. Mild liquidation in the closing hour left the market mixed and dull. A material increase in sales transactions occurred on Thursday as stocks experienced their sharpest losses the present year. The President's tax proposals, made public during the day, lent no encouragement to the market, but only added to the general uncertainty that has been an important deterrent to real progress. The morning session passed without any significant changes, but in the afternoon, under the leadership of steel shares, prices showed perceptible weakness and continued to lose ground right through the close, values breaking from one to three points. The market got off to a bad start yesterday as stocks sold lower on initial transactions. Sales volume made a record for the week, going well above the 1,000,000-share mark. By mid-afternoon the peak of the decline was reached, with major issues revealing losses of fractions to two points.

As compared with the closing on Friday of last week, final prices yesterday were generally lower. General Electric closed yesterday at $38\frac{3}{4}$ against $40\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y. at $30\frac{1}{2}$ against $31\frac{1}{2}$; Columbia Gas & Electric at $6\frac{1}{2}$ against 7; Public Service of N. J. at 40 against $41\frac{3}{8}$; International Harvester at $56\frac{1}{8}$ against $60\frac{3}{4}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 82 against $86\frac{1}{8}$; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 51 against $54\frac{3}{8}$;

Woolworth at 40 against $39\frac{7}{8}$, and American Tel. & Tel. at $169\frac{5}{8}$ against $172\frac{3}{4}$.

Western Union closed yesterday at $24\frac{1}{8}$ against $26\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Allied Chemical & Dye at 173 against 177; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at $179\frac{3}{4}$ against $183\frac{5}{8}$; National Cash Register at $15\frac{1}{4}$ against 16; National Dairy Products at $16\frac{5}{8}$ against 17; National Biscuit at $23\frac{1}{4}$ against 23; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $33\frac{1}{4}$ against $34\frac{3}{4}$; Continental Can at $43\frac{1}{4}$ against 43; Eastman Kodak at 161 against 166; Standard Brands at $6\frac{7}{8}$ against $6\frac{1}{2}$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 109 against 116; Canada Dry at $16\frac{7}{8}$ against $17\frac{5}{8}$; Schenley Distillers at $12\frac{5}{8}$ against $12\frac{3}{8}$, and National Distillers at $23\frac{1}{2}$ ex-div. against $24\frac{1}{2}$.

In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $22\frac{3}{4}$ against $23\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 18 against $19\frac{1}{4}$, and United States Rubber at 37 against 39.

Railroad shares were depressed this week. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 22 against $23\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at $22\frac{3}{4}$ against $23\frac{7}{8}$; New York Central at $16\frac{5}{8}$ against 18; Union Pacific at $93\frac{1}{8}$ against 96; Southern Pacific at $13\frac{5}{8}$ against $14\frac{3}{4}$; Southern Railway at $17\frac{5}{8}$ against $19\frac{1}{4}$, and Northern Pacific at $8\frac{3}{8}$ against $9\frac{1}{8}$.

The steel stocks figured prominently in the decline in equity values the present week. United States Steel closed yesterday at $60\frac{1}{8}$ against $65\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Crucible Steel at $37\frac{1}{4}$ against $41\frac{1}{2}$; Bethlehem Steel at $74\frac{1}{8}$ against 80, and Youngstown Sheet & Tube at $41\frac{1}{2}$ against 46.

In the motor group, Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 2 against $2\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; General Motors at $51\frac{3}{4}$ against $54\frac{3}{8}$; Chrysler at $82\frac{7}{8}$ against $88\frac{1}{8}$; Packard at $31\frac{1}{4}$ against $3\frac{3}{8}$, and Hupp Motors at $\frac{7}{8}$ bid against $\frac{7}{8}$.

Among the oil stocks, Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $43\frac{1}{2}$ against $46\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Shell Union Oil at $11\frac{7}{8}$ against $12\frac{3}{4}$, and Atlantic Refining at 21 against $21\frac{7}{8}$.

Among the copper stocks, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at $27\frac{1}{2}$ against $29\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; American Smelting & Refining at 48 against $50\frac{3}{4}$, and Phelps Dodge at 36 against $38\frac{1}{2}$.

In the aviation group, Curtiss-Wright closed yesterday at $9\frac{1}{2}$ against $10\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week, and Douglas Aircraft at $76\frac{1}{2}$ against 80.

Trade and industrial reports suggest a rate of activities at the start of 1940 which is little under the level of late 1939. Steel operations for the week ending today were estimated by American Iron and Steel Institute at 86.1% of capacity against 85.7% last week, 91.2% a month ago, and 51.7% at this time last year. Production of electric power for the week to Jan. 6 is reported by Edison Electric Institute at 2,473,397,000 kwh., against 2,404,316,000 kwh. in the previous week, and 2,169,470,000 kwh. in the same week of 1939. Car loadings of revenue freight in the week to Jan. 6 totaled 592,392 cars, according to the Association of American Railroads. This was a gain of 42,122 cars over the preceding week, and of 63,021 cars over the corresponding week of last year.

As indicating the course of the commodity markets, the May option for wheat in Chicago closed yesterday at $98\frac{3}{4}$ c. against 104c. the close on Friday of last week. May corn at Chicago closed yesterday at $57\frac{1}{4}$ c. against $59\frac{3}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last

week. May oats at Chicago closed yesterday at 39 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. against 40 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week.

The spot price for cotton here in New York closed yesterday at 11.21c. against 11.29c. the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber yesterday was 19.20c. against 19.10c. the close on Friday of last week. Domestic copper closed yesterday at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., the close on Friday of last week. In London the price for bar silver closed yesterday at 22 $\frac{3}{8}$ pence per ounce against 21 $\frac{9}{16}$ pence per ounce the close on Friday of last week, and spot silver in New York closed yesterday at 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., the close on Friday of last week.

In the matter of foreign exchanges, cable transfers on London closed yesterday at \$3.96 $\frac{1}{2}$ against \$3.93 $\frac{7}{8}$ the close on Friday of last week, and cable transfers on Paris closed yesterday at 2.24 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. against 2.23 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. the close on Friday of last week.

European Stock Markets

PRICE changes were modest this week on stock exchanges in the leading European financial centers, and trading was generally quiet, although a little activity developed early in the week at London. The war dominates all the foreign markets and every circumstance that appears to bear on the conflict affects the markets instantly. In London the forced resignation of War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha produced keen demand for gilt-edged securities, during the initial session of the week, on the assumption that the Cabinet rift would provide a "breathing space" for the markets and perhaps delay the inevitable resort to the long term capital market for war financing. When it appeared that Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain retains a firm grip on the Cabinet, realizing sales developed and the initial gains were modified. Home industrial stocks were quiet throughout, on the London Stock Exchange. The Paris Bourse reflected a degree of nervousness and apprehension during the first half of the week, but rallied somewhat in later sessions. The neutral market at Amsterdam was quiet at all times, and price variations were small. On the Berlin Boerse, levels were advanced a trifle in one session and dropped in the next, so that net changes for the week were inconsequential. All the European markets appear to be apprehensive about intensification of the war, which is held to be almost inevitable in coming months. There is also some fear of extension of the conflict among States on the rim of the current war area. These dread possibilities naturally have a subduing effect.

Reciprocal Trade Accords

WITH an election year upon us it would seem that fresh political obstacles now are being encountered to the conclusion of reciprocal tariff agreements under the plenary authority granted by Congress to President Roosevelt. In the exercise of such powers, Secretary of State Cordell Hull negotiated a score of agreements, some of which are now entirely inoperative owing to disappearance of the countries concerned, while others are of little immediate significance because of the war controls. No less than 11 of the pacts were concluded with Latin-American countries, and it was hoped that further arrangements would prove possible with the great countries far to the south. It was made known late last week, however, that accords contemplated with

Argentina and Uruguay could not now be brought to fulfillment. Official explanations of the circumstances, issued last Monday, leave no doubt that the danger of tariff concessions in the United States during a political year really occasioned the break. The entire reciprocal trade agreements program is under debate, of course, owing to lapse of the extraordinary authority next summer. The desire of the Administration for extension of the powers has been made plain and it now appears that even Secretary Hull, whose zeal for lower tariff barriers is unflagging, does not care to encourage political attacks by concessions to Argentina and Uruguay which might arouse the agricultural sections of the country. The incident somewhat resembles the recent decision not to press for a lowering of the 4c. import duty on copper in the proposed pact with Chile.

The complete collapse of the tariff negotiations with Argentina was admitted by the State Department in Washington late last week, after reports from Buenos Aires had suggested the inability of the two governments to agree. Surprisingly enough, one reason for the breakdown was the insistence of Washington upon quotas for the importation by the United States of Argentine linseed, canned beef and other products of a like nature. No one has thundered louder and longer against quota systems of import regulations than Secretary Hull, but it seems that he was willing to try even such expedients in order to win an accord with Argentina. But the latter country, quite understandably, found the United States concessions too meagre as a return for the concessions required of Argentina. The trade treaty negotiations with Uruguay are understood to have lapsed on the same general grounds. It was indicated in Washington that all negotiations were conducted in a most friendly and cordial atmosphere, and that the essence of this defeat is to be found in the "similarity in important respects of the export trade of Uruguay and Argentina with the United States." What all this comes to is another demonstration that the tariff is, indeed, a local issue, and one that holds dangers during an election year.

A joint statement, issued last Monday by the United States and Argentina, touched quite frankly on the circumstances that made it impossible to reach a satisfactory basis for the conclusion of an agreement. "In effect," the statement reads, "the Argentine Government, on the one hand, has not been able to admit that concessions to be obtained from the United States for their typical regular export products to that country, such as linseed and canned beef, among others, should be restricted through acceptance of a system of custom quotas which would tend to limit the possibility of expanding its shipments of the said products to that country. At the same time it has not been possible to accede to the adoption of commitments considered incompatible with an adequate financial policy and of defense of the currency. On the other hand, the Government of the United States, in accordance with its policy as invariably applied in the 22 agreements already negotiated, of not exposing domestic producers to material injury in the process of promoting healthy international trade through reciprocal concession, has felt obliged to insist on the limitations of the kind referred to above with respect to certain commodities. This divergence between

the two governments is recognized by both in the same frank and friendly spirit which has characterized the whole negotiations." Negotiations with Chile are said to be continuing, notwithstanding the lapse of the Argentine and Uruguayan conversations.

American Neutrality

OBSTACLES crop up almost daily to the maintenance by the United States of genuine neutrality in the European conflict, but the current difficulties are far less exacerbating than those of 1914 and 1915, and to some degree they are attributable entirely to domestic notions. The current tendency in Washington appears to be to make loans liberally wherever small countries are menaced or possibly will be menaced by the aggressions of great neighbors. The recent loan by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Export-Import Bank to Finland, in the amount of \$10,000,000, was paralleled on Wednesday by a similar advance to Norway. These advances are officially stated to be unrelated to the northern European conflict, but the question arises whether strict diplomatic correctness suffices in such a situation as now prevails. Unfortunately, such loans appear to have a distinct political tinge, and the business of lending "other people's money" in this manner possibly deserves greater study and care than mere sentiment might suggest.

Other neutrality problems that were presented this week are less domestic in nature. It was disclosed in Washington, late last week, that a State Department note had been dispatched last Dec. 14 to London, in which the British Government was notified quite properly of responsibility for damages to American vessels forced to enter the forbidden war zone for examination. The instance of British interference with the voyage of the *Mormacsun* between neutral ports brought the disclosure. In like manner the British authorities forced the liner *Manhattan* to halt at Gibraltar for examination last Saturday, but that ship was released after only a brief stay in the control port. That this is not entirely a one-sided matter was made known on Wednesday, when Washington revealed that a British protest against the working of our neutrality legislation had been made even before the act was passed. Discrimination against British vessels was the burden of the complaint. The shipping problems doubtless will prove adjustable, since there is evident good will on both sides.

Western Europe

WHATEVER respite the holiday season may have granted in the great war between the Anglo-French allies and the German Reich began to dissolve this week, under the impact of fresh sea and air attacks and counter-attacks. The warfare along the Franco-German border was intensified to a modest degree, but important moves are not expected at this time in that area. Larger patrols and scouting expeditions made up the developments on the Western Front, where wintry conditions give virtual assurance against any large-scale military operations, at least until the return of spring. In the air and at sea, however, surprises of all sorts are to be anticipated and some of them developed this week. The German command obviously decided to engage in a more determined effort to halt British shipping, and thus counter the complete British

blockade of the Reich's sea-borne commerce. The first important aerial raid on British shipping in more than a week was carried out Tuesday by German bombing planes, off the east coast of Scotland. Aided by a thin mist, the Germans attacked a convoyed group of vessels and reputedly sank several, while raking others with machine-gun fire. The raiders disappeared before British defense planes could reach the scene. On the same day a mine sank the 10,002-ton merchant ship *Dunbar Castle*, a British tanker and a Netherlands freighter. British aerial fighters retaliated on Wednesday by raiding the German bases on Sylt and Helgoland islands, with the extent of the damage uncertain. Waves of German airplanes descended Thursday on the east coast of England and Scotland, and numerous battles over the ocean were reported, although no bombs were dropped on land. Also reported on Thursday was the first instance of a British merchant ship destroyed by mines off the west coast of England.

These incidents quite possibly indicate that progression toward bitter, relentless and hateful warfare which seems inevitable unless some means can be found for restoring peace. Unfortunately, there appears to be little tendency on either side to seek a pacific solution of the differences. Preparations are being made for almost indefinite warfare, and hopes for peace are giving way to fears of enlargement of the area of conflict. The German war measures still take the form of privation for the populace, and ever greater sacrifices also in working hours. It was rumored in Berlin, Wednesday, that wages may soon be paid partly in scrip of the German Government. The British people readily accepted last Monday the system of rationing of bacon, butter and certain other foodstuffs which seems to be in inevitable accompaniment of modern warfare. To an ever greater degree the Allies now are turning toward the United States for supplies of war materials, which are available to all on a cash and carry basis. Important inquiries were noted at Washington for naval mines, and it was reported yesterday in New York City that a two-year program of airplane purchases here by the Allies may involve no less than 12,000 planes.

One highly important incident of the war, which still lacks clarification, was the dismissal from the British Cabinet, on Jan. 5, of the Secretary of State for War, Leslie Hore-Belisha. The reshuffling of the London Cabinet resulted in the elevation of Oliver Stanley from the Board of Trade to the War Ministry, and some changes also were made in the censorship bureau. No explanation whatever was offered for this Cabinet change and, as is usual in such circumstances, the matter probably was exaggerated in importance by rumors of internal dissension as to conduct of the war, appointment of staff officers, and other matters. The temperamental former War Secretary was almost made a national hero for a time, but Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain went his calm way and there is now every prospect that the Cabinet differences will receive a full airing next week, before the House of Commons. Well-informed London observers are intimating, meanwhile, that the change has no political significance and relates entirely to personalities. The French Government, likewise, appears still to be struggling with internal problems. Four Communist Deputies were ousted forcibly from the Chamber on Tuesday, because they failed to honor

the army, although all four were themselves enrolled as soldiers of France. The Communist Deputies were absent on Thursday, when Edouard Herriot, as the presiding officer, blistered the German-Soviet understanding and praised Finland.

Prime Minister Chamberlain made an important speech Tuesday before a distinguished audience at the traditional luncheon of the Lord Mayor of London. The British spokesman avoided any reference to the retirement of War Minister Leslie Hore-Belisha from the Cabinet, but he spoke at length in refutation of some German claims, and clarified to a modest degree the Allied intentions in the war. He declared, specifically, that Great Britain does not aim at the "annihilation" of the German people, but warned the Reich populace that prolongation of the conflict is their responsibility, as well as that of the tyrants who rule them. Endorsing recent utterances by President Roosevelt and Pope Pius, Mr. Chamberlain declared that "if the forces of right are to prevail we must not hesitate to risk our blood and our treasure for so great an end." In the course of the address the Prime Minister arraigned Germany for alleged mistreatment of Poles and Czechs, and made known that British aid to Finland would be "no mere formality." The relations of the Anglo-French allies never have been closer, according to Mr. Chamberlain, who expressed the hope that when the war is over the cooperation will continue and will embrace other nations of Europe, and perhaps the entire world.

Russia and Finland

SOLDIERS of the Republic of Finland continued this week to add to their laurels as they combated the Russian forces which attempted to invade their homeland, and a good deal of external aid now seems likely to make the Finnish defense even more promising than it has been during the first six weeks of the unprovoked Russian attack. The chronicle of military events is much like that of preceding weeks. In the so-called "waist" of Finland the battle raged bitterly, with the Russian 44th Division apparently intent upon salvaging what remains of the defeated 163d Division of the Soviet forces, which was decimated during the recent holidays. But the 44th Soviet Division itself went down to defeat at the hands of the Finns and of General Winter, the temperature still ranging far below zero and affording great aid to the defenders. The Finnish command announced the defeat of the fresh Russian troops last Monday, and estimates of the Russian casualties now vary from 50,000 to more than 100,000. The Finnish losses are said to be relatively small. Additional Russian forces are reported in the traps which the Finns seem to spread before their foes. But the overwhelming man-power of Russia remains a matter of concern, for it doubtless will play a more important role as daylight lengthens and the weather moderates in the northern reaches of Europe. The Soviet air force may well prove an important element in the conflict, as well, when conditions become more suitable for such operations.

External aid for Finland is of primary importance for the preservation of the small State, which alone resisted the encroachments of Russia upon the Baltic countries. The United States Government has extended a credit of \$10,000,000 to Finland for allegedly peaceful purposes, and it seems probable

that this sort of political loan will receive a deserved hearing in congressional debates. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain declared in an address last Tuesday that British aid to Finland will be "no mere formality." Some French assistance also is being extended to Finland. A number of neutral members of the League of Nations have indicated willingness to help the small victim of Soviet aggression. Perhaps the most important declaration of all was made Thursday by the Swedish King, Gustav V, who pledged to Finland "all the help possible that our situation permits." Just what that statement signifies, in view of threats of the involvement of Scandinavia in the great war of Europe, remains to be seen. For the time being the Finns assuredly have the upper hand, and it is at least possible to hope that this conflict will be settled before the situation changes. The decisive Finnish victories gained the admission from Moscow, early this week, that Russian forces had withdrawn "several kilometers." It was also reported that the military command of Red Army troops again is being changed. The danger is not to be denied, however, that these are only interim matters, subject to drastic revision if and when the Russian strength is concentrated on the Finland front.

Balkan and Baltic States

THROUGHOUT the ring of countries in Europe surrounding the war area, keen apprehension was reported this week lest the conflict spread and envelop the neutrals. Feverish diplomatic preparations for any such dread eventuality were in progress in some instances, while other countries merely reiterated a firm determination to resist any and all attacks. It is, of course, to the interest of the warring countries to embroil others. Efforts to gain allies were being made long before the battles began, and doubtless are being pushed now more vigorously than ever. From the tip of Scandinavia down to the end of the Balkan peninsula rumors and reflections of these endeavors were discernible, and it is an ever graver problem whether the conflict can be avoided by the small countries which might conceivably be of use to their larger neighbors in actual warfare. The real test possibly will be delayed until military adventures begin on a grand scale. Most observers now believe some great offensives will begin in the spring, and the possibility of a rapid spread of the area of conflict at that time is not to be taken lightly.

Aid to little Finland by Great Britain and France is one of the problems that now poses extraordinary difficulties for a number of neutral States. The allies have made no secret of their supply of airplanes to Finland, and debate is reported both in England and France on the advisability of declaring war against Russia. Obviously enough, any extensive assistance for Finland would have to pass through the Scandinavian countries, which are profoundly sympathetic toward Finland. The officially controlled German press took occasion, over the last week-end, to warn Sweden and Norway against the passage of Allied help to Finland, on pain of becoming battlefields in the conflict. The Allies also were accused by Reich spokesmen of seeking to establish bases in Scandinavia, and of aiming to prevent the exportation of Swedish iron ore to Germany. All too obviously, it would be equally to the advantage of Germany to embroil the Scandinavians on her

own side, although far more difficult to do so. Russian aims in the war are entirely unpredictable, but might also threaten Scandinavia with involvement if the Finnish defense were to collapse. Difficulties now experienced by Sweden and Norway have distracted attention from the plight of Holland and Belgium, but the low countries nevertheless remain most apprehensive. An official warning was issued at The Hague, last Saturday, that all violations of Netherlands neutrality will be met by force, regardless of their source.

With respect to the Balkan countries the Italian Government now is endeavoring to assume a decisive position, recent developments inclining some observers to the belief that Italy is siding slowly with the Allies in the great war. Count Stephen Csaky, the Hungarian Foreign Minister, conferred at great length over the last week-end in Venice with Italy's Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano. After the return of the Hungarian to Budapest it was announced on Monday that a defensive alliance had been concluded, subject to the signatures of the respective regimes. Terms of the agreement would not be published, it was stated, in order to avoid offense to Germany and Russia. The incident had all the earmarks of a diplomatic "feeler" or trial balloon, but possibly represents a more important step by Italy. Silence so far has been maintained at Berlin regarding the incident. One part of the understanding calls for lessened Hungarian demands upon Rumania, it is rumored. This suggests, once again, that Germany may have guaranteed Rumanian frontiers, and more evidence along that line was supplied last Saturday by King Carol, who declared in a bristling address that all present borders of Rumania will be defended to the last man. Early in the European war Rumanian forces were withdrawn almost entirely from Bessarabia, which the Russians still desire to regain. Just before King Carol made his speech it was announced at Bucharest that additional arrangements have been concluded for exchange of German goods for Rumanian raw materials. Russia and Bulgaria concluded a three-year pact of commerce and navigation. Possibly some of the riddles presented by these chessboard moves will be resolved at a meeting of the Balkan Entente, scheduled to take place at Belgrade in the opening days of February.

Spanish Reconstruction

LITTLE noted of late, because of the overwhelming considerations of the European war, are the difficulties being encountered by the Spanish Government and people in the reconstruction era which succeeded the long civil war. It would appear that the victory achieved by the fascist regime under the leadership of General Francisco Franco has not entirely quelled the loyalist opposition. Arrests of a dozen or so of fascist opponents are reported daily, while popular unrest seems to find a good breeding ground in high prices of almost all products, and shortages of butter, eggs, meat, and oil. Minute government regulations are said to cover all industrial activities, which suffer correspondingly. Some of the difficulties apparently are related to the Falangist plan to make Spain self-sufficient almost immediately, although years will be required to carry through such sweeping programs. Instructive, in this connection, is the difficulty being encountered by officials of the American-owned telephone

system of Spain, in efforts to reinstate American engineers and employees and thus repair the damages inflicted upon the system during the long civil war. Colonel Sosthenes Behn, President of the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp., endeavored for some months late last year to gain permission for such activities, but finally left Spain without having achieved his object. Madrid reports stated, late last week, that the United States Government has made representations on this matter. The Franco regime does not dispute the validity of the contracts governing the general operation of the system, and only the question of personnel is involved, it appears.

Japanese Cabinet

ANNOUNCEMENT yesterday that the Japanese Cabinet headed by Premier Nobuyuki Abe will resign tomorrow illustrates anew the high importance of the United States in the Far East, and also makes clear the difficulties and dangers of the policy being pursued by the Administration in Washington. The cardinal circumstance in Japanese policy during recent weeks and months has been the "appeasement" of the United States, with a view to preventing any embargo by this country on war material shipments after the existing trade treaty expires on Jan. 26. No formal steps toward an embargo have so far been taken in Washington, other than the denunciation of the commercial accord. It would appear, however, that the recent conversations in Tokio between Ambassador Joseph C. Grew and Foreign Ministry officials failed to lay the basis for that adjustment in United States-Japanese relations which Tokio desires. Since the prosecution of the Japanese undeclared war against China depends largely upon supplies from the United States, a delicate internal situation has been occasioned in Japan. The immediate course of affairs seems to suggest that the Japanese militarists once again are having their way, and it is a way that steadily has led toward antagonism between Japan and the United States. The Japanese army was reported last Wednesday as forcing the Abe Cabinet out, and this is now confirmed. Nor is this the only incident that reflects the steady deterioration of relations between Washington and Tokio. Much irritation prevails in Japan over the proposals for a vast expansion of the United States navy, the tendency there being to view the naval program as directed primarily against the Island Empire. Moreover, such authoritative voices as that of former Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson are being raised in the United States in behalf of a formal American embargo on war materials shipments to Japan.

Foreign Money Rates

IN LONDON open market discount rates for short bills on Friday are 1 1/16%, as against 1 1/8% on Friday of last week, and 1 1/8% for three-months' bill, as against 1 1/8—1 5/16% on Friday of last week. Money on call at London on Friday was 3/4—1%. At Paris the open market rate is nominal at 2 1/2% and in Switzerland at 1%.

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 Jan. 12	Date Effective	Previous Rate	Country	Rate in Effect Jan. 12	Date Effective	Previous Rate
Argentina	3½	Mar. 1 1936	--	Holland	3	Aug. 29 1939	2
Belgium	2½	July 6 1939	3	Hungary	4	Aug. 29 1935	4½
Bulgaria	6	Aug. 15 1935	7	India	3	Nov. 28 1935	3½
Canada	2½	Mar. 11 1935	--	Italy	4½	May 28 1936	5
Chile	3	Dec. 16 1936	4	Japan	3.29	Apr. 7 1936	3.65
Colombia	4	July 18 1933	5	Java	3	Jan. 14 1937	4
Czechoslovakia	3	Jan. 1 1936	3½	Lithuania	6	July 15 1939	7
Danzig	4	Jan. 2 1937	5	Morocco	6½	May 28 1935	4½
Denmark	5½	Oct. 10 1939	4½	Norway	4½	Sept. 22 1939	3½
Eire	3	June 30 1932	3½	Poland	4½	Dec. 17 1937	5
England	2	Oct. 26 1939	3	Portugal	4	Aug. 11 1937	4½
Estonia	4½	Oct. 1 1935	5	Rumania	3½	May 5 1938	4½
Finland	4	Dec. 3 1934	4½	South Africa	3½	Mar. 15 1933	4½
France	2	Jan. 4 1939	2½	Spain	*4	Mar. 29 1939	5
Germany	4	Sept. 22 1932	5	Sweden	3	Dec. 15 1939	2½
Greece	6	Jan. 4 1937	7	Switzerland	1½	Nov. 26 1936	2
				Yugoslavia	5	Feb. 1 1935	6½

* Not officially confirmed.

Bank of England Statement

THE Bank's statement for the week ended January 10 shows a further reduction of £11,295,000 in note circulation making a total decrease in the item since the record high of £554,616,000, established Dec. 27, of £18,484,000. In the corresponding period of 1938, there was a decline of £29,083,239 in outstanding circulation. That the return flow of currency should be at such a considerably slower rate at this time is of special interest because during the expanding period prior to Christmas, the outflow reported in the Bank's return was at about the same rate as in 1938. If, as the figures suggested, the rise in circulation was about seasonal, it was reasonable to expect that the return of currency would also be at the seasonal rate. Recent press advices from London appear to contain a reasonable explanation of the currency movement. According to these advices, postal money orders were temporarily accorded the status of legal currency, as a war-emergency measure; since, however, their status as legal tender now has been rescinded, they are being replaced by banknotes. It is not stated what amount of these postal orders were actually circulated. A fact which accounts for the slower return flow to some extent is that the corresponding statement of a year ago is one day later than the current one.

The Bank's nominal gold holdings in the latest statement week rose £17,222 which added to the drop in circulation resulted in a gain of £11,312,000 in reserves. The proportion of reserves to deposit liabilities recovered sharply as a result of the greater volume of reserves and a substantial net decrease in deposits. The proportion is now up to 24.1% from 16.9% a week previous and compares with 29.5% a year ago. Public deposits rose £10,660,000 while other deposits fell off £23,111,980. Of the latter amount, £12,917,958 represented a reduction in bankers accounts and £10,194,022, in other accounts. Government securities decreased £25,780,000 and other securities increased £2,042,021. Other securities consist of discounts and advances, and securities which rose £1,747,926 and £294,095 respectively. The Bank rate was not changed from 2%. Below we show the different items in the statement with comparisons for several preceding years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Jan. 10 1940	Jan. 11, 1939	Jan. 12, 1938	Jan. 13, 1937	Jan. 15, 1936
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	536,132,000	475,643,564	482,132,553	455,047,031	397,722,084
Public deposits	27,853,000	19,213,599	13,189,689	12,384,131	13,816,260
Other deposits	158,219,707	154,791,827	160,147,732	144,985,659	147,644,125
Bankers' accounts	115,719,249	118,138,912	123,368,148	106,720,106	110,105,314
Other accounts	42,500,458	36,652,915	36,779,584	38,265,553	37,538,811
Govt. securities	127,356,164	96,171,164	90,168,165	83,156,199	83,890,001
Other securities	31,656,763	44,442,376	36,302,673	33,326,515	32,556,245
Dist. & advances	6,304,551	22,121,700	15,795,057	12,520,596	20,029,255
Securities	25,352,212	22,320,676	20,507,616	20,805,919	12,526,990
Reserve notes & coin	45,013,000	51,422,305	64,931,258	58,986,304	63,115,208
Coin and bullion	1,145,533	127,065,869	327,063,811	314,033,355	200,837,292
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	24.1%	29.5%	37.40%	37.40%	39.07%
Bank rate	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Gold val. per fine oz.	168s.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.

Bank of France Statement

THE statement for the week ended Jan. 4 showed a further increase in the Bank's note circulation, namely 1,647,000,000 francs, which again raised the total outstanding to a new record high of 152,969,000,000 francs. Since the week prior to the present war the Bank's note circulation has expanded 32,991,000,000 francs. Temporary advances to State rose 560,000,000 francs to a total of 35,223,000,000 francs. A week ago advances to State totaled 34,663,000,000 francs, an increase of 2,391,000,000 francs in the week, instead of the erroneously reported total of 44,672,000,000 francs. The Bank's gold holdings remained unchanged at 97,266,717,845 francs, compared with 87,264,846,444 francs a year ago. A decrease appeared in balances abroad of 2,000,000 francs, in French commercial bills discounted of 581,000,000 francs and in creditor current accounts of 1,804,000,000 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities is now 57.96%, compared with 62.07% a year ago. Below we show the different items with comparisons for previous years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Changes for Week	Jan. 4, 1940	Jan. 5, 1939	Jan. 6, 1938
	Francs	Francs	Francs	Francs
Gold holdings	No change	97,266,717,845	87,264,846,444	58,932,730,028
Credit bals. abroad	-2,000,000	41,000,000	14,604,675	19,770,833
a French commercial bills discounted	-581,000,000	10,387,000,000	8,015,329,109	8,619,254,785
b Bills bought abrd		*67,664,512	804,521,183	874,599,276
Adv. against secur.	+95,000,000	3,577,000,000	3,685,861,662	3,908,989,616
Note circulation	+1,647,000,000	152,969,000,000	111,520,124,385	93,473,790,015
Credit current accts	-1,804,000,000	14,861,000,000	29,081,489,988	21,622,107,147
c Temp. advs. with- out int. to State	+560,000,000	35,223,000,000	20,627,440,996	31,908,805,755
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liab.	+0.06%	57.96%	62.07%	51.20%

* Figures as of Dec. 7, 1939.

a Includes bills purchased in France. b Includes bills discounted abroad. c In the process of revaluing the Bank's gold under the decree of Nov. 13, 1938, the three entries on the Bank's books representing temporary advances to the State were wiped out and the unsatisfied balance of such loans was transferred to a new entry of non-interest-bearing loans to the State. d A week ago advances to State totaled 34,663,000,000 francs, an increase of 2,391,000,000 francs in the week, instead of the erroneously reported total of 44,672,000,000 francs.

Revaluation of the Bank's gold (at 27.5 mg. gold 0.9 fine per franc) under the decree of Nov. 13, 1938, was effected in the statement of Nov. 17, 1938; prior to that date and from June 30, 1937, valuation had been at the rate of 43 mg. gold 0.9 fine per franc; previous to that time and subsequent to Sept. 26, 1936, the value was 49 mg. per franc, and before Sept. 26, 1936, there were 65.5 mg. of gold to the franc.

Bank of Germany Statement

THE statement of the Bank for the first quarter of January showed notes in circulation at 11,413,552,000 marks, a decline of 354,382,000 marks from the total record high of 11,797,934,000 marks the previous quarter. Gold and bullion fell off 225,000 marks to a total of 77,310,000 marks, compared with 70,773,000 marks a year ago. Bills of exchange and checks, investments, other assets, and other daily maturing obligations also recorded decreases, namely 172,379,000 marks, 149,986,000 marks, 524,400,000 marks and 401,124,000 marks respectively. The proportion of gold to note circulation is now 0.68%, compared with 0.66% the previous quarter (the lowest on record) and 0.99% a year ago. Below we show the various items with comparisons for previous years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Changes for Week	Jan. 7, 1940	Jan. 7, 1939	Jan. 7, 1938
	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks	Reichsmarks
Assets—				
Gold and bullion	-225,000	77,310,000	70,773,000	70,661,000
Of which dep. abrd		*	10,572,000	20,333,000
Res'v in for'n currency			5,738,000	5,753,000
Bills of exch. & checks	-172,379,000	11,219,843,000	7,226,300,000	5,327,132,000
Silver and other coin		371,044,000	167,873,000	168,900,000
Advances		38,845,000	44,093,000	47,787,000
Investments	-149,986,000	653,735,000	851,938,000	393,386,000
Other assets	-524,410,000	1,508,480,000	1,373,487,000	800,700,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation	-384,382,000	11,413,552,000	7,705,146,000	5,117,610,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig	-401,124,000	1,618,092,000	949,976,000	723,143,000
Other liabilities		624,500,000	420,402,000	330,600,000
Proportion of gold & for'n curr. to note circula	+0.02%	0.68%	0.99%	1.49%

* "Reserves in foreign currency" and "Deposits abroad" are included in "Gold coin and bullion." a Figures as of Dec. 7, 1939.

New York Money Market

MONEY market activity in New York was on a highly restricted basis this week, with rates unchanged in all departments. Bankers' bills and commercial paper appear in the market only in small amounts. The Treasury bill business which ordinarily is done in New York has all but vanished in the last week or two, owing to exceptional demand in certain Middle Western States where these instruments have a special usefulness in avoidance of capital funds taxes. The issue of \$100,000,000 bills due in 91 days sold by the Treasury last Monday went at slightly above par value, which means that the Treasury was paid to borrow the money. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange held to 1% for all transactions, while time loans again were 1¼% for maturities to 90 days, and 1½% 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. Rates continued nominal at 1¼% up to 90 days and 1½% for four to six months' maturities. The market for prime commercial paper has been slightly more active this week. The supply of paper has improved and the demand has been good. Ruling rates are ⅝%@1% for all maturities.

Bankers' Acceptances

THE market for prime bankers' acceptances continued quiet this week. High class bills are scarce and transactions have been light. 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 ½% bid and 7-16% asked; for bills running for four months, 9-16% bid and ½% asked; for five and six months, ⅝% bid and 9-16% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is ½% for bills running from 1 to 90 days.

Discount Rates of the Federal Reserve Banks

THERE have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve banks; recent advances on Government obligations are shown in the footnote to the table. 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 Jan. 12	Date Established	Previous Rate
Boston.....	1	Sept. 1, 1939	1½
New York.....	1	Aug. 27, 1937	1½
Philadelphia.....	1½	Sept. 4, 1937	2
Cleveland.....	1½	May 11, 1935	2
Richmond.....	1½	Aug. 27, 1937	2
Atlanta.....	*1½	Aug. 21, 1937	2
Chicago.....	*1½	Aug. 21, 1937	2
St. Louis.....	*1½	Sept. 2, 1937	2
Minneapolis.....	1½	Aug. 24, 1937	2
Kansas City.....	*1½	Sept. 3, 1937	2
Dallas.....	*1½	Aug. 31, 1937	2
San Francisco.....	1½	Sept. 3, 1937	2

* Advances on Government obligations bear a rate of 1%, effective Sept. 1, 1939 Chicago; Sept. 16, 1939, Atlanta, Kansas City and Dallas; Sept. 21, 1939, St. Louis

Course of Sterling Exchange

STERLING exchange is irregular and quiet. The market in all foreign exchanges is extremely limited. The present irregularity is due in part to the falling off in the demand which marked year-end operations and to the budget news from abroad. The British budget also was a limiting factor. A further

restrictive influence was the fact that beginning Jan. 8 the British authorities will put into effect new measures to check the flow of private funds from England. The changes in the British Cabinet also served to contract the volume of exchange transactions. In the New York free market the range for sterling has been between \$3.92⅞ and \$3.97 for bankers' sight bills, compared with a range of between \$3.90¾ and \$3.96 last week. The range for cable transfers has been between \$3.93⅜ and \$3.97⅜, compared with a range of between \$3.91¼ and \$3.96⅛ a week ago.

The Bank of England on Jan. 8 issued a new schedule of rates for the purchase and sale of foreign currencies, with the object of reducing the spread between buying and selling rates to correspond more nearly to the former free market quotations. The change has been expected in the foreign exchange market since October.

The following official exchange rates have been fixed by the Bank of England: New York cables 4.02½@4.03½; Paris checks 176½@176¾; Amsterdam 7.52@7.57; Canada 4.43@4.47. Berlin is not quoted. The lira is unofficially quoted at 77.50@77.75.

The rates for one-month future delivery in the foreign exchange market are officially fixed as follows: New York ¾c. premium to parity; Paris parity for both buyers and sellers; Amsterdam 1½ Dutch cents premium to parity; Brussels 2 centimes premium to parity; Zurich 3 centimes premium to parity.

Under a Treasury order effective Jan. 8 residents of the United Kingdom who desire to transfer sterling or sterling securities, whether by delivery or by registration, must obtain permission directly from the British Treasury. Previously a formal declaration was sufficient. However under a special exemption order, non-residents remain free to dispose of any sterling on their accounts and any sterling securities they may wish to sell. Bank of England approval will be required for transfers at less than full sterling market value, or where payment is to be effected in other currencies. Similar approval must be obtained by banks opening sterling credits involving payment of sterling from resident to non-resident account, payment for goods shipped from sterling to non-sterling countries, or payment in foreign currencies. Offers of sterling in the free market are expected to decline as a result of these restrictive regulations on the flow of private funds from England.

Declines in merchant ship losses in the war zone during the past few weeks were reflected in recent reductions in war risk insurance rates. The sharpest reductions apply on cargoes to certain ports in Sweden, Denmark and Norway, where rates on belligerents of \$7.50 and on neutrals of \$6.00 a \$100 were reduced to \$5.00 a \$100 for both belligerents and neutral flag vessels.

New capital issues in 1939 amounted to only £66,294,000, the lowest total on record, compared with £118,098,000 in 1938. The previous record low was £88,666,000 in 1931. Treasury approval has been required for all public issues since the beginning of the war, with the result that offerings in the last four months of the year were only £1,172,000.

The "Financial News" index of 30 industrial stocks, which is based on July 1, 1935 as 100, was 76.6 on Jan. 5, compared with 74.5 a month earlier. The index stood at 77.5 at the beginning of the war.

The London "Financial Times" Industrial index stood at 96.7 on Jan. 9, compared with 94.3 on Dec. 8. Reuter's index for industrials moved up to 89.1 on Jan. 9, compared with 87.8 on Dec. 22.

Strength and activity in gilt-edged securities marked the opening of the year, accompanied by advances in steel and textile shares due to war orders. An important factor in the improved tone of the market has been the Government's policy of maintaining low money rates and abundant credit in order to prepare the ground for the flotation of large war loans.

To insure the increase in export trade which is essential to success in the Allied war effort it is highly necessary that there should be no further depreciation in the British and French currencies. It seems entirely probable that the recent Anglo-French agreement provides ample guaranty against any further depreciation in the currencies at least for a period exceeding somewhat the duration of the war. All the major currencies of the world will be kept closely aligned to the value assigned to sterling by the London authorities. However, it seems extremely likely that after the war ends further depreciation must occur in all the leading currencies as a consequence of the vast debts accumulated and the stupendous volume of currency in circulation as a result of war inflation. With the cessation of hostilities great numbers of people will seek employment which will be obtainable only if the export trade is flourishing.

Viewed from whatever angle, it seems inevitable that the end of the war will witness a serious trade depression. Further depreciation in the pound and franc now would only add to the cost of the war. The amount of devaluation which currencies may suffer in the future must depend to a great extent upon the length and cost of the war. In some countries the fiscal systems must undoubtedly be revised. For instance, francs with a parity of 19.30 cents prior to 1914 and now around 2.25 cents can hardly suffer further depreciation without wrecking the present financial structure of France. At the end of 1931 as a result of Great Britain's departure from the gold standard the pound declined to 69% of its gold parity, and subsequent successive declines forced upon the unit by lack of confidence in the world's markets brought the pound down to only 49% of its former gold parity.

Contraction in the circulation of the Bank of England from the peak reached just after Christmas has been much slower than usual due, it is believed, to termination of the use as legal tender of a large volume of postal money orders, which were designated as legal currency as a war emergency measure. The exchange of these postal orders for banknotes has tended to keep circulation high, but doubtless the next few statements of the Bank of England will disclose a substantial decline in actual circulation. In the past two weeks circulation has declined by £18,484,000, bringing total circulation as of Jan. 10 to £536,132,000 from the all-time high record of £554,616,000 on Dec. 27.

The Bank of England's gold price continues at 168s. an ounce. Open market money rates have eased off slightly. Call money against bills continues in supply and unchanged from the past few weeks at $\frac{3}{4}$ % to 1%. There is a good demand for bills. Two-months bills are 1 1-16%, 3-months bills $1\frac{1}{8}$ %, 4-months bills 1 3-16%, and 6-months bills $1\frac{1}{4}$ %.

The Canadian Government has announced that it will issue its first war loan on Jan. 15 in the amount of \$200,000,000, with interest at $3\frac{1}{4}$ %.

By a recent order from Ottawa the chartered banks of Canada are to transfer all their gold coin by Jan. 15 to the Bank of Canada. The power to call in gold coin was vested in the Bank of Canada when it was created in 1935. The order in council also stated that after Jan. 15 the chartered banks will turn over all additional gold coin 30 days after it is acquired. The quantity of gold coins outstanding is extremely small and the Finance Department officials believe that the total value of such coins will not exceed \$100,000. Canadian exchange continues to follow the stable rate fixed by London and consequently rules at a discount in terms of the United States dollar. Montreal funds ranged during the week between a discount of $12\frac{1}{8}$ % and a discount of $11\frac{3}{4}$ %.

The amounts of gold imports and exports which follow are taken from the weekly statement of the United States Department of Commerce and cover the week ended Jan. 3, 1940.

GOLD EXPORTS AND IMPORTS DEC. 28 TO JAN. 3, INCLUSIVE

	Imports	Exports
Ore and base bullion.....	*\$1,532,199	\$647
Refined bullion and coin.....	56,136,421	1,588
Total.....	\$57,668,620	\$2,235
<i>Detail of Refined Bullion and Coin Shipments—</i>		
Belgium.....	\$7,836,955	-----
Norway.....	5,009,203	-----
Sweden.....	8,300,547	-----
United Kingdom.....	4,948,139	-----
Canada.....	22,620,825	-----
Cuba.....	-----	1,588
British India.....	1,214,687	-----
Australia.....	6,059,159	-----
New Zealand.....	146,906	-----

* Chiefly \$148,902 Canada, \$218,242 Chile, \$163,174 Peru, \$278,495 Venezuela, \$206,704 Philippine Islands, \$268,054 British Oceania.

Gold held under earmark at the Federal Reserve banks was increased during the week ended Jan. 3 by \$14,374,409.

The latest monthly report of the Department of Commerce showed that \$1,163,004,000 gold was held under earmark for foreign account as of Dec. 31, 1939.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady in dull trading. Bankers' sight was $\$3.92\frac{7}{8}$ @ $\$3.93\frac{5}{8}$; cable transfers $\$3.93\frac{3}{8}$ @ $\$3.94\frac{1}{8}$. On Monday sterling was firmer in limited activity. The range was $\$3.93$ @ $\$3.94\frac{5}{8}$ for bankers' sight and $\$3.93\frac{1}{2}$ @ $\$3.95$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was inclined to steadiness on a firmer basis due no doubt to the change in the London official quotations. The range was $\$3.94\frac{1}{4}$ @ $\$3.97$ for bankers' sight and $\$3.94\frac{1}{2}$ @ $\$3.97\frac{3}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Wednesday exchange was steady. Bankers' sight was $\$3.94\frac{1}{2}$ @ $\$3.95\frac{7}{8}$ and cable transfers were $\$3.94\frac{3}{4}$ @ $\$3.96\frac{1}{8}$. On Thursday sterling was steady in a very limited market. The range was $\$3.94\frac{5}{8}$ @ $\$3.95\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and $\$3.94\frac{7}{8}$ @ $\$3.95\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. On Friday the exchange market displayed no new features. The range was $\$3.95$ @ $\$3.96\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and $\$3.95\frac{1}{4}$ @ $\$3.96\frac{5}{8}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were $\$3.96\frac{1}{4}$ for demand and $\$3.96\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $\$3.94\frac{3}{4}$; 60-day bills at $\$3.93\frac{3}{4}$; 90-day bills at $\$3.93\frac{1}{4}$; documents for payment (60 days) at $\$3.93\frac{3}{4}$, and seven-day grain bills at $\$3.94\frac{3}{4}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $\$3.94\frac{3}{4}$.

Continental and Other Foreign Exchange

THE French franc continues to move more or less irregularly in the New York free market in sympathy with the quotations for the pound, but in terms of sterling the franc is steady on the basis of the new alignment fixed by London and agreed to by the French authorities. Heretofore the London rate

on Paris has been 176-177 francs to the pound. Under the new arrangement the rate is narrowed to 176½ to 176¾.

The year-end statement of condition of the Bank of France covering the week ended Dec. 28 showed that note circulation had reached a high of 151,-322,000,000 francs. In the current statement for Jan. 4 a further increase brings total circulation to a new high of 152,969,000,000 francs, an increase of about 36% over a year ago though only 6% over the Aug. 31 level. The growth in circulation must be ascribed to heavy Government spending and in some degree to private hoarding. The mounting circulation must in any event be regarded as inflationary.

Since the outbreak of the war the French Treasury has borrowed from the Bank of France approximately 14,500,000,000 francs, which is more than one-half of the total authorized against the war emergency. A certain amount of indirect borrowing is also reflected in the volume of open market operations which appears in the statement under the item "bills bought in France." These have increased in the current statement by 183,000,000 francs, included in the item "French commercial bills discounted," and now total 11,151,000,000 francs.

At the end of the 1914-1915 fiscal year gold coin and notes in France amounted to 11,000,000,000 francs. Since then they have increased thirteen times. As this advance is justified neither by the rise in prices nor by business activity, the greater part of the increase must be attributed to the hoarding of bank notes. Despite unfavorable factors the position of the Bank of France after four months of war is generally viewed in Paris as highly satisfactory. The gold reserves have not been touched since the war and are 10,000,000,000 francs higher than a year ago.

The Belgian currency continues to display the firmness which developed during the past few weeks. The belga, which on Dec. 16 was quoted at 16.35 cents in the New York free market, is now ruling around 16.80, despite the fact that Belgian business has suffered from the war and that a cabinet crisis developed last week when on Jan. 5 Premier Hubert Pierlot and his cabinet submitted their collective resignation to King Leopold. The new cabinet immediately formed by M. Pierlot is virtually only a slight shuffling of names. The real cause of the disturbed Belgian situation is the difficulty of the internal and external trade position. The finance ministry has been under the constant necessity of supporting the belga for some time. The essential weakness of the currency is reflected in the severe discounts on future quotations, with 90-day belgas at a discount of 45 points under the basic cable rate.

The London check rate on Paris closed on Friday at 176.50-176.75, against 176-177 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished at 2.24¼ and cable transfers at 2.24¼, against 2.23¾ and 2.23¾. Antwerp belgas closed at 16.86 for bankers' sight bills and at 16.86 for cable transfers, against 16.74 and 16.74. Italian lire closed at 5.05 for bankers' sight and at 5.05 for cable transfers, against 5.05 and 5.05. Berlin marks are not quoted in New York, nor is exchange on Czechoslovakia or on Poland. Exchange on Bucharest closed at 0.73½ (nominal), against 0.73½ (nominal). Exchange on Finland closed at 1.90 (nominal), against 1.90 (nominal). Greek exchange closed at 0.73 (nominal), against 0.73 (nominal).

EXCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war of 1914-1918 is steady though extremely limited in volume. These units generally move in close relationship to sterling. The Netherlands guilder despite the continuing prospect of invasion of the country is relatively firm so far as the spot rate is concerned. In the New York free market the guilder is ruling around 53.26-53.34, displaying irregularity. In mid-December the guilder was quoted around 53.10. The weakness in the unit is revealed in the severe discount on futures, with 90-day guilders 50 points under spot. The Swiss franc has been remarkably steady in the past few weeks. The new statement of the Bank of Switzerland as of the end of the year showed that note circulation rose 374,900,000 francs. Most of the decline in gold reserves represented official transfers for earmarking for account of the bank, mostly in New York. The ratio of gold to notes in the Swiss bank was 110.32% in the statement for the week ended Jan. 7.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 53.50, against 53.25 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 53.52, against 53.27; and commercial sight bills at 53.22, against 53.00. Swiss francs closed at 22.43½ for checks and at 22.43½ for cable transfers, against 22.43 and 22.43. Copenhagen checks finished at 19.33 and cable transfers at 19.33, against 19.33 and 19.33. Exchange on Sweden closed at 23.83 and cable transfers at 23.83, against 23.83 and 23.83; while exchange on Norway closed at 22.73 for checks and at 22.73 for cable transfers, against 22.73 and 22.73. Spanish pesetas are nominally quoted at 10.15, against 10.15.

EXCHANGE on the South American countries is generally steady with respect to official rates but the free market in Argentine and Uruguayan pesos shows a tendency toward softness. It is thought that the cessation of the trade parleys between the United States and the two South American countries is partly responsible for the weakness in the units.

Argentine pesos unofficial or free market rate closed on Friday at 22.70@22.75, against 22.55@22.60. Brazilian milreis are quoted at 5.13, against 5.13. Chilean exchange is quoted at 5.17 (nominal), against 5.19. Peru is nominally quoted at 20.00, against 19½.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries continues to follow the trend of the major currencies as represented by the pound sterling. A recent dispatch from Tokio states that control of the activity of Japanese financial institutions is to be tightened by the finance ministry in an endeavor to prevent further monetary inflation and to promote the absorption of Government issues.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 23.46, against 23.46 on Friday of last week. Hongkong closed at 24.75, against 24.54, Shanghai at 8.00, against 8.10; Manila at 49.85, against 49.90; Singapore at 47.75, against 47.75; Bombay at 30.19, against 30.15; and Calcutta at 30.19, against 30.15.

Gold Bullion in European Banks

THE following table indicates the amounts of gold bullion (converted into pounds sterling at the British statutory rate, 84s. 11½d. per fine ounce) 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—	1940	1939	1938	1937	1936
	£	£	£	£	£
England...	*579,296	127,065,869	327,063,811	314,033,335	200,837,292
France...	328,603,000	295,812,169	310,172,263	365,810,558	530,142,648
Germany...	b3,873,550	3,007,350	2,516,400	1,928,350	2,814,850
Spain...	c63,667,000	63,667,000	87,323,000	87,323,000	90,203,000
Italy...	a23,400,000	25,232,000	25,232,000	42,575,000	42,575,000
Netherlands	85,352,000	121,770,000	113,820,000	59,963,000	53,620,000
Nat. Belg'm	102,654,000	97,941,000	100,701,000	106,515,000	98,184,000
Switzerland	90,464,000	115,584,000	82,160,000	83,351,000	46,825,000
Sweden...	33,000,000	32,856,000	26,145,000	25,524,000	22,654,000
Denmark...	6,500,000	6,534,000	6,544,000	6,551,000	6,555,000
Norway...	6,666,000	8,487,000	7,515,000	6,603,000	6,602,000
Total week.	744,758,846	897,956,388	1,089,192,474	1,100,177,243	1,101,012,790
Prev. week.	748,087,387	1,098,642,128	1,087,598,797	1,100,360,845	1,101,058,980

* Pursuant to the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1939, the Bank of England statements for March 1, 1939 and since have carried the gold holdings of the Bank at the market value current as of the statement date, instead of the statutory price which was formerly the basis of value. On the market price basis (168s. per fine ounce) the Bank reported holdings of £1,145,533 equivalent, however, to only about £579,296 at the statutory rate (84s. 11½d. per fine ounce), according to our calculations. In order to make the current figure comparable with former periods as well as with the figures for other countries in the tabulation, we show English holdings in the above in statutory pounds.
 a Amount held Dec. 31, 1938, latest figures available. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany includes "deposits held abroad" and "reserves in foreign currencies." c As of April 30, 1938, latest figure available. Also first report subsequent to Aug. 1, 1936.

The Budget Message and Public Finance

Congress and the public have received the President's financial plans for the fiscal year 1941 with manifestations of doubt and disapproval unusual on such an occasion. Even the Democratic side of the House of Representatives was strangely silent during the reading of the long argument in support of public spending, and singularly unresponsive to the plea for 30% enlargement of military expenditures, with special taxes to prevent the increase from adding its entire weight to the anticipated deficit. Specifically, the estimates, for what they are worth, indicate that from July 1, 1940, to June 30, 1941, the total taxation revenues of the Federal Government will aggregate \$5,548,000,000, exclusive of social security payments, which are earmarked; that new appropriations will amount to \$8,101,000,000; leading to an excess of expenditures over income receipts of \$2,876,231,570. The public, or at least that portion of the public which has observed the remarkable variance between former fiscal prognostications offered under this Administration and ultimate realization, is, upon this occasion, less interested in the details or even the totals of the budget estimates than in the general tone and tendencies displayed in their introduction and exposition. This is but natural in view of the uniform experience represented by the following comparisons of the first five of Mr. Roosevelt's budgets with the results subsequently recorded in the official accounts:

Year Ended June 30	Budget Estimates	Actual Expenditures	a Percent Excess
1935	\$5,960,798,700	\$7,375,825,165	23.7
1936	8,520,413,609	8,879,798,257	4.2
1937	6,752,606,370	8,001,187,347	18.5
1938	*6,157,999,254	7,625,822,158	23.8
1939	6,869,043,000	9,210,091,580	34.1

* Estimates for relief were admittedly incomplete, although, in connection with the budget, the President suggested that \$1,537,123,000 should be enough. a Excess of actual expenses over estimates, percent.

If the unbudgeted relief item is added to the foregoing the total of the budget estimates for the five years appears as \$35,797,983,933 and the total of expenditures as \$41,092,724,507, an excess of expenses over estimates of \$5,294,740,574, or 14.8%, and averaging \$1,058,948,115 a year. Significantly, the estimates of tax receipts erred also in the direction of over-optimism, estimates being \$26,833,831,965 for the five years, while the actual returns proved to be only \$25,119,748,903.

Moreover, the President has this time contributed to the public's scepticism by certain unconcealed manipulations of the data as well as by visibly opening the way to future attempts to justify both larger expenditures than those now estimated and final deficits much greater than those now proposed.

With the eleventh successive deficit proclaimed as huge and inevitable, there can be little public satisfaction in being told that it can be kept barely below \$2,000,000,000, if appropriations that may yet become, in the presidential view, necessary can be avoided and if capital in large amounts can be withdrawn from some of the multitude of corporations which the Government has organized and financed for the purpose of conducting widely varied activities connected with the enlarged functions assumed under the New Deal.

It is, however, as an exposition of the novel political theories lately adopted by the President that the budget message of last week derives both its principal interest and its chief importance. When Mr. Roosevelt sought the presidency, in 1932, his repeated and reiterated complaint against Mr. Hoover and the Republican party was that they had not reduced expenditures in view of the depression but had incurred deficits in preference to rigidly curtailing the costs of government and forcing their aggregate to a point within the limit fixed by diminished receipts from taxation. This criticism he proclaimed upon many occasions and in terms strikingly vigorous and vehement.

At Pittsburgh, on Oct. 19, 1932, citing the expenditures of the years 1928 to 1931, far less than those of his own Administration, he declared that they represented "the most reckless and extravagant" waste that he had been able to discover in any peace-time record of any government, anywhere. He compared the Hoover regime to a "spendthrift," without discretion, willing to extend its taxing to the very "limit of the people's power to pay," unwilling to sacrifice any item in its spending, and hence well along upon the highway to national bankruptcy. "The one sound foundation of permanent economic recovery," he told his great and enthusiastic audience, is "a complete and honest balancing of the Federal budget." Furthermore, he pronounced against Mr. Hoover's management of the Government that it rested upon the intrinsic defect of being committed to the doctrine of centralized control, to aggrandizement of the Washington Government at the expense of the States and of home-rule, and that the unique route to economy and reform was "by eliminating functions, by abolishing many . . . boards and commissions which . . . have grown up as a fungus . . ." Even after his inauguration he continued to belabor Mr. Hoover's Administration for accumulating a deficit of \$5,000,000,000, which he described as an unmitigated evil and the chief source of the calamities afflicting the people.

Now, having almost completed his own cycle of eight years of control, and in his own time having accumulated, or estimated for the future years of his incumbency, deficits aggregating \$26,039,201,000, Mr. Roosevelt repudiates the views he once so strongly insisted upon and adopts those diametrically opposed to them, which, when attributed to his rival, he bitterly and unsparingly condemned. Not only does the President thus completely repudiate and reverse the doctrine on which he originally sought election, but he now attributes to his predecessor a policy of economy that he berates as vigorously as he formerly berated the opposite policy which he then charged upon the same opponent. The words in which Mr. Roosevelt last week attacked Mr. Hoover's newly alleged economies are singular indeed. He said:

"In the early thirties—prior to 1933—fiscal policy was exceedingly simple in theory and extraordinarily disastrous in practice. It consisted in trying to keep expenditures as low as possible in the face of a shrinking national income. Persistence in this attempt came near to bankrupting both our people and our Government."

With this amazing foundation the President proceeds, argumentatively but positively, to demand acceptance of a future minimum for annual Federal expenditures of about \$8,400,000,000. In other words, he proposes a permanent adjustment of the functions of the Federal establishment to a yearly outlay very largely in excess of the greatest amount ever collected from taxes in any year of the Nation's existence. It follows, therefore, either that the New Deal program calls for an interminable series of deficits, with a persistently growing Federal indebtedness and interest charges correspondingly increasing, or the President presumes the existence of unrevealed reservoirs of capacity to bear vastly enlarged taxation. With rather supercilious scorn for those who still adhere to the ideas of economy which he advocated in 1932 and 1933, Mr. Roosevelt now argues blandly in support of the extravagance and waste that he has fostered and attempts to justify the vast increase, in a time of peace, of the national debt, for which he is directly responsible. The least that can be said, therefore, for the budget message of last week, is that it clearly defines and simplifies the paramount issue now to be determined by this self-governing people. Henceforth it must be recognized as the declared policy of the New Deal to conduct the centralized Government in Washington in accordance with the taxing and spending policies of 1937, 1938, and 1939. The inventor and leader of the New Deal now current, utterly rejects the principle of financial administration which would insist upon substantial equality between receipts and expenditures and regularly and honestly balanced budgets. He no longer believes that excessive taxation is unjust taxation and that persistently to spend more than is received is to be on the direct road to bankruptcy. Like Micawber, he hopes that something will "turn up" to give the Government a windfall of substantially augmented revenues, but whether it does or not, the Government must, according to his doctrine, continue to spend and spend, to owe and owe, to borrow and to borrow more. Those who like that kind of government and the results to which it leads will continue to support the New Deal, whether in the person of Mr. Roosevelt or in that of some chosen disciple whom he may be pleased hereafter to select as his successor. They now know exactly what their leader proposes to give them, and the way to bring it to realization. Others may find food for thought and instruction in the ironical defense of prodigal government invented by Benjamin Franklin and printed in Poor Richard's Almanac. "The king's cheese," he wrote, "is half wasted in parings; but no matter, 'tis made of the people's milk."

Change the Law as Well as the Board

Although it has been in existence only a few short weeks, the Smith investigation of the Wagner Act has already rendered a service entitling it to foremost rank among the most beneficial of all such probes in recent years. Yet, curiously enough, there

is grave danger that its own outstanding success will prevent the accomplishment of one of the objectives that led to its creation, namely, amendment of the Wagner law. This danger arises from the fact that the committee's success may generate a widespread feeling that the battle to revise the statute is already won, whereas the task of forcing through such a revision may actually prove as difficult as before the hearings were instituted.

The Smith investigation is already successful because it has steadily and consistently turned up a stream of disclosures so sensational that all thinking citizens were forced to face the question—just what type of an agency is this National Labor Relations Board? More important, each disclosure was so strongly substantiated that no friend of the Board could complain that the probe was only publicizing the opinions of a prejudiced group or building up a case based on hearsay and rumor—accusations which have been directed at the Dies Committee.

Friends of the Labor Board have not been able to challenge the revelations of the Smith investigators, because all of the more important disclosures came not from employers or persons hostile to the law, but were developed from the statements of the Board's own employees and confirmed by correspondence and records drawn from its own files. Actually, therefore, the Board has been convicted by its own words and actions.

To students of the Wagner Act and its administration the Smith probe has not developed much that is absolutely new, but the value of its work lies in the fact that it has verified charges that, while widely believed and reported, had never been proven before, and it has established them with statements that attracted nation-wide attention. Thus, the by now familiar charge that the Board was biased against employers was illustrated in several ways, among them being the revelation that a Board employee threatened an employer: "I'll get you," and that he advised his superiors that certain employers were guilty of violating the Act long before the cases against them came to trial. It was shown, moreover, that ranking Board officials helped a Congress of Industrial Organizations union prepare its case against the Inland Steel Corp. (Just this week the Chicago Circuit Court of Appeals upset the Board's verdict in this case, censuring the trial examiner in the case for his conduct.) Finally, it was shown that Board member Edwin S. Smith plainly suggested, if he did not urge, retailers to boycott a hosiery firm which was involved in proceedings before the Board.

The familiar charge that the Board was biased against independent unions was illustrated by testimony from a former Board field employee who stated he was told to put petitions from independent unions "in the icebox." And the charge that the Board favored the C. I. O. was dramatically shown by the quoting of a Board trial examiner—the official who exercises the Board's judicial functions—as saying: "I'm working for the C. I. O."

Space does not permit a resume of all the telling points called to the Nation's attention by these hearings, but two others, in particular, need listing. It was shown that at least one Board employee tried, by utilizing his friends in the C. I. O.'s Newspaper Guild, to suppress news unfavorable to the Board, and that, in addition to all else, the Wagner Act

has suffered from a grossly incompetent administration. The new Board member, Dr. Leiserson, was shown to have protested repeatedly about incompetence and even to have urged the dismissal of the executive secretary of the organization.

The Smith probe has thus proved that the Wagner Act has suffered not only from an extremely biased administration but also from an incompetent one. And it has proven its points by sensational and well-substantiated disclosures.

Under such circumstances it may be asked how the probe can possibly prevent the amendment of the law. This very real danger arises from the fact that all the sensational revelations concern activities of particular Board employees and do not as such involve the Wagner Act itself. As a result, Administration leaders within and without Congress are already saying that the Smith probe has turned up nothing that reflects discredit on the law; that all of the evils so far revealed can be corrected or eliminated by a thorough housecleaning of Board personnel.

In fact, the strategy that New Dealers will employ to take the Wagner Act issue out of the political campaigns this year is already being described in Washington circles. This would be done, it is said, by kicking NLRB Chairman Madden "upstairs" to the Circuit Court of Appeals and appointing another so-called moderate like Dr. Leiserson to the Board, assuring the latter complete control of Wagner Act enforcement. This housecleaning accomplished, the New Dealers believe the Administration could safely assert that the Smith Committee's disclosures were ancient history and were by no means typical of the new Wagner Act administration.

However, this very strategy strikingly proves what has previously been advocated in the pages of the "Chronicle"—that the real need of the hour is for a thorough-going revision of the law, not the Board, regardless of the latter's bias and incompetence. For if it is possible to assure a more moderate administration of the Act by a change in the Board's membership, then it will be just as easy at some time in the future to change it back to one as radical as, or even more radical than, the present body.

If sound employment relations are the essential to orderly functioning of the capitalistic system, as most people believe, it is vital that the law regulating such relationships be definite, clear, and final. Many business men will consider that the present certainty of a prejudiced interpretation of the statute is not appreciably worse than continuing uncertainty as to whether the law would be administered with a conservative, moderate, or radical bias in the years that lie ahead.

The Smith Committee's disclosures should not cause anyone to forget that the highest courts have

been forced to uphold most of the extreme rulings that this incompetent, biased agency has produced. In its first session of the new year, for example, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld three of the Board's decisions, at least one of which has far-reaching implications.

Thus, in the longshoremen's case, the court refused to interfere with the Board's inclusion of all West Coast dock workers in a single bargaining unit under contract with the C. I. O., although workers in some Northwestern ports admittedly preferred the American Federation of Labor. On the basis of this verdict, the court might well uphold a somewhat similar decision of the Board, in the Pittsburgh Glass case, where it included a plant which preferred to bargain through an independent union in a single unit with other plants of the company which were bargaining through the C. I. O.

Although such rulings obviously deprive large groups of employees of their right to bargain collectively through unions of their own choosing, the Supreme Court unanimously decided that the Wagner Act expressly forbade its interference. The limitations the statute imposes upon the court's right to review Board actions cannot be reiterated too frequently. It was this limitation that led Justice Stone in the dockworkers' case to remark that complaints about the hardship imposed by the limited right of court review should be directed to Congress and not to the courts. It must not be overlooked, moreover, that a complete housecleaning of Board personnel would leave the courts still thus restrained.

Without doubt the Smith investigation will eventually turn from a consideration of Board bias and incompetence to the question of needed changes in the law. Yet, because the early disclosures concerned Board personnel alone, and because the impact of each new disclosure will naturally diminish as the sensations accumulate, the task of focusing the public's attention upon the truly basic need—amendment of the Act—is a difficult one. It will be made more difficult when and if the Administration starts to divert the public's attention by initiating its housecleaning of the Board. And it will be difficult, also, for the Smith Committee to dramatize the fundamental defects of the law as effectively as it has publicized the maladministration the statute has received.

For all of these reasons it is imperative that business and the public not be lulled into a false sense of security, into believing that the battle for revision of the Wagner Act is won, simply because of the splendid record of the Smith probe to date. It is an election year, and Congressmen will be inclined towards any compromise proposed by the Administration which might conceivably take the controversial Wagner Act out of politics.

Gross and Net Earnings of United States Railroads for the Month of November

Railroad operations for the month of November, 1939, affected the financial statistics of the carriers in the same moderately favorable manner noted during previous months of the great European conflict. The improvement in business conditions within the United States, although related only distantly to the war conditions abroad, caused a sharp advance of transportation revenues. This gain occurred at a particularly fortuitous moment, for the principal carriers of the country were struggling with the problem of entirely inadequate revenues when the domestic upswing developed, and gloomy predictions were current at the time of fresh adjustments of debt charges in some instances. The advance

of business aided the carriers materially, not only in avoiding new resorts to reorganization and debt composition appeals, but also in effecting much-needed physical repairs and betterments. There remains, however, the overshadowing question of the soundness and the continuance of the current rate of general business. The recent year-end reviews leave that problem confused and uncertain, for prophecy is even more difficult and dangerous than usual, at this time of international conflict. Equally vague and uncertain are the developments to be expected in the domestic sphere, as the country approaches a national election and matters of policy in every direction come up for study and redetermination.

Notwithstanding all necessary reservations, it remains encouraging that the railroads again were able to report for last November a degree of progress toward relatively sound and prosperous conditions. The advances were country-wide with respect to gross earnings, and almost equally general with regard to net revenues. Owing to the economy with which the transportation business now is carried on, a sizable proportion of the increase of gross was carried to the net figures, but it remains to be seen whether this tendency can be long continued, in view of needs for equipment and further maintenance of way expenditures. Gross earnings of the carriers for last November are \$367,571,031, against \$319,041,859 in the same month of 1938, an increase of \$48,529,172 or 15.21%. Almost exactly half the increase was absorbed by additional operating charges, but the other half was added to net revenues, which amounted to \$111,985,638, against \$88,374,743 in the preceding November, a gain of \$23,610,895, or 26.71%. We present these results in tabular form:

Month of November	1939	1938	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	
Mileage of 133 roads.....	233,325	234,095	-770	-0.32
Gross earnings.....	\$367,571,031	\$319,041,859	+\$48,529,172	+15.21
Operating expenses.....	255,585,393	230,667,116	+24,918,277	+10.80
Ratio of expenses to earnings..	(69.53)	(72.30)		
Net earnings.....	\$111,985,638	\$88,374,743	+\$23,610,895	+26.71

It is noteworthy that the general problems facing the railroads once again are reviewed in the annual report to Congress by the Interstate Commerce Commission, presented last Monday (Jan. 8). Quite correctly, the regulatory agency remarks that the recent increase of rail traffic will not, in itself, solve the rail transportation problem or render unnecessary constructive attempts to deal with that question. Legislation also cannot cure railroad ills, according to the ICC, which indicated an intention of not fostering "preventable and uneconomic waste" and aiding integration of various modes of transportation. The Commission expressed some doubt whether the subsidized and inadequately regulated competition of water, motor and other transportation agencies constituted the "prime trouble" of the railroads, and suggested that "attack upon such weak points as may exist in the armor of their competitors ought not to divert the railroads from the strengthening of their own internal defenses." With these general conclusions, the railroad managers doubtless will agree, but it remains true that the attitude of the ICC on many past occasions has been far from helpful.

We turn now to the general business considerations underlying the recent improvement in rail earnings. In order to indicate in a simplified form the measure of trade activity in relation to its bearing on the revenues of the railroads during the month under review, we have brought together in the table following the figures indicative of activity in the more important industries, together with those pertaining to grain, cotton and livestock receipts and revenue freight car loadings for the month of November, 1939, as compared with the corresponding month in 1938, 1937, 1932 and 1929. On examination it will be readily seen that, with the exception of the automobile industry and the building industry, the output of all the industries covered was on a greatly increased scale as compared with November, 1938. Receipts of cotton at the Southern outports were also on a greatly increased scale, and livestock receipts at the leading cattle markets (taking them collectively) were larger. And it follows, too, as a matter of course, that the number of cars of revenue freight moved was very much larger. On the other hand, receipts of the various farm products at the Western grain markets, with the exception of oats, barley and rye were much smaller than a year ago:

November	1939	1938	1937	1932	1929
Automobiles (units):					
Production (passenger cars, trucks, &c.) a..	351,782	372,413	360,055	59,557	217,573
Building (\$000):					
Constr. contr. awarded b	\$299,847	\$301,679	\$198,465	\$105,302	\$391,013
Coal (net tons):					
Bituminous.c.....	42,835,000	35,925,000	36,428,000	30,632,000	46,514,000
Pa. anthracite.d.....	3,946,000	3,803,000	4,439,000	4,271,000	5,820,000
Freight traffic:					
Car loadings, all (cars).e	x3,039,743	x2,528,137	x2,615,380	x2,189,930	x3,817,920
Cotton receipts, Southern ports (bales).f....	892,122	451,741	907,613	1,665,269	1,389,118
Livestock receipts: g					
Chicago (cars).....	8,245	7,504	10,178	12,776	19,105
Kansas City (cars).....	3,765	3,504	4,566	4,503	8,034
Omaha (cars).....	2,482	2,657	3,569	3,485	6,168
Western flour and grain receipts: h					
Flour (000 barrels)....	x1,620	x1,625	x1,529	x1,502	x1,818
Wheat (000 bushels)....	x12,136	x17,850	x14,849	x16,692	x18,499
Corn (000 bushels)....	x25,813	x32,465	x39,505	x11,395	x17,401
Oats (000 bushels)....	x5,828	x3,524	x7,121	x2,797	x6,381
Barley (000 bushels)....	x7,453	x5,622	x9,507	x3,150	x3,027
Rye (000 bushels)....	x1,410	x1,188	x1,411	x403	x1,498
Iron & Steel (gross tons):					
Pig iron production.k....	3,720,436	2,269,983	2,006,724	631,280	3,181,411
Steel ingot production.l..	5,462,616	3,558,363	2,154,365	1,032,221	3,521,111
Lumber (000 feet):					
Production.m.....	x1,157,586	x947,370	x871,292	x529,618	x1,382,103
Shipments.n.....	x1,141,380	x975,706	x787,830	x618,771	x1,157,509
Orders received.m.....	x292,783	x1,085,715	x754,692	x591,323	x1,072,634

Note—Figures in above table subject to:

a United States Bureau of the Census. b F. W. Dodge Corp. (figures for 37 States east of Rocky Mountains). c National Bituminous Coal Commission.

d United States Bureau of Mines. e Association of American Railroads. f Compiled from private telegraphic reports. g Reported by major stock yard companies in each city. h New York Produce Exchange. k "Iron Age." l American Iron and Steel Institute. m National Lumber Manufacturers Association (number of reporting mills varies in the different years). n Four weeks. o Five weeks.

All that has been said above applies exclusively to the railroads of the country as a whole. Turning now to the separate roads and systems, we find the exhibits in consonance with the figures shown in the general totals. The showing is a favorable one, with 57 roads reporting increases in gross earnings in excess of \$100,000 and 48 reporting increases in net above that amount. Only one road reports a decrease in gross earnings above \$100,000, and but four roads in the case of the net. Outstanding among the roads and systems distinguished for increases in both gross and net we find the Pennsylvania RR., which heads the list in both instances, with \$10,207,736 in gross earnings and \$2,672,308 in net earnings; the Baltimore & Ohio, showing \$4,528,341 in gross and \$1,932,741 in net; the New York Central, reporting \$3,366,178 in gross and \$1,239,072 in net; (these figures cover the operations of the New York Central and its leased lines; when, however, the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie is included, the result is an increase of \$4,069,796 in gross and of \$1,719,812 in net); the Duluth Missabe & Iron Range, showing \$1,795,548 in gross and \$1,497,863 in net, and the Chesapeake & Ohio, with \$2,114,160 in gross and \$1,363,740 in net. In the following table we show all changes for the separate roads and systems for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

	Increase		Increase
Pennsylvania.....	\$10,207,736	Atlantic Coast Line.....	\$437,303
Baltimore & Ohio.....	4,528,341	Pere Marquette.....	390,550
New York Central.....	3,366,178	St Louis-San Fran (2 rds)	387,648
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	2,114,160	Wabash.....	372,206
Duluth Missabe & Iron R	1,795,548	Delaware & Hudson....	358,914
Norfolk & Western.....	1,556,584	Virginian.....	356,706
Southern Pacific (2 rds.)	1,538,563	Yazoo & Miss Valley....	283,440
Erie.....	1,258,337	St Louis Southwestern..	268,935
Reading.....	1,184,691	Chicago Burl & Quincy..	259,053
Southern Ry.....	1,103,144	Cine New Orl & Tex Pac	254,560
Louisville & Nashville..	1,085,455	Lake Sup & Ishpeming....	224,278
Bessemer & Lake Erie....	822,527	Kansas City Southern....	212,475
Great Northern.....	807,891	Grand Trunk Western....	199,605
Elgin Joliet & Eastern..	796,324	Detroit Toledo & Ironton	194,652
N Y N H & Hartford....	792,596	Alton.....	179,244
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie..	703,618	Rich Fred & Potomac....	158,433
N Y Chicago & St Louis..	643,906	Clinchfield.....	152,645
Northern Pacific.....	613,711	Western Pacific.....	130,625
Western Maryland.....	603,490	Maine Central.....	129,303
Central of New Jersey..	595,722	Pitts & West Virginia....	121,197
Chicago Milw St P & Pac	569,599	Monongahela.....	120,090
Chicago & North West..	561,912	Gulf Mobile & Northern	111,219
Seaboard Air Line.....	553,814	Louisiana & Arkansas....	109,118
Lehigh Valley.....	552,962	Chicago St P Minn & Om	105,000
Boston & Maine.....	530,322	Texas Pacific.....	100,271
Del Lack & Western....	505,649		
Missouri Pacific.....	476,695	Total (57 roads).....	\$46,775,912
Wheeling & Lake Erie..	455,571		
Illinois Central.....	446,169		
Minneapolis & S S M....	439,627	N Y Ontario & Western..	\$114,319

a These figures cover the operations of the New York Central and the leased lines—Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, Michigan Central, Cincinnati Northern and Evansville Indianapolis & Terre Haute. Including Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, the result is an increase of \$4,069,796.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

	Increase		Increase
Pennsylvania.....	\$2,672,308	Del Lack & Western.....	\$232,317
Baltimore & Ohio.....	1,932,741	Virginian.....	243,426
Duluth Missabe & Iron R	1,497,863	Pere Marquette.....	194,630
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	1,363,740	Lake Sup & Ishpeming....	191,963
New York Central.....	1,239,072	Yazoo & Mississippi Val.	190,306
Norfolk & Western.....	1,238,021	Atlantic Coast Line.....	178,369
Southern Pacific (2 rds.)	1,133,102	Wheeling & Lake Erie....	151,281
Erie.....	733,716	Kansas City Southern....	150,230
Boston & Maine.....	634,323	Grand Trunk Western....	146,838
Great Northern.....	588,857	Chicago St P Minn & Om	137,695
Reading.....	579,477	Chicago Ind & Louis....	137,064
Elgin Joliet & Eastern..	553,190	Delaware & Hudson....	134,283
Bessemer & Lake Erie....	517,170	Cine N O & Tex Pac.....	126,448
Chicago & North West..	507,485	Detroit Toledo & Ironton	124,691
Chicago & St Paul & Pac.	480,740	Missouri Pacific.....	119,243
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie..	478,326	Rich Fred & Potomac....	116,662
Southern Ry.....	460,515	Clinchfield.....	114,257
Chicago & North West..	448,532	Chicago & Illinois Mid'd	108,426
Louisville & Nashville..	415,348		
N Y N H & Hartford....	409,644	Total (48 roads).....	\$23,534,143
Lehigh Valley.....	390,511		
Seaboard Air Line.....	385,116		
Northern Pacific.....	384,032	Union Pacific.....	\$434,888
Central of New Jersey..	366,337	Atch Top & Santa Fe....	424,621
N Y Chicago & St Louis..	343,238	Chicago Burl & Quincy..	229,631
St L-San Fran (2 rds.)..	314,571	Denver & Rio Gr West..	110,962
Minneapolis & S S M....	311,800		
Western Maryland.....	296,239	Total (4 roads).....	\$1,200,102
Wabash.....			

a These figures cover the operations of the New York Central and the leased lines—Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, Michigan Central, Cincinnati Northern and Evansville Indianapolis & Terre Haute. Including Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, the result is an increase of \$1,719,812.

In view of the foregoing, it is no surprise to find that when the roads are arranged in groups, or geographical divisions, according to their location, that all the three great districts—the Eastern, the Southern and the Western—as well as all the different regions comprising these districts (with the single exception of the Central Western region in the Western District, which reports a decrease in the case of the net)—show gains in both gross and net earnings alike. It will be noted, too, that the percentage of increases shown by several of the regions in the case of the net earnings is quite high, that of the Northwestern region reaching 49.31%; of the Central Eastern region 41.61%, and of the New England region 40.24%. Our summary by groups is as below. As previously explained, we group the roads to conform with the classification of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The boundaries of the different groups and regions are indicated in the footnote to the table:

SUMMARY BY GROUPS—MONTH OF NOVEMBER

District and Region	Gross Earnings			
	1939	1938	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%
Eastern District—				
New England region (10 roads).....	14,188,141	12,554,594	+1,633,547	+13.01
Great Lakes region (23 roads).....	67,962,541	59,239,307	+8,723,234	+14.72
Central Eastern region (18 roads).....	81,996,130	62,133,446	+19,862,684	+31.96
Total (51 roads).....	164,146,812	133,927,347	+30,219,465	+22.56
Southern District—				
Southern region (28 roads).....	45,691,219	40,759,306	+4,931,913	+12.10
Pocahontas region (4 roads).....	24,675,768	20,489,885	+4,185,883	+20.42
Total (32 roads).....	70,366,987	61,249,191	+9,117,796	+14.88
Western District—				
Northwestern region (15 roads).....	40,877,857	35,573,307	+5,304,550	+14.91
Central Western region (15 roads).....	65,333,532	63,553,493	+1,780,039	+2.80
Southwestern region (20 roads).....	26,845,843	24,738,521	+2,107,322	+8.51
Total (50 roads).....	133,057,232	123,865,321	+9,191,911	+7.42
Total all districts (133 roads).....	367,571,031	319,041,859	+48,529,172	+15.21

District & Region	Net Earnings					
	1939	1938	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%		
Eastern District—						
New Engl. region.....	6,747	6,782	4,050,504	2,888,153	+1,162,351	+40.24
Great Lakes region.....	26,209	26,265	19,009,177	14,492,978	+4,516,199	+31.16
Cent. East. region.....	24,557	24,683	25,487,221	17,998,166	+7,489,055	+41.61
Total.....	57,513	57,730	48,546,902	35,379,297	+13,167,605	+37.21
Southern Dist.—						
Southern region.....	38,361	38,556	12,764,139	10,634,503	+2,129,636	+20.02
Pocahontas region.....	6,065	6,049	12,494,302	9,532,453	+2,961,849	+31.07
Total.....	44,426	44,605	25,258,441	20,166,956	+5,091,485	+25.24
Western Dist.—						
Northwest'n region.....	45,698	45,551	12,870,593	8,619,689	+4,250,904	+49.31
Cent. West. region.....	56,385	56,550	18,625,767	18,680,006	-54,239	-0.29
Southwest'n region.....	29,303	29,359	6,683,935	5,528,795	+1,155,140	+20.89
Total.....	131,386	131,760	38,180,295	32,828,490	+5,351,805	+16.30
Tot. all districts	233,325	234,095	111,985,638	88,374,743	+23,610,895	+26.71

NOTE—Our grouping of the roads conforms to the classification of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the following indicates the confines of the different groups and regions:

EASTERN DISTRICT
New England Region—Comprises the New England States.
Great Lakes Region—Comprises the section on the Canadian boundary between New England and the westerly shore of Lake Michigan to Chicago, and north of a line from Chicago via Pittsburgh to New York.
Central Eastern Region—Comprises the section south of the Great Lakes Region east of a line from Chicago through Peoria to St. Louis and the Mississippi River to the mouth of the Ohio River, and north of the Ohio River to Parkersburg, W. Va., and a line thence to the southwestern corner of Maryland and by the Potomac River to its mouth.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
Southern Region—Comprises the section east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio River to a point near Kenova, W. Va., and a line thence following the eastern boundary of Kentucky and the southern boundary of Virginia to the Atlantic.
Pocahontas Region—Comprises the section north of the southern boundary of Virginia, east of Kentucky and the Ohio River north to Parkersburg, W. Va., and south of a line from Parkersburg to the southwestern corner of Maryland and thence by the Potomac River to its mouth.
WESTERN DISTRICT
Northwestern Region—Comprises the section adjoining Canada lying west of the Great Lakes Region, north of a line from Chicago to Omaha and thence to Portland, and by the Columbia River to the Pacific.
Central Western Region—Comprises the section south of the Northwestern Region west of a line from Chicago to Peoria and thence to St. Louis, and north of a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Mexican boundary to the Pacific.
Southwestern Region—Comprises the section lying between the Mississippi River south of St. Louis and a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso, and by the Rio Grande to the Gulf of Mexico.

We also find the cotton movement over Southern roads in November, last year, was very much larger than in the previous year, both as regards shipments overlaid on the staple and receipts of cotton at the Southern outports. Gross shipments overlaid reached 210,953 bales in November, 1939, as against only 140,669 bales in November, 1938, but comparing with 223,897 bales in the same month of 1937. Back in 1932 the November cotton shipments totaled only 82,172 bales, and in November, 1929, were but 67,874 bales. In the table which follows we give the details of the port movement of the staple for the past three years:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN NOVEMBER, 1939, 1938 AND 1937, AND SINCE JAN. 1, 1939, 1938 AND 1937

Ports	Month of November			Since Jan. 1		
	1939	1938	1937	1939	1938	1937
Galveston.....	257,651	140,672	266,322	1,200,723	1,180,030	1,499,793
Houston, &c.....	283,616	148,334	209,397	1,427,308	1,195,122	1,394,818
New Orleans.....	299,685	119,670	358,312	1,323,507	1,153,652	1,925,565
Mobile.....	18,398	5,995	25,111	96,988	103,195	304,689
Pensacola, &c.....	—	1,741	—	14,833	5,862	33,689
Savannah.....	5,877	3,742	7,896	39,845	45,721	159,359
Charleston.....	4,971	1,155	17,094	30,095	48,215	189,278
Wilmington.....	1,483	2,496	1,937	10,150	28,542	18,220
Norfolk.....	1,645	2,734	11,517	17,745	29,144	51,538
Corpus Christi.....	2,700	20,769	4,869	270,822	366,169	455,434
Brownsville.....	492	—	—	40,498	—	—
Lake Charles.....	1,175	2,308	4,265	44,336	42,647	72,309
Beaumont.....	14,196	1,796	321	41,790	18,880	18,879
Jacksonville.....	233	329	572	2,136	1,819	6,005
Total.....	892,122	451,741	907,613	4,560,776	4,218,998	6,129,576

Note—In the figures for 1938 and 1937 Brownsville was included in Corpus Christi.

The grain traffic over Western roads (taking them as a whole) fell far below that of November, 1938, and also that of November, 1937. In the present instance, the shrinkage was due to the large falling off in the receipts of wheat and corn, especially the latter, the receipts of oats, barley and rye having run heavier than a year ago. Altogether, the receipts at the Western primary markets of the five cereals—wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye—in the four weeks ended Nov. 25, 1939, totaled only 52,640,000 bushels, as against 60,689,000 bushels in November of the previous year and 72,393,000 bushels in the same four weeks of 1937, but comparing with only 34,437,000 bushels in 1932 and but 46,806,000 in the corresponding period of 1929. In the subjoined table we give the details of the Western grain movement in our usual form:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS
Four Weeks Ended Nov. 25

(000 Omitted)	Year	Flour	Wheat	Corn	Oats	Rye	Barley
		(Bbls.)	(Bush.)	(Bush.)	(Bush.)	(Bush.)	(Bush.)
Chicago.....	1939	872	397	8,444	821	88	1,171
	1938	838	991	13,134	979	41	903
Minneapolis.....	1939	—	5,013	4,232	2,090	769	3,644
	1938	—	3,354	4,124	761	410	2,090
Duluth.....	1939	—	1,671	1,028	966	226	879
	1938	—	5,530	1,237	419	416	782
Milwaukee.....	1939	29	2	745	42	194	1,216
	1938	69	99	749	49	31	1,458
Toledo.....	1939	—	348	1,088	802	7	1,022
	1938	—	254	933	276	16	5
Indianapolis and Omaha.....	1939	—	785	4,405	290	22	17
	1938	—	805	5,106	327	55	—
St. Louis.....	1939	492	659	1,865	212	28	144
	1938	476	520	1,894	170	49	189
Peoria.....	1939	142	123	1,453	329	56	243
	1938	145	116	2,109	102	85	194
Kansas City.....	1939	85	2,071	1,649	117	2	—
	1938	97	4,966	2,253	146	—	—
St. Joseph.....	1939	—	105	448	79	—	—
	1938	—	237	551	187	—	—
Wichita.....	1939	—	932	18	4	—	—
	1938	—	938	54	100	54	—
Sioux City.....	1939	—	30	438	85	18	33
	1938	—	40	411	8	31	41
Total all.....	1939	1,620	12,136	25,813	5,828	1,410	7,453
	1938	1,625	17,850	32,465	3,524	1,188	5,662

11 Months Ended Nov. 25

(000 Omitted)	Year	Flour	Wheat	Corn	Oats	Rye	Barley
		(Bbls.)	(Bush.)	(Bush.)	(Bush.)	(Bush.)	(Bush.)
Chicago.....	1939	10,545	25,875	76,927	20,652	1,976	11,555
	1938	9,957	29,022	129,077	22,408	2,781	9,383
Minneapolis.....	1939	1,161	87,242	15,051	24,713	11,153	46,051
	1938	3	56,313	27,826	16,207	8,538	31,960
Duluth.....	1939	—	48,923	11,552	9,997	4,101	7,655
	1938	—	49,701	25,292	15,902	6,958	14,014
Milwaukee.....	1939	809	4,052	6,564	617	458	18,676
	1938	830	5,911	12,521	986	517	23,099
Toledo.....	1939	13	11,396	4,906	8,848	176	206
	1938	—	10,059	5,306	6,415	130	123
Indianapolis & Omaha.....	1939	22	27,020	30,189	8,900	567	162
	1938	—	27,421	35,162	11,683	492	13
St. Louis.....	1939	5,971	25,792	11,170	3,063	249	1,790
	1938	5,465	21,906	27,194	4,492	298	1,643
Peoria.....	1939	2,009	2,533	19,207	3,289	789	2,719
	1938	1,940	2,832	24,458	3,225	829	2,819
Kansas City.....	1939	909	77,205	9,719	2,210	52	—
	1938	704	94,228	10,822	2,692	—	—
St. Joseph.....	1939	—	6,490	1,997	1,861	—	—
	1938	—	6,165	2,814	2,037	—	—
Wichita.....	1939	—	28,186	40	33	—	—
	1938	—	19,701	112	104	54	—
Sioux City.....	1939	—	1,430	2,749	943	179	706
	1938	—	1,616	3,225	436	317	970
Total all.....	1939	21,439	346,144	190,071	85,126	19,702	89,524
	1938	18,899	324,903	303,809	86,587	20,914	84,024

Finally, we add a summary of the November comparisons of the gross and net earnings of the railroads of the country for each year back to and including 1909:

Month of November	Gross Earnings				Mileage	
	Year Given	Year Preceding	Inc (+) or Dec. (-)	Per Cent	Year Given	Year Preced'g
1909.....	\$242,115,779	\$207,816,169	+\$34,299,610	+16.50	226,204	222,966
1910.....	246,650,774	245,651,263	+999,511	+0.41	237,596	233,340
1911.....	241,343,763	243,111,388	-1,767,625	-0.73	234,209	231,563
1912.....	276,430,016	244,461,845	+31,968,171	+13.07	237,376	233,305
1913.....	269,220,882	278,364,475	-9,143,593	-3.28	243,745	241,452
1914.....	240,235,841	272,882,181	-32,646,340	-11.96	246,497	242,849
1915.....	306,33,317	240,422,695	+66,310,622	+27.58	249,910	245,858
1916.....	330,258,745	306,606,471	+23,652,274	+7.71	248,863	245,058
1917.....	360,062,052	326,757,147	+33,304,905	+10.19	242,407	241,621
1918.....	438,002,283	356,438,875	+81,563,408	+23.0	232,274	232,529
1919.....	436,436,551	439,029,989	-2,593,438	-0.59	233,032	232,911
1920.....	592,277,620	438,038,048	+154,239,572	+35.21	235,213	233,839
1921.....	484,440,498	590,468,164	-126,027,666	-21.34	236,043	234,972
1922.....	523,748,483	466,130,328	+57,618,155	+12.36	234,748	235,679
1923.....	530,106,708	522,458,208	+7,648,500	+1.46	253,589	253,793
1924.....	504,589,062	530,724,567	-26,135,505	-4.92	236,309	236,122
1925.....	531,742,071	504,781,775	+26,960,296	+5.34	236,726	235,917
1926.....</						

Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury—Receipts in Fiscal Year 1939 Were \$5,668,000,000, Decrease of \$574,000,000 from Preceding 12 Months—Marked Rise in Expenditures for Recovery and Relief—Federal Debt Reached New High of \$40,439,500,000

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, in his annual report to Congress made public Jan. 8, revealed that Treasury receipts in the fiscal year 1939 in general and special accounts totaled \$5,668,000,000, a decrease of \$574,000,000 from the preceding 12 months. Most of the decrease in receipts, according to the report, was accounted for by a decline of \$434,000,000 in current corporate and individual income taxes, while customs revenues declined by \$40,000,000. Meanwhile, Federal expenditures increased sharply for recovery and relief purposes, and as a result the Federal debt rose \$3,274,000,000 to a new all-time high of \$40,439,500,000. The deficit for the fiscal year amounted to \$3,601,000,000, as compared with \$1,384,000,000 in the 1938 fiscal year.

The report showed that miscellaneous internal revenues and income taxes accounted for 78% of all receipts, while pay roll taxes amounted to 13% of the total and customs receipts 6%.

The report presents as follows a comparison of receipts for 1938 and 1939:

RECEIPTS BY MAJOR SOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1938 AND 1939 *
[In Millions of dollars]

Source	1938	1939	Increase or Decrease (—)
Internal revenue:			
Income taxes:			
Current corporation x	1,145.6	963.4	—182.2
Current individual	1,189.0	937.4	—251.6
Back taxes	251.6	250.6	—1.0
Excess-profits tax	36.6	27.1	—9.5
Total income taxes (collection basis)	2,622.8	2,178.5	—444.3
Adjustment to daily Treasury statement (unrevised)	11.8	3.8	—8.0
Total income taxes (current cash basis)	2,634.6	2,182.3	—452.3
Tax on unjust enrichment (collection basis)	6.2	6.7	.5
Adjustment to daily Treasury statement (unrevised)	—5	—2	.3
Tax on unjust enrichment (current cash basis)	5.7	6.5	.8
Miscellaneous internal revenue taxes:			
Capital stock	139.3	127.2	—12.1
Estate	382.2	332.3	—49.9
Gift	34.7	28.4	—6.3
Distilled spirits and wines (incl. special taxes) x	294.5	324.3	29.8
Fermented malt liquors (incl. special taxes) x	273.2	263.3	—9.9
Tobacco x	567.8	579.8	12.0
Stamp	46.2	41.1	—5.1
Manufacturers' excise taxes:			
Gasoline	203.6	207.0	3.4
Automobiles, trucks, tires, tubes, and parts or accessories	89.6	91.5	1.9
Electrical energy	38.5	39.9	1.4
Lubricating oils	31.6	30.5	—1.1
All other z	53.5	28.0	—25.5
Total manufacturers' excise taxes	416.8	396.9	—19.9
Telegraph, telephone, cable and radio facilities, &c.	24.0	24.1	.1
Transportation of oil by pipe line	12.5	11.0	—1.5
Admissions	20.8	19.5	—1.3
Coconut, &c., oils processed x	13.3	9.1	—4.2
Bituminous coal Act of 1937	3.2	3.3	.1
Sugar Act of 1937	30.6	65.4	34.8
All other miscellaneous	13.2	11.3	—1.9
Total miscellaneous internal revenue taxes (collection basis)	2,272.2	2,237.0	—35.2
Adjustment to daily Treasury statement (unrevised)	7.3	—5.0	—12.3
Total miscellaneous internal revenue taxes (current cash basis)	2,279.5	2,232.0	—47.5
Pay-roll taxes:			
Carriers and their employees	149.5	109.4	—40.1
Social Security	593.2	631.0	37.8
Total pay-roll taxes (collection basis)	742.7	740.4	—2.3
Adjustment to daily Treasury statement (unrevised)	11.9	.1	—11.8
Total pay-roll taxes (current cash basis)	754.6	740.5	—14.1
Total internal revenue taxes (collection basis)	5,643.8	5,162.5	—481.3
Adjustment to daily Treasury statement (unrevised)	30.5	—1.3	—31.8
Total internal rev. taxes (current cash basis)	5,674.3	5,161.2	—513.1
Customs	359.2	318.8	—40.4
Total internal revenue taxes and customs (current cash basis)	6,033.5	5,480.0	—553.5
Miscellaneous receipts:			
Proceeds of Government-owned securities:			
Foreign obligations	.6	.5	—0.1
All other	65.0	58.4	—6.6
Seigniorage	35.6	22.8	—12.8
All other miscellaneous receipts	107.0	106.1	—0.9
Total miscell. receipts (current cash basis)	208.2	187.8	—20.4
Total receipts, general and special accounts (current cash basis)	6,241.7	5,667.8	—573.9

* The detail of income taxes, miscellaneous internal revenue taxes, and other internal revenue taxes is on the basis of internal revenue collections with totals adjusted to basis of daily Treasury statement (unrevised). Customs and miscellaneous receipts are shown on the basis of the daily Treasury statement (unrevised). General and special accounts are combined.

x Collections for credit to trust funds are not included.

z Receipts from various manufacturers' excise taxes repealed as of July 1, 1938, included.

Note—Figures are rounded to nearest tenth of a million and will not necessarily add to totals.

From the report we also quote:

The proportion of total receipts derived from income and related taxes on individuals and corporations has increased greatly since 1934. The proportion derived from commodity levies in the aggregate, including the customs has decreased on net balance although there was a slight increase in the percentage in 1939 over the previous year.

Individual and corporate income taxes, which constituted from one-half to three-fifths of total receipts in 1932 and prior years, constituted 38% of the total receipts in 1939. Social security taxes, which were first collected during the fiscal year 1937, constituted about 11% of total receipts in 1939. While the estate tax constituted 6% of total receipts in 1939 as it did in 1938, the absolute amount collected from this source was smaller than in the previous year. Miscellaneous receipts, not in the main of tax origin, which had large significance in the decade or more when the Government was realizing upon its war investments and loans, have been comparatively small in the past few years.

Expenditures

Total expenditures of the Federal Government under general and special accounts amounted to \$9,268,000,000 in the fiscal year 1939, an increase of \$1,577,000,000 over the previous year.

The table that follows shows in summary form the major changes in expenditures between the fiscal years 1938 and 1939.

EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR FUNCTIONS, FISCAL YEARS 1938 AND 1939 *
[On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised) and of classifications of the Bureau of the Budget. In millions of dollars.]

Class	1938	1939	Increase or Decrease (—)
Ordinary:			
National defense	980	1,056	76
Veterans' pensions and benefits	572	545	—27
Agricultural adjustment program	362	782	420
Interest on the public debt	926	940	14
Social security and railroad retirement	834	960	126
Government employees' retirement funds	73	75	2
Commodity Credit Corporation—capital impairment	94	—	—94
All other	805	833	28
Total	4,646	5,191	545
Public works:			
Public buildings	77	51	—26
Public highways	237	205	—32
Rivers and harbors	98	75	—23
Reclamation projects	65	79	14
Tennessee Valley Authority	42	41	—1
Grants to public bodies	190	379	189
Flood control	61	80	19
Other	110	201	91
Total	880	1,111	231
Unemployment relief:			
Direct relief	154	104	—50
Civilian Conservation Corps	326	290	—36
Work relief	1,516	2,283	767
Total	1,996	2,677	681
Loans and subscriptions to stock, &c. (net)	104	231	127
Debt retirement	65	58	—7
Total expenditures	7,691	9,268	1,577

* Classification includes both general and emergency funds.

The increase of \$545,000,000 in the ordinary expenditures of the Government during the fiscal year 1939 was due principally to an increase of \$420,000,000 in expenditures under the agricultural adjustment program. Expenditures for national defense increased \$76,000,000, including expenditures for the construction of naval vessels, aircraft, and subsidiary works to meet provisions of the naval treaties of 1922 and 1930. Expenditures under the Social Security and Railroad Retirement Acts increased by \$126,000,000 during the year, due principally to larger transfers to the trust accounts established under these Acts.

No expenditures were made to repair the capital of the Commodity Credit Corporation during the fiscal year 1939. Expenditures of \$120,000,000 applicable to the fiscal year 1939 were made in the fiscal year 1940, however, in accordance with the Act of Aug. 9, 1939.

Public works expenditures increased \$231,000,000 during the year. This increase was due principally to increases in grants to public bodies by the Public Works Administration, primarily under the Act of June 21, 1938. Unemployment relief expenditures increased by \$381,000,000, mainly as a result of an increase in the expenditures of the Works Progress Administration, including the National Youth Administration.

Loans and subscriptions to capital stock, surplus, &c., (net), amounted to \$231,000,000 during the year, an increase of \$127,000,000 over the previous year.

Public debt retirements amounted to \$58,000,000 in the fiscal year 1939. A detailed discussion of public debt operations and expenditures is presented below.

Deficit

The deficit for the fiscal year 1939, in general and special accounts, amounted to \$3,601,000,000. If public debt retirements are deducted, the net deficit for the year amounted to \$3,542,000,000. This compares with a net deficit of \$1,384,000,000 for the previous year.

The Public Debt

The gross public debt outstanding at the close of the fiscal year 1939 amounted to \$40,439,500,000, an increase of \$3,274,800,000 since June 30, 1938. This increase is accounted for as follows:

Excess of expenditures	\$3,600,514,404.95
Less:	
Public debt retirements incl. in expenditures	\$58,246,450.00
Excess of receipts over expenditures in trust and other special accounts, excluding retirements of National bank notes	889,783,478.81
	948,029,928.81
Plus: Increase in General Fund balance	\$2,652,484,476.14
	622,307,619.52
Increase in gross public debt	\$3,274,792,095.66

The net changes during the year in the various classes of securities which constitute the outstanding debt are shown in the two tables which follow, classified as to public and special issues. The first table presents a comparison of the amounts outstanding at the beginning and at the end of the year, and the second shows, in summary form, the issues and maturities or redemptions of the interest-bearing debt.

COMPARISON OF PUBLIC DEBT OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 1938 AND 1939, BY CLASSES

[On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised)]

Class	June 30, 1938	June 30, 1939	Increase or Decrease —
Interest-bearing:	\$	\$	\$
Public Issues:			
Bonds:			
Pre-war and postal savings bonds	196,759,920.00	196,470,660.00	-289,260.00
Treasury bonds	21,846,029,950.00	25,213,322,650.00	3,372,292,700.00
U. S. savings bonds	1,237,672,854.05	1,868,149,115.86	630,476,261.81
Adjusted service bonds of 1945	318,701,250.00	282,894,650.00	-35,806,600.00
Total bonds	23,599,163,974.05	27,565,837,075.86	3,966,673,101.81
Treasury notes	9,146,922,950.00	7,242,709,700.00	-1,904,213,250.00
Treasury bills	1,154,164,000.00	1,307,569,000.00	153,405,000.00
Total public issues	33,900,250,924.05	36,116,115,775.86	2,215,864,851.81
Special series:			
Adjusted service bds., Govt. life insurance fund series	500,157,956.40	500,157,956.40	
Treasury notes	1,277,717,000.00	1,983,196,000.00	705,479,000.00
Cts. of indebtedness	897,800,000.00	1,286,500,000.00	388,700,000.00
Total special series	2,675,674,956.40	3,769,853,956.40	1,094,179,000.00
Total int.-bearing debt	36,575,925,880.45	39,885,969,732.26	3,310,043,851.81
Matured debt on which int. has ceased	141,362,460.26	142,283,140.26	920,680.00
Debt bearing no interest	447,451,974.74	411,279,538.59	-36,172,436.15
Total gross debt	37,164,740,315.45	40,439,532,411.11	3,274,792,095.66
Balance in General Fund	2,215,917,913.00	2,838,225,532.52	622,307,619.52
Gross debt less balance in General Fund	34,948,822,402.45	37,601,306,878.59	2,652,484,476.14

x Current redemption value (cash receipts plus earned accruals less redemptions).
 ISSUES AND MATURITIES AND REDEMPTIONS OF INTEREST-BEARING DEBT, FISCAL YEAR 1939

[On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised)]

Interest-Bearing Debt	Amount Issued	Amount Matured and Redeemed
Public Issues:		
Pre-war and postal savings bonds		\$289,260.00
Treasury bonds	\$3,372,301,700.00	9,000.00
United States savings bonds	\$712,476,469.81	\$82,000,208.00
Adjusted service bonds of 1945	6,561,350.00	42,367,950.00
Total bonds	\$4,091,339,519.81	\$124,666,418.00
Treasury notes	1,197,833,800.00	3,102,047,050.00
Treasury bills	5,227,365,000.00	5,073,960,000.00
Total public issues	\$10,516,538,319.81	\$8,300,673,468.00
Special series:		
Treasury notes	\$818,062,000.00	\$112,583,000.00
Certificates of indebtedness	1,749,000,000.00	1,360,300,000.00
Total special series	\$2,567,062,000.00	\$1,472,883,000.00
Grand total	\$13,083,600,319.81	\$9,773,556,468.00

x Cash receipts of \$684,495,389.81 plus earned accruals of \$27,981,080.
 y Current redemption value.

The computed annual interest charge, on the basis (unrevised) of the interest-bearing debt outstanding at the beginning and at the end of the year, increased from \$947,084,058 to \$1,036,937,397, and the computed average rate of interest increased from 2.589 to 2.600%. The net expenditures for interest during 1939 amounted to \$940,539,764. During the year \$29,756,765 was credited to the interest account on account of premium received from the issuance of Treasury bonds and Treasury notes upon refunding transactions in March, 1939. This had the effect of reducing the interest expenditures during the year below what they otherwise would have been.

The open market operations during the year included: (1) Five offerings of Treasury bonds, (2) four offerings of Treasury notes, (3) weekly offerings and redemptions of Treasury bills, and (4) the continued sale of United States savings bonds.

In discussing Treasury financing during the 1939 fiscal year, the report said, in part:

Cumulative Sinking Fund

Credits accruing to the cumulative sinking fund during the year amounted to \$580,890,487 which with the unexpended balance of \$1,131,293,790 brought forward from the previous year made \$1,712,184,277 available for the year. Only \$48,514,500 of this amount was applied to the redemption of the public debt—the entire amount for the retirement at par of Treasury notes maturing during the year and presented for cash redemption. The unexpended balance of \$1,663,669,777 was carried forward to the fiscal year 1940.

General Fund

The General Fund includes all moneys of the Government deposited with and held by the Treasurer of the United States including the moneys covered into the Treasury which can be withdrawn only in pursuance of an appropriation by Congress. Every receipt of the Treasury, from whatever source, and every expenditure, of whatever nature, affect either the assets or liabilities, or both, of the General Fund shown in the daily statement of the Treasury. The total amount of the assets over and above the total amount of the liabilities represents the balance in the General Fund available to meet Government expenditures.

The assets in the General Fund consist of gold, silver, currency, coin, unclassified collection items, &c., and deposits to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States and other Government officers, in Federal Reserve banks, special depositaries account of sales of Government securities, national and other bank depositaries, foreign depositaries, and the treasury of the Philippine Islands.

The liabilities of the General Fund consist of outstanding Treasurer's checks, deposits of certain Government officers composed of balances to the credit of the Post Office Department, the Board of Trustees, Postal Savings System, and postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c., and uncollected items, exchanges, &c.

The balance in the General Fund is classified according to increment on gold, seigniorage, and working balance.

The net change in the balance of the General Fund from the beginning to the close of the fiscal year is accounted for as follows:

ANALYSIS OF THE CHANGE IN THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE BETWEEN JUNE 30, 1938, AND JUNE 30, 1939

[On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised)]

Balance, June 30, 1938	\$2,215,917,913.00
Add:	
Ordinary receipts:	
General and special accounts	5,667,823,625.59
Trust accounts, increment on gold, etc.	1,917,361,983.80
Net increase in gross public debt	3,274,792,095.66
Total funds available	\$13,075,895,618.05
Deduct:	
Expenditures chargeable against ordinary receipts:	
Gen'l & special accts.	\$9,268,338,030.54
Less public debt retirements	28,246,450.00
	\$9,210,091,580.54
Trust accts., increment on gold, &c.	\$1,033,075,810.44
Less Nat'l bank note retirements	5,497,305.45
	1,027,578,504.99
Total expenditures (excluding retirements of public debt and National bank notes)	10,237,670,085.53
Balance, June 30, 1939	\$2,838,225,532.52

A comparative analysis of the assets and liabilities and the balance of the General Fund is shown below for the beginning and close of the fiscal year.

CURRENT CASH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TREASURY, JUNE 30, 1938 AND 1939, AND CHANGES DURING THE YEAR

[On basis of daily Treasury statements (unrevised)]

	June 30, 1938	June 30, 1939	Increase or Decrease (—)
Gold—			
Assets: Gold	\$12,962,923,999.12	\$16,109,993,966.45	\$3,147,069,967.33
Liabilities:			
Gold certificates outstanding (outside of Treasury)	2,894,024,749.00	2,887,493,419.00	-6,531,330.00
Gold certif. fund, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System	7,820,450,860.38	10,699,275,119.95	2,878,824,259.57
Redemption fund, Federal Reserve notes	9,387,519.82	8,842,394.33	-545,125.49
Gold reserve	156,039,430.93	156,039,430.93	
Exch. stabilization fund	1,800,000,000.00	1,800,000,000.00	
Total	12,679,902,560.13	15,551,650,364.21	2,871,747,804.08
Gold in General Fund	283,021,438.99	558,343,602.24	275,322,163.25
Silver—			
Assets:			
Silver	\$1,037,163,305.33	\$1,130,585,527.01	\$193,422,221.68
Silver dollars	503,647,170.00	502,212,924.00	-1,434,246.00
Total	1,540,810,475.33	1,732,798,451.01	191,987,975.68
Liabilities:			
Silver certificates outstanding (outside of Treasury)	1,508,062,253.00	1,702,584,818.00	194,522,565.00
Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding outside of Treasury	1,169,422.00	1,166,472.00	-2,950.00
Total	1,509,231,675.00	1,703,751,290.00	194,519,615.00
Silver in General Fund	31,578,800.33	29,047,161.01	-2,531,639.32
General Fund—			
Assets:			
In Treasury offices:			
Gold (as above)	283,021,438.99	558,343,602.24	275,322,163.25
Silver (as above)	31,578,800.33	29,047,161.01	-2,531,639.32
Other coin, currency, and bullion	512,772,809.31	606,295,197.09	93,522,387.78
In depository banks, reserve banks, & treasury of Philippine Islands	1,588,811,741.36	1,874,567,730.09	285,755,988.73
Unclassified, collections, &c.	2,832,940.23	18,374,344.27	15,541,404.04
Total	2,419,017,730.22	3,086,628,034.70	667,610,304.48
Liabilities:			
203,099,817.22	248,402,502.18	45,302,684.96	
Balance in General Fund	2,215,917,913.00	2,838,225,532.52	622,307,619.52
Balance of increment resulting from reduction in weight of the gold dollar	141,900,194.61	142,379,204.93	479,010.32
Seigniorage	446,038,793.66	536,306,220.68	90,267,427.02
Working balance	1,627,978,924.73	2,159,540,106.91	531,561,182.18
Balance in General Fund	2,215,917,913.00	2,838,225,532.52	622,307,619.52

a Reserve against \$346,681,016 of United States notes outstanding in 1938 and 1939 and \$1,169,422 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding in 1938 and \$1,166,472 outstanding in 1939. Treasury notes of 1890 are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

b This item represents the difference between the cost value and the monetary value of silver bullion revalued and held to secure the silver certificates issued on account of silver acquired under the Silver Purchase Act of 1934 and under the President's proclamation dated Aug. 9, 1934.

Emergency Legislation

During the fiscal year 1939 further appropriations and allocations of funds were made for the purpose of continuing the Federal program to furnish relief and work relief and to aid recovery.

By an Act approved March 4, 1939, (Public No. 2), the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was authorized to continue its operations until the close of business on June 30, 1941. Authority was also given by that Act for its obligations to mature beyond the 10-year period of succession of the Corporation. On June 30, 1939, the amount of capital stock and obligations that the Corporation was authorized to have outstanding at any one time was \$3,301,000,000, exclusive of certain indefinite authorizations for which there is no statutory limitation as of that date; the Corporation had notes outstanding aggregating \$1,063,000,000, of which \$243,000,000 were held by the Treasury. This figure does not include the original \$500,000,000 of the Corporation's capital stock purchased by the Treasury.

The Act of March 4, 1939, also authorized the Electric Home and Farm Authority to continue its operations until the close of business on June 30, 1941; increased the capital stock authorization of the Disaster Loan Corporation from \$20,000,000 to \$40,000,000, and extended the authority of the DLC to make loans on account of floods and other catastrophes in the years 1939 and 1940.

Authority was given by an Act of March 4, 1939, (Public No. 3), to the Commodity Credit Corporation and the Export-Import Bank of Washington to continue their operations until the close of business on June 30, 1941. The amount of obligations which the CCC was authorized to have

outstanding was by that Act increased from \$500,000,000 to \$900,000,000. The Act also provided that the E-IB shall not have outstanding at any one time loans or other obligations to it in excess of \$100,000,000, the capital for which the RFC may continue to supply through loans or by subscriptions to preferred stock.

A joint resolution approved Feb. 4, 1939, (Pub. Res. No. 1), added to the amount appropriated to the WPA for work relief and relief by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 the sum of \$725,000,000, of which \$15,000,000 might be used for direct relief; and increased the amount which might be allocated to other Federal departments from \$60,000,000 to \$88,000,000. This appropriation was later supplemented by an additional appropriation of \$100,000,000 by a joint resolution approved April 13, 1939, (Pub. Res. No. 10), making the total appropriations to the WPA \$2,250,000,000 for the fiscal year 1939.

The Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1939, approved June 30, 1939, provided direct appropriations for relief and for work relief on useful projects for the fiscal year 1940. An appropriation of \$1,477,000,000 was made to the Work Projects Administration, which replaced the WPA as of July 1, 1939, together with balances of appropriations to the WPA under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1938 and the joint resolutions of Feb. 4 and April 13, 1939, which remained unobligated on June 30, 1939. Provision was made whereby not more than three-fourths of the total cost of all non-Federal projects, approved after Jan. 1, 1940, should be borne by the United States and not less than one-fourth should be borne by the States and their political subdivisions. The Commissioner of Work Projects was authorized to allocate not to exceed \$60,000,000 to other Federal agencies for work relief projects.

In addition to the appropriation for relief and work relief, the Act appropriated the following sums, together with certain unexpended balances:

National Youth Administration.....	\$100,000,000
Department of Agriculture.....	143,000,000
Puerto Rico Reconstruction Administration, Department of Interior.....	7,000,000
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior.....	1,350,000
United States Employees' Compensation Commission.....	5,250,000
Other agencies for administrative expenses.....	22,000,000
Total.....	\$278,600,000

The table on page 422 shows the financial status of appropriations provided in the Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts of 1935, 1936, 1937, and 1938, as of June 30, 1939. As shown in the table, only about \$5,000,000 of the \$11,176,000,000 appropriated or made available under these Acts remained unallocated on June 30, 1939.

Revenue Legislation

Revenue legislation enacted during the fiscal year 1939 included the Internal Revenue Code, the Public Salary Tax Act of 1939, the Revenue Act of 1939, and amendment of the excess-profits tax on profits from certain governmental contracts for aircraft.

Fiscal Year 1940

It is estimated that fiscal year 1940 receipts will amount to \$5,704,000,000, which is \$36,000,000 more than the actual receipts of \$5,668,000,000 in the fiscal year 1939. Although the two totals are of approximately equal magnitude, the relative importance of the major sources of revenue differs in each of the two years as is shown in the following tabulation:

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL REVENUES AND RECEIPTS IN THE FISCAL YEARS 1939 AND 1940

Source	Actual, 1939	Estimated, 1940
Internal revenue—Income taxes.....	38.5	34.3
Tax on unjust enrichment.....	0.1	0.1
Miscellaneous internal revenue taxes.....	39.4	41.3
Employment taxes.....	13.1	14.5
Total Internal revenue.....	91.1	90.2
Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.....	---	0.1
Customs.....	5.6	4.9
Miscellaneous revenues and receipts.....	3.3	4.8
Total.....	100.0	100.0

The two principal items of decrease are the estimated revenues from income taxes and from customs. The decrease in the estimated income tax receipts in the fiscal year 1940 is explained not only by the virtual repeal of the undistributed profits tax which decreased dividend distributions, but also by the generally lower income levels in the calendar year 1939 as contrasted with the calendar year 1937. The customs estimate is lowered because of the effect of the war on international trade. The increases in other taxes, the yield from which responds more quickly to improvement in business than do the income tax receipts, are estimated to more than offset the estimated decrease in receipts of income taxes and customs.

Income Taxes—Whereas the \$2,182,000,000 of income taxes collected in the fiscal year 1939 represent in part collections of liabilities on incomes in the calendar year 1937 and in part collections of liabilities on incomes in the calendar year 1938, the estimate of \$1,953,000,000 for the fiscal year 1940 represents in part collections of liabilities on incomes in the calendar year 1938 and in part collections of liabilities on incomes in the calendar year 1939. Thus, a portion of the liabilities for the calendar year 1938 appears in each fiscal year's collections.

Fiscal Year 1941

Fiscal year 1941 receipts are estimated at \$6,151,000,000, an increase of \$483,000,000 over actual receipts in the fiscal year 1939 and of \$447,000,000 over the estimated receipts in the fiscal year 1940. Each of the broad classifications of revenue with the exception of customs and miscellaneous revenues and receipts contributes to the estimated increase in the fiscal year 1941 over the fiscal year 1940.

Income Taxes—Total income tax receipts for the fiscal year 1941 are estimated at \$2,302,000,000, an increase of \$349,000,000 over estimated income tax receipts for the fiscal year 1940. The major income tax changes effected by the Revenue Act of 1939 will apply to incomes received in the calendar year 1940 and will therefore be reflected in income tax collections in the last half of the fiscal year 1941. The most important provisions of the Revenue Act of 1939 are those relating to the corporation tax rates, the more liberal treatment of corporate capital losses and the allowance of an operating loss carryover. The full effect of the Revenue Act of 1939 on incomes will not be reflected in tax receipts until the fiscal year 1943 because business losses incurred prior to the calendar year 1939 are not allowed as part of the two-year operating loss carryover.

The current corporation income taxes for the fiscal year 1941 are estimated at \$1,074,000,000, an increase of \$209,000,000 over the estimated receipts for the fiscal year 1940. Since collections in respect of calendar year 1939 liabilities are common to the fiscal years 1940 and 1941, the increase in the estimates for the fiscal year 1941 as contrasted with the fiscal year 1940 reflects the forecast of larger corporate net incomes in the calendar year 1940 than obtained in the calendar year 1938.

Individual income tax receipts are estimated at \$950,000,000, an increase of \$140,000,000 over the estimated receipts for the fiscal year 1940. This

increase is chiefly accounted for by the expectation of generally higher incomes in the calendar year 1940 as contrasted with those in the calendar year 1938.

The excess-profits tax for the fiscal year 1941 is estimated at \$23,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 over the estimate for the fiscal year 1940. The estimated higher calendar year 1940 income levels account for the estimated increase in the excess-profits tax revenues.

Tax on Unjust Enrichment—The tax on unjust enrichment for the fiscal year 1941 is estimated at \$4,000,000, a decrease of \$2,000,000 or 33.3% from the \$6,000,000 estimated collections for the fiscal year 1940. Since this tax is a back tax, it is estimated that the revenues will decrease as the outstanding cases are settled.

Miscellaneous Internal Revenue—Miscellaneous internal revenue receipts in the fiscal year 1941 are estimated at \$2,482,000,000, an increase of \$126,000,000 over the estimate for the fiscal year 1940. Although in general it is estimated that the receipts from the principal sources of miscellaneous internal revenue will continue to increase, a few minor sources of revenue are estimated to show decreases because of special situations.

The receipts from the capital stock tax for the fiscal year 1941 are estimated at \$137,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 over the estimated receipts of \$132,000,000 for the fiscal year 1940. The increase is attributable to the fact that corporations are expected to declare higher capital stock values in 1940 when it is estimated corporate earnings will be higher than in the calendar year 1939.

Estate tax receipts in the fiscal year 1941 are estimated at \$329,000,000, a decrease of \$9,000,000 from the estimated receipts in the fiscal year 1940. The decrease is caused by the exceptionally large tax from one estate which was received early in the fiscal year 1940. Gift tax receipts are estimated at \$33,000,000, unchanged from the estimate of receipts from this tax for the fiscal year 1940.

Employment Taxes—Total employment taxes for the fiscal year 1941 are estimated at \$861,000,000, an increase of \$34,000,000 over estimated receipts in the fiscal year 1940.

Receipts under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, formerly title VIII of the Social Security Act, are estimated at \$633,000,000. This represents a gain of \$34,000,000 over the estimated receipts in the fiscal year 1940. The major part of the rise is attributable to the inclusion of a full year's receipts from groups brought under this Act by the Social Security Act Amendments of 1939 as compared with receipts of only 3 months' liabilities for such groups in the fiscal year 1940. Such gains are somewhat offset by the receipts of four quarters' liabilities from individuals aged 65 and over in the fiscal year 1941 as compared with the receipts of five quarters' liabilities in the fiscal year 1940.

Receipts from the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, formerly title IX of the Social Security Act, are expected to decline to \$94,000,000 from fiscal year 1940 estimated receipts of \$105,000,000. The drop will be the first since taxes under this Act and its predecessor were first received in 1936. The passage of the Social Security Act Amendments of 1939 is primarily responsible for the decline in revenues, because it effected a decrease in coverage of individuals' wages which more than offset a net increase in coverage of employees. Another reason for the decline is the fact that railroad employees were removed from coverage under this Act by the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act which became effective July 1, 1939.

Receipts from the Carriers Taxing Act of 1937 are estimated to rise to \$135,000,000 as compared with anticipated receipts of \$124,000,000 in the fiscal year 1940. The increase of \$11,000,000 over fiscal year 1940 estimated receipts is largely the result of the advance in the rate of tax from 2½% on both employees and employers on taxable compensation prior to Jan. 1, 1940, to 3% on both employees and employers on taxable compensation in the calendar years 1940 and 1941.

Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act—Receipts under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act are estimated at \$7,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over fiscal year 1940 estimated receipts of \$5,000,000. The major part of this gain results from the fact that estimated receipts in the fiscal year 1941 will include a full year's tax liabilities whereas estimated receipts in the fiscal year 1940 will include only nine months' tax liabilities.

Customs—The customs estimate for the fiscal year 1941 is \$273,000,000. This represents a decrease of \$10,000,000 from the estimated customs receipts of \$283,000,000 in the fiscal year 1940. Customs in the fiscal year 1941 appear unlikely to be enlarged by the extraordinary receipts which marked a brief interval in the fiscal year 1940, immediately following the outbreak of the European war.

Miscellaneous Revenues and Receipts—Receipts from the many sources in this group are estimated at \$221,000,000 in the fiscal year 1941 as compared with estimated receipts of \$274,000,000 in the fiscal year 1940.

The Course of the Bond Market

As indicated by the bond averages, the market made no progress this week, all groups having moved horizontally. These averages, however, do not include the more speculative issues, those below Baa in rating, which lost ground in some special instances, as noted below.

High-grade railroad bonds have been virtually unchanged. Atchison 4s, 1995, declined ½ to 106, but Union Pacific 3½s, 1971, gained ½ at 97½. Medium-grade rail issues displayed a mixed trend, while speculative rail bonds have been lower. Great Northern "H" 4s, 1946, dropped 2 to 89; Northern Pacific 4s, 1997, at 66 were off 1½. Defaulted rail issues have been characteristically dull, and lower prices have been recorded in sympathy with lower stock prices. Chicago Great Western 4s, 1959, however, ran against the trend, scoring a new high of 26½ during the week, closing at 25¼ for a gain of 1¼ points.

High- and medium-grade utility bonds have fluctuated rather aimlessly this week, but speculative utilities turned weak, the bankruptcy petition filed by Associated Gas & Electric Co. having rather wide repercussions. Securities of that and subsidiary holding companies dropped sharply, of course, but other low-grade issues also lost considerable

ground. Interstate Power 6s, 1952, declined 2½ to 47½; Standard Gas & Electric 6s, 1948, lost 2% at 67%, and New England Gas & Electric 5s, 1950, closed at 66¼, down 3½. Offerings consisted of \$3,750,000 Ohio Water Service 4s, 1964, and \$30,000,000 American Gas & Electric debentures due 1950-70; the latter was in early demand and prices immediately went to a premium over the offering.

The industrial section of the list has given no evidence of a clearly defined trend this week. Steels have been mixed, with most changes fractional and losses and gains about evenly balanced. Oils have been generally higher. Metals have been off fractionally, and among machinery company manufacturers the Marion Steam Shovel 6s, 1947, dropped 3 points to 65. The Studebaker 6s, 1945, lost toward the close of the week, but were ¼ point higher on the week at 102¼. A strong spot developed among paper

company obligations, with new 1939-40 highs registered by the International 6s, 1953, and the Southern Kraft 4½s, 1946. Among high grades the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co. 7s, 1944, gained ¾ of a point at 127½.

The foreign bond market has exhibited moderate strength, which has been particularly evident in quotations for Norwegian bonds, some of the Danish issues, and also for the outstanding dollar bonds of the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Italian 7s, 1951, as well as the group of Japanese dollar obligations, moved somewhat higher. Fractional improvement has also been in evidence in some South American issues, as, for instance, those emanating from Peru, and in a majority of German bonds. Queensland 6s, 1947, extended their recovery to a new high since the outbreak of the war.

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

1939-40 Daily Averages	U. S. Govt. Bonds	All 120 Domestic Corp.*	120 Domestic Corporate* by Ratings				120 Domestic Corporate by Groups*		
			Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	RR.	P. U.	Ind.
			Jan. 12	116.00	106.92	122.63	118.16	105.60	86.64
11	116.05	107.11	122.63	118.16	105.79	87.07	93.85	112.45	116.86
10	116.12	107.11	122.86	118.16	105.98	87.07	93.85	112.66	117.07
9	116.03	107.11	122.86	117.94	105.98	87.07	93.85	112.45	116.86
8	115.91	107.11	122.63	118.16	105.79	86.92	93.85	112.45	116.86
6	116.03	106.92	122.86	117.72	105.60	87.07	93.85	112.45	116.84
5	116.05	106.92	122.63	117.94	105.60	87.07	93.85	112.25	116.84
4	115.89	106.92	122.63	117.72	105.60	86.92	93.53	112.45	116.84
3	115.81	106.73	122.17	117.72	105.41	86.64	93.37	112.25	116.43
2	115.73	106.54	121.94	117.72	105.22	86.36	92.90	112.25	116.43
1	Stock	Exchan	ge Clos						
High 1940	116.12	107.11	122.86	118.16	105.98	87.07	93.85	112.66	117.07
Low 1940	115.73	106.54	121.94	117.72	105.22	86.36	92.90	112.25	116.43
High 1939	117.72	106.92	122.63	118.60	105.60	87.78	94.33	112.05	116.64
Low 1939	108.77	100.00	112.45	108.27	98.28	81.09	87.93	104.30	106.54
1 Yr. Ago									
Jan. 12'39	112.90	102.48	119.47	112.45	100.53	83.06	89.10	107.88	113.07
2 Yrs. Ago									
Jan. 12'38	109.98	98.11	116.64	109.84	97.78	75.70	86.50	100.53	109.24

1939-40 Daily Averages	All 120 Domestic Corp	120 Domestic Corporate by Ratings				120 Domestic Corporate by Groups		
		Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	RR.	P. U.	Ind.
		Jan. 12	3.62	2.87	3.07	3.69	4.85	4.38
11	3.61	2.87	3.07	3.68	4.82	4.37	3.34	3.13
10	3.61	2.86	3.07	3.67	4.82	4.37	3.33	3.12
9	3.61	2.86	3.08	3.67	4.82	4.37	3.34	3.12
8	3.61	2.87	3.07	3.68	4.83	4.37	3.34	3.13
6	3.62	2.86	3.09	3.69	4.82	4.37	3.34	3.14
5	3.62	2.87	3.08	3.69	4.82	4.37	3.35	3.14
4	3.62	2.87	3.09	3.69	4.83	4.39	3.34	3.14
3	3.63	2.89	3.09	3.70	4.85	4.40	3.35	3.15
2	3.64	2.90	3.09	3.71	4.87	4.43	3.35	3.15
1	Stock	Exchan	ge Clos					
High 1940	3.64	2.90	3.09	3.71	4.87	4.43	3.35	3.15
Low 1940	3.61	2.86	3.07	3.67	4.82	4.37	3.33	3.12
High 1939	4.00	3.34	3.55	4.10	5.26	4.76	3.76	3.64
Low 1939	3.62	2.87	3.05	3.69	4.77	4.34	3.34	3.14
1 Year Ago								
Jan. 12, 1939	3.86	3.01	3.34	3.97	5.11	4.68	3.57	3.31
2 Years Ago								
Jan. 12, 1938	4.11	3.14	3.47	4.13	5.70	4.86	3.97	3.50

* 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. They merely serve to illustrate in a more comprehensive way the relative levels and the relative movement of yield averages, the latter being the truer picture of the bond market.

BONDS USED IN MOODY'S BOND YIELD AVERAGES

RAILROADS	
Aaa	A
Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s, 1992	Ach. Top. & S. Fe. R. M. 4s, 1965
Cincinnati Union Term 3½s, 1969	Chicago & West. Ind. 4s, 1952
Hocking Valley 4½s, 1990	Great Northern 4½s, 1961
Norfolk & Western 4s, 1996	Lexington & Eastern 5s, 1965
Union Pacific 4s, 2008	N. Y. Connecting RR. 4½s, 1953
	Northern Central Ry. 4½s, 1974
	Pennsylvania 4½s, 1984
	Piedmont & Northern 3½s, 1966
	Pgh. Cln. Chic. & St. L. 5s, 1975
	Texas & Pacific 1st 5s, 2000
Aa	Baa
Ach. Top. & S. Fe. gen. 4s, 1995	Atl. Coast Line 1st cons. 4s, 1952
Chesapeake & Ohio "D" 3½s, 1996	Chicago Burl. & Quincy 4½s, 1977
Chicago L. S. & East. 4½s, 1969	Great Northern 4½s, 1976
Chicago Union Station 3½s, 1963	Louisiana & Arkansas 5s, 1969
Dul. Missabe & Iron Range 3½s, 1962	Louisville & Nashville 3½s, 2003
Monongahela Ry. 4s, 1960	Northern Pacific 4s, 1997
Oregon-Wash. RR. & Nav. 4s, 1961	Pennsylvania 4½s, 1970
Pennsylvania 4½s, 1960	Reading "A" 4½s, 1997
Union Pacific 3½s, 1971	Texas & Pacific 5s, 1980
Virginian Ry. 3½s, 1966	Western Maryland 4s, 1952
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
Aaa	A
Brooklyn Edison 3½s, 1966	Central Ill. Pub. Serv. 3½s, 1968
Cincinnati Gas & Elec. 3½s, 1966	Central Maine Power 3½s, 1966
Cons. Gas Balt. 3s, 1969	Gulf States Utilites 3½s, 1969
Duquesne Light 3½s, 1965	Indianapolis Pr. & Lt. 3½s, 1968
Illinois Bell Tel. 3½s, 1970	Lake Superior Dist. Pr. 3½s, 1966
New York Edison 3½s, 1965	Montana Power 3½s, 1966
Pacific Tel. & Tel. "B" 3½s, 1966	Ohio Edison 3½s, 1972
Philadelphia Electric 3½s, 1967	Pennsylvania Pr. & Lt. 3½s, 1969
Southwestern Bell Tel. 3s, 1968	Sioux City Gas & Elec. 4s, 1966
West Penn Power 3½s, 1966	Wisconsin Pub. Serv. 4s, 1961
Aa	Baa
American Tel. & Tel. 3½s, 1961	Arkansas Pr. & Lt. 5s, 1956
Atlantic City Electric 3½s, 1964	Carolina Pr. & Lt. 5s, 1956
Commonwealth Edison 3½s, 1968	Central Pr. & Lt. 3½s, 1969
Consol. Edison, N. Y., 3½s, 1956	Illinois Pr. & Lt. 5s, 1956
Detroit Edison 3½s, 1966	Iowa Pub. Serv. 3½s, 1969
Louisville Gas & Elec. 3½s, 1966	Minnesota Pr. & Lt. 4½s, 1978
Ohio Power 3½s, 1968	Nor. Indiana Pub. Serv. 3½s, 1969
Pacific Gas & Elec. 3½s, 1961	Penn. Central Lt. & Pr. 4½s, 1977
South. Calif. Edison ref. 3½s, 1960	Peoples Gas Lt. & Coke 4s, 1981
Virginia El. & Pr. 3½s, 1968	Wisconsin Pr. & Lt. 4s, 1966
INDUSTRIALS	
Aaa	A
Liggett & Myers 5s, 1951	Bethlehem Steel 3½s, 1966
Socony-Vacuum 3s, 1964	Crane Co. 3½s, 1951
Standard Oil N J 2½s, 1953	Fairbanks, Morse 4s, 1956
Texas Corp. 3s, 1959	Inland Steel 3½s, 1961
	Koppers Co. 4s, 1951
	National Steel 3s, 1965
	National Supply 3½s, 1954
	Tide Water Assoc. Oil 3½s, 1952
	West Va. Pulp & Paper 3s, 1954
	Youngstown Sheet & Tube 4s, 1961
Aa	Baa
Dow Chemical 3s, 1951	Anaconda Copper 4½s, 1950
Lorillard Co. 5s, 1951	Armour & Co. of Del. 4s, 1955
Shell Union Oil 2½s, 1954	Crown Cork & Seal 4s, 1950
Swift & Co. 3½s, 1950	Goodrich (B. F.) 4½s, 1956
	Jones & Laughlin 4½s, 1961
	McCrorry Stores 5s, 1951
	Republic Steel 4½s, 1961
	Revere Copper & Brass 4½s, 1956
	Wheeling Steel 4½s, 1966
	Wilson & Co. 4s, 1955

Note—Because of the limited number of suitable issues, certain groups consist temporarily of the following number of bonds: Aaa Railroad, 5; Aaa Industrial, 4; Aa Industrial, 4. Proper adjustments have been made in the averages, however, so that they remain comparable throughout.

The Business Man's Bookshelf

J. Pierpont Morgan. An Intimate Portrait

By Herbert L. Satterlee. 595 pp. 72 illustrations. Macmillan \$3.75

Mr. Satterlee must have written this book in the belief that if he started to write a Life of J. Pierpont Morgan, he must say everything. His book evidences endless research. Often, it sets one wondering how certain incidents came to be recorded, how names were recalled, and sayings or conversations were perpetuated. Diaries, letters long ago forgotten, have been found and ransacked for endless details, chronologically marshalled in a portrayal of Morgan the Man, in "an endeavor to set forth the truth about" him. And this, for the reason, says the Author, that "none of the books and few of the magazine articles about him have been written by men who knew him." These are, he adds, mainly "inaccurate and misleading and sometimes contain much that is grotesquely and offensively untrue."

Mr. Satterlee has given us an integral history of Morgan the financial genius, the titanic organizer, the yachtsman, the collector of bibelots, incunabula, manuscripts and masterpieces; the founder of museums; the breeder of collies; the man who consorted with prince and peasant, who knew and loved the sea and children; Morgan the Egyptologist, the man who made, and spent, and gave away fortunes; who sang his favorite hymns with fervor; who sought more and more power to be used wisely; who rejoiced in hospitality; who, at five in the morning could get up from a conference at which international history was in the making, then indulge his obsessing passion for solitaire, and resume his conference at nine, while he breakfasted.

From his birth in 1837, till his death in Rome in 1913, the story of J. Pierpont Morgan is told with innumerable and informal details, an achievement made possible by the profound admiration of the Author for his subject. Specially pleasing are the accounts of the boy in the making, the youngster in his teens, and the youth making his start in life. At points in these early days, we are often struck with the unusual qualities and habits of the young man who was destined to fill a place of such eminence in the financial and industrial history of America. The account of these early years fills many pages among the most readable in the book.

Those who lived in the ensuing years will rejoice in the calm analysis of facts which, when first presented by the press, often were a titillating or irritating distortion of the truth. In patient, almost meditative retrospect, Mr. Satterlee reveals the sober verities of the outstanding events

which the years brought forth. He shows us clearly the vastness of the efforts, covering so wide a range, through which Mr. Morgan left his mark on his times, and his fellow-beings.

As here revealed, Mr. Morgan was above all a man of great will-power, inspired with ideals as far advanced as to be commonly misunderstood, impatient to the point of brusqueness when confronted by bores, bores, and inaccurate journalists. More than once, his biographer is at pains to restore actual dimensions to the romancing and exaggeration which melodramatic reporters introduced to front-page readers. He is careful, too, to give the lie—with a plenitude of refutation—to certain assertions and innuendoes whose origin must rest in a desire deliberately to assail Mr. Morgan's integrity.

To those who might ascribe to a superabundant materialism, the indefatigable diligence with which, at times, Mr. Morgan pursued his bent for profitable enterprise, there is presented ample evidence that often, he assumed for himself, his house, and his private wealth, risks which might have been disastrous. Yet these risks he assumed while stipulating that, though they were to result in profit, no part thereof was to accrue to him or to his house. Because of a principle the risk was assumed, and any possible material reward was foregone.

Amid the doubts and scepticisms which, yearly growing stronger as Mr. Morgan grew older, were transforming the religious beliefs and practices of his day, he retained through his life those religious sentiments, that conformity to scriptural teachings which he had inherited from his theological grandparents. As to this, we are given ample details of his favorite hymns, the family worship, the serious occupation with the social work of his church, the whole-hearted participation in the periodical conventions of the Episcopal clergy, and other facts which establish the extent to which Mr. Morgan professed his Christianity. One incident is illuminating: in 1907, in Richmond, at a convention of his Church, which he attended as a lay delegate, a debate arose which developed bitter feeling on both sides. Voting resulted in a tie. The excited delegates indulged in acrimonious talk. "Suddenly, Mr. Morgan's deep voice was heard above the din," as he stood, "alone and singing his favorite hymn." Soon, the delegates began to join in, then the people in the galleries. Mr. Morgan led the assemblage

to the end of the hymn. The bitterness had gone. Musical harmony had dispelled theological disunion. As often before, Mr. Morgan had found the way to break a deadlock.

Little that is harsh, rancorous, or ugly will be found in this book. Business animosities and antagonisms are recorded but not uncharitably. Business friendships, too, are recorded, and their magnanimity, but not mawkishly. And all to the end that the many sides of a great man may be seen and understood.

The plan or manner of this biography at times may irk those who would like it cut up, by subjects neatly labelled, "Morgan the Banker," "Morgan the Yachtsman," "Morgan the Collector," and so on. Such treatment would have permitted the impatient reader to absorb his own central subjects, and skip the secondary themes. Not so this book: the story of a financial crisis with cataclysmic possibilities—averted by the genius, daring, and forcefulness of Mr. Morgan—is told, not with the tenseness that a dramatist might inject into the narrative, but brokenly, with interruptions by banal incidents, trivial in themselves but serving to give to the tale that closer semblance to life and to the way in which stirring events can unfold themselves.

The country may be tottering, shaken to its foundations, but if during this crisis the Fourth of July comes along, Mr. Satterlee's tale will be interrupted, that we may learn that Mr. Morgan personally touched off a ton of fireworks, to the delight of his assembled villagers. Just as in life, so in this book, the crisis did not work on the National holiday.

Others might have tried to inject brilliance into this recital of J. Pierpont Morgan's life, and succeeded. Mr. Satterlee has chosen instead to discover, and reveal with infinite patience, cumulatively, those incidents which permit us to know as thoroughly as, probably, we shall ever be allowed to know, the full greatness of the Morgan of whom he writes—the man's stature, strength, foresight and daring—the attributes through which he gave such an unforgettable stimulus to the material, spiritual and artistic advancement of this his country.

Such are the keynotes of a book which may not be the last word on the subject, but which always will be a sincere, authentic and valuable contribution to our knowledge of a man whose life was given to doing numberless things excellently.

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Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Jan. 12, 1940.

Business activity during the first week of 1940 showed a fair-sized recovery from its year-end drop, but failed to regain the pre-holiday level by a considerable margin. Business news generally held to the favorable side. For example, the report of the Automobile Manufacturers Association showed factory sales of motor cars at an all-time record for the fourth quarter. The earnings statement of Armour & Co. for the fiscal year ended Oct. 28 showed net profit of \$7,012,057, compared with a net loss of \$1,595,090 the previous year. However, the feeling in Wall Street is anything but cheerful. The growing threat of another four years of the Roosevelt Administration appears to be the major influence depressing the securities market. It is pointed out that the stock market has been trying to take in its stride a political campaign in which there is the troublesome third-term issue, a war which has failed to produce substantial orders, and another deficit in a long series, not to speak of the proposed 10% "super" tax to pay national defense costs. These are the influences largely responsible for the market's failure to reflect the quickened business pace of the last three months.

Backlog tonnage on the books of the steel companies is being much reduced as shipments outrun new orders about two to one, says the "Iron Age." It thinks that ingot operations probably will not be markedly affected this month. By February a larger volume of new buying is expected, notably from the automobile industry. "Consumers of steel have in some instances covered their requirements through all of the first quarter," the review continues, "while others have sufficient tonnage on hand or on order to provide for January and February or only January, indicating that some replenishment buying will be necessary by February in larger volume than that now being done." There is no indication that consumption of steel has fallen off in any important degree as compared with the fourth quarter, but owing to fair-sized stocks and easier mill deliveries, steel users are showing less anxiety regarding their future needs. Indicating the volume of business that steel companies carried over from 1939, one important producer entered the new year with a total backlog equal to about one-fifth of its entire output. A substantial part of this is railroad business. The fact that some consumers see pretty good business for some months ahead is indicated by a number of reservations for the second quarter with price at time of shipment to apply. Export demand generally is counted upon to make up some of the losses that may occur in production for domestic purposes.

Production of electricity in the week ended Jan. 6 was 2,473,397,000 kwh., an increase of 1.3% over the preceding week and a gain of 14.0% over the output for the comparable week in 1939, according to the Edison Electric Institute. While the intervening holiday brought production considerably below the all-time high level of 2,641,458,000 kwh. reached in the week of Dec. 23, 1939, all major geographic regions reported substantial percentage increases in the current week as compared with the like week a year ago. The central industrial district reported the largest gain, with an increase of 18.1%. Other major geographic regions reported the following increases: New England, 9.5%; Middle Atlantic, 11.8%; West Central, 11.3%; Southern States, 13.5%; Rocky Mountain States, 12.2%, and Pacific Coast, 10.3%.

The Association of American Railroads reported today 592,392 cars of revenue freight were loaded during the week ending last Saturday. This was an increase of 7.7%, compared with the preceding week; an increase of 11.9%, compared with a year ago, and an increase of 7.2%, compared with 1937. All classes of loadings recovered from their slump over the Christmas holiday, and total loadings advanced more than expected at this time of year.

Engineering construction awards for the week were \$64,378,000, a decline of 46% from the 1939 week, when awards reached the highest volume reported during the entire year, according to "Engineering News-Record." The rush to get Public Works Administration projects under contract was responsible for the high 1939 figure. Awards for the initial two weeks of 1940 were \$117,838,000, 43% less than for the two-week period last year. Private awards, however, are 77% higher than a year ago. Private awards for the week top the 1939 week by 56%, but public construction is 56% under the week last year.

A sharp decrease in bank clearings at New York in the week ended Jan. 10 accounted for the drop in check turnover for the country as a whole, according to the report released today by Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., which showed total clearings for the Nation as a whole at \$5,597,519,000, a decrease of 1.8% from the \$5,697,619,000 in the 1939 week. New York clearings aggregated \$3,307,330,000, contrasted with \$3,618,580,000 in the 1939 week, a decrease of 8.6%. For the week just closed clearings for the country decreased \$479,553,000 from those of the preceding week, which compared with a rise of \$673,927,000 between the two similar weeks of 1939.

The income of American farmers from marketings during the first 11 months of 1939 was estimated at \$6,360,000,000 by the Department of Agriculture this week. This was 2% less than the income during the similar 1938 period.

This income was supplemented by Government benefit payments of \$715,000,000. Federal subsidies in the January-November period of 1938 amounted to \$443,000,000. The Department said "the income from sales of principal crops was larger in the first 11 months of 1939 than in the same months of 1938 in the North Atlantic, West North Central and Western regions, but was smaller in other regions." The income from livestock and livestock products showed increases in the West North Central, South Central and Western regions.

Output of new cars and trucks this week rose to a total of 111,330 units, Ward's Automotive Reports estimated today. This is an increase of 27.2% over the 87,510 units produced last week, and a gain of 29% over the 86,925 units of the same week last year. A new peak of 470,000 units was forecast for the full month of January, this comparing with 353,946 units in January, 1939, and with the previous record high of 422,538 units in January, 1929.

Snow and freezing temperatures throughout most of the country continued this week to sustain retail sales of heavy apparel and general winter merchandise, Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., reported today. Turnover volume was estimated at substantially higher than for the corresponding week last year. Stores in some cities, according to the credit agency, reported virtual exhaustion of stocks of skates, sport goods and such items after the most prolonged spell of winter sports weather in several years. Clothing promotions were said the agency's weekly statement, "found weather concurring exceptional gains over last year despite the generally smaller markdowns in effect. "Automobile dealers," conditions much less helpful. In some rural sections new business was reported virtually at a standstill. The average gain in retail volume for the country as a whole was estimated at 7% to 13%, with regional increases varying from 9% to 20% over corresponding 1939 figures."

The weather of the week was characterized by persistently low temperatures throughout the central and eastern portions of the country, and widespread substantial snowfall. Following a practically uninterrupted long period of abnormally warm weather, the preceding week had abnormally low temperatures east of the Rocky Mountains, and conditions for the week just closed were quite similar both as regards the intensity of the cold weather and areas covered. Government reports show that except for southern Florida, the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, and parts of the upper Lake region, the weekly mean temperatures were generally from 6 degrees to about 20 degrees below normal everywhere from the Great Plains eastward. West of the Rocky Mountains they were rather uniformly from 4 degree to 10 degrees above normal. Lowest temperature reported was 25 degrees below zero at Williston, N. Dak. The rains and snows of the week, generally snow in central and northern States east of the Rocky Mountains, provided potential soil moisture that will be decidedly beneficial when the snow melts over large areas which have been persistently dry. A favorable feature of the situation is the uniformity of the snow blanket, with comparatively little drifting. In the New York City area the weather of the week was very unsettled, with intermittent snows and rains and moderate to cold temperatures.

Light rain accompanied by cloudiness occurred today following a moderate snowfall the previous night. Temperatures ranged from 35 degrees to 41 degrees. Continuing rains and mild weather is forecast for early tonight. Partial cloudiness on Saturday, with rain or snow looked for on Sunday.

Overnight at Boston it was 29 to 33 degrees; Baltimore, 29 to 32; Pittsburgh, 36 to 39; Portland, Me., 20 to 27; Chicago, 29 to 36; Cincinnati, 36 to 40; Cleveland, 34 to 37; Detroit, 34 to 36; Milwaukee, 34 to 34; Charleston, 46 to 53; Savannah, 47 to 60; Dallas, 34 to 72; Kansas City, Mo., 7 to 37; Springfield, Ill., 24 to 35; Oklahoma City, 23 to 34; Salt Lake City, 32 to 42, and Seattle, 33 to 40.

Moody's Commodity Index Declines

Moody's Daily Commodity Index closed at 165.5 this Friday, as compared with 168.4 a week ago. The largest individual declines were in silk and wheat prices.

The movement of the index is as follows:

Fri., Jan. 5	168.4	Two weeks ago, Dec. 29	168.8
Sat., Jan. 6	168.3	Month ago, Dec. 12	163.6
Mon., Jan. 8	168.7	Year ago, Jan. 12	142.3
Tues., Jan. 9	167.5	1939 High—Sept. 22	172.8
Wed., Jan. 10	166.8	Low—Aug. 15	138.4
Thurs., Jan. 11	165.8	1940 High—Jan. 2	169.4
Fri., Jan. 12	165.5	Low—Jan. 12	165.5

Wholesale Commodity Prices Declined 0.1 of Point in Week Ended Jan. 6 According to "Annalist" Index

Wholesale commodity prices displayed an easier tone in the first week of the new year and the "Annalist" index declined 0.1 of a point to 82.4. Prices, however, are more than three points above a year ago, largely because of advances in metals, fuels, textiles and miscellaneous items, particularly rubber and paper. In announcing the foregoing on Jan. 8 the "Annalist" also said:

Grain markets declined last week on reports of more favorable weather over the growing areas. Livestock markets were irregular with hogs and lamb weak while steers and cows improved. Silk dropped heavily on

Japanese selling. Among the more speculative items, rubber and copper were firm but tin declined. Cotton was a strong spot last week with prices climbing to the highest level in more than two years.

"ANNALIST" WEEKLY INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES (1926=100)

	Jan. 6, 1940	Dec. 30, 1939	Jan. 7, 1939
Farm products.....	78.6	79.5	77.4
Food products.....	70.9	70.6	70.2
Textile products.....	79.3	80.0	59.5
Fuels.....	87.1	87.0	84.1
Metals.....	99.2	99.2	99.5
Building materials.....	72.3	71.8	69.3
Chemicals.....	86.8	86.8	86.8
Miscellaneous.....	81.7	80.8	71.1
All commodities.....	82.4	82.5	79.3

Revenue Freight Car Loadings for Week Ended Jan. 6, 1940 Total 592,392 Cars

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended Jan. 6 totaled 592,392 cars, the Association of American Railroads announced on Jan. 11. This was an increase of 63,021 cars or 11.9% above the corresponding week in 1939 and an increase of 39,824 cars or 7.2% above the same week in 1938. Loading of revenue freight for the week of Jan. 6 was an increase of 42,122 cars or 7.7% above the preceding week. The Association further reported:

Miscellaneous freight loading totaled 234,051 cars, an increase of 7,412 cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 24,766 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 123,276 cars, an increase of 5,925 cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 560 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Coal loading amounted to 148,617 cars, an increase of 18,410 cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 31,799 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Grain and grain products loading totaled 27,043 cars, an increase of 602 cars above the preceding week, but a decrease of 2,408 cars below the corresponding week in 1939. In the Western Districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week of Jan. 6, totaled 16,053 cars, an increase of 475 cars above the preceding week, but a decrease of 1,591 cars below the corresponding week in 1939.

Live stock loading amounted to 12,410 cars, an increase of 2,451 cars above the preceding week, but a decrease of 413 cars below the corresponding week in 1939. In the Western Districts alone, loading of live stock for the week of Jan. 6, totaled 9,167 cars, an increase of 1,976 cars above the preceding week, but a decrease of 533 cars below the corresponding week in 1939.

Forest products loading totaled 26,118 cars, an increase of 6,352 cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 4,130 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Ore loading amounted to 9,281 cars, an increase of 964 cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 286 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Coke loading amounted to 11,596 cars, an increase of six cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 4,301 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

All districts, reported increases compared with the corresponding week in 1939. All districts reported increases compared with the corresponding week in 1938 except the Northwestern, Centralwestern and Southwestern districts which reported decreases.

	1940	1939	1938
Week of Jan. 6.....	592,392	529,371	552,568

The first 18 major railroads to report for the week ended Jan. 6, 1940 loaded a total of 277,524 cars of revenue freight on their own lines, compared with 257,830 cars in the preceding week and 249,254 cars in the seven days ended Jan. 7 1939. 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—		
	Jan. 6 1940	Dec. 30 1939	Jan. 7 1939	Jan. 6 1940	Dec. 30 1939	Jan. 7 1939
	Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.	15,433	13,740	17,759	5,232	4,539
Baltimore & Ohio RR.....	27,502	25,486	22,102	13,798	11,968	13,148
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.....	20,695	17,472	18,274	7,638	6,109	6,860
Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.	14,024	12,407	15,515	7,255	6,416	6,539
Chicago Milw. St. Paul & Pac. Ry.	19,336	15,432	16,223	9,351	6,560	7,209
Chicago & North Western Ry.....	12,356	11,709	11,472	9,145	8,320	9,257
Gulf Coast Lines.....	2,766	2,084	3,176	1,257	1,026	1,275
International Great Northern RR	1,403	1,226	1,566	1,711	1,519	1,976
Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.....	3,418	3,036	3,407	2,500	1,983	2,581
Missouri Pacific RR.....	13,653	11,100	11,306	8,703	6,838	7,843
New York Central Lines.....	33,806	33,069	29,704	37,954	32,785	35,451
New York Chicago & St. Louis Ry	4,531	4,468	3,948	9,836	8,818	9,444
Norfolk & Western Ry.....	17,041	16,199	14,299	4,009	3,792	4,294
Pennsylvania RR.....	53,811	53,114	46,866	36,022	32,752	31,516
Pere Marquette Ry.....	4,841	5,098	4,161	5,048	4,449	4,946
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.....	5,737	5,672	3,969	5,431	5,057	3,992
Southern Pacific Lines.....	22,399	21,778	21,122	7,666	6,560	6,833
Wabash Ry.....	4,772	4,650	4,385	8,048	7,190	7,820
Total.....	277,524	257,830	249,254	180,604	156,681	165,853

TOTAL LOADINGS AND RECEIPTS FROM CONNECTIONS (Number of Cars)

	Weeks Ended—		
	Jan. 6, 1940	Dec. 30, 1939	Jan. 7, 1939
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.	20,107	18,123	19,974
Illinois Central System.....	28,798	27,261	26,732
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.....	10,900	11,052	10,924
Total.....	59,705	56,436	57,630

In the following we undertake to show also the loadings for separate roads and systems for the week ended Dec. 30, 1939. During this period 90 roads showed increases when compared with the same week last year.

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS (NUMBER OF CARS)—WEEK ENDED DEC. 30

Railroads	Total Revenue Freight Loaded			Total Loads Received from Connections	
	1939	1938	1937	1939	1938
Eastern District—					
Ann Arbor	514	437	438	1,145	862
Bangor & Aroostook	1,476	1,205	1,626	170	119
Boston & Maine	6,722	5,941	5,682	8,428	7,419
Chicago Indianapolis & Louisv.	1,251	1,274	1,242	1,810	1,389
Central Indiana	16	22	17	51	49
Central Vermont	1,112	954	1,020	1,595	1,217
Delaware & Hudson	4,748	4,884	3,521	6,277	5,637
Delaware Lackawanna & West.	8,516	7,605	8,014	6,113	5,251
Detroit & Mackinac	195	187	178	83	74
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	2,273	2,216	1,904	1,137	1,115
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line	246	178	125	3,087	2,743
Erle	10,747	9,216	9,110	10,210	9,049
Grand Trunk Western	3,963	3,514	2,227	6,480	5,393
Lehigh & Hudson River	1,518	1,18	109	1,442	1,610
Lehigh & New England	7,552	7,390	6,797	5,892	5,031
Lehigh Valley	2,612	2,386	2,429	1,945	1,758
Maine Central	4,650	3,732	2,010	171	181
Monongahela	1,690	1,376	991	27	14
Montour	33,069	29,129	24,844	32,785	29,495
New York Central Lines	8,848	7,367	6,846	9,703	8,322
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford	967	1,439	1,038	1,569	1,238
New York Ontario & Western	4,468	3,552	3,130	8,818	7,574
N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis	5,930	3,471	2,457	4,799	3,420
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	5,098	3,774	3,445	4,449	3,752
Pittsburgh & Shawmut	335	341	152	26	19
Pittsburgh & Shawmut & North	369	355	260	156	157
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	731	725	400	1,423	1,122
Rutland	449	406	392	811	748
Wabash	4,650	4,109	3,906	7,190	6,608
Wheeling & Lake Erie	2,986	2,698	1,638	2,909	2,315
Total	127,229	111,489	97,198	132,049	114,462
Allegheny District—					
Akron Canton & Youngstown	316	321	231	712	669
Baltimore & Ohio	25,486	20,235	17,109	11,968	10,522
Bessemer & Lake Erie	1,605	1,131	517	1,644	913
Buffalo Creek & Gauley	259	307	308	5	4
Cambria & Indiana	1,526	1,467	881	14	18
Central RR. of New Jersey	5,680	4,638	4,871	10,665	8,674
Conrail	463	473	365	43	42
Cumberland & Pennsylvania	236	202	137	26	25
Ligonier Valley	134	117	146	19	25
Long Island	395	399	386	2,132	1,838
Penn-Reading Seashore Lines	851	816	681	1,186	1,178
Pennsylvania System	53,114	44,010	39,936	32,752	28,506
Reading Co.	12,401	9,868	10,047	15,193	12,043
Union (Pittsburgh)	16,262	6,673	4,342	2,047	772
West Virginia Northern	25	29	34	0	1
Western Maryland	2,758	2,602	2,264	5,740	4,820
Total	121,551	93,088	82,255	84,146	69,550
Pocahontas District—					
Chesapeake & Ohio	17,472	17,685	14,732	6,109	5,613
Norfolk & Western	16,199	17,199	12,499	3,792	3,298
Virginian	3,726	4,267	3,470	1,079	771
Total	37,397	39,151	30,701	10,980	9,682
Southern District—					
Alabama Tennessee & Northern	158	138	119	154	140
Atl. & W. P.—W. RR. of Ala.	540	480	525	989	900
Atlanta Birmingham & Coast	400	422	415	706	751
Atlantic Coast Line	7,058	6,678	6,981	4,038	3,489
Central of Georgia	2,614	2,674	2,595	2,182	2,048
Charleston & Western Carolina	277	296	294	960	859
Clinchfield	1,012	770	510	1,671	1,497
Columbus & Greenville	171	481	194	172	310
Durham & Southern	125	113	101	208	276
Florida East Coast	793	789	801	1,056	714
Ga. & Fla.	15	17	27	55	44
Georgia Midland	557	542	569	1,218	1,210
Georgia & Florida	265	204	226	323	328
Gulf Mobile & Northern	1,107	1,164	949	833	796
Illinois Central System	18,253	17,572	16,011	9,379	7,767
Louisville & Nashville	18,139	18,177	14,531	4,152	3,740
Macon Dublin & Savannah	150	151	125	459	511
Mississippi Central	118	107	164	261	266

Note—Previous year's figures revised. * Previous figures. x Discontinued Jan. 24, 1939 a Included in Louisiana & Arkansas, effective July 1, 1939

THE FAIRCHILD PUBLICATIONS RETAIL PRICE INDEX

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Advance in Retail Prices Slows Up in December, According to Fairchild Publications Retail Price Index

The advance in retail prices continued during December at a much slower pace, as shown by the change in the Fairchild Publications retail price index between Dec. 1, 1939 and Jan. 2, 1940. The index at 92.0, (Jan. 3, 1931=100) on the latter date compares with a level of 91.9 on Dec. 1, 1939 and 88.9 a year ago. The advance above a year is 3.5%. Under date of Jan. 12, Fairchild Publications, New York, further said:

Main divisions showing the greatest increases in comparison with a year ago were home furnishings and women's apparel. The gain in the first case was 3.4% and in the second case, one of 2.3%. Men's apparel showed no change as compared with either a year ago or a month ago.

Individual items showing the largest increases above a year ago are floor coverings with a gain of 10.2%, furniture with a gain of 6.3%, furs with a gain of 7.5%, women's underwear 5.9, silk piece goods, 4.1 and blankets, 3.8%.

Despite the advance in recent months only a few items are at the high level reached in 1937. Silk piece goods have exceeded the 1937 high by 1.4% and infants' hose and shoes, for which the price trend is relatively stable, are also somewhat above the 1937 high. Most important items, however, continue on a much lower price basis now than then. Furs, for example, are 17.1% lower, sheets are 13.7% lower, cottons, 10.3%, and men's clothing, 6.5%.

Expectations are that the advance in retail prices may continue during the next few months, even though gains should be moderate, according to A. W. Zelomek, Economist under whose supervision the index is prepared. The spread between raw materials prices and wholesale prices of finished goods is unusually narrow in the case of many important consumers' goods items. In addition, the trend of labor costs is upward and there is no prospect of declines in other elements of production costs. Even more important, the recent favorable sales trend will do much to eliminate the fear of consumer resistance. Finally, the depletion of lower priced raw material inventories will make it necessary for manufacturers to quote new prices closer to a replacement level based on current raw material prices.

	May 1, 1933	Jan. 2, 1939	Oct. 1, 1939	Nov. 1, 1939	Dec. 1, 1939	Jan. 2, 1940
Composite Index	69.4	88.9	90.2	91.2	91.9	92.0
Piece goods	65.1	84.3	84.3	84.7	85.0	85.3
Men's apparel	70.7	88.7	88.6	88.7	88.7	88.7
Women's apparel	71.8	89.0	89.5	90.4	90.9	91.0
Infant's wear	76.4	96.3	96.1	96.3	96.4	96.4
Home furnishings	70.2	90.4	91.7	92.7	93.5	93.5
Piece goods:						
Silks	57.4	63.6	65.1	65.5	65.7	66.2
Woolens	69.2	84.7	84.1	85.1	85.8	86.2
Cotton wash goods	68.6	104.5	103.6	103.6	103.6	103.6
Domestics:						
Sheets	65.0	91.9	91.6	92.5	92.8	93.4
Blankets & comfortables	72.9	103.6	104.5	106.2	107.2	107.5
Women's apparel:						
Hosiery	59.2	74.0	74.1	75.0	75.4	75.5
Aprons & house dresses	75.5	104.6	105.4	105.4	105.5	105.5
Corsets and brassieres	83.6	92.5	92.5	92.9	92.9	92.9
Furs	66.8	91.4	93.4	95.4	97.6	98.3
Underwear	69.2	85.0	84.2	85.4	85.5	85.5
Shoes	76.5	86.7	87.2	88.2	88.4	88.5
Men's apparel:						
Hosiery	64.9	87.7	87.6	87.6	87.6	87.6
Underwear	69.6	91.1	91.4	92.0	92.0	92.0
Shirts and Neckwear	74.3	86.1	83.4	86.4	86.4	86.4
Hats and caps	69.7	82.0	82.5	82.5	82.5	82.5
Clothing, incl. overalls	70.1	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.2	90.3
Shoes	76.3	95.0	93.6	93.6	93.6	93.6
Infant's wear:						
Socks	74.0	100.4	101.1	101.1	101.2	101.2
Underwear	74.3	94.2	94.3	95.0	95.0	95.0
Shoes	80.9	94.2	92.8	92.8	93.1	93.1
Furniture	69.4	94.2	96.5	98.5	100.1	100.2
Floor coverings	79.9	110.8	118.4	120.2	122.0	122.1
Musical instruments	50.6	57.3	55.1	55.4	56.8	55.4
Luggage	60.1	74.1	74.5	75.1	76.1	76.0
Elec. household appliances	72.5	80.8	82.0	82.0	82.0	82.0
China	81.5	94.0	93.9	93.9	93.9	94.0

Note—Composite index is a weighted aggregate. Major group indexes are arithmetic averages of subgroups.

Bureau of Labor Statistics' Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices Rose 0.1% During Week Ended Jan. 6

During the first week of January, the Bureau of Labor Statistics' index of wholesale commodity prices rose 0.1% to

79.5% of the 1926 average, Commissioner Lubin announced Jan. 11. "Sharp advances in prices of farm products, particularly grains and livestock, were responsible for the advance," Mr. Lubin said. "The all-commodity index is now at the 1939 high point reached in late September." Commissioner Lubin added:

Farm products was the only group which registered an advance. Each of the other nine groups, except housefurnishing goods, which remained unchanged, declined fractionally.

As a result of higher prices for agricultural commodities, coffee, and crude petroleum, the raw materials group index rose nearly 1% to the highest level reached since January 1938. Weakening prices for raw sugar, oils, tire fabrics, silk yarns, pig tin, and pig zinc caused the semi-manufactured group index to fall almost 2%. Average wholesale prices of finished products increased slightly during the week. The indexes for "all commodities other than farm products" and "all commodities other than farm products and foods" averaged slightly below the Dec. 30 level.

The Labor Department's announcement, quoting Mr. Lubin as above, also reported the following:

The farm products group index rose over 1½% to the highest point reached in the past year and a half. Increases of about 2½% for grains and livestock largely accounted for the advance. Quotations were higher for barley, corn, oats, wheat, calves, cows, steers, wethers, live poultry, cotton, apples, fresh milk (Chicago), flaxseed, dried beans, and potatoes. Lower prices were reported for rye, hogs, eggs, citrus fruits, hops, and wool.

Average prices of foods in wholesale markets declined fractionally because of lower quotations for raw sugar, oleo oil, lard, pepper, and cured fish. Prices for dairy products, cereal products, meats, and coffee were higher.

Lower prices for sole leather caused the decline in the hides and leather products group index. Following a steady advance since September, the textile products group index reacted and dropped slightly. Pronounced decreases in prices of raw silk, silk yarns, raw jute, and burlap were responsible for the decline. Fractional advances were reported in prices of clothing, cotton goods, hosiery and underwear, and woolen and worsted goods.

In the fuel and lighting materials group, continued weakness in prices of gasoline more than counterbalanced a sharp advance in prices of Pennsylvania crude petroleum and caused the group index to decline slightly.

As a result of minor decreases in prices of agricultural implements, together with lower prices for quicksilver, solder, pig tin, and pig zinc, the metals and metal products group index dropped 0.1%. Declining prices for yellow pine and gum lumber were responsible for the minor decrease in the building materials group index. Prices of paint materials averaged higher.

The decrease in the chemicals and drugs group index was brought about by lower prices for fats and oils. Crude rubber declined over 6½%. Average wholesale prices of cattle feed and cylinder oils were higher.

The following tables show (1) index numbers for the main groups of commodities for the past three weeks and for Jan. 7 and Dec. 9, 1939 and the percentage changes from Jan. 7, Dec. 9, and 30, 1939 to Jan. 6, 1940; (2) important percentage changes in subgroup indexes from Dec. 30, 1939 to Jan. 6, 1940.

Commodity Groups (1926=100)	Jan. 6 1940	Dec. 30 1939	Dec. 23 1939	Dec. 9 1939	Jan. 7 1939	Percentage Changes from		
						Jan. 6 1940	Dec. 9 1939	Jan. 7 1939
All commodities.....	79.5	79.4	79.3	79.0	77.0	+0.1	+0.6	+3.2
Farm products.....	69.6	68.5	67.8	67.4	67.6	+1.6	+3.3	+3.0
Foods.....	71.8	71.9	72.1	71.3	72.6	-0.1	+0.7	-1.1
Hides and leather products.....	104.0	104.1	104.4	104.0	93.9	-0.1	0	+10.8
Textile products.....	78.3	78.6	77.8	76.6	65.3	-0.4	+2.2	+19.9
Fuel and lighting materials.....	73.3	73.4	73.5	74.1	73.8	-0.1	-1.1	-0.7
Metals and metal products.....	96.0	96.1	96.1	96.1	94.6	-0.1	-0.1	+1.5
Building materials.....	92.9	93.1	93.6	92.7	90.0	-0.2	+0.2	+3.2
Chemicals and drugs.....	78.0	78.1	78.0	77.6	76.3	-0.1	+0.5	+2.2
Housefurnishing goods.....	90.1	90.1	90.0	90.0	87.5	0	+0.1	+3.0
Miscellaneous.....	77.5	77.7	77.4	78.4	73.1	-0.3	-1.1	+6.0
Raw materials.....	74.1	73.6	73.3	72.8	71.1	+0.7	+1.8	+4.2
Semi-manufactured articles.....	81.9	83.5	82.1	81.5	75.0	-1.9	+0.5	+9.2
Finished products.....	82.1	82.0	82.2	82.0	80.5	+0.1	+0.1	+2.0
All commodities other than farm products.....	81.7	81.8	81.8	81.5	79.1	-0.1	+0.2	+3.3
All commodities other than farm products and foods.....	84.2	84.4	84.3	84.4	80.6	-0.2	-0.2	+4.5

PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES OF IMPORTANT SUB-GROUPS FROM DEC. 30, 1939, TO JAN. 6, 1940

Increases		Decreases	
Grains.....	2.7	Clothing.....	0.2
Livestock and poultry.....	2.3	Cement.....	0.2
Dairy products.....	1.4	Other miscellaneous.....	0.2
Meats.....	1.2	Woolen and worsted goods.....	0.2
Cattle feed.....	1.1	Cotton goods.....	0.1
Other textile products.....	1.0	Hosiery and underwear.....	0.1
Other farm products.....	0.9	Paint and paint materials.....	0.1
Cereal products.....	0.7	Furnishings.....	0.1
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....	0.4		
Crude rubber.....	6.6	Leather.....	0.4
Silk and rayon.....	4.3	Petroleum products.....	0.4
Other foods.....	2.8	Hides and skins.....	0.2
Lumber.....	0.7	Other building materials.....	0.1
Fruits and vegetables.....	0.5	Chemicals.....	0.1
Non-ferrous metals.....	0.5	Paper and pulp.....	0.1

Wholesale Commodity Prices Further Advanced During Week Ended Jan. 6 Reaching Highest Level in Last Two Years According to National Fertilizer Association

An advance in the general level of wholesale commodity prices in the first week of 1940 took the price index compiled by the National Fertilizer Association to the highest point reached in the last two years. This index in the week ended January 6 rose to 78.5 from 78.1 in the preceding week. The index was 77.5 a month ago and 73.3 a year ago, based on the 1926-1928 average as 100. The Association's announcement, Dated Jan. 8, continued:

The food price average rose moderately the last week, but it is still under the level reached last fall. With the cotton, grain and livestock averages all moving upward, the farm product index rose to the highest point reached since the summer of 1938. A mark-up in crude petroleum quotations was responsible for a rise in the fuel index. A moderate advance in the build-

ing material index, which took it to the highest point reached since 1937, reflected higher lumber quotations. Advances were also registered by the indexes representing the prices of chemicals and drugs and miscellaneous commodities. Declines in raw silk, burlap, cotton goods and woolens resulted in a drop in the textile price average. Lower quotations for tin and zinc were responsible for the metal index turning downward.

Twenty-six price series included in the index advanced during the week and 20 declined; in the preceding week there were 23 advances and 19 declines; in the second preceding week there were 36 advances and 16 declines.

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

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index	Group	Latest Week Jan. 6, 1940	Preced'g Week Dec. 30, 1939	Month Ago Dec. 9, 1939	Year Ago Jan. 7, 1939
	Fats and oils.....	54.1	53.7	53.5	54.1
	Cottonseed oil.....	68.3	67.0	65.9	70.1
23.0	Farm products.....	66.2	65.7	63.6	65.5
	Cotton.....	30.6	59.9	55.7	47.8
	Grains.....	74.0	72.2	68.1	55.7
	Livestock.....	62.6	62.5	61.4	77.2
17.3	Fuels.....	81.5	81.2	82.0	75.5
10.8	Miscellaneous commodities.....	90.4	89.6	88.4	78.6
8.2	Textiles.....	90.6	81.3	78.1	59.1
7.1	Metals.....	93.5	93.8	93.9	90.5
6.1	Building materials.....	88.0	87.6	87.6	87.6
1.3	Chemicals and drugs.....	94.3	94.2	94.0	94.7
.3	Fertilizer materials.....	73.8	73.8	73.5	71.8
.3	Fertilizers.....	78.2	78.2	77.3	78.0
.3	Farm machinery.....	94.9	94.9	94.9	95.3
100.0	All groups combined.....	78.5	78.1	77.5	73.3

Department Store Sales in December Increased 4% Above Last Year, Reports Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System—Total for Year 5% Above 1938

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System announced Jan. 9 that department store sales showed a further increase in December, and the Board's seasonally adjusted index advanced to 96, the highest level in recent years. The index is shown below for the last three months and for December, 1938.

INDEX OF DEPARTMENT STORE SALES (1923-1925 AVERAGE=100)

	Dec., 1939	Nov., 1939	Oct., 1939	Dec., 1938
Adjusted for seasonal variation.....	96	95	90	89
Without seasonal adjustment.....	168	106	99	156

Sales in December were 4% larger than in the corresponding month last year which had one more business day. For the entire year 1939 sales were 5% above 1938, according to the Board, which presented the following tabulation:

REPORT BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS

Federal Reserve Districts	Percentage Change from a Year Ago		Number of Stores Reporting	Number of Cities Included
	December*	Year		
Boston.....	+2	+3	51	31
New York.....	+1	+2	54	27
Philadelphia.....	+3	+7	24	12
Cleveland.....	+9	+9	21	10
Richmond.....	+4	+5	48	24
Atlanta.....	+8	+9	18	14
Chicago.....	+6	+6	89	29
St. Louis.....	+4	+6	32	15
Minneapolis.....	+9	+5	35	16
Kansas City.....	+3	+1	19	13
Dallas.....	+3	+1	14	6
San Francisco.....	+1	+3	91	31
Total.....	+4	+5	496	228

* December figures preliminary; in most cities the month had one less business day this year than last year.

Sixth Consecutive Year of Construction Industry Recovery Closed, with Bright Outlook for 1940

The year 1939 had the largest total construction volume since 1930 and the largest residential building volume since 1929, according to F. W. Dodge Corp., in a statement making public the final figures for the year on construction contracts awarded in the 37 Eastern States. The 12-month total for all building and engineering work was \$3,550,543,000, compared with \$3,196,928,000 in the preceding year. Of the \$353,000,000 increase, \$350,000,000 was in privately financed construction and only \$3,000,000 in publicly financed construction. The statement continued:

Most important, both in magnitude and as an indicator of widespread increases in the number of new investments in buildings, was the increase in residential building, from \$985,787,000 in 1938 to \$1,334,272,000 in 1939. This increase amounted to 35%. The \$348,000,000 of dollar increase included increases of \$244,000,000 in private residential building and \$104,000,000 in publicly financed residential building, the latter consisting principally of subsidized housing under the United States Housing Authority program.

An increase of \$49,000,000, or 10%, in private non-residential building was more than offset by a decrease of \$156,000,000 in publicly financed non-residential building. The result of these opposing trends was a 10% reduction of the non-residential total, from \$1,072,137,000 in 1938, to \$965,638,000 in 1939. Heavy engineering contracts (for public works and utilities projects) increased 10%, from \$1,139,004,000 in 1938 to \$1,250,633,000 in 1939. The \$111,000,000 increase was practically evenly divided between publicly financed and privately financed projects.

Commenting on the 1940 construction outlook, Thomas S. Holden, Vice-President in charge of Statistics and Research for F. W. Dodge Corp., stated: "The general industrial and business recovery that has taken place during the past eight months indicates for this year continued increases in commercial, manufacturing and private residential building and for private electric utility construction. Public housing should increase very considerably over 1939, and highway work should go ahead at a satisfactory

rate. Drastic reduction of Federal aid to other classes of public building and engineering work will be partly offset by construction under the defense program. On the basis of quite conservative estimates, we expect at least a 10 to 12% increase in private construction, this year, with a possible 10% decrease in public construction, with at least a moderate net gain in the years total."

Electric Output for Week Ended Jan. 6, 1940, 14.0% Above a Year Ago

The Edison Electric Institute, in its current weekly report, estimated that production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Jan. 6, 1940, was 2,473,397,000 kwh. The current week's output is 14.0% above the output of the corresponding week of 1938, when production totaled 2,169,470,000 kwh. The output for the week ended Dec. 30, 1939, was estimated to be 2,404,316,000 kwh., an increase of 13.4% over the like week a year ago.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

Major Geographic Regions	Week Ended Jan. 6, 1940	Week Ended Dec. 30, 1939	Week Ended Dec. 23, 1939	Week Ended Dec. 16, 1939
New England	9.5	10.2	10.3	12.1
Middle Atlantic	11.8	11.0	8.1	8.4
Central Industrial	18.1	16.9	15.8	15.4
West Central	11.3	10.2	7.8	7.8
Southern States	13.5	12.1	12.0	12.1
Rocky Mountain	12.2	10.0	3.3	5.2
Pacific Coast	10.3	8.6	8.9	7.4
Total United States	14.0	13.4	11.8	11.6

DATA FOR RECENT WEEKS (THOUSANDS OF KILOWATT-HOURS)

Week Ended	1939	1938	Percent Change 1939 from 1938	1937	1932	1929
Nov. 4	2,536,765	2,207,444	+14.9	2,202,451	1,525,410	1,815,749
Nov. 11	2,513,688	2,209,324	+13.8	2,176,557	1,520,730	1,798,164
Nov. 18	2,513,350	2,270,296	+10.7	2,224,213	1,531,584	1,793,584
Nov. 25	2,481,882	2,183,807	+13.6	2,065,378	1,475,268	1,818,169
Dec. 2	2,538,777	2,285,523	+11.1	2,152,643	1,510,337	1,718,602
Dec. 9	2,585,560	2,318,550	+11.5	2,196,105	1,518,922	1,806,225
Dec. 16	2,604,558	2,332,978	+11.6	2,202,200	1,563,384	1,840,863
Dec. 23	2,641,458	2,362,947	+11.8	2,085,186	1,554,473	1,860,021
Dec. 30	2,404,316	2,120,555	+13.4	1,998,135	1,414,710	1,837,623
	1940	1939	1940 from 1939	1937	1932	1929
Jan. 6	2,473,397	2,169,470	+14.0	2,244,030	1,619,265	1,542,000
Jan. 13		2,269,846		2,284,125	1,602,482	1,733,810
Jan. 20		2,289,659		2,256,795	1,598,201	1,736,729
Jan. 27		2,292,594		2,214,656	1,588,967	1,717,315

Secretary of Labor Perkins Reports November Permit Valuations for Residential Buildings Were 14% Above October and 43% Higher Than Year Ago

Residential construction activity as measured by permits issued, continues to hold well above normal seasonal levels, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reported Dec. 23. "November permit valuations for residential buildings were 14% above October and 43% greater than during November, 1938," Miss Perkins said, adding:

Total permit valuations for all types of construction were 1% higher in November than in October and 17% higher during the current month than during the corresponding month of last year. The value of new non-residential buildings, however, showed a decline of 11% as compared with October and a decrease of 14% as compared with November, 1938. Indicated expenditures for additions, alterations, and repairs were 21% lower than in October, but were at practically the same level as during November, 1938. These data are based on reports received by the Bureau of Labor Statistics from 2,022 cities of the United States having an aggregate population of approximately 60,000,000.

During the first 11 months of 1939 permits were issued in the cities reporting to the Bureau for buildings valued at \$1,922,635,000, an increase of 22% as compared with the corresponding period of 1938. The value of new residential buildings showed a gain of 33% over this period. The value of new non-residential buildings increased 11% while permit valuations for additions, alterations, and repairs to existing structures rose 8%.

The Labor Department's announcement also reported the following:

The changes occurring between the first 11 months of 1939 and the like period of 1938 are indicated below, by class of construction:

Class of Construction	Change from First 11 Months of 1938 to First 11 Months of 1939	
	All Cities	Excl. N. Y. City
New residential	+33.1%	+51.1%
New non-residential	+10.9%	+18.0%
Additions, alterations, repairs	+7.7%	+10.0%
Total	+21.5%	+31.8%

The percentage change from October to November, 1939, in the permit valuation of the various classes of building construction is indicated in the following table for 2,022 cities having a population of 1,000 or over:

Class of Construction	Change from Oct. to Nov., 1939	
	All Cities	Excl. N. Y. City
New residential	+14.4%	+10.0%
New non-residential	-11.3%	-6.6%
Additions, alterations, repairs	-20.7%	-18.9%
Total	+1.1%	+0.4%

Permits issued during November provided for 29,716 dwelling units. Of these, 8,543 were in projects under the jurisdiction of the United States Housing Authority. October permits provided for 23,999 units, of which 1,216 were in USHA-aided projects.

The percentage change in the permit valuation from November, 1938, by class of construction, is given below for the same 2,022 cities:

Class of Construction	Change from Nov., 1938, to Nov., 1939	
	All Cities	Excl. N. Y. City
New residential	+43.1%	+57.5%
New non-residential	-13.8%	-12.7%
Additions, alterations, repairs	-0.1%	+0.2%
Total	+17.0%	+21.9%

Compared with November, 1938, there was an increase of 48% in the total number of family-dwelling units provided. The USHA projects for which contracts were awarded in November, 1938, provided 100-dwelling units.

The information collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics includes contracts awarded by Federal and State Governments in addition to private and municipal construction. For November, 1939, Federal and State construction amounted to \$33,327,000; for October, 1939, to \$12,908,000; and for November, 1938, to \$17,105,000.

Permits were issued during November for the following important building projects: In East Hartford, Conn., for additions to factory buildings to cost more than \$600,000; in Jersey City, N. J., for a hospital building to cost over \$2,000,000; in New York City—in the Borough of the Bronx, for apartment houses to cost over \$1,500,000; in the Borough of Brooklyn, for apartment houses to cost approximately \$1,400,000; in the Borough of Queens, for one-family dwellings to cost nearly \$1,700,000 and for apartment houses to cost nearly \$6,000,000; in Rochester, N. Y., for factory buildings to cost approximately \$400,000; in Philadelphia, Pa., for one-family dwellings to cost over \$600,000, for a hospital building to cost \$1,000,000, and for a laboratory building to cost nearly \$1,100,000; in Chicago, Ill., for one-dwellings to cost nearly \$1,000,000, for factory buildings to cost approximately \$400,000, and for a store and mercantile building to cost \$1,250,000; in River Forest, Ill., for apartment houses to cost nearly \$500,000; in Hammond, Ind., for a sewage treatment plant to cost nearly \$600,000; in Dearborn, Mich., for one-family dwellings to cost approximately \$650,000; in Detroit, Mich., for one-family dwellings to cost nearly \$3,400,000; in Cleveland, Ohio, for one-family dwellings to cost over \$550,000 and for the superstructure for a municipal power plant to cost nearly \$700,000; in Minneapolis, Minn., for one-family dwellings to cost over \$600,000; in Washington, D. C., for one-family dwellings to cost nearly \$1,300,000 and for an electric light plant to cost \$700,000; in Miami, Fla., for one-family dwellings to cost nearly \$1,000,000; in Baltimore, Md., for one-family dwellings to cost over \$760,000; in Alexandria, Va., for apartment houses to cost more than \$400,000; in Corpus Christi, Texas, for a hotel building to cost over \$1,100,000; in Houston, Texas, for one-family dwellings to cost more than \$900,000; in San Antonio, Texas, for a public building to cost \$500,000; in Berkeley, Calif., for school buildings to cost more than \$450,000; in Los Angeles, Calif., for one-family dwellings to cost more than \$2,700,000; in Oakland, Calif., for one-family dwellings to cost nearly \$500,000; in San Francisco, Calif., for one-family dwellings to cost nearly \$900,000; in Portland, Ore., for an institutional building to cost \$1,000,000; and in Seattle, Wash., for one-family dwellings to cost nearly \$500,000. Contracts were awarded during November for the following USHA housing projects: In Bridgeport, Conn., to cost approximately \$3,600,000 (1,190 dwelling units); in Boston, Mass., for two projects to cost approximately \$4,200,000 (1,179 dwelling units); in Lowell, Mass., to cost nearly \$2,000,000 (536 dwelling units); in Asbury Park, N. J., to cost \$475,000 (126 dwelling units); in Harrison, N. J., to cost \$900,000 (214 dwelling units); in New York City, Borough of Manhattan, to cost approximately \$5,200,000 (1,531 dwelling units); in Reading, Pa., to cost over \$1,400,000 (400 dwelling units); in Peoria, Ill., for two projects to cost over \$3,600,000 (1,093 dwelling units); in Cincinnati, Ohio, for an addition to the existing project to cost \$805,000 (261 dwelling units); in Tampa, Fla., for the second section of the existing project to cost nearly \$450,000 (184 dwelling units); in Atlanta, Ga., for the second section of the existing project to cost nearly \$1,100,000 (358 dwelling units); in Charlotte, N. C., to cost over \$600,000 (256 dwelling units); in Wilmington, N. C., to cost more than \$650,000 (216 dwelling units); in Columbia, S. C., to cost nearly \$700,000 (236 dwelling units); in Laurel, Miss., to cost nearly \$470,000 (150 dwelling units); and in Los Angeles, Calif., to cost over \$1,400,000 (610 dwelling units).

TABLE 1—PERMIT VALUATION OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, TOGETHER WITH THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES PROVIDED FOR IN NEW DWELLINGS, IN 2,022 IDENTICAL CITIES IN NINE REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, AS SHOWN BY PERMITS ISSUED, NOVEMBER, 1939

Geographic Division	No. of Cities	New Residential Buildings				Population (Census of 1930)
		Permit Valuation, Nov., 1939	Percentage Change from— Oct., 1939 1938	No. of Families Provided for, Nov., 39	Percentage Change from— Oct., 1939 1938	
All divisions	2,022	\$106,358,965	+14.4 +43.1	29,716	+23.8 +47.8	
New England	148	14,148,215	+192.9 +354.6	3,865	+264.6 +491.9	
Middle Atlantic	465	28,580,641	+22.8 +14.6	7,760	+37.9 +18.3	
East North Central	462	22,146,668	+6.1 +59.3	4,967	+22.5 +79.2	
West North Central	192	4,466,877	-5.1 +3.7	1,195	-12.0 +1.6	
South Atlantic	242	12,665,400	+7.0 +71.3	3,934	+10.7 +71.3	
East South Central	80	1,752,376	-44.1 +20.9	704	-36.7 +37.5	
West South Central	126	5,179,660	-26.5 -0.7	1,877	-12.4 +2.3	
Mountain	92	2,257,747	-9.8 +62.4	715	-3.9 +54.4	
Pacific	215	15,161,381	+2.3 +20.2	4,699	+8.2 +22.3	
Geographic Division	New Non-Residential Buildings		Total Building Construction (Including Alterations and Repairs)		Population (Census of 1930)	
	Permit Valuation, Nov., 1939	Percentage Change from— Oct., 1939 1938	Permit Valuation, Nov., 1939	Percentage Change from— Oct., 1939 1938		
All divisions	\$43,164,951	-11.3 -13.8	\$172,519,291	+1.1 +17.0	59,851,538	
New England	3,036,325	-4.5 -23.2	19,720,775	+84.2 +114.5	5,647,571	
Mid. Atlantic	11,584,409	+14.9 +26.6	46,308,509	+10.7 +12.1	18,174,393	
E. No. Central	9,339,596	-10.0 -24.9	36,139,967	-1.2 +21.2	14,801,215	
W. No. Central	2,998,634	+10.9 -35.7	9,167,368	-4.9 -16.9	4,476,935	
South Atlantic	5,746,403	-24.0 +48.2	20,891,649	-7.6 +54.8	4,985,298	
E. So. Central	894,769	-65.9 -63.0	3,357,748	-48.8 -25.5	1,986,056	
W. So. Central	3,592,984	+43.6 +24.5	9,930,234	-12.2 +9.0	3,305,584	
Mountain	460,874	-82.5 -30.1	3,266,710	-42.9 +16.0	1,179,491	
Pacific	5,510,957	-21.3 -45.2	23,736,331	-7.6 -9.3	5,294,995	

Trend of Business in Hotels, According to Horwath & Horwath—December Sales Increased Only 2% Over Year Ago

Horwath & Horwath, in their monthly survey of the trend of business in hotels, state that the increase in hotel sales this December over last was only 2%, the smallest since last May. Occupancy at 54% is the same, whereas every other month since May has recorded a rise; and the average sale per occupied room was up only 1%, against an average increase of 3% for the preceding eight months. The firm's announcement continued:

Chicago had an increase of 8% in total sales and Philadelphia a substantial one of 17%, the latter due largely to the Army and Navy game, which last year was played in November, such an event having a marked effect on the occupancy of that city because it is normally low. Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, the Pacific Coast, and Texas registered decreases, and while they were slight, still they contrast with increases last month.

Total restaurant sales increased only 2%, which would seem to indicate that New Year's Eve business was not much better this year than last. In New York City the gain was only 1%, against 2% for the room sales. Chicago reported better New Year's Eve business in dancing rooms but a decrease in bar sales.

With December, 1937, taken as 100, December, 1939, stands as follows:

	Total Sales	Room Sales	Restaurant Sales	Occupancy	Rates
December, 1937	100	100	100	100	100
December, 1938	98	97	99	96	99
December, 1939	100	98	101	96	100

TREND OF BUSINESS IN HOTELS IN DECEMBER, 1939, COMPARED WITH DECEMBER, 1938

	Sales Percentage of Increase (+) or Decrease (-)			Occupancy Percentage		Room Rate Percentage of Inc. or (-)
	Total	Rooms	Restaurant	This Month	Same Month Last Year	
New York City	+1	+2	+1	61	60	+1
Chicago	+8	+7	+9	66	64	+3
Philadelphia	+17	+21	+13	46	41	+8
Washington	-2	-2	-2	54	54	-3
Cleveland	-1	+3	-6	69	66	0
Detroit	-2	+1	-5	55	52	-5
Pacific Coast	-2	-6	+2	51	53	-2
Texas	-3	-2	-4	60	63	+3
All others	+2	+2	+2	53	52	+1
Total	+2	+1	+2	54	54	+1
Year to date	+3	+3	+3	62	61	+1

Slight Increase Noted in Bank Debits

Debits to individual accounts, as reported by banks in leading cities for the week ended January 3, aggregated \$10,557,000,000, or 15% above the total reported for the preceding week and about the same as the total for the corresponding week of last year. All three weeks included only five business days.

Aggregate debits for the 141 cities for which a separate total has been maintained since January, 1919 amounted to \$9,738,000,000, compared with \$8,461,000,000 the preceding week and \$9,781,000,000 the week ended January 4 of last year.

These figures are as reported on Jan. 8, 1940, by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS

Federal Reserve District	No. of Centers Incl.	Week Ended—		
		Jan. 3, 1940	Dec. 27, 1939	Jan. 4, 1939
1—Boston	17	\$584,415,000	\$493,090,000	\$547,353,000
2—New York	15	4,495,583,000	4,178,238,000	4,970,577,000
3—Philadelphia	18	602,818,000	466,650,000	534,322,000
4—Cleveland	25	682,646,000	641,451,000	605,897,000
5—Richmond	24	350,420,000	299,090,000	330,039,000
6—Atlanta	25	322,407,000	265,072,000	294,437,000
7—Chicago	41	1,617,865,000	1,362,697,000	1,514,169,000
8—St. Louis	16	284,799,000	252,970,000	261,414,000
9—Minneapolis	17	177,335,000	153,820,000	167,621,000
10—Kansas City	28	346,653,000	262,762,000	315,133,000
11—Dallas	18	295,157,000	214,459,000	266,826,000
12—San Francisco	29	766,405,000	619,091,000	709,075,000
Total	273	\$10,556,506,000	\$9,149,360,000	\$10,516,863,000

Summary of Business Conditions in Federal Reserve Districts

Indications of the trend of business in the various Federal Reserve districts is indicated in the following extracts which we give from the "Monthly Reviews" of the Federal Reserve Districts of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas and San Francisco:

First (Boston) District

"The level of general business activity in New England during November was moderately higher than that which prevailed during October, after allowances had been made for customary seasonal changes, with most of the major lines of activity showing increases," says the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, in its "Monthly Review" of Jan. 1. In part, the "Review" also said:

During the four-week period ending Dec. 9 carloadings in this district were 11.8% higher than in the corresponding four weeks a year ago. In New England during November department store and apparel shop sales were 1.5% higher than in November last year and during the first 11 months of the current year were 2.7% larger than in the corresponding period last year.

The value of total construction contracts awarded in New England during November was \$24,298,000, as compared with \$17,816,000 in October and \$22,479,000 in November last year. Each of the four major building classifications increased considerably between October and November.

In this district during November the amount of raw cotton consumed was 88,705 bales, an amount larger than the consumption of 86,592 bales in October and the total of 77,985 bales consumed in November a year ago. Cumulative cotton consumption for the first 11 months of 1939 in this district was 832,612 bales, exceeding the total during the corresponding period last year by 24.8%.

In New England during November boot and shoe production is estimated to have been 10,279,000 pairs, and amount about 19% lower than in October but about 15% larger than the total in November last year.

During November the total number of wage-earners employed in representative manufacturing establishments in Massachusetts was 0.4% larger than the number employed in October and the amount of aggregate weekly payrolls was 1.9% higher, according to the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries.

Second (New York) District

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in presenting its monthly indexes in its "Monthly Review" of Jan. 1, states that "after allowing for usual seasonal variations, it appears that business activity in general increased somewhat further in December." The "Review" goes on to say:

Steel mill operations slackened somewhat as the month progressed, though the decline was less pronounced than in most other years. Automobile production showed a marked increase in December, owing principally to the resumption of operations at the plants of a major producer which had been shut down on account of a labor controversy during most of October and November. According to trade reports, cotton textile mills continued to maintain a high rate of activity in December, although mill sales of cotton goods fell short of current production except for a brief period around the middle of the month. Usually railroad car loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight show a large decline in December this year, however, the reduction appears to have been less marked than usual, and on a seasonally adjusted basis the movement of this type of freight continued the sharp advance which began in September. Electric power production was at the peak of the year, as is usual in December; the increase over November appears to have been of about the usual seasonal magnitude.

Business activity continued to rise in November, although at a somewhat slower pace than in either of the two preceding months. There was a further substantial gain in the production of durable goods, while production of nondurable goods in general was maintained at the level reached in October. The movement of freight over railways, reflecting primary distribution, increased further, seasonal factors considered. Distribution of goods to consumers in November also was higher than in the preceding month, as is indicated by the larger than seasonal advances in sales of department and chain stores, and trade reports indicate that the retail demand for automobiles was active.

(Adjusted for seasonal variations, for estimated long-term trend, and where necessary for price changes)

	Nov., 1938	Sept., 1939	Oct., 1939	Nov., 1939
Industrial Production—				
Steel	84	94	115	126
Passenger cars	74	97	79	64
Motor trucks	71	70	148	87
Bituminous coal	80	91	98	95p
Crude petroleum	85	88	90	92p
Electric power	91r	98	99p	99p
Cement	63	60	64	67
Cotton consumption	96	110	111	115
Wool consumption	108	126	120	121p
Shoes	111	101	106p	113p
Meat packing	93	97	97	101p
Tobacco products	95	89	92	---
Employment—				
Employment, manufacturing, United States	94	98	102	105p
Employee-hours, manufacturing, United States	80	86	88	92p
Construction—				
Residential building contracts	42	52	44	49
Non-residential building & engineering contracts	79	59	47	68
Primary Distribution—				
Car loadings, merchandise and miscellaneous	79	85	87	90
Car loadings, other	76	93	98	95
Exports	74r	88	86	80p
Imports	73	80	81	86p
Distribution to Consumer—				
Department store sales, United States	87	88	87	93
Department store sales, Second District	79	82	80	85
Chain grocery sales	98	104	106	109p
Other chain store sales	93	100	95	97
Mail-order house sales	90	105	101	97
New passenger car registrations	64	82	104	---
Velocity of Deposits*				
Velocity of demand deposits, outside New York City (1919-25 average=100)	65	60	57	62
Velocity of demand deposits, New York City (1919-25 average=100)	36	34	29	30
Prices and Wages*				
General price level (1913 average=100)	154	155	155p	155p
Cost of living (1913 average=100)	147	148	148	148
Wage rates (1926 average=100)	110	111	111p	---

* Not adjusted for trend. p Preliminary. r Revised.

Third (Philadelphia) District

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, in its "Business Summary" of Jan. 1, reported that "industrial activity in the Third Federal Reserve District improved further in November and the seasonally adjusted index advanced for the sixth consecutive month to the highest levels since the summer of 1937." The Bank also had the following to say, in part:

More than half of the sharp gain in the six-month period occurred after the outbreak of war. Practically all lines have shown substantial improvement but the greatest gains have been in the output of durable manufactured goods. Coal mining and the production of crude oil and electric power have been well sustained. Building activity is beginning to decline, following the sharp expansion in the summer and early fall.

Employment in 12 branches of trade and industry in Pennsylvania advanced further from October to November and was well above a year ago. Wage disbursements have been sustained at unusually high levels. In the latest month increases were reported in manufacturing, petroleum

production, public utilities, and retail trade. Preliminary reports for December indicate further advances in manufacturing, contrary to seasonal expectations.

Retail trade sales have expanded sharply and early reports indicate that holiday business this year will be substantially larger than in 1938. Wholesale trade has also been well maintained at levels above last year. Inventories in trade channels have increased somewhat but the advances have been smaller than the expansion in sales.

Current industrial conditions generally appear favorable. Purchasing policies have been pursued along cautious lines, despite the sharp upturn in industrial activity and the unsettling influences of the war abroad. Backlogs of orders continue large, and in many lines, particularly durable manufactured goods, appear adequate to sustain operations well into 1940. Consumer incomes have increased sharply and may be a strong stimulant to domestic trade in the coming months. The volume of foreign buying has not been as widespread as had been expected but may increase if the war is prolonged.

Fourth (Cleveland) District

In its Dec. 30 "Monthly Business Review" the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland reports that "the year 1939 closed with industrial activity and trade in the Fourth District at much better levels generally than had been anticipated earlier in the year and in several instances new all-time high records were established in the fourth quarter." The Bank further states:

The peak rate of actual output probably was reached in November, for contractions, entirely seasonal in nature, but less than normally occur at this time of year, were evident in some lines. Production rates were being well maintained at the year end, but incoming orders have fallen off and in some cases were below the actual rate of output. Pressure for deliveries was lessened somewhat when most steel prices were extended through the first quarter.

Although gains were recorded in the first half of the year over the low levels of the first half of 1938, the upswing in local industrial operations really started in July as steel and auto parts and accessory plants began producing for the new automobile models which were introduced somewhat earlier than in other recent years. Machine tool and rubber factories had been quite active during the first half of the year in relation to 1938.

The advance which started after Labor Day was one of the sharpest ever experienced in so short a time, and was particularly pronounced in the industrial field of the fourth district since the pace for the rise was set by the machine tool and steel industries, with other lines sharing in the upswing.

Coal production in this district during 1939 was subject to extreme fluctuations. Mines were shut down almost completely in April and the first half of May pending settlement of an industrial dispute, but in October output was the second largest monthly total since 1930. Operations have since been curtailed, but production during the first eleven months of the year exceeded that of 1938 by 15%, and shipments to upper lake ports were 16% larger than in the preceding year. Electric power output also reached a peak in October, the latest month for which data are available. Output was 17% larger than in the corresponding month in 1938 and the gain for the first 10 months of the year was 11%.

Industrial employment in Ohio during November was 24% above the lowest point reached in 1938, but it was still 10% less than the 1937 maximum. Retail trade to some extent reflected the improvement in employment, and the seasonally adjusted index of fourth district department sales rose for six consecutive months from 83% of the 1923-25 average in May to 99.5% in November. Sales during November were the largest for that month since 1929.

Fifth (Richmond) District

The Dec. 31 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond reports that "trade and industry in the Fifth Federal Reserve district were both quite active in November, and practically all figures were better than November, 1938 figures. A number of indicators showed some recessions from October levels, but these were seasonal developments in nearly all instances." The following is also from the "Review":

In distributive lines, November's record was substantially better than that of November, 1938. Department store sales showed an increase of 11%, retail furniture sales rose 17%, and wholesale trade showed an average gain of 16% in about a dozen lines. Sales of new passenger automobiles in November exceeded November, 1938 sales by 11%, in spite of the absence of one leading manufacturer from the market.

Industrial advances made in September and October were held in November. Cotton textile mills continued operations at high levels and consumed more cotton than in any other month on record except March, 1937. Rayon mills operated at capacity, but shipments again exceeded production for the seventh consecutive month, and reserve stocks of yarn fell to about a week's supply. Coal production, while declining slightly from the unusually high October level, exceeded November, 1938 output by 19%. Tobacco manufacturing was off in certain lines, but in cigarettes, of which the Fifth district makes approximately 80%, there was a gain of 7%.

Employment rose during November and the first half of December, seasonal additions to retail sales forces more than offsetting some decline in outside work. Industrial employment on the whole was about the same as in October, but was substantially better than in the final months of 1938.

Seventh (Chicago) District

In the Dec. 26 "Business Conditions" issue of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago it is stated that "the generally high level of Seventh [Chicago] district industrial output was maintained in November." The Bank adds:

Volume of new orders in many lines, notably steel, has declined from the exceptionally heavy autumn business, but production activity continued for the most part high into December. November automobile output was slowed down somewhat by the continuance of an industrial dispute with one major producer, but expanded sharply after its settlement at the close of the month. Volume of employment showed only minor declines, and distribution of commodities at retail has held up well, though recording recessions of a seasonal nature in several phases. Agricultural price trends have been widely divergent with grains strong and most livestock weak.

The survey also says in part:

During November district steel mills continued to operate at an unusually high level, but in December the rate of output slowed down slightly to 92% of capacity in the third week of the month, as compared with 94½% a month previous. . . . There were further substantial gains during November in new orders at steel castings firms, again reflecting activity in

railroad car building, but incoming business at malleable castings concerns declined output of both steel and malleable castings showed a substantial advance over the month. Automobile production continued to be held back somewhat in November by prolongation of the industrial dispute at the plants of one major producer. Following settlement of the situation in late November, total weekly production rose to a new high for the year. Demand for automobiles appears to be well sustained, and some producers are reported to have heavy backlogs still to be worked off.

Contracts awarded for building construction in the Seventh district increased 3% in November over October, reflecting gains in residential and public utility awards; value of building permits likewise increased in the period. There was a slight decline in total output of bituminous coal mines of the area, but petroleum refining activity continued to increase.

From mid-October to mid-November employment decreased fractionally and payrolls 2% in Seventh district manufacturing industries, reflecting in the main lower employment in the automobile industry, although several other major groups showed decreases.

Aggregate Seventh district department store sales continued greater than the 1938 level by 4% during November, but were slightly lower than in October. However, on a daily average basis November sales were 3% higher than a month previous. In the first two full weeks of December, sales of the larger department stores of the district were 7% heavier than in the corresponding 1938 week.

Sixth (Atlanta) District

The following regarding business conditions in the Sixth Atlanta Federal Reserve District is taken from the Dec. 31 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta:

In November distribution of merchandise through retail and wholesale channels in the Sixth Federal Reserve District improved and industrial activity extended the advance of earlier months.

After allowing for seasonal influences, department store sales increased 7.5% in November, and the index was the highest on record for that month. Wholesale trade declined, but by a considerably smaller amount than it usually does, and business failures were substantially less. Construction contracts awarded in November were twice the October total, and larger than for any month since February, 1926, largely because of a considerable volume of awards for public works in Tennessee, but residential contracts and building permits declined. All of the 18 blast furnaces in Alabama continued active through November, and pig iron production was at the highest rate since March, 1927. Coal production, on a daily average basis was the highest in more than nine years, excepting the month of March, 1937, and electric power production reached a new record level in October.

Eighth (St. Louis) District

In its Dec. 30 "Business Conditions" survey the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis states that "Industry and trade in the Eighth District during November and the first half of December continued the upward movement which began last summer and was given marked impetus by the outbreak of war in Europe." It is added that "as of mid-December the situation as a whole was the most favorable since the inception of the recovery period." The survey also stated:

As usual at this season, interest centered to a great extent in retail distribution. Holiday trade got under way somewhat earlier than in recent seasons, and available reports from scattered sections of the district covering the past 30 days indicate a larger volume of sales than in any like period since 1929. While record mild weather tended to hold down sales of certain winter merchandise, it furnished ideal Christmas shopping conditions. Demand for merchandise was stimulated by improved employment and payrolls in the large cities and larger agricultural incomes in the country. Particularly heavy gains in retail sales were noted in the south, where the recent advance in cotton has served to bolster purchasing power and morale.

November production of bituminous coal at mines in this general area declined in about the expected seasonal amount from October to November, but total tonnage lifted was 9.4% greater than in November, 1938. Output and shipments of lead and zinc at district mines maintained the high levels of the preceding three months. At mid-December steel ingot production at mills in this area was at 85% of rated capacity, an increase of four points over a month earlier and comparing with 51.5% a year ago.

There was a slight recession in lumber production and new orders as contrasted with the preceding three months, but shipments continue substantially larger than current output. Activities at cotton mills increased slightly in November over October contrary to the seasonal trend. Production of petroleum continued the steady and sharp increases of recent months, being affected by developments in the new Illinois fields.

Sales of department stores in the principal cities increased in considerably more than the expected seasonal volume, and variety store sales also gained more than seasonally. Department store volume in November was 1.8% greater than in October and 6.9% more than in November, 1938; cumulative sales for the eleven months this year were greater by 6.1% than in the comparable period in 1938. Combined sales in November of all wholesaling and jobbing firms whose statistics are available to this bank were 8.4% less than in October but 10.2% greater than in November last year.

Ninth (Minneapolis) District

Business volume in November about equalled October and was the largest for the month since 1930, it is stated in the Dec. 28 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. The following is also taken from the summary:

Department store sales in November for the district as a whole equalled the volume of November last year. They failed, however, to show the increase over the volume of the same month one year earlier that has been recorded in the preceding months this year with the exception of February and April. As a result, the 11 month total for the district dropped to only 5% above sales in the same period last year.

The volume of production in our district declined seasonally in November but despite a lower volume of flour production and shipments, remained well above the level of November, 1938. Production of copper and silver increased sharply during November and employment at non-ferrous mines increased. The cut of lumber declined somewhat but was half again as large as one year earlier. Lumber shipments declined seasonally and were about one-fourth larger than in November, 1938.

Other business volume indicators that were higher in November, 1939 than in November, 1938 were new passenger car and truck sales; wholesale of hardware, plumbing and heating supplies and other miscellaneous lines; carloadings of coke, iron ore and merchandise; and net telephone installations in the Twin City area. Indicators that were lower in November than a year ago were wholesales of groceries, life insurance sales and carloadings of coal.

Tenth (Kansas City) District

The following regarding business and agricultural conditions in the Tenth [Kansas City] Federal Reserve District is taken from the Dec. 30 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City:

Snows and rain near the end of December in many parts of the District brought temporary relief from the unprecedented fall drought. This moisture stopped the serious deterioration that had been in progress and will benefit wheat. The condition of winter wheat, however, is the worst ever known at this season.

Cash farm income is nearly a quarter greater than a year ago due to higher grain prices, a larger amount of grain under Government loan, larger marketings of livestock because of the drought, and a 60% increase in Government payments. Higher farm income probably explains why trade is better than might be expected.

Grain marketings are much under a year ago but those of livestock are higher. Marketings and slaughter of hogs, calves, and sheep are especially large.

Dollar volume of sales at reporting department stores in the District in November, as in the preceding month, were under a year ago while total sales for the first eleven months of the year were a little larger than last year.

Total retail sales in the District in November and in the first eleven months of the year were about 4% larger than in the same periods last year.

The value of wholesale sales in this District in November and in the first eleven months of 1939 was little changed from that in the corresponding periods of 1938. Of the principal lines, sales of drugs, dry goods and groceries are running somewhat below a year ago, while sales of furniture and hardware are considerably above last year.

Dallas (Eleventh) District

According to the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, distribution of commodities to consumers in the Eleventh District and activity in some lines of industry showed a further expansion in November after allowance is made for average seasonal changes. In its Jan. 1 "Monthly Business Review" the Bank also had the following to say:

Employment and payrolls were maintained at a considerably higher level than a year ago. Daily average sales at reporting department stores and business at wholesale trade firms showed little change from October to November, although a decline ordinarily occurs at that time. Production of crude oil and lumber during November was maintained at about the October rate and continued in larger volume than a year ago. Operations at cotton textile mills in Texas continued to expand, the amount of cotton consumed being the largest in several years. The value of construction contracts awarded declined further to a level sharply lower than in the corresponding month of 1938, and activity at cottonseed oil mills was much smaller than a month earlier or a year ago. The outlook for the agricultural and livestock industries is being affected adversely by the severe moisture deficiency in the major portion of the district.

Twelfth (San Francisco) District

Rising consumer incomes in urban areas since the late summer were reflected in a general expansion in retail trade in the Twelfth District during November, it was noted by the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank in its "Business Conditions" of Dec. 27. "Increases were evident in almost all lines for which data are available, the most marked gain taking place in new automobile sales which, for several months, have been increasing considerably more than is customary at this season," says the Bank which further reports:

Expansion in production, employment, and payrolls in district industry which had been stimulated considerably by the wave of buying that followed the outbreak of war in Europe, continued in November. Gains were more widespread than in the preceding two months, although the increases were smaller on a percentage basis than in September and October. Residential building, which has fluctuated narrowly with little net change since late last winter, seasonal influences considered, increased sharply. Value of contracts awarded for nonresidential private construction declined considerably from the unusually large total reported in October.

Lumber production decreased much less than is usual in November, and on a seasonally adjusted basis was only 7% under the peak attained in 1937. Orders received by district mills continued to decline and at the month-end unfilled orders had been reduced to the total held on June 30. Activity in the local aircraft industry expanded further and local automobile assembly plants increased their operations in response to continued active demand for new model cars. Output of rubber tires and tubes likewise increased. Activity in the district steel and pulp and paper industries, which had expanded considerably in September and October, was well maintained in November. In the petroleum industry, production of crude oil remained unchanged while refinery operations, which had gained substantially from June throughout October, declined somewhat more than seasonally.

Factory employment in November remained close to the October level although a decline is customary at this season, and the adjusted index advanced four points to 118% of the 1923-1925 average where it was only 8% lower than the record month in 1937. Factory payrolls also resisted the customary seasonal decline. Particularly marked gains have taken place in California since September and, on a seasonally adjusted basis, industrial payrolls in that State were higher in November than in any previous month.

Recent Gains in New York State Factory Employment Maintained in December

The number of workers employed in December in New York State factories remained unchanged from the November figure, maintaining the gains which had been made during the past four months. Total factory payrolls continued on the upgrade with a gain of 1.7% from November to December, according to a statement issued Jan. 11 by Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller. The experience this December is somewhat better than the average November to December changes which indicate a loss of 0.9% in forces and a gain of 0.9% in payrolls. Preliminary tabulations covering the returns from 2,193 factories, employing in December 432,556 workers and paying out \$12,219,977 weekly in wages form the basis of this analysis. The aver-

age worker in these plants received \$28.25 in his December weekly pay envelope; a larger sum than he has received in any month since October, 1930. Miss Miller's statement continued:

The fact that no change from November to December resulted in total factory employment reveals little of the variation that was displayed by the individual firms. Some of the plants in the producer's goods industries which have been the leading factors in the recent upturn reported layoffs whereas others in the group continued to expand. Several plants that reported large layoffs in recent months rehired workers. In the apparel industries, the movements were particularly mixed as those firms manufacturing for the Christmas and winter trade reported large losses and others at which production of Spring merchandise had begun were much busier.

The New York State Department of Labor's index of factory employment, based on the average of the three years 1925-27 as 100, remained at 91.3. The corresponding payroll index rose to 89.3. Compared with December, 1938, there were 12.3% more factory workers employed this December and total weekly wages were 17.8% higher.

The average index numbers for the year 1939 are 84.4 for employment and 80.0 for payrolls. The figures for every month in 1939 are greater than the corresponding ones in 1938. A comparison of the averages for the two years indicates that about 10% more people were employed by the factories of the State in 1939 and total payrolls were approximately 14% higher. The yearly averages for 1939 are below those in 1937 but the year has ended with the highest monthly indexes of factory employment and payrolls since 1930. The Division of Statistics and Information under the direction of Dr. E. B. Patton is responsible for all of the statements made in this release.

Payrolls Higher in All Industrial Districts in December

Payroll increases from November to December of 1% or more were reported by all seven industrial districts. All six Upstate districts also reported some improvement in employment. Rochester, which reported losses in both October and November due to seasonal factors, registered the largest gains in December. Almost all industries shared in the gains with the outstanding improvement caused by the seasonal revival at men's clothing and shoe firms and the rehiring by textile and railroad equipment concerns of workers laid off in November. The small net gains at Binghamton-Endicott-Johnson City shoe factories caused the net increases in that district in the absence of large changes at the other plants. In the Albany-Schenectady-Troy and Syracuse districts, gains at metals and machinery plants continued and despite some letdown in other industries were sufficient to continue the upward trend in the totals. Metals and machinery plants in both Buffalo and Utica laid off a few workers while increasing payrolls and hours. The rehiring of many workers by individual plants in the wood products industry in both these districts added a sufficient number of employees to the totals to offset the losses in forces noted above.

In New York City, an employment loss of 1.4% was accompanied by a 1.1% payroll gain. The only employment gains were reported by the metals and machinery, wood products and printing industrial groups. Most apparel firms were laying off workers. However, in the women's clothing industry in which about half the plants continued to decline while in the other half Spring production had begun, a net gain of only 0.5% in forces was accompanied by an 11.9% payroll increase. This large payroll gain accounted for the payroll increase in the totals for the City.

City	November to December, 1939	
	Employment	Payrolls
Rochester.....	+3.5	+4.3
Albany-Schenectady-Troy.....	+1.1	+2.6
Syracuse.....	+0.7	+3.3
Utica.....	+0.3	+1.7
Binghamton-Endicott-Johnson City.....	+0.3	+1.0
Buffalo.....	No change	+1.7
New York City.....	-1.4	+1.1

Industrial Worker Found Better Off Than in 1929, According to the Conference Board—Worked 19% Less for Same Income in November While Cost of Living Was 14.4% Lower

Average weekly earnings in American industry in November were only 0.2 of 1% below those in 1929, a steady rise since last July bringing the total to \$28.49, while the average worker's real income—that is, his money earnings adjusted for changes in the cost of living—was 16.6% higher than in 1929, according to the monthly survey of wages, hours and cost of living of wage earners in 25 major industries issued Jan. 6 by the Division of Industrial Economics of The Conference Board, New York. It was also reported:

The survey, which covers representative companies employing 1,680,000 workers, also shows that average hours worked rose from 35.5 per week in May to 39.1 in November. Despite this increase, the length of the work week remained far below the 1929 average of 48.2 hours in these industries.

Hourly earnings rose in November for the third consecutive month to reach \$7.27. They were 1.8% higher than in November, 1938 and 23.2% higher than in 1929.

Weekly Report of the Lumber Movement, Week Ended Dec. 31, 1939

The lumber movement during the holiday week ended Dec. 30, 1939, in relation to the seasonal weekly averages of prior years was as follows:

	Per Cent of 1929	Per Cent of 1937	Per Cent of 1938
Production.....	78	111	133
Shipments.....	84	118	133
Orders.....	82	124	127

according to reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional associations covering the operations of representative softwood and hardwood mills. The Association's reports further disclosed:

Compared with the average of the preceding 10 weeks, lumber production of the holiday week ended Dec. 30, 1939, as reported by 9% fewer

mills, showed decline of 44%; new business and shipments decline of 13%, and 27%, respectively. The year-end week is always seasonally low, due to holiday shut-downs and inventory taking. Compared with the preceding week, production as reported by 6% fewer mills, was 36% less, shipments were 14% less; new orders, 15% less. New business was 30% above production. Shipments were 27% above output. Reported production for the 52 weeks of 1939 was 16% above corresponding weeks of 1938; shipments were 17% above the shipments, and new orders were 15% above the orders of the 1938 period. For the 52 weeks of 1939 new business was 6% above, and shipments 5% above output.

During the week ended Dec. 30, 1939, 480 mills produced 131,562,000 feet of softwoods and hard woods combined; shipped 166,782,000 feet; booked orders of 170,387,000 feet. Revised figures for the preceding week were mills, 510; production 204,092,000 feet; shipments 194,967,000 feet; orders 199,548,000 feet.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Dec. 30, 1939, by 397 softwood mills totaled 164,580,000 feet; or 34% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 159,034,000 feet, or 30% above production. Production was 122,448,000 feet.

Reports from 100 hardwood mills give new business as 5,807,000 feet, or 36% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 7,748,000 feet, or 15% below production. Production was 9,114,000 feet.

Production during week ended Dec. 30, 1939, of 385 identical softwood mills was 121,626,000 feet, and a year ago it was 114,357,000 feet; shipments were respectively 157,986,000 feet, and 159,228,000 feet; and orders received 163,645,000 feet, and 147,729,000 feet. In the case of hardwoods, 78 identical mills reported production this year and a year ago, 7,315,000 feet and 5,407,000 feet; shipments 6,069,000 feet, and 5,793,000 feet, and orders 5,117,000 feet and 6,032,000 feet.

Production and Shipments of Lumber During Four Weeks Ended Dec. 30, 1939

We give herewith data on identical mills for four weeks ended Dec. 30, 1939 as reported by the National Lumber Manufacturers Association on Jan. 11:

An average of 485 mills reported as follows to the National Lumber Trade Barometer for the four weeks ended Dec. 30, 1939:

(In 1,000 Feet)

	Production		Shipments		Orders	
	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938
Softwoods.....	744,038	653,199	722,241	710,434	725,598	758,971
Hardwoods.....	38,038	27,231	30,365	27,362	27,265	28,339
Total lumber....	782,076	680,430	752,606	737,796	752,863	787,310

Production during the four weeks ended Dec. 30, 1939, as reported by these mills, was 15% above that of corresponding weeks of 1938. Softwood production in 1939 was 14% above that of the same weeks of 1938 and 61% above the record of comparable mills during the same period of 1937. Hardwood output was 40% above production of the 1938 period.

Shipments during the four weeks ended Dec. 30, 1939, were 2% above those of corresponding weeks of 1938, softwoods showing gain of 2% and hardwoods, gain of 11%.

Orders received during the four weeks ended Dec. 30, 1939, were 4% below those of corresponding weeks of 1938. Softwood orders in 1939 were 4% below those of a similar period of 1938 and 24% above the same weeks of 1937. Hardwood orders showed loss of 4% as compared with corresponding weeks of 1938.

On Dec. 30, 1939, gross stocks as reported by 398 softwood mills were 3,459,777 M feet, the equivalent of 102 days' average production (three-year average 1936-37-38), as compared with 3,721,411 M feet on Dec. 31, 1938, the equivalent of 109 days' average production.

On Dec. 30, 1939, unfilled orders as reported by 394 softwood mills were 690,464 M feet, the equivalent of 21 days' average production, compared with 631,342 M feet on Dec. 31, 1938, the equivalent of 19 days' average production.

Car-Makers Group Estimates December Sales at 464,000 Units

An increase of 26.8% in motor vehicle shipments was indicated for the month of December as compared with November in the preliminary estimate of the industry's operations contained in the January, 1940, issue of "Automobile Facts," a publication of the Automobile Manufacturers Association.

The association estimated the industry's December volume at 464,000 units. On the basis of this estimate the industry's operations in December were 12.9% higher than the corresponding month last year.

The association's report is summarized as follows: December, 1939, 464,000; November, 1939, 365,900; December, 1938, 411,200.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace Reports Wheat Carryover Held Down to 254,000,000 Bushels by Exporting 118,000,000 Bushels—Supplies for Next Season Will Be Sufficient

The suspension of the wheat and flour export programs, except exports of flour from the Pacific Coast ports to the Philippine Islands, was announced Dec. 29 by the Department of Agriculture; this action was reported in our issue of Dec. 30, page 4104. Commenting upon the export programs and the general wheat situation, Secretary Wallace said:

On July 1, 1938, the wheat crop and carryover totaled 1,084,000,000 bushels. During the 1938-39 fiscal year approximately 118,000,000 bushels of United States wheat and wheat in the form of flour were sold for export. Sale of approximately 94,000,000 bushels of this total was assisted directly by the Federal export programs. Actual export shipments during that year were approximately 107,000,000 bushels.

With the removal of this quantity of wheat from the domestic market the United States wheat carryover was held down to 254,000,000 bushels on June 30, 1939. This made it possible to conduct the current year's wheat and flour export programs on a very conservative basis.

United States wheat farmers find themselves in a particularly good situation, which may be attributed in large part to the operation of the

Ever-Normal Granary Program for wheat. Three hundred thousand winter wheat farmers have insured their 1940 crop against weather and other hazards. Under the 1939 wheat loan program farmers have retained title to over 165,000,000 bushels. During last July and August, when many of these farmers would ordinarily have sold their wheat, world prices were the lowest in 350 years. However, the loan and export subsidy kept our prices more than 30c. above world levels. Since that time wheat prices have advanced approximately 30c. a bushel, and the wheat loan thus made it possible for cooperating producers to take advantage of the price rise.

It is contemplated by the Ever-Normal Granary provisions of the present Farm Act that the program shall be flexible, to meet changing conditions. The export, loan and acreage adjustment operations in wheat during the last year furnish a striking example of the flexibility of these provisions. The acreage allotment for 1940 was 7,000,000 acres higher than the allotment for 1939. The carryover next July will be around 300,000,000 bushels, and with average weather conditions from now until harvest, a crop of around 600,000,000 bushels would result in a total supply more than 200,000,000 bushels in excess of our domestic needs. Thus, in spite of the drought, supplies on hand are sufficiently large to provide an ample carryover next July, thus giving adequate protection to consumers. These stocks, however, would not represent a burdensome or unmanageable surplus.

From the standpoint of prices, wheat growers have not as yet reached parity. Cooperating producers are receiving around 90c. a bushel, including what they have secured from their wheat loans and the conservation and parity payments of 28c. per bushel. This is still short of the December parity price of \$1.13, but is far in excess of what these growers would have received if they had been forced to sell their wheat on the world market.

Farm Product Prices Show Small Net Decline in December

The general level of prices received by farmers on Dec. 15 was one point lower than in mid-November, the Agricultural Marketing Service reported on Dec. 30. Substantially higher prices for grains and cotton were more than offset by lower prices for meat animals and eggs as the all-commodities index declined to 96% of the 1910-14 level. The announcement of the Department of Agriculture continued:

Mid-December local market prices of grains, and of cotton and cottonseed were eight and seven points, respectively, above the Nov. 15 level. But meat animal prices declined six points during the month, and the poultry and egg group was 20 points lower.

The Dec. 15 all-commodities index, at 96% of pre-war, was the same as for Dec. 15, 1938. Grains, cotton and cottonseed, and dairy products showed higher prices than a year ago, but lower prices were reported for fruit, meat animals, poultry items and truck crops.

The index of prices paid by farmers stood at 122% of pre-war on Dec. 15—the same as in November. At this level the December index was two points higher than a year ago. Prices of one important group of commodities farmers buy—feed—advanced to 99% of pre-war, compared with 86% on Dec. 15, 1938.

The exchange value of farm products, measured by the ratio of prices received to prices paid, declined one point in December. And at 79% of pre-war, the ratio was one point lower than in December a year ago.

Sugar Quotas for 1940 Fixed by Secretary Wallace at 6,725,100 Tons—Slightly Below Last Year

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace on Dec. 29 established sugar-import and marketing quotas for 1940 amounting to 6,725,000 short tons, raw value. This compares with total final quotas of 6,755,386 tons for 1938 and an initial quota for 1938 of 6,832,157 tons.

The quotas in short tons by areas for 1940, compared with 1939, follow:

Area—	1939		Area—	1939	
	1940	(Revised)		1940	(Revised)
Domestic beet.....	1,599,695	1,566,719	Virgin Islands.....	8,972	9,013
Mainland cane.....	422,823	424,727	Cuba.....	1,923,680	1,932,343
Hawaii.....	943,967	948,218	Other for'n countries	26,581	26,701
Puerto Rico.....	803,026	806,642			
Philippine Islands.....	1,036,356	1,041,023	Total.....	6,725,100	6,755,386

The quotas were set up under provisions of the Sugar Act of 1937, which is designed to promote "orderly" marketing of sugar and to assure a fair price to producers and protect consumers against excessively high prices.

President Roosevelt suspended the 1939 marketing quotas on Sept. 11 because of the situation caused by the war in Europe, but reestablished the quota system on Dec. 26; this was reported in our issue of Dec. 30, page 4103.

Mr. Wallace said that when additional data on domestic sugar consumption during the past few months become available it may be necessary to adjust the quotas slightly.

Increased Domestic Consumption and Exports Help to Raise Cotton Prices, Says Bureau of Agricultural Economics

A number of developments have contributed to the rapid rise in cotton prices during the past month, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported on Dec. 28 in its monthly analysis of the cotton situation. These developments include the continued high level of domestic mill consumption, large reported sales of American cotton for export, the high or increased rate of consumption in several important foreign countries, and possibly considerable investment or speculative buying in foreign countries. The rise in domestic cotton prices—to the highest level in more than two years—has resulted in a considerable reduction in the quantity of cotton held by the Government as collateral on loans. The Bureau's announcement further reported:

In November domestic mill consumption was about one-sixth larger than in November, 1938, and for the second consecutive month set a record high for the month. In late November and early December mill activity declined somewhat but continued at exceptionally high levels. During

November and in the early part of December manufacturers' sales of cotton textiles continued much below production. During the second week of December, however, heavy sales of cotton goods materially improved the position of cloth manufacturers.

Recent reports indicate that in Great Britain, Italy, Holland and Japan cotton mill activity either is continuing at a high rate or has increased considerably during the past few weeks. The favorable developments in these countries appear to have more than offset the declining consumption which appears to have taken place in the German-controlled area and in a few other countries.

Exports of American cotton from Aug. 1 to Dec. 14 totaled 2,654,000 bales, according to trade data. This was 50% more than in the same period a year earlier but 9% less than in the like period of 1937. Registration of sales and deliveries of cotton for export payments from Aug. 1 to Dec. 14 totaled about 5,500,000 bales. Such registrations during the three weeks ended Dec. 14 totaled 1,400,000 bales—under the stimulus of the announcement in early December of reduction in the export payment rate. During the week ended Dec. 21 registrations totaled 65,000 bales, about half the total of the smallest previous week.

Despite reduced exports to Germany, total exports from Egypt and Brazil were larger in the early part of the current season than in the corresponding period of 1938. Exports from India up to the end of October were about the same as for the like period last season. Exports to Great Britain from all three of these countries were considerably larger than a year earlier.

December Flour Output Gains Sharply Over November

Mills on "The Northwestern Miller's" reporting list, representing about 64% of the nation's flour production, manufactured 6,227,960 bbls. of flour during December, 1939, compared with 5,300,689 bbls. the previous month. The gain over November, 1939, is 927,271 bbls., but the December, 1938, figure was 6,473,289 bbls., somewhat larger than the 1939 monthly production.

Two and three years ago in December, these mills produced 5,231,096 and 5,025,976 bbls., respectively. Mills of the Northwest figured strongly in the month's gain over November. They recorded an increase of 906,304 bbls., almost equal to the total monthly gain. Another large share in the gain, 61,651 bbls., is attributable to the mills of the Pacific Coast.

Mills of the Southwest and Buffalo, which are major producing sections, were alone in registering monthly decreases. The southwestern loss was the larger—59,158 bbls., while Buffalo mills dropped behind 31,390 bbls. during the month.

TOTAL MONTHLY FLOUR PRODUCTION

[Output reported to the "Northwestern Miller," in barrels, by mills representing 64% of the total flour production of the United States]

	December, 1939	November 1939	December, 1938	December, 1937	December, 1936
Northwest.....	2,095,933	1,189,629	1,161,889	1,075,746	1,005,307
Southwest.....	1,954,873	2,014,031	2,038,441	2,020,029	2,130,700
Buffalo.....	683,904	715,294	819,301	820,285	827,213
Central West—Eastern div.....	543,740	528,853	514,639	304,791	297,952
Western Division.....	281,014	254,695	290,441	307,119	278,873
Southeast.....	132,457	124,799	141,598	293,392	287,732
Pacific Coast.....	536,039	474,388	461,980	409,734	198,199
Totals.....	6,227,960	6,390,689	6,473,289	5,231,096	5,025,976

Lamborn & Co. Distributing Annual Sugar Calendar

The eighth annual edition of Lamborn's Sugar Calendar containing statistical data and other information pertaining to the sugar industry of the United States and the world, is being distributed by Lamborn & Co., New York, internationally known sugar brokers. It is noted that this unique calendar provides for each day of 1940 the prices for raw and refined sugar effective the same date in 1939, together with the monthly averages. It is also pointed out:

It gives other useful and interesting material such as the harvesting periods of the sugar crops in the various countries of the world and the probable dates when important trade estimates for 1940 are to be issued by governmental and private statistical agencies.

Exports of Refined Sugar in First 11 Months of 1939 Increased 84% Over Year Ago

Refined sugar exports by the United States during the first 11 months of 1939 totaled 93,590 long tons as contrasted with 50,731 tons during the similar period in 1938, an increase of 42,859 tons or little over 84%, according to Lamborn & Co., New York. The exports for the 11 months of 1939 are the largest since the comparable period of 1935 when shipments amounted to 97,472 tons. The firm's announcement added:

The refined sugar exports during the January-November period of 1939 went to more than 50 different countries. The United Kingdom leads with 21,937 tons, being followed by Finland and Norway with 10,937 tons and 9,558 tons respectively. In the previous season, the United Kingdom with 28,720 tons also headed the list, while Panama and Holland with 4,279 tons and 3,008 tons, respectively, followed.

Sugar Statistics for First 11 Months of 1939 Announced by Department of Agriculture—Deliveries Above Year Ago

The Sugar Division of the Department of Agriculture on Jan. 8, issued its monthly statistical statement covering the first eleven months of 1939, consolidating reports obtained from cane sugar refiners, beet sugar processors, importers and others. Total deliveries of sugar during the first 11 months of 1939 amounted to 6,290,242 short tons, raw value, compared with 6,024,356 tons during the corresponding period last year. The announcement continued:

Distribution of sugar in continental United States during the period January-November, 1939, in short tons, raw value, was as follows:

Raw sugar by refiners (Table 1).....	5,971
Refined sugar by refiners (Table 2, less exports).....	4,062,314
Beet sugar processors (Table 2).....	1,559,247
Importers of direct-consumption sugar (Table 3).....	559,193
Mainland cane mills for direct consumption (Table 4).....	103,517
Total.....	6,290,242

The distribution of sugar for local consumption in the Territory of Hawaii for the first 11 months of 1939 was 29,123 tons, and in Puerto Rico it was 59,259 tons (Table 5).

Stocks of sugar on hand on Nov. 30, in short tons, raw value, were as follows: (Not including raws for processing held by importers other than refiners, nor the stocks of sugar held by mainland cane factories shown in Table 4):

	1939	1938	1937
Refiners' raws.....	416,071	291,507	211,602
Refiners' refined.....	377,049	388,385	367,579
Beet sugar factories.....	1,322,467	1,291,697	1,022,505
Importers' direct-consumption sugar.....	102,087	87,414	61,535
Total.....	2,217,674	2,059,003	1,663,221

The data were obtained in the administration of the Sugar Act of 1937. The statement of entries from offshore areas during January-November was made public on Dec. 15. (The table was given in these columns of Dec. 23, page 3938.—Ed.)

TABLE 1—RAW SUGAR: REFINERS' STOCKS, RECEIPTS, MELTINGS AND DELIVERIES FOR DIRECT CONSUMPTION FOR JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 1939

(In Short Tons, Raw Sugar Value)

Source of Supply	Stocks on Jan. 1, 1939	Receipts	Meltings	Deliveries for Direct Consumption	Lost by Fire, &c.	Stocks on Nov. 30, 1939
Cuba.....	10,136	1,462,478	1,281,434	1,651	0	189,529
Hawaii.....	22,299	865,446	832,421	2,731	0	52,593
Puerto Rico.....	14,705	753,511	799,430	204	0	68,582
Philippines.....	28,112	886,297	877,499	949	0	36,051
Continental.....	99,953	318,057	348,405	290	0	69,315
Virgin Islands.....	0	5,566	5,566	0	0	0
Other countries.....	13,766	54,874	68,494	146	0	0
Miscellaneous (sweepings, &c.).....	0	384	383	0	0	1
Total.....	288,971	4,346,613	4,213,542	5,971	0	416,071

Compiled in the Sugar Division from reports submitted by sugar refineries on Form SS-15-A.

TABLE 2—STOCKS, PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES OF CANE AND BEET SUGAR BY UNITED STATES REFINERS AND PROCESSORS, JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 1939

(In Short Tons, Raw Sugar Value)

	Refineries (a)	Domestic Beet Factories
Initial stocks of refined, Jan. 1, 1939.....	358,137	1,351,563
Production.....	4,192,355	1,530,151
Deliveries.....	64,173,443	61,559,247
Final stocks of refined, Nov. 30, 1939.....	377,049	1,322,467

Compiled by the Sugar Division from reports submitted by sugar refineries and beet sugar factories on Forms SS-16-A and SS-41-C.

a The refineries' figures are converted to raw value by using the factor 1.060259, which is the ratio of meltings of raw sugar to refined sugar produced during the years 1937 and 1938.

b Deliveries include sugar delivered against sales for export. The Department of Commerce reports that exports of refined sugar amounted to 111,129 short tons, raw value, during the first 11 months of 1939.

c Larger than actual deliveries by a small amount representing losses in transit, through reprocessing, &c.

TABLE 3—STOCKS, RECEIPTS AND DELIVERIES OF DIRECT-CONSUMPTION SUGAR FROM SPECIFIED AREAS, JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 1939

(In Short Tons, Raw Sugar Value)

Source of Supply	Stocks on Jan. 1, 1939	Receipts	Deliveries or Usage	Stocks on Nov. 30, '39
Cuba.....	66,418	354,887	339,023	a82,282
Hawaii.....	0	12,521	12,383	b138
Puerto Rico.....	a7,787	134,129	134,686	7,230
Philippines.....	6,994	71,937	66,494	12,437
England.....	0	0	0	0
China and Hong Kong.....	0	175	175	0
Other foreign areas.....	878	5,554	6,432	0
Total.....	82,077	579,203	559,193	102,087

Compiled in the Sugar Division from reports and information submitted by importers and distributors of direct-consumption sugar on Forms SS-15-B and SS-3.

a Includes sugar in bond and in customs' custody and control.

TABLE 4—MAINLAND CANE MILLS' STOCKS, PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES, JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 1939

(In Short Tons, Raw Value)

Stocks on Jan. 1, 1939.....	191,588
Production.....	398,977
Deliveries—For direct consumption.....	103,517
For further processing.....	329,546
Stocks on Nov. 30, 1939.....	157,502

TABLE 5—DISTRIBUTION OF SUGAR FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION IN THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII AND PUERTO RICO, JANUARY-NOVEMBER, 1939

(In Short Tons, Raw Value)

Territory of Hawaii.....	29,123
Puerto Rico.....	59,259

Javan Sugar Exports in November Above Year Ago

Sugar exports by Java during the month of November, 1939, amounted to 108,754 long tons as compared with 89,811 tons, for the same month of 1938 according to Amsterdam advices received by Lamborn & Co., New York. The firm also reported:

During the first 11 months of 1939, January to November, inclusive, the shipments totaled 1,310,745 tons as contrasted with 946,036 tons for the comparable period of 1938, an increase of 364,709 tons or approximately 38.5%. The January-November exports this year are the largest since 1932, when the shipments for the eleven months' period was 1,337,649 tons.

Java's 1940 sugar crop, harvesting of which is expected to commence in April, has been officially limited to 1,451,695 long tons. Last year's production approximated 1,542,000 tons.

Average Spot Price of Duty Paid Raw Sugar in 1939 Was 4½ Points Above 1938

The 1939 average spot price of duty paid raw sugar was 2.98 compared with 2.935 in 1938, an increase of 4½ points, according to B. W. Dyer & Co., New York, sugar economists and brokers. This firm reports an advance of about 9 points in the average net cash price for refined sugar, the 1939 average being 4.574 compared with 4.486 in 1938. Contrariwise, the average cost and freight raw price for 1939 was 1.90 compared with 2.035 in 1938, a decline of 13½ points occasioned by the higher Cuban duty that was in effect from Sept. 12.

Study of 1940 Sugar Quota as Compared with 1939 Entries Issued by Dyer & Co.—Finds Ample Sugar Provided

The 1940 sugar quota of 6,725,100 tons should be studied in connection with the sugars which have been entered in 1939 in excess of the 1939 quota, according to B. W. Dyer & Co., sugar economists and brokers, who compute from Government figures the table below. This shows the balances of sugars to be received from those areas who have not as yet filled their quota as of Nov. 30, (all figures short tons raw value).

	Entries, Jan.-Nov.	Quota	Balances
Cuba.....	1,590,394	1,932,343	341,949
Philippine Islands.....	961,060	981,912	20,852
Hawaii.....	853,727	948,218	94,491
Virgin Islands.....	5,566	9,013	3,447
Full duties.....	46,042	85,812	39,770
	3,456,789	3,957,298	500,509

Of the above balances it is estimated by the Dyer firm that approximately 50,000 tons will not be charged to the 1939 quota. The report continues:

In the above table consideration has not been given to domestic beets, Puerto Rico and Louisiana & Florida which we will now consider separately.

Domestic Beets—

Quota.....	1,566,719
Eleven months' deliveries.....	1,569,252
Remaining quota to be filled on Nov. 30.....	7,467

While it is anyone's guess as to the amount beets will overdeliver their quota we venture a guess of 225,000 tons.

Puerto Rico—

Entries of the Sugar Division, January-November, inclusive.....	1,036,514
Revised quota.....	806,642
Received in excess of quota first 11 months.....	229,872

To this must be added December arrivals. An idea of probable shipments may be had from the following statistics based on official figures:

(In Short Tons, Raw Value)

Stock in Puerto Rico, Aug. 31, 1939.....	331,980
Shipments, Sept. 2 to Dec. 2.....	237,018
Estimated domestic consumption, September-December.....	94,962
Estimated balance for shipment.....	20,000
Estimated balance for shipment.....	74,962

From the above it would seem that Puerto Rico will exceed quota in the neighborhood of 300,000 tons.

Louisiana & Florida—No such definite figures are available but we estimate deliveries in excess of their quota of about 200,000 tons.

Recapitulation—The tabulation would thus show as follows:

	Tons
Revised 1939 quota.....	6,755,386
Estimated delivered in excess of quota—Beets.....	225,000
Puerto Ricos.....	300,000
Louisiana and Florida.....	200,000
Estimated quota deficits.....	7,480,386
Leaving available for 1939 distribution.....	40,000
Deduct estimated 11 month distribution figure.....	7,440,386
Remain to provide for normal December distribution and increase in invisible and visible stocks.....	6,300,000
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Consumption of Rayon Yarn in United States in 1939 Reached New Record, According to "Rayon Organon"—Producers' Stocks Amounted to Only One Week's Supply on Dec. 31

Preliminary data covering the consumption of rayon yarn in the United States during 1939 indicate that the use of this product reached a new all-time high record, according to the "Rayon Organon," published by the Textile Economics Bureau, Inc., New York. So great was the demand for this fiber, that producers' stocks dropped to one week's supply at the close of the old year. The Bureau's announcement stated:

Consumption of rayon filament yarn by American manufacturers and fabricators amounted to 356,000,000 pounds in 1939, a new high annual record for all time and an increase of 30% compared with the consumption reported for 1938. Rayon staple fiber likewise showed a new consumption record in 1939, the total of approximately 100,000,000 pounds being about 88% above the 1938 figure. Imports of staple fiber, included in this figure, totaled about 45,000,000 pounds.

For the year 1939 as a whole, the rayon industry maintained the highest level of activity in the history of the industry, states the "Organon." Demand for the product during the last half of the year far exceeded the good level of demand experienced in the first half of the year.

"At mid-year (1939) the rayon market entered a period of sustained activity that is without parallel in the history of the industry," states the "Organon". The shipments of yarn during this period reached a new all-

time high level for any six-month period in the 28-year commercial history of the industry in the United States.

The heavy demand for yarn during the last half of 1939 resulted in a sharp drop in surplus stocks, the result being that such stocks amounted to only one week's supply as of the close of 1939.

Petroleum and its Products—Resumption of Full Production in Texas Doubtful—Daily Average Crude Output Higher—Crude Petroleum Inventories Rise—Tracey Beats Government in Courts—Report Cash Offer from Mexico Refused

It is not certain that February will see the resumption of the 7-day production week in Texas despite the statements of the majority members of the Texas Railroad Commission. Many Texas oil men are doubtful that the Jan. 18 State-wide proration meeting will bring out orders to place wells in the Lone Star State on a full production basis.

Removal of the "holiday" limitations upon output, it is generally believed would push production far ahead of the market demand estimates for Texas set by the United States Bureau of Mines. Another factor is that any sharp bulge in output of crude oil in Texas would almost certainly bring similar loosening of production controls in other major oil-producing States.

The only effective proration order yet utilized by the Texas Railroad Commission has been the "holiday" rulings, it was pointed out. Another factor which would work against lifting of the "holiday" schedule is that well allowables would have to be cut below the minimum set by the State's marginal oil well law. Consensus among Southwestern oil men is that the Commission will continue the "holiday" shutdowns.

Prices of gasoline, still the industry's main profit item, are under pressure due to the sustained rise in motor fuel stocks, both finished and unfinished, which mounted during the initial week of 1940 to better than 82,000,000 barrels, which is 10,000,000 barrels above last year. Major motor fuel markets are weakening, and any sharp increase in crude production might be the last straw and send prices of both crude and gasoline spinning downward.

An increase of approximately 40,000 barrels in production of crude oil in the United States during the first week of the new year sent the total to 3,584,450 barrels, the mid-week report of the American Petroleum Institute. This figure compared with the recommended production quota for January of 3,569,700 barrels set by the United States Bureau of Mines.

Sharpest expansion was shown in Texas where producers lifted their output 41,000 barrels to a daily average of 1,346,900 barrels. Oklahoma production was up 17,500 barrels to a daily figure of 435,700 barrels, while a gain of 2,000 barrels in Louisiana put production there up to 269,050 barrels. California showed a gain of 900 barrels at daily production of 602,000 barrels. Kansas production was off 12,200 barrels to 166,400 barrels, while a decline of 7,800 barrels pared output for Illinois to a daily average of 330,050 barrels.

A marked gain in stocks of domestic and foreign petroleum crude oil held in the United States was shown during the final week of 1939, according to the report of the Bureau of Mines issued on Jan. 7. Inventories were up 1,704,000 barrels to 237,742,000 barrels on Dec. 30. Domestic crude stocks were up 1,792,000 barrels, offset partially by a decline of 88,000 barrels in stocks of foreign crude. Holdings of heavy crude oil in California, not included in the "refinable" crude stocks, totaled 13,292,000 barrels, off 169,000 barrels.

W. A. Tracey, Southwestern district bulk sales manager for the Sinclair Refining Co., on Tuesday, won the final decision in the Government's attempt to force his return to Madison, Wis., to stand trial on a charge of perjury alleged to have been committed there before a Grand Jury in 1936, which investigated alleged price-fixing within the industry. Mr. Tracey, who had been indicted by a Grand Jury in June, 1936, was freed by the court.

In fighting the attempts of the Government to force his return to Madison, Mr. Tracey suffered a defeat in the first court action in mid-1938 when, after a hearing before United States Commissioner Nolan, he was ordered held for removal. His attorneys, who fought the attempt on the basis that the Grand Jury before which the alleged perjury was committed had been improperly drawn and therefore was not a legal body, immediately filed a writ of habeas corpus which was decided in his favor early last year. The Government course filed for a rehearing on April 14, last, which on Jan. 9 was denied on the ground that it had been improperly filed.

Reports current in Washington that a cash offer of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 had been made by the Mexican Government to the American companies affected by the 1938 expropriation degress gained credence from the presence in the capital of Eduardo Susez, Mexican Minister of Finance. Events of the past few weeks have indicated a growing impatience over the entire situation by the Department of State.

Thus, the offer was interpreted either as a bona fide attempt to pacify the oil companies, or an advance "alibi" should the Department of State publicly criticize the Mexican Government. In this connection, it should be remembered that the policy of the Roosevelt Administration to date has been that legally, the Mexican Government has the right to seize the properties but it must, in order to keep the seizure within the bounds of international law, pay for the properties taken. This it has not done to date.

There were no price changes posted during the week.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$2.75	Eldorado, Ark., 40	\$1.03
Lima (Ohio Oil Co.)	1.25	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over	1.02
Cornlng, Pa.	1.02	Darst Creek	1.03
Illinois	.95	Michigan crude	1.22
Western Kentucky	1.20	Sunburst, Mont.	1.22
Mid-Cont't, Okla., 40 and above	1.03	Huntington, Calif., 30 and over	1.05
Rodessa, Ark., 40 and above	1.25	Kettleman Hills, 39 and over	1.24
Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	.75		

REFINED PRODUCTS—FUEL OIL STOCKS SLUMP—SUPPLIES DIMINISH, PRICES ADVANCE—MOTOR FUEL INVENTORIES SPURT—GASOLINE PRICES EASIER IN MARKETS—TANKER RATES STABILIZING

A drain of nearly 3,500,000 barrels in holdings of fuel oil inventories, both light and heavy grades, as colder weather and sustained high industrial operations combined to bring heavy demands upon stocks developed during the initial week in the new year.

In some instances, demand was so heavy that dealers, faced with a steadily contracting inventory total and low stocks, withdrew offerings along the Atlantic Seaboard except to established customers. The American Petroleum Institute report disclosed that stocks of fuel oils were off to 137,430,000 barrels on Jan. 6.

Prices of all grades of fuel oils in the New York-New England market were strong, with market reports widespread that stocks in many cases were insufficient to meet advance buying. Possibility of a real shortage should the cold continue was discussed in many quarters of the trade. Grade C bunker fuel oil also was tight, with the prices reflecting the "sellers" market conditions. Kerosene also was active in a strong market.

The motor fuel picture, both statistically and market-wise, presented a far less pleasing picture. Stocks of finished and unfinished gasoline rose 1,017,000 barrels during the Jan. 6 period to 82,002,000 barrels. The American Petroleum Institute report indicated that this total was nearly 10,000,000 barrels above the supply figure for the comparable 1939 week, and at the level which industry economists held should not be reached until the end of the first quarter of 1940.

While refinery operations showed a sharp decline during the Jan. 6 week, dropping 2.1 points to 78.1% of capacity, daily average runs of crude oil to stills were off 75,000 barrels to 3,370,000 barrels. This total, while far above normal at this season, means that gasoline stocks will continue their rise and March 31 will almost certainly find the industry in an unadvantageous position statistically to face the spring spurt in demand.

Prices of gasoline in the major markets throughout the country sagged in reflection of the pressure exerted by the top-heavy supply situation. Barring a contra-seasonal expansion in consumption, or sharp upturn in foreign demand for gasoline, prices are seen headed for lower levels. The markets this week showed no opening break in either wholesale or retail prices but definite easiness and price-shading was evident.

With tanker rates currently at the best levels since 1938, some degree of leveling out is in progress. The natural switch to other means of transportation with the sharp jump in tanker rates, and the lighter demand for tonnage has brought with it some easing of prices for shipments from the Gulf Coast to North Atlantic ports. Prices are up more than 300% since the rise started in late August, just prior to the beginning of the war in Europe.

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

New York—	New York—	Other Cities—
Std.Oil N.J. \$0.06 1/4 -07	Texas \$0.07 1/4 -08	Chicago \$0.05 -05 1/4
Socony-Vac. \$0.06 1/4 -07	Gulf \$0.08 1/4 -08 1/4	New Orleans \$0.06 1/4 -07
T. Wat. Oil \$0.08 1/4 -08 1/4	Shell East'n \$0.07 1/4 -08	Gulf ports \$0.05 1/4
Rich Oil (Cal) \$0.08 1/4 -08 1/4		Tulsa \$0.04 1/4 -05 1/4
Warner-Qu. \$0.07 1/4 -08		

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

New York—	North Texas \$0.04	New Orleans \$0.05 1/4 -05 1/4
(Bayonne) \$0.055	Los Angeles \$0.03 1/4 -05	Tulsa \$0.04 -04 1/4

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)—	California 24 plus D	New Orleans C. \$1.00
Bunker C \$1.50	\$1.00-1.25	Phila., Bunker C \$1.45
Diesel 1.65		

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)—	Chicago—	Tulsa \$0.02 1/4 -03
27 plus \$0.04	28-30 D \$0.053	

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included

z New York \$0.17	Newark \$0.166	Buffalo \$0.174
z Brooklyn \$0.17	Boston \$0.185	Chicago \$0.17

z Not including 2% city sales tax.

Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products, Nov., 1939

The U. S. Bureau of Mines in its current monthly petroleum report said that production of crude petroleum reached its highest level in history in Nov., 1939, when the daily average was 3,729,600 barrels, compared with the previous record of 3,723,000 in Aug., 1937 and with 3,683,800 barrels in Oct., 1939. The "Bureau" further states:

Most of the States recorded higher daily averages in November than in October, the most notable exceptions being California and Illinois, where there were small declines. Michigan's average (68,200 barrels daily) was a new record, whereas Kansas (188,400 barrels daily) had the highest production in two years and Arkansas (69,000 barrels daily) the highest in ten. Another area which established a new peak was coastal Louisiana, now producing just over 200,000 barrels daily. Production in Texas rose from 1,408,300 barrels daily in October to 1,418,200 barrels daily in November, despite a decline in East Texas.

Crude-oil stocks increased nearly 3,000,000 barrels in November, the first gain since last April. This increase reflects chiefly material declines in runs to stills and exports.

Refined Products

The yield of gasoline in November reached a new peak of 45.8%, or 0.5% higher than in October and 0.8% higher than a year ago. The yield of residual fuel oil remained unchanged from October but the yield of light fuel oil showed an unseasonal decline from 13.5% in October to 13.1% in November.

Exports of gasoline declined materially in November and, although the domestic demand met expectations, the total demand was lower than anticipated. Exports were 2,560,000 barrels, compared with 3,698,000 barrels in Nov., 1938. The domestic demand was 47,275,000 barrels (including 411,000 barrels of aviation gasoline), or 5% above a year ago. In spite of the favorable demand situation, the high yield of gasoline was reflected in stocks of gasoline, which increased 3,503,000 barrels for the finished grades, compared with a gain of only about half a million barrels in Nov., 1938.

The domestic demand for the fuel oils, including kerosene, ran about 9 or 10% above a year ago. The demand for lubricants and wax continued unusually heavy.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the price index for petroleum products in Nov., 1939, was 53.9, compared with 54.0 in October and 51.5 in Nov., 1938.

The crude-oil capacity represented by the data in this report was 4,217,000 barrels, hence the operating ratio was 83%, compared with 86% in October and 79% in Nov., 1938.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS
(Thousands of Barrels)

	Nov., 1939	Oct., 1939	Nov., 1938 a	Jan. to Nov., 1939	Jan. to Nov., 1938
New Supply—					
Domestic production:					
Crude petroleum	111,887	114,198	98,482	1,149,446	1,111,908
Daily average	3,730	3,684	3,283	3,441	3,329
Natural gasoline	4,388	4,481	4,330	45,426	46,916
Benzol, b.	267	259	188	2,165	1,571
Total production	116,542	118,938	103,000	1,197,037	1,160,395
Daily average	3,885	3,837	3,433	3,584	3,474
Imports c:					
Crude petroleum:					
Receipts in bond	143	494	534	4,419	3,207
Receipts for domestic use	2,984	2,605	1,825	26,348	20,345
Refined products:					
Receipts in bond	1,351	1,741	1,711	17,668	18,884
Receipts for domestic use	482	464	544	6,379	6,509
Total new supply, all oils	121,507	124,242	107,614	1,251,851	1,209,340
Daily average	4,050	4,008	3,587	3,748	3,621
Increase in stocks, all oils	d73	3,815	6,957	42,785	1,282
Demand—					
Total demand	121,434	128,057	114,571	1,294,636	1,210,622
Daily average	4,048	4,131	3,819	3,876	3,625
Exports c:					
Crude petroleum	5,323	6,947	5,602	67,417	73,371
Refined products	7,816	9,805	8,458	108,352	105,237
Domestic demand:					
Motor fuel	47,275	49,687	45,084	508,863	481,261
Kerosene	6,023	5,019	5,368	53,888	49,547
Gas oil and distillate fuels	12,433	11,365	11,551	115,555	101,755
Residual fuel oils	29,519	28,475	27,532	290,606	262,087
Lubricants	1,927	2,656	1,738	21,788	19,402
Wax	142	144	71	1,005	934
Coke	628	793	520	6,492	5,083
Asphalt	2,022	2,986	1,683	25,465	22,998
Road oil	212	577	221	7,775	7,699
Still gas	5,756	5,970	5,373	61,218	60,667
Miscellaneous	167	173	144	2,017	1,631
Losses	2,191	3,460	1,226	24,195	19,950
Total domestic demand	108,295	111,305	100,511	1,118,897	1,033,014
Daily average	3,610	3,590	3,350	3,350	3,093
Stocks—					
Crude petroleum:					
Refinable in United States	234,027	230,854	273,770	234,027	273,770
Heavy in California	13,664	14,070	16,765	13,664	16,765
Natural gasoline	4,579	5,140	5,742	4,579	5,742
Refined products	259,415	261,548	267,438	259,415	267,438
Total all oils	511,685	511,612	563,715	511,855	563,715
Days' supply	126	124	148	132	156

a Final figures. b From Coal Economics Division. c Imports of crude as reported to Bureau of Mines; all other imports and exports from Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. d Increase.

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

	Nov., 1939		Oct., 1939	Nov., 1938	Jan. to Dec.	
	Total	Daily Ave.			1939	1938
Arkansas—Rodessa	89	3.0	3.1	133	1,270	2,180
Rest of State	1,982	66.0	61.2	1,337	17,732	14,444
Total Arkansas	2,071	69.0	64.3	1,470	19,002	16,624
California—Kettleman Hills	1,532	51.0	52.0	1,839	17,947	23,752
Long Beach	1,331	44.4	45.1	1,608	15,630	18,989
Willington	2,561	85.4	86.2	2,893	28,465	31,312
Rest of State	12,958	431.9	432.8	13,544	143,315	155,661
Total California	18,382	612.7	616.1	19,884	205,357	229,714
Colorado	107	3.6	4.6	104	1,281	1,302
Illinois	10,222	340.7	342.0	3,072	83,570	20,083
Indiana	222	7.4	5.8	85	1,196	905
Kansas	5,652	188.4	178.0	4,714	55,276	55,238
Kentucky	475	15.7	14.3	514	5,132	5,298
Louisiana—Gulf coast	6,097	203.2	200.1	5,617	62,270	60,840
Rodessa	665	22.2	22.8	898	8,377	12,553
Rest of State	1,435	47.8	45.1	1,279	14,911	13,773
Total Louisiana	8,197	273.2	268.0	7,694	85,558	87,166
Michigan	2,045	68.2	65.0	1,524	20,748	17,136
Montana	540	18.0	18.1	411	5,410	4,545
New Mexico	3,427	114.3	114.1	3,103	33,835	32,720
New York	453	15.1	14.4	391	4,635	4,636
Ohio	260	8.7	8.9	257	2,895	3,207
Oklahoma—Oklahoma City	3,235	107.8	107.4	2,926	34,275	37,778
Seminole	3,643	121.4	101.2	3,264	38,425	38,637
Rest of State	6,624	220.8	227.2	7,038	74,339	84,783
Total Oklahoma	13,502	450.0	439.8	13,228	146,139	161,178
Pennsylvania	1,532	51.1	50.5	1,318	15,804	16,034
Texas—Gulf coast	10,449	348.3	340.8	9,923	111,231	105,349
West Texas	7,155	237.8	238.6	6,227	72,491	66,176
East Texas	13,313	443.8	452.3	11,673	132,194	139,980
Panhandle	2,161	72.0	69.8	1,911	21,713	21,573
Rodessa	773	25.8	25.8	901	8,995	10,451
Total Texas	8,714	290.5	281.0	8,227	94,030	91,811
West Virginia	438	14.6	14.3	455	4,903	5,231
Wyoming—Salt Creek	1,500	50.0	48.6	1,127	14,621	12,230
Rest of State	1,938	64.6	62.9	1,682	19,524	17,461
Total Wyoming	38	1.3	0.7	7	121	74
Other a						
Total United States	111,887	3,729.6	3,683.8	98,482	1,149,446	1,111,908

a Includes Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Utah.

Daily Average Crude Oil Production for Week Ended Jan. 6, 1940, Up 39,450 Barrels

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude production for the week ended Jan. 6, 1940, was 3,584,450 barrels. This was a gain of 39,450 barrels from the output of the previous week, and the current week's figures were above the 3,569,700 barrels calculated by the United States Department of the Interior to be the total of the restrictions imposed by the various oil-producing States during January. Daily average production for the four weeks ended Jan. 6, 1940, is estimated at 3,715,750 barrels. The daily average output for the week ended Jan. 7, 1939, totaled 3,214,900 barrels. Further details, as reported by the Institute, follow:

Imports of petroleum for domestic use and receipts in bond at principal United States ports for the week ended Jan. 6 totaled 1,210,000 barrels, a daily average of 172,857 barrels, compared with a daily average of 139,857 barrels for the week ended Dec. 30, and 151,714 barrels daily for the four weeks ended Jan. 6.

There were no receipts of California oil at Atlantic and Gulf coast ports for the week ended Jan. 6 compared with a daily average of 52,286 barrels in the week ended Dec. 30 and 21,857 barrels daily for the four weeks ended Jan. 6.

Reports received from refining companies owning 86.4% of the 4,441,000 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that the industry as a whole ran to stills, on a Bureau of Mines' basis; 3,370,000 barrels of crude oil daily during the week, and that all companies had in storage at refineries, bulk terminals, in transit and in pipe lines as of the end of the week, 82,002,000 barrels of finished and unfinished gasoline. The total amount of gasoline produced by all companies is estimated to have been 11,449,000 barrels during the week.

DAILY AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION
(Figures in Barrels)

District	B. of M. Calculated Requirements (Jan.)	State Allowables	Week Ended Jan. 6, 1940	Change from Previous Week	Four Weeks Ended Jan. 6, 1940	Week Ended Jan. 7, 1939
Oklahoma	433,900	433,900	435,700	+17,500	429,700	402,700
Kansas	160,600	160,600	166,400	+12,200	177,800	137,150
Nebraska			b50	+50		
Panhandle Texas			87,800	+14,200	81,550	69,950
North Texas			79,350	+3,000	87,150	79,850
West Central Texas			31,250	+4,400	31,450	29,950
West Texas			240,800	+13,650	251,950	203,800
East Central Texas			81,750	+150	88,700	95,150
East Texas			394,550	+150	443,900	371,950
Southwest Texas			203,350	+800	223,350	230,750
Coastal Texas			228,050	+4,650	244,750	211,500
Total Texas	1,411,000	1,376,320	1,346,900	+41,000	1,452,800	1,292,900
North Louisiana			66,750	-1,450	68,800	71,750
Coastal Louisiana			202,300	+3,450	202,150	190,200
Total Louisiana	254,200	268,192	269,050	+2,000	270,950	261,950
Arkansas	59,700	70,000	69,450	-1,200	70,050	50,550
Mississippi			b2,450	+750	2,000	
Illinois	314,800		330,050	+7,800	336,500	137,000
Eastern (not incl. Ill.)	109,800		99,400	-4,200	103,900	97,150
Michigan	61,000		68,150	+850	67,150	45,900
Wyoming	58,700		64,650	+1,900	64,150	48,700
Montana	15,400		16,950	+100	17,350	13,750
Colorado	3,900		4,150	+50	4,000	4,050
New Mexico	101,900	101,900	109,100	+50	108,600	98,400
Total east of Calif.	2,975,800		2,982,450	+38,550	3,104,950	2,590,200
California	593,900	d599,000	602,000	+900	610,800	624,700
Total United States	3,569,700		3,584,450	+39,450	3,715,750	3,214,900

a These are Bureau of Mines' calculations of the requirements of domestic crude oil based upon certain premises outlined in its detailed forecast for the month of January. As requirements may be supplied either from stocks, or from new production, contemplated withdrawals from crude oil inventories must be deducted from the Bureau's estimated requirements to determine the amount of new crude to be produced.

b Oklahoma, Kansas, Mississippi, Nebraska figures are for week ended 7 a. m. Jan. 3.

c This is the net basic allowable as of Jan. 1 and reflects ordered shutdowns for 12 days, namely, Jan. 3, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28, and 31. Experience indicates that due to allowables granted above net scheduled exemptions and also because of new wells completed, the basic net allowable as of the first of the month is always subject to upward revision.

d Recommendation of Central Committee of California Oil Producers.

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

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS AND PRODUCTION OF GASOLINE, WEEK ENDED JAN. 6, 1940
(Figures in Thousands of Barrels of 42 gallons each)

District	Daily Refining Capacity		Crude Runs to Stills		Gasoline Production at Refineries Inc. Natural Blended
	Potential Rate	Percent Reporting	Daily Average	Percent Operated	
East Coast	615	100.0	602	97.9	1,644
Appalachian	166	87.3	126	86.9	465
Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky	645	90.7	509	87.0	2,029
Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri	419	81.6	256	74.9	2,929
Inland Texas	316	50.3	95	59.7	429
Texas Gulf	1,055	90.0	783	82.4	2,422
Louisiana Gulf	179	97.8	111	63.4	292
North Louisiana & Arkansas	100	55.0	43	78.2	150
Rocky Mountain	118	54.2	28	43.8	188
California	828	90.0	443	59.5	1,355
Reported		86.4	2,996	78.1	9,903
Estimated unreported			374		1,546
*Estimated total U. S.:					
Jan. 6, 1940	4,441		3,370		11,449
Dec. 30, 1939	4,441		3,445		11,686
*U.S.B. of M. Jan. 6, 1939			x3,213		y10,874

* Estimated Bureau of Mines' basis. x January, 1939, daily average. y This is a week's production based on the U. S. Bureau of Mines January, 1939, daily average. z 12% reporting capacity did not report gasoline production.

STOCKS OF FINISHED AND UNFINISHED GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL, WEEK ENDED JAN. 6, 1940
(Figures in Thousands of Barrels of 42 Gallons Each)

District	Stocks of Finished & Unfinished Gasoline		Stocks of Gas Oil and Distillates		Stocks of Residual Fuel Oil	
	Total Finished	Total Finished and Unfin'd	At Refineries	At Terms in Transit and in Pipe Lines	At Refineries	At Terms in Transit and in Pipe Lines
East Coast	17,658	18,613	4,436	5,295	3,983	3,663
Appalachian	3,323	3,568	272	177	475	—
Ind., Ill., Ky	11,935	12,477	3,472	671	2,709	42
Okl., Kan., Mo.	6,687	7,107	1,495	25	2,475	—
Inland Texas	1,450	1,654	370	—	1,748	—
Texas Gulf	11,086	12,328	3,796	641	5,421	210
Louisiana Gulf	1,922	2,294	794	23	767	267
No. La. & Arkansas	301	485	243	9	510	—
Rocky Mountain	1,085	1,157	143	—	417	—
California	15,436	16,589	7,852	1,699	58,213	22,132
Reported	70,973	76,272	22,873	8,540	76,808	26,314
Est. unreported	5,630	5,730	770	—	2,125	—
*Est. total U. S.:						
Jan. 6, 1940	76,603	82,002	23,643	8,540	78,933	26,314
Dec. 30, 1939	75,597	80,985	24,997	9,187	79,839	26,841
* U. S. B. of Mines						
Jan. 6, 1939	67,223	72,936	25,720	9,871	100,294	17,761

* Estimated Bureau of Mines' basis.

November Natural Gasoline Production

The daily average of natural gasoline continued to increase in November, 1939, according to a report prepared by the Bureau of Mines for Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior. The daily average for November was 6,143,000 gallons, compared with 6,071,000 gallons in October, 1939. The greatest increases were registered in the Panhandle, Appalachian, Kansas and Louisiana districts.

Stocks continued to decrease, the total on hand at the end of the month was 192,318,000 gallons, compared with 215,880,000 gallons in storage Oct. 31, 1939 and 241,164,000 gallons held a year ago.

PRODUCTION AND STOCKS OF NATURAL GASOLINE
(In Thousands of Gallons)

District	Production				Stocks			
	Nov. 1939	Oct. 1939	Jan. 1939	Jan. 1938	Nov. 30, 1939	Oct. 31, 1939	At Refineries	At Plants & Terminals
East Coast					2,940	5,418	—	—
Appalachian	7,603	6,147	61,918	60,845	336	3,274	462	2,740
Ill., Mich., Ky	1,714	1,411	13,415	11,674	3,864	246	3,486	244
Oklahoma	36,419	38,151	397,328	430,716	2,394	22,020	3,108	24,296
Kansas	6,096	5,477	53,472	50,321	546	815	42	1,345
Texas	65,343	67,780	638,880	626,003	8,484	72,800	5,250	82,896
Louisiana	9,144	8,722	83,225	86,957	126	955	126	209
Arkansas	1,710	2,085	22,901	23,324	420	196	126	209
Rocky Mountain	7,391	8,164	80,568	74,942	3,570	1,141	4,914	2,332
California	48,876	50,265	556,185	605,690	64,512	3,679	73,416	4,340
Total	184,296	188,202	1,907,892	1,970,472	87,192	105,126	96,348	119,532
Daily aver.	6,143	6,071	5,712	5,900	—	—	—	—
Total (thousands of barrels)	4,388	4,481	45,426	46,916	2,076	2,503	2,294	2,846
Daily aver.	146	145	136	140	—	—	—	—

a Final figures.

Preliminary Estimates of Production of Coal for Month of December, 1939

According to preliminary estimates made by the Bureau of Mines and the Bituminous Coal Division of the U. S. Department of the Interior, bituminous coal output during the month of December, 1939, amounted to 37,283,000 net tons, compared with 36,541,000 net tons in the corresponding month last year and 42,835,000 tons in November, 1939. Anthracite production during December, 1939, totaled 3,862,000 net tons, as against 4,533,006 tons a year ago and 3,936,000 tons in November, 1939. The consolidated statement of the two aforementioned organizations follows:

	Total for Month (Net Tons)	Number of Working Days	Average per Working Day (Net Tons)	Calendar Year to End of December (Net Tons)
Dec., 1939 (Prelim'y)				
Bituminous coal a	37,283,000	25	1,491,000	—
Anthracite b	3,862,000	25	154,500	50,807,000
Beehive coke	313,600	25	12,544	1,394,400
Non., 1939 (Revised)				
Bituminous coal a	42,835,000	24.6	1,741,000	—
Anthracite b	3,936,000	24	164,000	—
Beehive coke	346,200	26	13,315	—
Dec., 1938 (Revised)				
Bituminous coal a	36,541,000	26	1,405,000	—
Anthracite b	4,533,000	26	174,300	46,099,000
Beehive coke	75,660	26	2,908	837,400

a Includes for purposes of historical comparison and statistical convenience the production of lignite and of anthracite and semi-anthracite outside of Pennsylvania.

b Total production, including colliery, fuel, washery and dredge coal, and coal shipped by truck from authorized operations.

Note—All current estimates will later be adjusted to agree with the results of the complete canvass of production made at the end of the calendar year.

Weekly Coal Production Statistics

The Bituminous Coal Division of the U. S. Department of the Interior reported that production of soft coal in the week ended Dec. 30—Christmas Week—is estimated at 8,232,000 net tons, a decrease of 830,000 tons, or 9.2%, from the preceding week.

The total production of soft coal in the year 1939 is estimated at 389,025,000 net tons. Compared with an esti-

mated production of 344,630,000 tons in 1938, the year 1939 shows an increase of 44,395,000 tons, or 12.9%.

Production of crude petroleum in 1939, as indicated by the figures of coal equivalent shown in the table, was 3.3% higher in 1939 than in 1938.

The U. S. Bureau of Mines reported that the total production of Pennsylvania anthracite for the week ended Dec. 30, amounting to 1,020,000 tons, decreased 212,000 tons from the total of 1,232,000 tons reported for the week of Dec. 23, but was 6,000 tons above the corresponding week of 1938. Cumulations for the calendar year 1939 amounted to 50,807,000 tons, an increase of about 10% from the 46,099,000 tons produced during 1938.

ESTIMATED UNITED STATES PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL, WITH COMPARABLE DATA ON PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM (In Thousands of Net Tons)

	Week Ended			Total Calendar Year		
	Dec. 30 1939	Dec. 23 1939 c	Dec. 31 1938	1939	1938	1929
Bituminous Coal—a						
Total, including mine fuel.....	8,232	9,062	7,872	389,025	344,630	534,989
Daily average.....	1,646	1,510	1,574	1,274	1,126	1,740
Crude Petroleum—b						
Coal equivalent of weekly output.....	5,678	6,196	5,128	285,463	276,222	229,296

a Includes, for purposes of historical comparison and statistical convenience, the production of lignite. b Total barrels produced during the week converted to equivalent coal, assuming 6,000,000 B.t.u. per barrel of oil and 13,100 B.t.u. per pound of coal. c Revised.

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

	Week Ended			Calendar Year to Date		
	Dec. 30 1939	Dec. 23 1939	Dec. 31 1938	1939 c	1938	1929
Pa. Anthracite—						
Total, incl. colliery fuel.....	1,020,000	1,232,000	1,014,000	50,807,000	46,099,000	73,828,000
Daily average.....	204,000	205,300	202,800	168,000	151,900	243,300
Comm'l produce'n b	969,000	1,170,000	963,000	48,267,000	43,786,000	68,527,000
Beehive Coke—						
U. S. total.....	63,300	67,600	17,600	1,394,400	837,400	6,472,000
Daily average.....	12,660	11,267	3,520	4,498	2,700	20,800

a Includes washery and dredge coal and coal shipped by truck from authorized operations. b Excludes colliery fuel. c Subject to revision.

ESTIMATED WEEKLY PRODUCTION OF COAL, BY STATES (In Thousands of Net Tons)

(The current weekly estimates are based on railroad carloadings and river shipments and are subject to revision on receipt of monthly tonnage reports from district and State sources or of final annual returns from the operators.)

State	Week Ended—					Dec. Ave. 1923 e
	Dec. 23 1939	Dec. 16 1939	Dec. 24 1938	Dec. 25 1937	Dec. 21 1929	
Alaska.....	2	2	3	2	s	s
Alabama.....	313	318	269	187	417	349
Arkansas and Oklahoma.....	62	42	74	86	138	83
Colorado.....	125	113	159	174	268	253
Georgia and North Carolina.....	1	1	*	*	s	s
Illinois.....	1,108	1,056	1,116	991	1,511	1,535
Indiana.....	398	389	406	342	420	514
Iowa.....	82	62	94	83	110	121
Kansas and Missouri.....	160	146	164	168	155	159
Kentucky—Eastern.....	667	657	670	456	959	584
Western.....	212	176	204	148	338	204
Maryland.....	38	40	31	20	60	37
Michigan.....	8	7	7	12	12	21
Montana.....	65	66	74	58	83	64
New Mexico.....	29	28	29	26	49	56
North and South Dakota.....	57	49	71	60	s69	s27
Ohio.....	436	448	425	313	572	599
Pennsylvania bituminous.....	2,322	2,330	1,847	1,376	2,756	2,818
Tennessee.....	115	108	122	16	118	103
Texas.....	18	19	18	16	16	21
Utah.....	63	61	100	81	115	100
Virginia.....	311	283	283	184	274	193
Washington.....	36	37	38	37	60	57
West Virginia—Southern a.....	1,711	1,630	1,462	1,148	2,047	1,132
Northern b.....	609	607	591	262	666	692
Wyoming.....	113	107	141	118	138	173
Other Western States c.....	1	1	1	*	s9	s5
Total bituminous coal.....	9,062	8,783	8,400	6,405	11,360	9,900
Pennsylvania anthracite d.....	1,232	1,099	1,030	941	1,795	1,806
Total, all coal.....	10,294	9,882	9,430	7,346	13,155	11,706

a Includes operations on the N. & W.; C. & O.; Virginian; K. & M.; B. C. & G.; and on the B. & O. in Kanawha, Mason and Clay counties. b Rest of State, including the Panhandle District and Grant, Mineral and Tucker counties. c Includes Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada and Oregon. d Data for Pennsylvania anthracite from published records of the Bureau of Mines. e Average weekly rate for entire month. s Alaska, Georgia, North Carolina and South Dakota included with "other Western States." * Less than 1,000 tons.

Non-Ferrous Metals—Lead Sales in Fair Volume—Export Copper Unsettled—Cadmium Advances

"Metal and Mineral Markets," in its issue of Jan. 11, reports that the operating rate of fabricating plants remains at a high level, but this activity reflects the heavy purchases made during the last quarter of 1939. New business has been coming forward slowly. The export quotation for copper has been easier, which tends to make domestic buyers of copper cautious. Domestic copper for prompt and nearby delivery is not offered freely. Lead sold in fair volume, but zinc was quiet. Tin was unsettled. Cadmium advanced 5c. per pound. The publication further stated:

Copper

New business in copper products has been coming in slowly, which condition was reflected in a quiet market for the metal. Domestic sales of copper for the last week totaled 5,060 tons, which compares with 5,616 tons in the preceding week. The business was booked on the basis of 12½c., Volley. Fabricating plants are still operating at a relatively high rate and domestic deliveries of refined copper at present are probably averaging above 75,000 tons a month.

Copper Institute will soon release figures on the statistical position of the domestic industry for 1939. Later, regular monthly statements will be

issued, beginning with the January figures. Foreign statistics, owing to the war, are not available.

Advices from Washington state that the Temporary National Economics Committee hearings on copper will begin Jan. 15.

Export trade in copper was in fair volume during the last week, but unevenly distributed, which made the market appear quite dull at times. Prices varied considerably, depending on position. March forward was offered down to 12¼c., f.a.s., whereas January and February sold at 12½c.

Some inquiry was around for fabricated copper for shipment to the Allies. The copper content of these inquiries involved from 5,000 to 6,000 tons of metal, it was said.

Lead

Sales of lead dropped to a moderate level during the last week, involving 4,436 tons, against 5,020 tons in the previous week. Shipments to consumers are reported continuing at a satisfactory rate, but producers believe consumers are cautiously appraising the first-quarter outlook.

The trade was disturbed by reports that a substantial tonnage of foreign pig lead, some estimates as high as 3,500 tons, would arrive in New York during January. It is believed that this consists chiefly of Australian lead.

The quotation remained firm at 5.50c., New York, which was also the contract setting basis of the American Smelting & Refining Co., and 5.35c., St. Louis.

The following tabulation shows total lead stocks at United States smelters and refiners, in tons, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics:

In ore, matte, process at smelters.....	Nov. 1	Dec. 1
In base bullion—Smelters and refineries.....	64,548	63,933
In transit to refineries.....	11,933	6,995
In process at refineries.....	1,486	3,616
Refined lead.....	14,145	14,188
Antimonial lead.....	67,065	52,527
	6,898	5,534
Total stocks.....	166,075	146,793

Zinc

Inquiry for zinc was light during the last week. Sales of the common grades totaled 2,698 tons, against 3,448 tons in the preceding seven-day period. Shipments for the week by the Prime Western division amounted to 3,066 tons. Publication of the December statistics, showing a gain in total stocks of 4,473 tons, caused little comment. The gain occurred in High Grade and reflected smaller deliveries to the automobile industry. The quotation for Prime Western continued at 5.75c., St. Louis.

Zinc concentrate was lowered in the Tri-State market last week to the basis of \$37.50 per ton for Prime, a reduction of \$1.50, owing to the recent decline in metal.

Tin

Quotations for Straits, spot delivery, jumped to £250 in London on Jan. 9 when it was learned that the United States Procurement Division had rejected a bid for 500 tons and would enter the market on Wednesday for a similar tonnage. Prices submitted on the Government bid of 500 tons on Jan. 10, plus an additional 500 tons, ranged from 45.96c. to 47.70c.

Activity at tin-plate mills has dropped to around 70% of capacity. Straits tin for January arrival settled at 47.625c.; Feb. at 47.125c.; March at 46.625c.; April at 46.375c., and May at 46.125c.

Chinese tin, 99%, was nominally as follows: Jan. 4, 45.750c.; Jan. 5, 45.750c.; Jan. 6, 45.750c.; Jan. 8, 46.000c.; Jan. 9, 46.375c.; Jan. 10, 46.250c.

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

	Electrolytic Copper		Straits Tin	Lead		Zinc
	Dom. Refy	Exp., Refy	New York	New York	St. Louis	St. Louis
Jan. 4.....	12.275	12.400	47.500	5.50	5.35	5.75
Jan. 5.....	12.275	12.375	47.500	5.50	5.35	5.75
Jan. 6.....	12.275	12.375	47.500	5.50	5.35	5.75
Jan. 8.....	12.275	12.400	47.750	5.50	5.35	5.75
Jan. 9.....	12.275	12.375	48.125	5.50	5.35	5.75
Jan. 10.....	12.275	12.375	48.000	5.50	5.35	5.75
Average.....	12.275	12.367	47.729	5.50	5.35	5.75

Average prices for calendar week ended Jan. 6 are: Domestic copper f.o.b. refinery, 12.275c.; export copper, 12.380c.; Straits tin, 47.850c.; New York lead, 5.500c.; St. Louis lead, 5.350c.; St. Louis zinc, 5.750c.; and silver, 34.750c.

The above quotations are "M. & M. M.'s" appraisal of the major United States markets, based on sales reported by producers and agencies. They are reduced to the basis of cash, New York or St. Louis, as noted. All prices are in cents per pound.

Copper, lead and zinc quotations are based on sales for both prompt and future deliveries; tin quotations are for prompt delivery only.

In the trade, domestic copper prices are quoted on a delivered basis; that is, delivered at consumers' plants. As delivery charges vary with the destination, the figures shown above are net prices at refineries on the Atlantic seaboard. Delivered prices in New England average 0.25c. per pound above the refinery basis.

Export quotations for copper are reduced to net at refineries on the Atlantic seaboard. On foreign business, owing to the European War, most sellers are restricting offerings to f.a.s. transactions, dollar basis. Quotations, for the present, reflect this change in method of doing business.

Due to the European war the usual table of daily London prices is not available. Prices on standard tin, the only prices given, however, are as follows: Jan. 4, spot, £244½, three months, £243½; Jan. 5, spot, £245¼, three months, £241½; Jan. 8, spot, £246, three months, £245; Jan. 9, spot, £250, three months, £249, and Jan. 10, spot, £248, three months, £246¾.

December Pig Iron Output at 89.4% of Capacity

The Jan. 11 issue of the "Iron Age" states that production of coke pig iron in December totaled 3,768,336 gross tons, compared with 3,720,436 tons in November. On a daily basis December production dropped 1.9% from that in November, or from 124,015 tons to 121,559 tons in December. The rate of operation last month dropped slightly to 89.4% of the industry's capacity from 90.9% in November. The "Iron Age" further states:

For the 12 months, production amounted to 31,533,370 tons, contrasted with 18,782,236 tons for 1938.

There were 191 furnaces in blast on Jan. 1, the same number as on Dec. 1. These were operating at the rate of 122,055 tons daily, compared with 124,085 tons on Dec. 1. Three furnaces were blown in and three taken off blast. The United States Steel Corp. blew out one furnace, and independent producers blew in three furnaces and took two out of operation.

Furnaces blown in included: One Eliza, Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.; one Madeline, Inland Steel Co., and the Frovo, Utah, furnace of Columbia Steel Co.

Among the furnaces blown out were: One Cambria, Bethlehem Steel Co.; one Riverside, Wheeling Steel Corp., out for relining, and one Lorain, National Tube Co., also out for relining.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON IN THE UNITED STATES BY MONTHS SINCE JAN. 1, 1935—GROSS TONS

	1939	1938	1937	1936	1935
January	70,175	46,100	103,597	65,351	47,656
February	73,578	46,367	107,115	62,886	57,448
March	77,246	46,854	111,596	65,816	57,098
April	68,539	45,871	113,055	80,125	55,449
May	55,404	40,480	114,104	85,432	55,713
June	70,615	35,400	103,584	86,208	51,570
Half year	69,184	43,497	108,876	74,331	54,138
July	76,009	38,767	112,866	83,888	49,041
August	85,800	48,193	116,317	87,475	56,816
September	95,952	56,015	113,679	91,010	59,216
October	117,019	66,203	93,311	96,512	63,820
November	124,015	75,666	66,891	98,246	68,864
December	121,559	71,314	48,075	100,485	67,950
12 mos. average	86,393	51,458	100,305	83,658	67,556

PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON AND FERROMANGANESE (GROSS TONS)

	Pig Iron x		Ferromanganese y	
	1939	1938	1939	1938
January	2,175,423	1,429,085	20,805	22,388
February	2,060,187	1,298,268	18,655	20,205
March	2,394,615	1,452,487	16,008	21,104
April	2,056,177	1,376,141	11,513	18,607
May	1,717,516	1,255,024	7,888	13,341
June	2,118,451	1,062,021	16,617	14,546
Half year	12,522,369	7,873,026	91,491	110,281
July	2,356,270	1,201,785	21,213	20,818
August	2,695,813	1,493,995	20,628	6,088
September	2,878,556	1,680,435	21,949	630
October	3,627,590	2,052,284	23,944	3,621
November	3,720,436	2,269,983	30,356	13,156
December	3,768,336	2,210,728	36,298	19,197
Year	31,533,370	18,782,236	245,879	173,791

x These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. y Included in pig iron figures.

United States Steel Corp. Shipments Highest Since April, 1937

Shipments of finished steel products by subsidiary companies of the United States Steel Corp. for the month of December, 1939, amounted to 1,304,284 tons. This is the highest figure since April, 1937, when 1,343,644 tons were shipped.

The December shipments compare with 1,270,894 tons in the preceding month (November), when an increase of 33,390 tons and with 694,204 tons in the corresponding month in 1938 (December), an increase of 610,080 tons or 87.9%.

For the year 1939, shipments were 10,652,150 tons, compared with 6,655,749 tons (year-end total after adjustments) in the comparable period of 1938, an increase of 3,996,401 tons, or 60%.

In the table below we list the figures by months since January, 1935:

TONNAGE OF SHIPMENTS OF STEEL PRODUCTS BY MONTHS FOR YEARS INDICATED

Month	Year 1935	Year 1936	Year 1937	Year 1938	Year 1939
January	534,055	721,414	1,149,918	518,322	739,305
February	582,137	676,315	1,133,724	474,723	677,994
March	668,056	783,552	1,414,399	572,199	767,910
April	591,728	979,907	1,343,644	501,972	701,459
May	598,915	984,097	1,304,039	465,081	723,165
June	578,108	886,065	1,268,560	478,057	733,433
July	547,794	950,851	1,186,762	441,570	676,309
August	624,497	923,703	1,107,858	558,634	803,822
September	614,933	961,803	1,047,902	577,666	985,030
October	686,741	1,007,417	732,310	993,237	1,218,445
November	681,820	832,643	557,241	679,653	1,270,894
December	661,615	1,067,365	489,070	694,204	1,304,284
Yearly adjustment	-(23,750)	-(40,859)	-(77,113)	+(30,381)	
Total for year	7,347,649	10,784,273	12,748,354	6,655,749	10,652,150

Fourth Quarter Steel Output Sets Record

December was the third consecutive month in which output of open hearth and Bessemer steel ingots exceeded five million tons, according to a report released Jan. 6 by the American Iron and Steel Institute.

A total of 5,164,420 gross tons of ingots was produced in December, raising the total for the quarter to 16,020,857 gross tons, the highest quarterly total on record. Previously, the best quarter for steel production was the second quarter of 1929, when output reached 15,139,254 gross tons.

Output for the full year 1939 amounted to 45,768,899 gross tons, nearly 65% above the 1938 total of 27,742,225 gross tons. In total tonnage, 1939 was 16% below the peak year 1929 when open hearth and Bessemer ingot production totaled 54,312,279 gross tons.

The December output was about 65% above the total of 3,130,746 gross tons produced in December, 1938, while output in the final quarter of 1939 showed approximately the same percentage rise over the final quarter of 1938, when 9,795,094 gross tons were produced.

Per cent of capacity operated by the steel industry averaged 85.57% in December, 89.30% for the quarter and 64.29% for the year. In 1938 the industry operated at 52.79% of capacity in December, at an average of 55.55% in the final quarter and at an average of 39.65% for the year.

Average weekly production is calculated at 1,168,421 gross tons in December, 1939 as against 708,314 gross tons

in December, 1938. Weekly output in the last quarter of 1939 averaged 1,219,243 gross tons, compared with 745,441 gross tons in the corresponding 1938 quarter. For their full year 1939 output averaged 877,808 gross tons per week, as against an average of 532,072 gross tons weekly in 1938.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF OPEN-HEARTH AND BESSEMER STEEL INGOTS—JANUARY, 1938 TO DECEMBER, 1939

(Calculations based on reports of companies which in 1938 made 98.67% of the open-hearth and 99.90% of the Bessemer ingot production)

	Calculated Monthly Production		Calculated Weekly Production (Gross Tons)	Number of Weeks in Month
	Gross Tons	Per Cent of Capacity		
1939—				
January	3,174,352	52.48	716,558	4.43
February	2,988,649	54.72	747,162	4.00
March	3,405,370	56.30	768,707	4.43
First quarter	9,568,371	54.49	744,041	12.86
April	2,974,246	50.78	693,297	4.29
May	2,922,875	48.32	659,791	4.43
June	3,125,288	53.35	728,505	4.29
Second quarter	9,022,409	50.79	693,498	13.01
First six months	18,590,780	52.63	718,623	25.87
July	3,162,534	52.40	715,505	4.42
August	3,763,418	62.22	849,530	4.43
September	4,231,310	72.41	988,624	4.28
Third quarter	11,157,262	62.23	849,753	13.13
Nine months	29,748,042	55.86	762,770	39.00
October	5,393,821	89.17	1,217,567	4.43
November	5,462,616	93.26	1,273,337	4.29
December	5,164,420	85.57	1,168,421	4.42
Fourth quarter	16,020,857	89.30	1,219,243	13.14
Total	45,768,899	64.29	877,808	52.14
1938—				
January	1,734,165	29.17	391,459	4.43
February	1,697,452	31.63	424,363	4.00
March	2,004,204	33.72	452,416	4.43
First quarter	5,435,821	31.50	422,692	12.86
April	1,910,042	33.34	447,329	4.29
May	1,800,877	30.30	406,619	4.43
June	1,632,843	28.36	380,616	4.29
Second quarter	5,352,762	30.66	411,434	13.01
First six months	10,788,583	31.08	417,031	25.87
July	1,974,317	33.29	446,678	4.42
August	2,637,102	42.68	572,709	4.43
September	2,647,129	46.09	618,488	4.28
Third quarter	7,158,548	40.63	545,205	13.13
Nine months	17,947,131	34.29	460,183	39.00
October	3,105,985	52.25	701,125	4.43
November	3,558,363	61.81	829,455	4.29
December	3,130,746	52.79	708,314	4.42
Fourth quarter	9,795,094	55.55	745,441	13.14
Total	27,742,225	39.65	532,072	52.14

Note—The percentages of capacity operated in 1939 are calculated on weekly capacities of 1,365,401 gross tons based on annual capacities as of Dec. 31, 1938 as follows: Open-hearth and Bessemer ingots, 71,191,994 gross tons and in 1938 are calculated on weekly capacities of 1,341,866 gross tons based on annual capacities as of Dec. 31, 1937, as follows: Open-hearth and Bessemer ingots, 69,964,356 gross tons.

Steel Operations Unchanged at 86%, But New Buying Still Lags

The "Iron Age" in its issue of Jan. 11 reported that backlog tonnage on the books of the steel companies is being reduced as shipments outrun new orders about two to one. However, ingot operations, which remain at 86% for the second week of the new year, probably will not be markedly affected this month at least, and by February a larger volume of new buying is expected, notably from the automobile industry. The "Iron Age" further reported:

Although the aggregate tonnage still on mill books is substantial, certain products, for example plates, structural shapes, tin plate and pipe, can now be obtained for fairly prompt shipment. Bars, sheets, strip and some wire products are more heavily booked, but deliveries of these items are much easier than they were during the fourth quarter.

Consumers of steel have in some instances covered their requirements through all of the first quarter, while others have sufficient tonnage on hand or on order to provide for January and February or only January, indicating that some replenishment buying will be necessary by February in larger volume than that now being done. There is no indication that consumption of steel has fallen off in any important degree as compared with the fourth quarter, but owing to fair-sized stocks and easier mill deliveries steel users are showing less anxiety regarding their future needs.

Indicating the volume of business that steel companies carried over from 1939, one important producer entered the new year with a total backlog equal to about one-fifth of its entire 1939 output. A substantial part of this is railroad business.

Whatever improvement in steel buying has occurred since the holidays—and it has been light—consists mainly of small lots to fill in unbalanced stocks. Larger orders have been few. The fact that some consumers see pretty good business for some months ahead is indicated by a number of reservations for the second quarter with price at time of shipment to apply.

Some of the recent loss in ingot production is due to lower demand for tin plate. Operations of tin plate mills this week are estimated at 70%, down eight points from last week, and sharply below the rate maintained during most of the fourth quarter. Resumption of tin plate demand on a larger scale from domestic users is not expected before February, but meanwhile export demand for this product is exceptionally good.

Export demand generally is counted upon to make up some of the losses that may occur in production for domestic purposes. Indicative of the larger export business during the last third of 1939 is the report of November shipments, which totaled 332,899 tons of iron and steel, a gain of 77,818

tons, or 30 1/2%, over October shipments. The largest gain was in South American trade. Great Britain is releasing larger tonnages for export despite the demands of the Government for war purposes.

Renewed buying by the railroads is expected in the near future. About 50,000 freight cars are said to be under consideration. Meanwhile, the new year got a fair start with an order for 50,000 tons of rails from the Pennsylvania, with orders for 15,000 tons of accessories to follow. The Gulf, Mobile & Northern may soon buy 1250 cars and the Norfolk & Western is inquiring for 100. The Delaware & Hudson has ordered 20 locomotives.

The automobile industry is expected to produce about 100,000 cars this week after curtailment due to inventory shutdowns in some plants.

Structural steel business is in seasonally light volume, but sizable awards are pending, including 170,000 tons for a bridge in California and 16,000 tons, mostly piling, for two graving docks in Hawaii.

Mill prices for steel are firm, but overstocks have caused some weakness in warehouse prices. At Detroit heavy products are down \$3 a ton. They were advanced this amount in October, but warehouses in nearby cities did not follow; hence Detroit distributors have had to meet the interstate competitive situation. Galvanized sheets out of stock are weaker in New York and Philadelphia.

Pig iron production in December totaled 3,768,336 gross tons compared with 3,720,436 tons in November, bringing the 1939 total to 31,533,370 tons compared with 18,782,236 tons in 1938. The daily rate last month was 121,559 tons against 124,015 tons in November, a loss of 1.9%. The December operating rate was 89.4%. On Jan. 1 the same number of furnaces was in blast as on Dec. 1, which was 191, but some furnaces will go out this month. Lake Superior iron ore prices have been announced for 1940 without change.

Output of open hearth and Bessemer steel ingots in December was 5,164,420 gross tons compared with the all-time peak output of 5,462,616 tons in November. The year's total was 45,768,899 tons. The December rate of operation was 87.57% and that for the entire year was 64.29%.

The "Iron Age" steel scrap price composite is unchanged this week at \$17.67, moderate weakness at Philadelphia being offset by strengthening at Chicago.

THE "IRON AGE" COMPOSITE PRICES

Finished Steel		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.	
Jan. 9, 1940, 2.261c. a Lb.	2.261c.	High	Low
One week ago	2.261c.	Jan. 3	May 16
One month ago	2.261c.	2.286c.	2.236c.
One year ago	2.286c.	2.512c.	2.211c.
1939	2.286c.	Jan. 3	May 16
1938	2.512c.	May 17	Oct. 8

Pig Iron		Based on average for basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry iron at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley, and Southern iron at Cincinnati.	
Jan. 9, 1940, \$22.61 a Gross Ton	\$22.61	High	Low
One week ago	\$22.61	Sept. 19	Sept. 12
One month ago	\$22.61	23.25	June 21
One year ago	20.61	20.61	19.61
1939	\$22.61	Sept. 19	Sept. 12
1938	23.25	June 21	July 6

Steel Scrap		Based on No. 1 heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Chicago.	
Jan. 9, 1940, \$17.67 a Gross Ton	\$17.67	High	Low
One week ago	\$17.67	Oct. 3	May 16
One month ago	\$18.08	15.00	Nov. 22
One year ago	14.92	14.92	11.00
1939	\$22.50	Oct. 3	May 16
1938	15.00	Nov. 22	Nov. 7

The American Iron and Steel Institute on Jan. 8 announced that telegraphic reports which it had received indicated that operating rate of steel companies having 97% of the steel capacity of the industry will be 86.1% of capacity for the week beginning Jan. 8, compared with 85.7% one week ago, 91.2% one month ago, and 51.7% one year ago. This represents an increase of 0.4 point, or 0.5%, from the estimate for the week ended Jan. 1, 1940. Weekly indicated rates of steel operations since Dec. 5, 1938, follow:

1938	1939	1939	1939
Dec. 5.....59.9%	Mar. 13.....55.7%	June 26.....54.3%	Oct. 9.....88.6%
Dec. 12.....57.6%	Mar. 20.....55.4%	July 3.....38.5%	Oct. 16.....90.3%
Dec. 19.....51.7%	Mar. 27.....56.1%	July 10.....49.7%	Oct. 23.....90.2%
Dec. 26.....38.8%	Apr. 3.....54.7%	July 17.....56.4%	Oct. 30.....91.0%
1939—	Apr. 10.....52.1%	July 24.....60.6%	Nov. 6.....92.5%
Jan. 2.....50.7%	Apr. 17.....50.9%	July 31.....59.3%	Nov. 13.....93.5%
Jan. 9.....51.7%	Apr. 24.....48.6%	Aug. 7.....60.1%	Nov. 20.....93.9%
Jan. 16.....52.7%	May 1.....47.8%	Aug. 14.....62.1%	Nov. 27.....94.4%
Jan. 23.....51.2%	May 8.....47.0%	Aug. 21.....62.2%	Dec. 4.....92.8%
Jan. 30.....52.8%	May 15.....46.4%	Aug. 28.....63.0%	Dec. 11.....91.8%
Feb. 6.....53.4%	May 22.....48.5%	Sept. 4.....58.0%	Dec. 18.....90.0%
Feb. 13.....54.8%	May 29.....52.2%	Sept. 11.....70.2%	Dec. 25.....73.7%
Feb. 20.....53.7%	June 5.....54.2%	Sept. 18.....79.3%	1940—
Feb. 27.....55.8%	June 12.....53.1%	Sept. 25.....83.8%	Jan. 1.....85.7%
Mar. 6.....55.1%	June 19.....55.0%	Oct. 2.....87.5%	Jan. 8.....86.1%

"Steel" of Cleveland, in its summary of the iron and steel markets on Jan. 8, stated:

Steel production has regained almost all the loss caused by holiday interruption, with prospects of further quickening during January. This restores the operating rate to 86.5%, only 4 points below that prevailing immediately before the holiday week.

Some effects of annual inventory taking are in evidence by specifications are in good volume and producers are scheduling activities high in an effort to meet consumer needs. Backlogs are larger than in the same period last year and mills are in better position than for several years. While buying is light at the moment this is attributed largely to tonnages already covered by contracts and comfortable inventory position.

Numerous outlets for steel are expected to place specifications for larger tonnages during January, notably the automotive, railroad and shipbuilding industries. Structural demand continues at a better rate than usual for midwinter and pending projects promise additional buying in the near future, with seasonal increase in early spring.

While there is variation in tonnage of various products on books, mills as a whole can see near-capacity business for full first quarter and in some cases for practically all first half. In some products deliveries now are three to five weeks, although this interval is being reduced somewhat by heavy shipments.

A heartening feature of the situation is that consumers have not accumulated heavy inventory, early announcement of unchanged prices for first quarter contributing largely to this, and most tonnage shipped is going into production promptly. This promises steady buying to meet needs of steel users.

December pig iron production at 3,767,605 tons gained 1.27% over November. It was the largest monthly production since July, 1929, and the largest December on record. Due to the shorter month November showed a higher daily rate, 124,003 tons, compared with 121,535 tons daily in December. Total 1939 output was 31,526,823 tons, a gain of 67% over 18,889,663 tons in 1938. In 1937 production was 36,709,139 tons.

Automobile production last week continued to show effects of holiday idleness, total production being reported at 87,510 units, compared with 89,365 the preceding week, and 117,705 before Christmas. Last week's output was 10,825 cars greater than in the corresponding week in 1939.

While little railroad inquiry is current the year's buying has been started by distribution of 50,000 tons of rails by the Pennsylvania and 20 locomotives by the Delaware & Hudson. Rail releases against heavy mill backlogs probably will be made within a short time to provide for spring tracklaying. Steel for carbuilding and repairs is being specified steadily.

Steel and iron imports continue to shrink. November's total being 15,216 gross tons, 14.8% below that of October, which, in turn, was 36% under September. The November figure was less than half that of either June or July. However, total imports for 11 months in 1939 were 300,452 tons, well above 235,783 tons in the corresponding period, 1938.

Establishing of Lake Superior iron ore prices for the 1940 season at the same level as for the three preceding years, mark the earliest action since the 1917 prices were set in November, 1916. The earliest date in the interval was Feb. 2, 1920. In 1939 prices were announced May 24.

Composites showed little change, softness in scrap prices in Eastern Pennsylvania causing the iron and steel composite to drop 1 cent and the scrap composite 8 cents to \$17.50. The latter has been moving downward almost continuously since the first week of October, from \$22.16 at that time, a loss of \$4.66 in approximately three months.

Every producing district but one contributed to the rapid recovery of production from the holiday lull. Pittsburgh regained 19 points to 89%, Chicago .9 1/2 points to 90 1/2%, eastern Pennsylvania 5 points to 82%, Youngstown 11 to 85, New England 8 to 83, Wheeling 13 to 89, Cleveland 17 to 85, Birmingham 19 to 94, Detroit 5 to 90, Cincinnati 16 to 91 and St. Louis 1 1/2 to 78 1/2. Buffalo showed contraction of 7 1/2 points to 67, on account of repairs.

Steel ingot production for week ended Jan. 8 is placed at 85 1/2% of capacity, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 11. This compares with 75% in the previous week and 89% two weeks ago. The "Journal" further reports:

U. S. Steel is estimated at 84%, against 70% in the week before and 88% two weeks ago. Leading independents are credited with 87%, compared with 79% in the preceding week and 89 1/2% two weeks ago.

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

	Industry	U. S. Steel	Changes
1940	85 1/2 + 10 1/2	84 + 14	86 + 7
1939	51 + 12	48 1/2 + 13 1/2	52 1/2 + 10 1/2
1938	28 1/2 + 8 1/2	31 + 10 1/2	27 + 7
1937	80 + 1	72 - 1	86 + 2
1936	51 + 3	43 + 2	53 + 4
1935	46 + 4 1/2	39 + 3	35 + 2
1934	32 1/2 + 1 1/2	29 + 1	35 + 2
1933	16 1/2 + 1 1/2	15 + 1	17 + 1
1932	24 1/2 + 2 1/2	24 + 2	25 + 3 1/2
1931	40 + 4	44 + 1	37 + 5
1930	65 + 5 1/2	67 + 5	64 + 6
1929	82 1/2 - 1 1/2	85	80 - 2
1928	74 + 3	78 + 3	89 + 2
1927	78 1/2 + 1 1/2	85 + 3	68 1/2

December Production and Shipments of Slab Zinc
The American Zinc Institute on Jan. 5 released the following tabulation of slab zinc statistics:

SLAB ZINC STATISTICS (ALL GRADES)—1929-1939 (Tons of 2,000 Pounds)							
	Produced During Period	Shipped During Period	Stock at End of Period	(a) Shipped for Export	Retorts Operating End of Period	Average Retorts During Period	Unfilled Orders End of Period
Year 1929	631,601	602,601	75,430	6,352	57,999	68,491	18,585
Year 1930	504,463	436,275	143,618	196	31,240	47,769	26,651
Year 1931	300,738	314,514	129,842	41	19,875	23,099	18,273
Year 1932	213,531	218,517	124,856	170	21,023	18,560	8,478
Year 1933	324,705	344,001	105,560	239	27,190	23,653	15,978
Year 1934	366,933	352,663	119,830	148	32,944	28,887	30,783
Year 1935	431,499	465,746	83,758	59	38,329	32,341	51,186
Year 1936	523,166	561,969	44,955	0	42,965	37,915	78,626
Year 1937	589,619	569,241	65,333	0	48,812	45,383	48,339
1938							
January	48,687	24,931	88,532	20	42,423	44,623	45,400
February	41,146	21,540	108,138	0	39,267	41,644	38,891
March	43,399	33,528	118,009	0	36,466	38,923	29,023
April	38,035	20,806	135,238	0	34,691	35,321	27,069
May	37,510	24,628	148,120	0	31,625	33,818	23,444
June	30,799	29,248	149,671	0	26,437	28,071	41,785
July	30,362	33,825	146,208	0	25,596	25,805	39,350
August	32,296	35,507	141,997	0	29,767	29,805	30,554
September	32,328	43,582	130,743	0	31,555	30,940	40,435
October	36,740	43,355	124,128	0	32,427	31,912	40,736
November	40,343	43,693	120,778	0	36,243	35,621	40,280
December	45,345	39,354	126,769	0	38,793	38,510	40,829
					*33,683	*33,398	
Total for year	456,990	395,554	-----	-----	-----	34,583	-----
Monthly ave.	38,083	32,963	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
1939							
January	44,277	42,639	128,407	0	39,500	39,365	34,179
February	39,613	39,828	128,192	0	*34,321	*34,186	29,987
March	45,084	45,291	127,985	0	39,459	39,191	38,905
April	43,036	40,641	130,380	0	*34,183	*33,905	38,447
May	42,302	39,607	133,075	0	38,251	39,379	29,314
June	39,450	37,284	135,241	0	*33,324	*34,172	29,250
July	39,669	43,128	131,782	0	38,763	35,617	35,874
August	40,960	49,928	122,814	0	*33,312	*33,232	49,379
September	42,225	69,424	95,615	0	36,331	38,041	35,874
October	50,117	73,327	72,405	0	*31,381	*32,131	31,107
November	53,524	64,407	61,522	0	36,291	36,331	49,379
December	57,941	53,468	65,995	0	*31,067	*31,107	49,379
					35,491	35,865	49,379
					*30,468	*30,746	44,773
					34,443	35,416	93,116
					*29,376	*30,350	79,539
					37,729	33,655	66,197
					*32,825	*30,751	66,197
					43,109	41,366	66,197
					*37,877	*36,169	66,197
					46,867	45,428	66,197
					*41,614	*40,175	66,197
					48,159	47,340	66,197
					*43,657	*41,980	66,197
Total for year	538,198	598,972	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Monthly ave.	44,850	49,914	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

* Equivalent retorts computed on 24-hour basis. a Export shipments are included in total shipments.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks

During the week ended Jan. 10 member bank reserve balances increased \$109,000,000. Additions to member bank reserve balances arose from decreases of \$118,000,000 in money in circulation and \$26,000,000 in Treasury cash, and increases of \$50,000,000 in gold stock and \$2,000,000 in Treasury currency, offset in part by a decrease of \$60,000,000 in Reserve bank credit and increases of \$4,000,000 in Treasury deposits with Federal Reserve banks and \$23,000,000 in non-member deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts. Excess reserves of member banks on Jan. 10 were estimated to be approximately \$5,380,000,000, an increase of \$110,000,000 for the week.

Holdings of United States Government bonds, direct and guaranteed, declined \$7,000,000 for the week.

The statement in full for the week ended Jan. 10 will be found on pages 232-233

Changes in member bank reserve balances and related items during the week and the year ended Jan. 10, 1940, were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Jan. 10, 1940	Jan. 3, 1940	Since Jan. 11, 1939
Bills discounted.....	7,000,000	-----	+2,000,000
Bills bought.....	-----	-----	-1,000,000
U. S. Govt. securities, direct and guaranteed.....	2,477,000,000	-7,000,000	-87,000,000
Industrial advances (not including \$8,000,000 commit'ts—Jan. 10).....	11,000,000	-----	-5,000,000
Other reserve bank credits.....	9,000,000	-53,000,000	+2,000,000
Total Reserve bank credit.....	2,504,000,000	-60,000,000	-88,000,000
Gold stock.....	17,747,000,000	+50,000,000	+3,170,000,000
Treasury currency.....	2,965,000,000	+2,000,000	+160,000,000
Member bank reserve balances.....	11,830,000,000	+109,000,000	+2,874,000,000
Money in circulation.....	7,463,000,000	-118,000,000	+747,000,000
Treasury cash.....	2,341,000,000	-26,000,000	-371,000,000
Treasury deposits with F. R. bank.....	655,000,000	+4,000,000	-218,000,000
Non-member deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts.....	927,000,000	+23,000,000	+210,000,000

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

Below is the statement of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for the New York City member banks and also for the Chicago member banks for the current week, issued in advance of full statements of the member banks, which will not be available until the coming Monday:

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

	New York City			Chicago		
	Jan. 10 1940	Jan. 3 1940	Jan. 11 1939	Jan. 10 1940	Jan. 3 1940	Jan. 11 1939
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—						
Loans and investments—total.....	8,709	8,703	7,669	2,245	2,182	2,056
Loans—total.....	3,028	3,025	3,008	566	564	526
Commercial, industrial and agricultural loans.....	1,693	1,672	1,381	382	372	340
Open market paper.....	111	111	129	18	18	18
Loans to brokers and dealers.....	519	538	704	36	43	36
Other loans for purchasing or carrying securities.....	176	176	190	65	66	66
Real estate loans.....	112	112	117	14	14	13
Loans to banks.....	44	42	86	---	---	---
Other loans.....	373	374	401	51	51	53
Treasury bills.....	288	300	---	(291)	(222)	---
Treasury notes.....	704	706	2,742	166	176	1,099
United States bonds.....	2,307	2,279	---	(709)	(709)	---
Obligations guaranteed by United States Government.....	1,215	1,233	836	177	175	113
Other securities.....	1,167	1,160	1,083	336	336	318
Reserve with Fed. Res. banks.....	5,735	5,735	4,119	932	934	772
Cash in vault.....	81	80	61	44	45	36
Balances with domestic banks.....	79	82	72	255	286	219
Other assets—net.....	358	354	409	45	45	48
Liabilities—						
Demand deposits—adjusted.....	8,407	8,301	6,714	1,790	1,748	1,609
Time deposits.....	654	659	613	495	496	470
United States Govt. deposits.....	50	51	116	83	83	83
Inter-bank deposits:						
Domestic banks.....	3,409	3,501	2,618	885	897	692
Foreign banks.....	669	672	457	8	8	10
Borrowings.....	288	285	332	13	13	13
Other liabilities.....	1,485	1,485	1,480	247	247	254

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 of 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 Jan. 3.

The condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities shows the following principal changes for the week ended Jan. 3: Decreases of \$47,000,000 in commercial, industrial and agricultural loans, \$35,000,000 in holdings of United States Government bonds, \$42,000,000 in "other securities" and \$154,000,000 in demand deposits-adjusted, and increases of \$213,000,000 in deposits credited to domestic banks and \$142,000,000 in reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks.

Commercial, industrial and agricultural loans declined \$17,000,000 in New York City, \$13,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$6,000,000 in the

Boston district and \$5,000,000 in the St. Louis district, and increased \$5,000,000 in the Atlanta district, all reporting member banks showing a net decrease of \$47,000,000 for the week. Loans to brokers and dealers in securities declined \$15,000,000.

Holdings of United States Treasury bills increased \$84,000,000 in the Chicago district, and declined \$65,000,000 in New York City and \$19,000,000 at other reporting member banks. Holdings of Treasury notes declined \$10,000,000. Holdings of United States Government bonds declined \$12,000,000 in New York City, \$25,000,000 in the Richmond district and \$35,000,000 at all reporting member banks. Holdings of obligations guaranteed by the United States Government declined \$2,000,000. Holdings of "other securities" declined \$18,000,000 in New York City, \$7,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$6,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$42,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

Demand deposits-adjusted increased \$24,000,000 in the New York district outside New York City and declined \$84,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$28,000,000 in the Kansas City district, and \$154,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

Deposits credited to domestic banks increased \$102,000,000 in New York City, \$24,000,000 in the Philadelphia district, \$17,000,000 in the Boston district, and \$213,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of reporting member banks together with changes for the week and the year ended Jan. 3, 1940, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)		
	Jan. 3, 1940	Dec. 27, 1939	Since Jan. 4, 1939
Assets—			
Loans and investments—total.....	23,087,000,000	-173,000,000	+1,561,000,000
Loans—total.....	8,674,000,000	-84,000,000	+262,000,000
Commercial, industrial and agricultural loans.....	4,353,000,000	-47,000,000	+527,000,000
Open-market paper.....	315,000,000	-7,000,000	-9,000,000
Loans to brokers and dealers in securities.....	700,000,000	-15,000,000	-184,000,000
Other loans for purchasing or carrying securities.....	504,000,000	-2,000,000	-55,000,000
Real estate loans.....	1,188,000,000	-1,000,000	+22,000,000
Loans to banks.....	50,000,000	+7,000,000	-49,000,000
Other loans.....	3,644,000,000	-19,000,000	+10,000,000
Treasury bills.....	595,000,000	-----	-----
Treasury notes.....	1,755,000,000	-10,000,000	+514,000,000
United States bonds.....	6,353,000,000	-35,000,000	-----
Obligations guaranteed by United States Government.....	2,412,000,000	-2,000,000	+80,000,000
Other securities.....	3,298,000,000	-42,000,000	+105,000,000
Reserve with Fed. Res. banks.....	9,831,000,000	+142,000,000	+2,594,000,000
Cash in vault.....	504,000,000	-40,000,000	-44,000,000
Balances with domestic banks.....	3,140,000,000	+79,000,000	+581,000,000
Liabilities—			
Demand deposits-adjusted.....	18,566,000,000	-154,000,000	+2,678,000,000
Time deposits.....	5,276,000,000	+2,000,000	+115,000,000
United States Government deposits.....	586,000,000	+4,000,000	-44,000,000
Inter-bank deposits:			
Domestic banks.....	8,190,000,000	+213,000,000	+1,833,000,000
Foreign banks.....	740,000,000	+4,000,000	+221,000,000
Borrowings.....	-----	-----	-----

United States Warns Great Britain on Diverting American Vessels into Combat Area for Contraband Search

The United States has informed Great Britain that the British Government will be held responsible for "losses and injuries" resulting from diverting American ships into belligerent waters for contraband search. It was stated in United Press accounts from Washington, on Jan. 5, that the British Government reserved this right in a note transmitted to Secretary Hull through Lord Lothian on Dec. 9. The State Department disclosed its stand against such action on Jan. 5 when it made public the note Secretary of State Cordell Hull had given to the British Ambassador, the Marquess of Lothian, on Dec. 14. The note was released for publication after the Moore-McCormack Line notified the State Department that its freighter, Moormacsun, en route from New York to Bergen, Norway, had been taken to Kirkwall, England, by the British contraband patrol. The Department instructed the American Embassy in London to communicate with the ship's master and obtain complete facts on the diversion of the vessel into a port in the prohibitive combat zone. The following is Secretary Hull's note of Dec. 14 to the Marquess of Lothian:

Excellency: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note, No. 471, of Nov. 9, 1939, in regard to certain provisions of the Neutrality Act of 1939 and to the President's proclamation of Nov. 4, issued pursuant to the terms of Section 3 of that Act, in which you inform me that your Government feels obliged formally to reserve its rights in the matter of the exercise of belligerent activities in respect to United States vessels in the manner indicated in your note of Sept. 10, 1939.

It was suggested in that note that neutral vessels en route to certain countries should voluntarily call at one of the several "contraband control" bases designated by your Government in order that the examination of their cargoes might be facilitated by examination in port rather than on the high seas.

Since, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved Nov. 4, 1939, and the President's proclamation of the same date, it becomes illegal for American vessels to enter the so-called combat zone about the British Isles and the northern coast of Europe, they are thereby precluded from voluntarily entering the "contraband control" bases within the combat zone, and Your Excellency's note is understood as undertaking to reserve a right of your Government to divert American vessels to such bases, by force if necessary, acting, in that respect, without regard to the municipal law of the United States or the rights, obligations and liabilities of American vessels under that law.

In this connection I am impelled to bring to the attention of Your Excellency's Government the following considerations which I conceive to be of such importance as to merit most careful notice:

First. Since, under the Neutrality Act, it is illegal for American vessels to carry cargo to belligerent ports in Europe and Northern Africa, such vessels will of necessity be carrying only such cargo as is shipped from one neutral country to another. Such cargo is entitled to the presumption of innocent character, in the absence of substantial evidence justifying a suspicion to the contrary.

Second. It is my understanding that the American steamship companies operating vessels to European destinations, putting aside certain of their rights under accepted principles of international law, have voluntarily indicated a willingness to cooperate with the British authorities in any practicable manner intended best to serve the mutual interests of themselves and the British Government in those circumstances in which the respective rights of the two parties might be regarded by them as in some respects in conflict.

It is my belief that such a spirit of liberality on the part of American shipping interests should be met by a corresponding degree of accommodation and flexibility on the part of the British Government, and that such mutual deferences should avoid giving rise to any occasion for the forcible diversion of such American vessels to those belligerent ports which they are by the law of the United States prohibited from entering.

In view of these considerations it is difficult for my Government to foresee, as a practical matter, any occasion necessitating the entry of American vessels into belligerent ports. If, despite these conditions, the British authorities feel it necessary to compel any American vessel to enter the combat area or any of those belligerent ports which by the provisions of the neutrality law they are prohibited from entering, the Government of the United States will feel it necessary to examine carefully into all of the facts of the case and to take such further action as the results of such examination appear to make necessary or expedient.

Meanwhile I feel that I should inform Your Excellency that this Government, for itself and its nationals, reserves all its and their rights in the matter and that it will be expected that compensation for losses and injuries resulting from the infraction of such rights will be made as a matter of course.

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

CORDELL HULL.

Brief reference to the note was made in our issue of Jan. 6, page 41.

Comparative Figures of Condition of Canadian Banks

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks for Nov. 30, 1939, with the figures for Oct. 31, 1939, and Nov. 30, 1938:

STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE BANKS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Assets	Nov. 30, 1939	Oct. 31, 1939	Nov. 30, 1938
Current gold and subsidiary coin—			
In Canada.....	\$ 4,677,939	\$ 4,550,215	\$ 5,435,324
Elsewhere.....	6,021,690	5,833,518	5,361,438
Total.....	10,699,629	10,383,733	10,796,762
Dominion notes.....	66,515,658	65,735,229	55,073,822
Notes of Bank of Canada.....	223,492,057	234,119,630	215,198,543
Deposits with Bank of Canada.....	4,161,393	5,301,922	5,517,921
Notes of other banks.....	33,572,868	34,299,647	31,426,805
United States & other foreign currencies	124,235,845	117,639,720	112,268,588
Cheques on other banks.....			
Loans to other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted.....			
Deposits made with and balance due from other banks in Canada.....	4,244,838	3,289,787	4,039,130
Due from banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	30,986,985	29,780,608	24,432,190
Due from banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	199,887,726	194,015,825	169,847,838
Dominion Government and Provincial Government securities.....	1,362,915,934	1,353,787,125	1,140,736,370
Canadian municipal securities and British, foreign and colonial public securities other than Canadian.....	177,805,729	180,210,290	162,683,188
Railway and other bonds, debts, & stocks	124,279,866	127,730,008	122,626,450
Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover.....	55,514,234	53,444,624	63,957,805
Elsewhere than in Canada.....	45,338,557	46,243,418	47,979,729
Other current loans & discts. in Canada.....	972,784,147	952,296,669	836,927,428
Elsewhere.....	143,323,894	147,662,618	148,191,168
Loans to the Government of Canada.....			
Loans to Provincial governments.....	16,668,825	18,454,726	21,154,132
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts.....	112,132,928	112,567,923	112,260,802
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for.....	8,546,476	8,910,329	9,057,928
Real estate other than bank premises.....	7,705,816	7,749,800	7,995,643
Mortgages on real estate sold by bank.....	4,101,678	4,056,479	4,152,493
Bank premises at not more than cost less amounts (if any) written off.....	71,967,983	72,393,072	72,812,233
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra.....	52,658,331	54,027,666	56,218,654
Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation.....	5,065,607	5,062,570	5,474,050
Shares of and loans to controlled cos.....	11,451,416	11,461,684	11,765,165
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads.....	1,854,901	1,842,412	1,725,764
Total assets.....	3,871,913,432	3,852,467,631	3,455,218,714
Liabilities			
Notes in circulation.....	93,126,044	95,310,451	97,691,023
Balance due to Dominion Govt. after deducting adv. for credits, pay-lists, &c. Advances under the Finance Act.....	151,024,563	248,842,547	53,130,582
Balance due to Provincial governments.....	56,900,374	57,612,714	40,983,983
Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada.....	865,786,256	821,717,078	750,328,026
Deposits by the public, payable after notice or on a fixed day in Canada.....	1,734,837,368	1,709,156,774	1,654,748,586
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada.....	486,816,997	492,271,567	435,940,358
Loans from other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted.....			
Deposits made by and balances due to other banks in Canada.....	12,288,219	11,423,524	17,848,639
Due to banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	78,762,416	20,081,606	10,330,408
Elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	40,158,914	41,347,330	40,360,732
Bills payable.....	371,238	417,696	341,691
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding.....	52,658,331	54,027,666	56,218,654
Liabilities not incl. under foregoing heads.....	4,625,629	4,384,206	4,221,749
Dividends declared and unpaid.....	2,224,012	2,739,630	2,374,159
Rest or reserve fund.....	133,750,000	133,750,000	133,750,000
Capital paid up.....	145,500,000	145,500,000	145,500,000
Total liabilities.....	3,858,830,412	3,838,582,837	3,443,168,645

Note—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footings in the above do not exactly agree with the totals given.

Member Trading on New York Stock and New York Curb Exchanges During Week Ended Dec. 23

The Securities and Exchange Commission made public yesterday (Jan. 12) figures showing the volume of total round-lot stock sales on the New York Stock Exchange and the New York Curb Exchange for the account of all members of these exchanges in the week ended Dec. 23, continuing a series of current figures being published weekly by the Commission. Short sales are shown separately from other sales in the New York Stock Exchange figures.

Trading on the Stock Exchange for the account of members during the week ended Dec. 23 (in round-lot transactions) totaled 1,365,280 shares, which amount was 14.54% of total transactions on the Exchange of 4,696,120 shares. This compares with member trading during the previous week ended Dec. 16 of 1,612,910 shares, or 17.55% of total trading of 4,594,500 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange member trading during the week ended Dec. 23 amounted to 292,140 shares, or 14.58% of the total volume on that Exchange of 1,002,030 shares; during the preceding week trading for the account of Curb members of 328,480 shares was 16.43% of total trading of 999,865 shares.

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
Total number of reports received.....	1,065	793
1. Reports showing transactions as specialists.....	199	101
2. Reports showing other transactions initiated on the floor.....	216	46
3. Reports showing other transactions initiated off the floor.....	257	108
4. Reports showing no transactions.....	539	556

Note—On the New York Curb Exchange the round-lot transactions of specialists in stocks in which they are 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.

TOTAL ROUND-LOT STOCK SALES ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE AND ROUND-LOT STOCK TRANSACTIONS FOR ACCOUNT OF MEMBERS * (SHARES)

Week Ended Dec. 23, 1939		Total for Week	Per Cent a
A. Total round-lot sales:			
Short sales.....		83,890	
Other sales.....		4,612,230	
Total sales.....		4,696,120	
B. Round-lot transactions for account of members, except for the odd-lot accounts of odd-lot dealers and specialists:			
1. Transactions of specialists in stocks in which they are registered—Total purchases.....		383,900	
Short sales.....		45,590	
Other sales.....		283,160	
Total sales.....		328,750	
Total purchases and sales.....		712,650	7.59
2. Other transactions initiated on the floor—Total purchases.....		* 184,810	
Short sales.....		3,500	
Other sales.....		127,810	
Total sales.....		131,310	
Total purchases and sales.....		316,120	3.37
3. Other transactions initiated off the floor—Total purchases.....		146,400	
Short sales.....		23,500	
Other sales.....		166,610	
Total sales.....		190,110	
Total purchases and sales.....		336,510	3.58
4. Total—Total purchases.....		715,110	
Short sales.....		72,590	
Other sales.....		577,580	
Total sales.....		650,170	
Total purchases and sales.....		1,365,280	14.54

TOTAL ROUND-LOT STOCK SALES ON THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE AND STOCK TRANSACTIONS FOR ACCOUNT OF MEMBERS * (SHARES)

Week Ended Dec. 23, 1939		Total for Week	Per Cent a
A. Total round-lot sales.....		1,002,030	
B. Round-lot transactions for account of members:			
1. Transactions of specialists in stocks in which they are registered—Bought.....		87,540	
Sold.....		101,215	
Total.....		188,755	9.42
2. Other transactions initiated on the floor—Bought.....		17,975	
Sold.....		12,200	
Total.....		30,175	1.51
3. Other transactions initiated off the floor—Bought.....		40,430	
Sold.....		32,780	
Total.....		73,210	3.65
4. Total—Bought.....		145,945	
Sold.....		146,195	
Total.....		292,140	14.58
C. Odd-lot transactions for account of specialists—Bought.....		82,215	
Sold.....		40,529	
Total.....		122,744	

* The term "members" includes all Exchange members, their firms and the 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.
^b Round-lot short sales which are exempted from restriction by the Commission rules are included with "other sales."

Odd-Lot Trading on New York Stock Exchange During Week Ended Jan. 6

On Jan. 12 the Securities and Exchange Commission made public a summary for the week ended Jan. 6 of complete figures showing the volume of stock transactions for the odd-lot account of all odd-lot dealers and specialists who handle odd lots on the New York Stock Exchange, continuing a series of current figures being published by the Commission. Figures for the previous week ended Dec. 30 were reported in our issue of Jan. 6, page 44. The figures are based upon reports filed with the Commission by the odd-lot dealers and specialists.

STOCK TRANSACTIONS FOR THE ODD-LOT ACCOUNT OF ODD-LOT DEALERS AND SPECIALISTS ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
 Week Ended Jan. 6, 1940

	Total for Week
Odd-lot sales by dealers (customers' purchases):	
Number of orders.....	20,211
Number of shares.....	542,580
Dollar value.....	21,140,577
Odd-lot purchases by dealers (customers' sales):	
Number of orders:	
Customers' short sales.....	198
Customers' other sales.....	18,397
Customers' total sales.....	18,595
Number of shares:	
Customers' short sales.....	5,470
Customers' other sales.....	448,448
Customers' total sales.....	453,918
Dollar value.....	15,937,615
Round-lot sales by dealers:	
Number of shares:	
Short sales.....	50
Other sales.....	103,630
Total sales.....	103,680
Round-lot purchases by dealers:	
Number of shares.....	153,550
^a Sales marked "short exempt" are reported with "other sales".	
^b Sales to offset customers' odd-lot orders and sales to liquidate a long position which is less than a round lot are reported with "other sales".	

Canadians Should Exercise Thrift and Industry as Individuals to Aid War-Time Position of Great Britain, According to President Wilson of Royal Bank of Canada

Discussing means by which Canada could be of the greatest possible assistance in strengthening the war-time position of Great Britain, M. W. Wilson, President of The Royal Bank of Canada, in addressing stockholders at the annual meeting held Jan. 11, called upon all Canadians to exercise thrift and industry as individuals, as well as in corporation and governmental affairs, in order to meet the heavy demands of war upon the national income. Mr. Wilson said:

We should buy the maximum amount of goods from Great Britain and France, thereby making funds available for purchases of wheat and war supplies in Canada by the Allies, leaving the gold and foreign exchange reserves of Great Britain for use as a last resort. We must also make a maximum effort to command purchasing power abroad on our own account, to command foreign exchange by stimulating our exports to foreign countries.

He also urged redoubled efforts to stimulate Canadian tourist trade, which he termed an important factor in the international balance of payments.

\$209,000 of Credit Consortium for Public Works of Italy 7% Gold Bonds Drawn for Redemption

J. P. Morgan & Co., as fiscal agents, are notifying holders of Credit Consortium for Public Works, of Italy external loan sinking fund 7% secured gold bonds, series "B," due March 1, 1947, that \$209,000 principal amount of the bonds have been drawn by lot for redemption on March 1, out of moneys in the sinking fund. The drawn bonds, upon presentation and surrender at the office of the fiscal agents, will be paid at the principal sum thereof on and after the redemption date. Interest on the drawn bonds will cease after March 1, 1940.

On Jan. 9, 1940, \$1,000 principal amount of the Series "A" bonds due March 1, 1937, and \$19,000 principal amount of the Series "B" bonds previously drawn were still unredeemed.

Short Interest on New York Stock Exchange Decreased During December

The New York Stock Exchange announced Jan. 9 that the short interest existing as of the close of business on the Dec. 29 settlement date, as compiled from information obtained by the Exchange from its members and member firms, was 381,686 shares compared with 479,344 shares on Nov. 30, both totals excluding short positions carried in the odd-lot accounts of all odd-lot dealers. As of the Dec. 29 settlement date, the total short interest in all odd-lot dealers' accounts was 61,469 shares, compared with 56,154 shares on Nov. 30. The Exchange's announcement further said:

Of the 1,233 individual stock issues listed on the Exchange on Dec. 29, there were 22 issues in which a short interest of more than 5,000 shares existed, or in which a change in the short position of more than 2,000 shares occurred during the month.

The number of issues in which a short interest was reported as of Dec. 29, 1939, exclusive of odd-lot dealers' short position, was 410 compared with 458 on Nov. 30.

In the following tabulation is shown the short interest existing at the opening of the last business day for the month ended Nov. 30, 1937 the figures since Dec. 31, 1937, are shown as of the close of business on the last day of each month.

1937—	1938—	1939—			
Nov. 30.....	1,184,215	Aug. 31.....	729,480	May 31.....	667,804
Dec. 31.....	1,051,870	Sept. 30.....	588,345	June 30.....	651,906
1938—		Oct. 28.....	669,530	July 31.....	481,599
Jan. 31.....	1,222,005	Nov. 29.....	587,314	Aug. 31.....	435,273
Feb. 28.....	1,141,482	Dec. 30.....	500,961	Sept. 29.....	570,516
Mar. 31.....	1,097,858	1939—		Oct. 31.....	523,226
Apr. 29.....	1,384,113	Jan. 31.....	447,543	Nov. 30.....	479,344
May 31.....	1,313,573	Feb. 28.....	536,377	Dec. 29.....	381,689
June 30.....	1,050,164	Mar. 31.....	529,559		
July 29.....	833,663	Apr. 28.....	*662,313		

* Revised.

Changes in Amount of Their Own Stock Reacquired by Companies Listed on New York Stock Exchange

The New York Stock Exchange issued on Jan. 10 its monthly compilation of companies listed on the Exchange reporting changes in the reacquired holdings of their own stock. A previous list appeared in our issue of Dec. 16, page 3792. The following is the list made available by the Exchange Jan. 10:

Company and Class of Stock	Shares Previously Reported	Shares per Latest Report
Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corp., common.....	5,448	5,248
American Home Products Corp., capital.....	None	7,701
Belding Heminway Co., common.....	35,332	35,832
Bethlehem Steel Corp., common.....	10,330	209,320
J. I. Case Co., common.....	2,550	2,520
Century Ribbon Mills, Inc., 7% preferred.....	252	272
Chicago Mail Order Co., common.....	4,200	5,000
Commercial Investment Trust Corp., common.....	53,298	53,198
The Curtis Publishing Co., common.....	67,759	69,899
Davega Stores, Corp., 5% cum. conv. preferred.....	600	None
The Delsel-Wemmer-Gilbert Corp., common.....	6,161	None
The Detroit Edison Co., common.....	1,713	1,650
duPont (E. I.) de Nemours & Co., common.....	17,890	31,994
6% debenture stock.....	5,547	None
Federated Department Stores, Inc., 4 1/4% conv. pref.....	6,700	7,300
Firestone Tire & Rubber (The), common.....	313,548	312,713
General Motors Corp., common capital.....	557,168	557,169
General Realty & Utility Corp., \$6 preferred.....	22,800	24,700
General Theatres Equipment Corp., capital.....	5,000	None
Grant (W. T.) Co., 5% cumulative preferred.....	1,282	1,287
Household Finance Corp., common.....	487	503
Insuranshares Certificates Inc., capital.....	7,500	2,600
Interstate Department Stores, Inc., preferred.....	2,650	2,870
Jewel Tea Co., Inc., common.....	3,485	3,135
Kaufmann Department Stores, 5% cumulative preferred.....	3,975	4,455
Long Star Cement Corp., common.....	12,306	11,972
National Department Stores Corp., 6% preferred.....	29,165	30,665
Natomas Co., common.....	17,170	None
Petroleum Corp. of America, capital.....	55,200	61,400
Plymouth Oil Co., common.....	10,567	11,367
Safeway Stores, Inc., 5% cumulative preferred.....	1,022	1,370
Sheaffer (W. A.) Pen Co., common.....	2,522	2,595
Standard Oil Co. (Indiana), capital.....	7	None
Sterling Products (Inc.), capital.....	9,823	9,829
Swift & Co., capital.....	79,386	79,369
Texas Corp. (The), capital.....	509,371	510,114
Tide Water Associated Oil Co., common.....	1,012	11,272
Transamerica Corp., capital.....	486,369	486,380
Vick Chemical Co., capital.....	1,500	3,300
Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., cumulative preferred.....	830	1,130
Wheeling Steel Corp., 6% cumulative preferred.....	2,208	None
White (S. S.) Dental Mfg. Co. (The), capital.....	4,850	4,865
Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. (The), common.....	6,576	3,736

^a On Dec. 31, 1939 all the purchase agreements then in effect under the management stock ownership plan of the corporation, which covered a total of 198,990 shares of common stock, automatically ceased and all interests of the purchasers in such shares reverted to the corporation according to the plan.

New York Stock Exchange Asks Views of Heads of Corporations Having Securities Listed on Exchange Regarding Recommendations as to Corporate Procedure

The Presidents of corporations having securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange have received from the latter, under date of Jan. 9, a communication bearing on the report of the Sub-Committee on Independent Audits and Audit Procedure of the Committee on Stock List, which was issued on Aug. 24, 1939, along with a letter asking their cooperation in giving consideration to the recommendations made with respect to corporate procedure. The report (details of which were given in our issue of Aug. 26, page 1253), outlined the responsibilities of corporations in instituting such corporate procedures as would make systems of bookkeeping, internal control and audits as efficient as possible and facilitate the work of the independent auditor.

In his letter of Jan. 9 John Haskell, Vice-President of the Exchange says:

These recommendations were made subject to consideration of applicability in the particular case and in the knowledge that their usefulness in connection with audits might have to be weighed against other disadvantages. Your company may have already put into practice certain of these recommendations and have others under consideration.

We would appreciate your advising us of the results of your consideration in order that we may have a better understanding of their appropriateness to your company.

Market Value of Bonds Listed on New York Stock Exchange Dec. 30 Above Nov. 30

As of the close of business on Dec. 30, 1939, there were 1,395 bond issues aggregating \$54,066,782,942 par value listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market

value of \$49,919,813,386, the Stock Exchange announced Jan. 8. On Nov. 30 there were 1,396 bond issues aggregating \$51,435,202,492 par value listed on the Exchange with a total market value of \$47,939,377,778.

In the following table, listed bonds are classified by governmental and industrial groups with the aggregate market value and average price for each:

	Dec. 30, 1939		Nov. 30, 1939	
	Market Value	Aver. Price	Market Value	Aver. Price
U. S. Govt. (incl. States, cities, &c.)	34,059,936,585	108.33	32,119,470,935	107.86
United States Companies—				
Autos and accessories	17,692,679	96.69	17,218,916	94.11
Financial	91,928,972	105.40	91,715,804	104.96
Chemical	69,305,880	92.58	67,904,085	90.64
Building	22,089,764	76.50	21,982,189	75.94
Electrical equipment manufacturing	37,309,628	107.96	37,148,881	107.49
Food	232,646,242	103.18	231,520,880	102.54
Rubber and tires	77,449,000	105.33	77,575,525	104.81
Amusements	45,542,061	87.67	45,041,752	87.93
Land and realty	8,967,781	44.63	8,598,194	42.79
Machinery and metals	60,322,581	96.63	60,063,606	95.41
Mining (excluding iron)	111,706,610	55.92	112,137,433	56.03
Petroleum	651,240,812	104.08	647,379,866	103.47
Paper and publishing	65,325,859	99.20	75,010,220	98.71
Retail merchandising	13,714,563	78.57	14,326,641	82.08
Railway operating and holding companies & equipment manufacturers	6,156,908,464	57.84	6,092,503,890	57.23
Steel, iron and coke	695,578,206	101.18	693,633,341	100.77
Textile	9,268,395	100.33	8,974,560	97.15
Gas and electric (operating)	3,295,317,553	108.45	3,281,130,231	107.76
Gas and electric (holding)	223,268,512	102.21	218,722,679	100.13
Communication (cable, tel. & radio)	1,058,785,195	104.04	1,049,354,238	103.11
Miscellaneous utilities	301,048,766	62.98	293,697,874	61.44
Business and office equipment	19,057,500	99.00	19,057,500	99.00
Shipping service	13,580,584	43.17	13,512,248	47.93
Shipbuilding and operating	14,667,934	63.94	14,567,700	63.50
Leather and boots			520,550	101.97
Tobacco	43,422,128	127.46	43,044,548	126.35
U. S. companies operating abroad	109,392,153	43.23	108,770,516	42.99
Miscellaneous businesses	35,789,470	104.60	35,655,740	104.21
Total United States companies	13,481,327,292	74.60	13,380,769,007	73.96
Foreign government	1,551,136,037	50.37	1,538,686,841	49.83
Foreign cos (incl. Cuba and Canada)	827,413,472	56.11	800,450,995	54.17
All listed bonds	49,919,813,386	92.33	47,839,377,778	91.24

The following table, compiled by us, gives a two-year comparison of the total market value and the total average price of bonds listed on the Exchange:

1938—	Market Value	Average Price	1939—	Market Value	Average Price
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Jan. 1	42,782,348,673	89.26	Jan. 31	46,958,433,389	91.03
Feb. 1	42,486,316,399	89.70	Feb. 28	47,471,484,161	91.85
Mar. 1	42,854,724,055	88.68	Mar. 1	48,351,945,186	91.80
Apr. 1	41,450,248,311	85.71	Apr. 29	48,127,511,742	91.56
May 1	42,398,688,128	87.82	May 31	48,920,968,566	92.92
June 1	42,346,644,435	87.78	June 30	48,570,781,615	92.08
June 30	43,756,515,009	88.98	July 31	49,007,131,070	93.15
July 30	44,561,109,796	90.19	Aug. 31	47,297,289,186	90.59
Aug. 31	44,182,833,403	89.40	Sept. 30	46,430,860,982	88.50
Sept. 30	44,836,709,433	89.08	Oct. 31	47,671,245,885	90.79
Oct. 31	45,539,192,999	90.67	Nov. 30	47,839,377,778	91.24
Nov. 30	45,441,652,321	90.34	Dec. 30	49,919,813,386	92.33
Dec. 31	47,939,377,778	91.27			

New York Stock Exchange Issues Ruling on Commission Charges

The New York Stock Exchange sent the following announcement to members on Jan. 5 regarding a practice which it considers to be a violation of the commission law:

It has come to the attention of the Committee on Member Firms that among members of this Exchange who also are members of other exchanges and who, therefore, are entitled to the benefit of minimum member rates of commission on executions of orders effected for them on such other exchanges, there may be a practice whereby such members pay to the executing fellow members of the other exchanges, in return for and in consideration of reciprocal New York Stock Exchange business, a higher rate of commission or clearance than the minimum prescribed by such other exchanges for such execution or service, while they themselves charge only the minimum commission or clearance fee for executing such reciprocal business on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Committee on Member Firms has determined that such a practice would be in contravention of the commission law of this Exchange.

New York Stock Exchange Adopts Schedule of Minimum Charges on Special Services for Customers—Becomes Effective March 1

The Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 10 adopted a rule which provides a schedule of charges to be made on special services performed for customers by member firms of the Exchange. The rule was submitted to the Governors in a report on service charges by a Special Committee on Brokers' and Exchange Revenue, headed by Philip W. Russell. The Committee's original report (noted in our issue of Dec. 16, page 3808) was modified to conform to objections from the membership. The new rule which is to become effective March 1 embodies the following proposals:

1. A custodian charge of \$1.00 minimum per month to cover all services (except those for which specific charges are provided) which are performed with relation to an account (other than a margin account) containing fully paid securities, if such account has been open during the entire monthly period.
2. For cutting of coupons on securities in safekeeping accounts the charge will be 10 cents per coupon with a minimum individual charge to any customer of 25 cents per issue; provided, however, that the charge for cutting coupons of any individual issue due on the same day for the same customer need not exceed \$20.
3. Dividend Claims on Securities Not in the Broker's Office— $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the dividend—minimum of \$2.00 unless the amount involved is less than \$20.00 in which case the minimum shall be 10% of the amount involved.
4. Transfers—For any transfer requiring documents other than the stock

power of attorney—a minimum of 1 cent per share and 10 cents per bond with a minimum charge per issue of \$2.00. All other transfers on the order of the customer—a minimum of 1 cent per share and 10 cents per bond with a minimum charge per issue of 50 cents.

5. Transcripts of Statements—50 cents per sheet—minimum \$1.00. Any computations required should be charged for on the basis of the fair cost of clerk hire.

6. Other Special Services—On such basis as may be mutually agreed or may be performed free of charge.

The Committee headed by Mr. Russell, in its report to the Board of Governors of the Exchange, under date of Jan. 9, said in part:

When the Special Committee on Brokers' and Exchange Revenue submitted on Dec. 13, 1939, an interim report, dealing with the subject of service charges, we recognized fully the controversial nature of that subject. For that reason, we recommended to you that the report be circulated among member firms in order to elicit helpful suggestions as well as criticism.

Almost without exception the responses have shown a desire to approach the subject objectively and in a broad minded and helpful spirit. The majority of the firms who commented on the recommendations approved the principle of specific charges for specific services.

One criticism coming with considerable force was directed at the proposed charge for a transfer of a certificate at the request of a purchaser immediately following its purchase in a commission transaction. The Committee, knowing that the cost of handling cash transactions is greater than the cost of handling margin transactions, originally suggested this particular charge as a means to some extent of equalizing costs, believing that the customer had received what the broker was responsible for when a certificate in deliverable form was made available to him. Inasmuch as the majority opinion expressed by member firms was that it would be inappropriate at the present time to require such a charge to be made, a change has been made in the former schedule suggested.

Another criticism was against the recommended amendment of the present rule of the Committee on Member Firms regarding continuous or periodic portfolio supervision advisory service. That criticism was vigorously promoted in the interest of a small group as was entirely proper. This Committee recognizes that because of the growth and the indicated future growth of this type of service among the smaller as well as the larger member firms, there is a necessity of resolving the fundamental question of policy involved. We also realize that to administer successfully any rule which might be proposed it would be necessary clearly to distinguish between such portfolio supervision advisory service and ordinary statistical service and advice. Therefore, we feel that it is difficult to suggest at this time the changes which should be made in the existing rule without further study. For these reasons we recommend that the subject should be left with the Committee on Member Firms as suggested later in this report.

The remaining changes are principally matters of clarification and of detail, rather than of substance. The changes in the rule which this Committee now proposes from the proposed rule contained in the Committee's report dated Dec. 8, 1939, are:

I. General Applicability of the Rule

1. The rule is made applicable to all member firms, rather than only to "member firms carrying accounts for customers."
2. The scope of the rule has been confined to business for members, allied members or non-members "resident within the continental United States and Canada." The reason for this limitation is the difficulty of applying such a rule to accounts abroad during the war conditions presently prevailing.
3. Specific exemption has been included for a foreign joint arbitrage account between a member and a non-member.

II. Custodian Charge

1. The wording of the rule has been changed to make it clear that the charge need not be made on an account containing a debit balance even though there are securities in that account which have been segregated as excess collateral.

III. Cutting of Coupons

1. The new rule exempts securities in margin accounts from this charge.
2. The charge has been made applicable to the "cutting" of coupons rather than to the "collection" of coupons.
3. Provision has been included in the rule so that the maximum charge for the cutting of coupons of any individual issue due on the same day for the same customer need not exceed \$20.

IV. Claims for Dividends, Rights or Interest on Securities Not in Possession or Custody of the Member on Whom Claim Is Made

1. The rule has been made applicable to claims for "rights" and interest, as well as to claims for dividends.
2. The wording of the rule has been changed to make it clear that the member who is entitled to the fee is the member in whose name the security is registered or the member who originally recovers such dividend, rights or interest from a non-member in whose name the security is registered.
3. Various technical problems which would arise in the operation of this rule have been specifically provided for and the rule contains a disclaimer of responsibility for the payment of a dividend, rights or interest where a certificate is in the name of a non-member, the assignment of which is guaranteed by a member.

V. Transfers

1. Ordinary transfers made in connection with a current commission transaction have been exempted from the proposed charge.
2. The charge for "legal" transfers has been made applicable to all such transfers whether or not made in connection with a commission transaction.
3. "Legal" transfers have been defined as transfers which can be completed only with the use of forms other than, or additional to, those prescribed in any rule of the Committee on Floor Procedure with respect to the settlement of contracts.
4. The minimum charge in connection with "legal" transfers has been changed from \$3 to \$2.

VI. Shipments of Securities

1. The proposed revision of the present so-called Shipping Rule has been removed from the proposed rule to be adopted by the Board of Governors and has been left as a recommendation that the Committee on Member Firms revise such shipping rule.
2. The recommendation to the Committee on Member Firms will not include the earlier suggestion that a charge be made for manual deliveries or pick-ups in uptown New York. The only proposed revisions recommended in the postage rule are:
 - (a) That the estimated cost of insurance be included in the charge for shipping.
 - (b) That the rule provide for a minimum charge on shipments.
 - (c) That the present exemption zone of 20 miles be eliminated, and the rule be made to cover all mailings or shipments of securities.

VII. Transcripts of Statements

1. The rule has been clarified to show that no charge need be made for duplicate copies of statements furnished currently to a customer.

VIII. Other Special Services

1. The language has been clarified to show that it is not mandatory that charges be made for such services.

IX. Rates in Member Omnibus Accounts

1. The revised rule provides that on dividend, rights and interest claims on business for a member correspondent carried in an omnibus account the full non-member charge shall be made by the member in whose name the security is registered or the member who originally recovers such dividend, rights or interest from a non-member in whose name the security is regis-

tered, instead of permitting such charge to be at a mutually agreed upon rate.

X. Portfolio Supervision Advisory Services

1. The previous recommendation that the Committee on Member Firms require a charge to be made for continuous or periodic portfolio supervision advisory service, without regard to commissions or other income from the account, has been eliminated.

New York Curb Exchange Short Interest Decreased in December

Total short position of stocks dealt in on the New York Curb Exchange for the month of December, reported as of Dec. 29, amounted to 9,144 shares. This compares with 13,274 shares on Nov. 29. The Exchange's announcement, issued Jan. 10, further said:

Five issues showed a short interest of 500 shares or over. They are as follows: Cities Service Co. \$6 preferred, with a short interest of 840 shares, as compared with 154 at the end of November; American Cyanamid Co. "B", with a short interest of 948 shares, against 98 in the previous month; The Dayton Rubber Mfg. Co. common, with a short interest of 592 shares, compared with 2 shares in November; The Fisk Rubber Corp. common, with a short interest of 655 shares, as against 475 for the previous month, and National Bellas Hess Corp. common, with a short interest of 516 shares, compared with none on Nov. 29.

Governors of New York Curb Exchange Approve Amendment to Clearing Corporation Rules

The Board of Governors of the New York Curb Exchange on Jan. 10, approved the following amendment to Rule 20 of the by-laws and rules of the Curb Exchange Securities Clearing Corporation:

As compensation for the services rendered in connection with the commission bill settlement each clearing member and non-clearing member shall pay to the Securities Clearing Corporation a charge of one cent for each commission bill ticket to be debited to his account and a charge of one cent for each commission bill ticket to be credited to his account, but the minimum charge covering any settlement of less than ten items shall be ten cents.

New York Curb Exchange Rule on Additional Wire Connections Amended by Governors

On Jan. 10, the Board of Governors of the New York Curb Exchange approved amending Rule 221 which now reads:

Rule 221. Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 220 a regular member may have, in addition to one other properly authorized telephone wire in the same booth, a private telephone wire connected to an office of another regular member provided that such other Regular member is not represented personally or through an authorized salaried market employe on the Floor of the Exchange. This rule shall not be deemed to permit two regular members having separate offices and both engaged in business on the Floor of the Exchange to occupy the same telephone booth on the Floor of the Exchange unless both Regular members occupying such booth pay the full booth rental fee prescribed by the Exchange.

to read as follows:

Rule 221. (a) In addition to a wire connecting the office of a regular member and a booth of such regular member on the Floor of the Exchange, regular members may have installed additional wires as follows:

(1) A wire, from the booth to which such regular member's office wire is connected, to the office of another regular member not represented personally or through an authorized salaried market employe on the Floor of the Exchange; and

(2) Such other wires from additional booths rented by such member connecting such booths with offices of other regular members not represented personally or through an authorized salaried market employe on the Floor of the Exchange, provided, that no such additional booth shall have more than one wire to the office of another Regular member installed therein.

(b) The provisions of this rule shall not be deemed to permit two or more regular members having separate offices and engaging in business on the Floor of the Exchange to occupy a single telephone booth on the Floor of the Exchange unless each such regular member occupying such booth pays the full booth rental fee prescribed by the Exchange.

The Board of Governors also approved amending the first two lines of Rule 222, which now reads:

Rule 222. The privilege of a wire connection between the office of a regular member and the Exchange shall . . . etc.

to read as follows:

Rule 222. The privilege of a wire connection between a telephone booth of a regular member of the Floor of the Exchange and such member's office or the office of another regular member shall . . . etc.

National Association of Securities Dealers Explains SEC Rules on Keeping and Preserving Records

The National Association of Securities Dealers Inc., on Jan. 8, sent to its members a memorandum of explanation concerning the rules recently promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission on the keeping and preservation of records by securities dealers and investment bankers. Wallace H. Fulton, Director of the Association, states in a letter accompanying the memorandum, that the interpretation had been prepared to facilitate compliance with the rules by members and to clarify the situation because "from inquiries which have been received from members of the association . . . it is apparent that considerable misunderstanding exists with respect to the scope, meaning and applicability of these rules." Ganson Purcell, Director of the Trading and Exchange Division of the SEC, in another letter accompanying the memorandum, declares that he is of the opinion that the explanations and suggestions contained in the memorandum are "in accordance with the underlying intent of rule X-17A-3." He also says that the rule "specifies the character of information which, as a minimum, must be shown on the books and records required to be kept by brokers and dealers subject to its operation."

An announcement bearing on the memorandum also said:

The memorandum, in general, explains the terms, definitions and workings of the rule. It notes that the rule applies not only to all members of national securities exchanges, brokers or dealers who transact a business in securities through the medium of such members, but also to all brokers and dealers registered with the SEC. The interpretation declares that the rule does not regulate accounting practices or require that the various books or records specified in it must be kept on any prescribed form or type of book, ledger or card system.

"Generally speaking," the memorandum states, "the rule represents a codification of bookkeeping practices now followed by many exchange firms and over-the-counter brokers and dealers in that it specifies the various items of information which must be reflected by the firms' books.

The rule became effective Jan. 2, 1940.

Annual Report of President of San Francisco Stock Exchange Lists Operating Economies and New Listings as Outstanding Achievements of Past Year

The year's activities on the San Francisco Stock Exchange are reviewed in the annual report of President William R. Bacon, released to members Jan. 10 in connection with the annual meeting of the Exchange. Among achievements of the past year Mr. Bacon lists operating economies, increased public relations activities, new listings, particularly of Eastern securities, and an increase in the percentage of national stock exchange volume enjoyed by the San Francisco Exchange. An announcement bearing on the report said:

Mr. Bacon's report comments on the success of the first full year's operation under the executive Vice-Presidency of Ronald E. Kachler, who was appointed to the new post in 1938. Operating economies are listed as an important accomplishment of this new form of administration by a non-member executive. The financial statement of the Exchange will not be available for several weeks. But Mr. Bacon's report indicates that operations for the past year were more successful than for the year 1938. It is expected that the net loss for 1939 will be approximately \$20,000 less than the 1938 loss, which was reported as \$54,627.

Among the statistical data contained in the report were comparisons of the number of listed issues on the Exchange, which rose to 193, an all-time record; and a comparison of odd lot trading. The report points out a percentage increase in this department of trading, which is partly attributable to the recently introduced system of odd lot trading in dually listed securities on the basis of the best price on either the San Francisco or the New York market.

Commodity Exchange, Inc., Publishes Seventh Annual Report—Points to Satisfactory Progress During Year of Stress Caused by Outbreak of European War

In his seventh annual report to the members of Commodity Exchange, Inc., Charles Slaughter, President of the Exchange, emphasizes the growth in trading activity in hide, copper and tin futures, which reached record high levels. Pointing out that "a major war has, of necessity, a profound effect on world economics and world trade in general and the economics of commodities in particular," Mr. Slaughter lauds the continued orderly and efficient trading on the Exchange despite the impact of the war, which caused trading volume to expand materially and caused price fluctuation limits to be reached on several occasions in all of the commodities traded in on the Exchange. Mr. Slaughter notes that due to the exigencies created by the war "it has been found desirable to provide new contracts for trading in rubber and tin futures." He also notes, in this connection, that the necessary amendments to the by-laws are being worked out and will be presented shortly for the approval of members.

Mr. Slaughter's year-end statement was referred to in our issue of Jan. 6, page 36.

Annual Report of New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange Shows Recurrence of 1917 Conditions—Coffee Trading Near Record Low While Sugar Activity Increased Sharply—President Mackey Expresses Hope for Peace of Lasting Value

Chandler A. Mackey, President of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., told the members of the Exchange at their fifty-eighth annual meeting, held Jan. 4, that present conditions are a "cyclic recurrence of events and recalls to mind the old adage that 'history repeats itself.'" He read an excerpt from the report of the Board of Managers presented to the members on Jan. 10, 1918, reading: "Business under the state of war has been most difficult and trying," and pointed out that no better words nor more accurate account could be used to illustrate the trend of trading in both coffee and sugar during the year just past. The report, read by Mr. Mackey to the members, follows, in part:

As in 1917, so today, the threat of war and finally the actual conflict itself disorganized trade conditions, brought about a prolonged period of inactivity. Years have passed since the above [1917] report was read to you. The picture at that time presented many uncertainties for the future but, with it all, your Exchange has carried on and, although the uncertainties once again present themselves, we are confident that we can still carry on.

Another milestone in our history has just been passed. Sugar trading completed its twenty-fifth year and, as in 1917, "surpassed our fondest hopes". The total volume for the year shows an increase of about 19% of that of 1938: 5,727,650 tons as against 4,807,450 tons. Of this volume domestic Contract No. 3 accounted for 3,587,400 tons and the world Contract No. 4, 2,140,250 tons. This latter figure proves once again the

foresight of our members in establishing a contract providing facilities for trading in world sugars.

The report on coffee trading for the year also follows true to the picture presented in 1917. The volume not only fell to about 32% below that of the previous year, but was almost the smallest on record in the 58 years of trading in this commodity. The total volume amounted to 3,483,000 bags against 5,104,000 bags in 1938. The chief reason for the decline in volume is the difficulties relating to foreign exchange. These difficulties exist not only in countries at war but, due to abnormalities in world trade, extend to almost all primary markets.

Although our total volume of trading was somewhat disappointing, our financial condition is a source of deep satisfaction. The Realty Reserve Fund, together with a cash balance in our general fund, reveals a total of \$111,303.99. This does not include collections to be made from December operations, deposits on leases, nor prepaid 1940 dues, assessments, &c. Economy and adherence to a carefully planned budget have been responsible for the best financial condition that we have enjoyed for many years.

We have at this fifty-eighth annual meeting an enrollment of 316 members. During the year 21 new members have been admitted to the Exchange, and the memberships sold at prices ranging from \$3,000 to \$2,000, an average of about \$2,500.

As compared with the tragedies being perpetrated in many parts of the world, our commercial interests are of secondary importance. Therefore, we conclude this report by extending to our less fortunate members living within war-stricken areas our heartfelt sympathy. Those of us residing outside war-torn Europe should pause and be grateful for the blessing of peace that our country is enjoying. The promoting of a better understanding between all peoples should be our constant endeavor. Let us hope that the day will soon follow when a peace of lasting value will come to this troubled world in which we live.

Mr. Mackey's annual review and forecast was noted in these columns Jan. 6, page 38.

James H. Perkins, in Annual Report to Stockholders of National City Bank, Reports Deposits as Highest in History—Net earnings in 1939 Totaled \$17,642,169.32—Sees No Lasting Gain to Business from War—Earnings of City Bank Farmers Trust Co.

American business and finance can derive no lasting gain from this war, said James H. Perkins, Chairman of the Board of the National City Bank of New York, in his annual report to shareholders at their meeting Jan. 9, and he added that "actually war is the negation of all business." "Business," he went on to say, "consists of the exchange of mutually useful goods and services, and its success depends upon the maintenance of good faith and order in all relations. War is a violent interruption of normal business processes, producing incalculable hazards and appalling waste, and no temporary profit can offset its ultimate cost." He continued:

The world has never fully recovered from the last war. It left a legacy of debt, complete or partial destruction of currencies and monetary systems in some of the most important countries of the world, and a disruption in trade channels and price relationships unparalleled in history. The great depression was the aftermath of war, and many of the problems with which we have struggled in the United States in the past 10 years have descended in a direct line from August, 1914.

None of us can now say whether this war will be active or inactive, short or long. Nor can we easily appraise the longer term effects on our country. One thing at least, the record of four months has shown, that American business men recognize the dangers that war holds for them. It was proved through the costly experience of the World War that any stimulus given to business by war orders is dearly bought if it results in price inflation, or in a boom based upon the installation of new facilities which in peace time could not pay their way. Inflationary movements bring only an illusion of prosperity, and end in debts, taxes, and depression, and the task of guarding against these dangers will require self-restraint by all elements in our economic life.

Mr. Perkins stated that during 1939 the bank's deposits have increased to the highest total in the institution's history, and on Dec. 31 were approximately \$2,331,000,000, or \$496,000,000 larger than a year ago. He added:

The following table shows the distribution of our deposits at the year-end and a 1938 comparison (given in millions of dollars):

	Dec. 31, 1938			Dec. 31, 1939		
	Thrift	Other	Total	Thrift	Other	Total
Head office.....	8	1,005	1,013	9	1,393	1,402
Domestic branches.....	113	428	541	121	551	672
Foreign branches.....	60	221	281	55	202	257
Total.....	181	1,654	1,835	185	2,146	2,331

The principal assets of the bank at the year-end and the changes since last year are as follows (in millions of dollars):

	Dec. 31, 1938	Dec. 31, 1939	Change
Cash and due from banks.....	542	934	up 402
Securities of U. S. Govt. & Federal agencies.....	709	784	up 75
State and municipal securities.....	86	108	up 22
Other securities.....	69	63	down 6
Loans and discounts.....	522	531	up 9
Bank premises.....	47	43	down 4

The excess of our cash reserves above legal requirements has been greater than we have ever before carried. This reflects large gold imports and the continued lack of demand for loans on a scale commensurate with our resources. It also reflects a policy of holding more uninvested cash than heretofore, which we believe wise under present conditions.

Of the Government and Government Agency securities held, 522 million dollars or 67% mature within five years, the same percentage as a year ago. Of the State and Municipal securities, 86 million dollars or 80% mature within five years. Total bond investments are carried in our statement at an amount below their current market value, and below their value computed in accordance with the basis for valuation established by the Comptroller of the Currency and other Federal examining authorities.

The National City Bank had net earnings in 1939 of \$17,642,169, after provision for taxes and depreciation, Mr. Perkins reported. This included \$6,978,525 of profits from the sale of bonds which were transferred to reserves. Net earnings in 1938 were \$10,547,750, including \$2,856,890 of profits from the sale of bonds transferred to reserves. Mr. Perkins in his report added:

Thus exclusive of profits on bond sales the year's net earnings were \$10,663,644.55 as compared with \$7,690,860.77 for 1938. Net earnings for the year do not include recoveries, of which \$3,000,000 were taken into Undivided Profits for transfer to Surplus and the balance carried into reserves.

From the year's earnings, dividends of \$6,200,000 were paid or set aside for payment and \$4,463,644.55 was carried to Undivided Profits.

Surplus was increased \$6,000,000 during the year by transfer from Undivided Profits and at the year-end stood at \$52,500,000.

After these transfers Undivided Profits at the year-end stood at \$15,018,584.23 and were larger than a year ago by \$1,463,644.55.

We are continuing a conservative policy in the valuing of our assets, and I feel that if favorable conditions prevail further recoveries may be expected. We continue to maintain unallocated reserves which we believe to be adequate. In accordance with our customary practice they have been deducted in arriving at the figures at which our assets are carried on our published statement.

The improvement in net earnings other than profit from bond sales was due to a number of factors. The funds invested in securities have been larger and we have added to our serial loans which carry a higher rate of interest than short term loans. The return from foreign operations has been greater.

The assessment for Federal Deposit Insurance, totaled approximately \$1,247,000 for 1939, an increase of \$130,000 over 1938. As of January 1, 1940, the bank and its employees have become subject to the Federal Social Security Act. It is estimated that the bank will pay a tax in 1940 of about \$90,000 and the employees will pay a similar amount. In addition the State of New York now has authority to impose the Unemployment Insurance Tax on national banks, and if this is done the tax on our bank in 1940 for this purpose is estimated at \$300,000. Under these two social security laws the tax rates will rise by stages in subsequent years.

Mr. Perkins indicated that earnings during the year of the City Bank Farmers Trust Co. amounted to \$1,205,722, including bond profits, compared with \$909,929 in 1938. Of the year's earnings, he said, \$999,588 was carried to reserves for contingencies and the balance of \$206,134 was added to undivided profits which, after recoveries and year-end adjustments, stood at \$4,749,635. Mr. Perkins further said:

The Trust Company paid no dividends during the year. The personal trust business showed increased earnings for the year, but the income from corporate trusts and earnings on investments were lower. Substantial progress was made in reducing operating expenses. The year-end statement reflects a change in method of carrying reserves for contingencies under which the reserves are now in part deducted in arriving at the figures at which assets of the company are carried in its statement.

The total of new personal trust business was the largest received for several years and the number of wills deposited with the company showed a further increase.

The problems involved in handling executorships, trusteeships, and other fiduciary services have become increasingly complicated and today a specialized knowledge of investments, taxes, and administration is essential. Ours is the oldest trust company in America. To these problems it brings 117 years' experience, and the services of a personnel which is solely devoted to the trust business.

Winthrop W. Aldrich of Chase National Bank Warns of Dangers of Huge United States Monetary Gold Stocks in Annual Report to Stockholders—Urges Reestablishment of Free Gold Market—Bank's Earnings in 1939 8% Below Those for 1938—Deposits \$2,803,730,000

The influx of gold into the United States is "far from an unmixed blessing," it was stated by Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank, in his annual report on Jan. 9 to the stockholders. After discussing the war in Europe, and its immediate and probable repercussions on American business, Mr. Aldrich pointed out that the United States today possesses \$17,600,000,000 in monetary gold stocks, or 60% of all the known monetary gold in the world. "Before peace can be achieved," he said, "this share may have risen further. In a large sense we are and will be the conservators of the world's monetary system." Mr. Aldrich went on to say:

It is for this reason, as well as for ample reasons of our own, that we must take action now to preserve the monetary character of gold. As I see it, our immediate function is to reestablish a free gold market permitting free movement of gold bars and gold currency both inward and outward, so that the price of gold as here established shall constitute a firm and certain base line from which the values of the diverse currencies of the world can be confidently figured.

Another phase of this problem of the stabilization of foreign exchanges both now and in the future and one which affects also every feature of our domestic economic life is the necessity of balancing our Federal budget. I have spoken so much, however, and so often, about this phase during the past few years that I will not attempt to add anything further at the present moment to what I have already said except this: that every day we permit to go by without bringing our Federal budget into balance adds to the danger and difficulty of the problems involved.

In his analysis of the gold influx into this country, Mr. Aldrich said, in part:

This influx of gold into the United States is far from an unmixed blessing. It enlarges the deposits of the banks of the country beyond their present power to make use of them. This is to be seen most vividly in the continued growth of the member banks' deposits with the Federal Reserve banks. During the year just past the reserve deposits of member banks increased by nearly three billion dollars. This increase came at a time when the

member banks already had on deposit at the Federal Reserve banks more funds than they were required by law to keep there, even though the reserve requirements were nearly double what the law and regulations formerly imposed. In consequence, the reserve balances in excess of requirements now amount to over five billion dollars. In the case of the Chase National Bank, the excess reserves, which have had a tendency to run at about 10% of the excess reserves of all member banks, have been amounting to about half a billion.

Now, it goes without saying that every bank in the country possessing excess reserves is under pressure to make use of them. This pressure comes not only from political spokesmen but from the self-interest of the banks themselves. Banks, above everything else, are merchants of credit, and like other merchants the chance to cover expenses and to make profits depends upon the amount of merchandise they dispose of, and the price at which they dispose of it. But for several years past, the demand for credit has been subject to shifts and changes, with the result that the tradition users of bank credit at this time require relatively little. This tendency, together with the increasing supply of bank credit, has forced down rates of interest in recent years to the lowest level in American banking experience. This result, one is free to admit, has been advantageous for the time being to the one great user of bank credit, the Federal Treasury, for it has furthered deficit financing at minimum rates, and has made commercial banks the principal holders of Treasury obligations at both long and short-term.

But what about the country as a whole? With excess reserves at the five billion mark, a simple process of figuring shows what could happen on the basis of expansion possibilities as they exist. If these excess reserves should progressively pass into the form of loans and so in turn into the form of bank deposits, they could produce an expansion of bank credit by 15 to 20 billion dollars without bringing into play the further expansion capacities inherent in the Federal Reserve System. No one can doubt that such a growth of bank credit would lead once more into a violent expansionary process, with its familiar accompaniments of speculation, a rising cost of living, and at the end, deflation.

Advocating a remedy for the present situation as regards huge monetary gold stocks, Mr. Aldrich said:

The wise course seems to me to be the following: We should remove as promptly as possible the present prohibitions and restrictions on the private possession of gold. We should resume specie payments, coining gold again and putting gold coins back into circulation. At the same time, gold certificates should be reinstated for the convenience of those who do not wish to use or hold sizable amounts of gold coin. New imports of gold should be paid for in gold coin or negotiable gold certificates and the circulation of gold and gold certificates should be encouraged.

It is altogether probable that if gold were to be put back in circulation in the manner suggested, much would go out of sight in the private holdings of the people. To the extent that gold, in the form of coin or gold certificates, went out of sight or remained in general circulation, it would form a ready emergency reserve for future use. There have been many instances in monetary history where a gold circulation has proved its usefulness in times of national crisis. And at this time such gold as stayed out of circulation in private possession would reduce proportionately the menace of excess reserves.

But it cannot be maintained that the procedure outlined above would relieve the American economic system entirely from the impact of further gold imports or from the expansive power of excess reserves. To deal with that danger it may be necessary to take further steps. When we shall have had time to see the effects on our gold stock of revived specie payments, Congress might well consider granting power to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to raise reserve requirements beyond the limits now authorized by law. But any power so granted should not be susceptible of use to an extent greater than that needed to reduce excess reserves to manageable proportions.

With reference to deposits, earnings and dividends of the bank during 1939, the report said in part:

The bank's deposits rose throughout the year and on Dec. 30 amounted to \$2,803,730,000, a higher total than at the end of any previous year. The increase in deposits during the 12-month period was about \$569,397,000, which included a substantial volume of funds transferred to New York from abroad in anticipation of war conditions or under the actual impact of war.

As the counterpart to the increased deposit liabilities, the resources of the bank rose correspondingly. Cash and amounts due from banks, principally the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, on Dec. 30 totaled \$1,293,143,000, as compared with \$861,439,000 a year ago. The legal reserves which must be maintained against deposits, plus large excess reserves, are included in this item.

United States Government obligations held by the bank on Dec. 30 amounted to \$820,170,000, compared with \$639,878,000 a year ago. The average maturity of these securities in our portfolio was two years and eight months, or one year and 11 months if computed on the basis of the optional call dates.

Again last year the trend of loans followed the course of industrial and financial activity, rising and falling with the demand for funds from our borrowing customers. The total of business, industrial and agricultural loans outstanding at the year-end was about \$100,000,000 higher than at the beginning of the year. On the other hand, the volume of loans outstanding to brokers and to all other classifications of borrowers declined by almost the same amount. As a result, the total of all loans and discounts as shown on the balance sheet for Dec. 30 was \$636,176,000, little changed from the aggregate a year ago.

However, the amount of new loans made in a year is a more significant index of lending activity than the aggregate outstanding on any given date. I called attention in my report a year ago to the fact that the new loans made by the Chase National Bank in each of the four preceding years had exceeded one billion dollars in aggregate amount after excluding renewals of existing loans and loans to brokers. The activity was maintained in 1939, as indicated in the following table:

NEW LOANS MADE DURING YEAR, EXCLUDING RENEWALS, LOANS TO BROKERS, AND LOANS BY FOREIGN BRANCHES			
1935	\$1,066,266,000	1938	\$1,059,281,000
1936	1,102,960,000	1939	1,043,000,000
1937	1,503,611,000		

One billion dollars of commercial loans made in a single year is a large amount for one bank even in this era of formidable figures. But, as a matter of fact, our customers could have utilized their established borrowing power in much greater measure if they had been able to find profitable use for the money. An analysis of loans and credit lines made at the request of the American Bankers Association last year showed that on June 30 companies with confirmed lines of credit at the Chase National Bank were borrowing less than one-quarter of the aggregate amount available to them. I mention this point to indicate the willingness as well as the ability of commercial banks to meet sound demands for bank credit from responsible sources.

Earnings, Expenses and Dividends

Considering all the factors which tended to reduce the earning power of commercial banks last year, it is not surprising that the net earnings of the Chase National Bank for 1939 were about 8% below those for 1938. The average rate of interest on loans and investments as a whole was lower than ever before in the bank's history.

Short-term interest rates on securities suitable for bank portfolio investment remained at exceedingly low levels throughout most of the year 1939. There was a stiffening of rates at the outbreak of war in Europe but during the final weeks of the year they declined again.

Variations in the main sources of gross income from which earnings were derived in 1939 can be seen from the following general comparisons. For instance, the amount of interest received on loans and discounts was slightly below the total for 1938. The interest received on investments in bonds was moderately lower, and earnings from transactions in bonds were also lower than in 1938. Income in the form of dividends on stocks held by the bank was slightly lower, the reduction in dividends from holdings in the motion picture industry being largely offset by increased dividends from other stocks owned.

The total expenses of the bank in 1939 again were reduced below the level of recent years as the result of numerous economies and unremitting attention to the improvement of operating efficiency in every department.

The rise in deposits brought about a corresponding increase in one large item of special expense. Payments to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as required by law, amounted to about \$1,800,000, an increase of \$300,000 over the total of 1938.

The net earnings for 1939 amounted to \$13,315,000, or \$1.80 per share, as compared with \$14,486,000, or \$1.96 per share in 1938.

Two semi-annual dividends of 70 cents per share each were paid during 1939. However, because of a change in the schedule of dates on which dividends were declared by the board of directors, the dividend payable on Feb. 1, 1940, was declared on Dec. 27, with the result that three semi-annual dividends were charged against the undivided profits account in 1939.

Net Earnings of Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York in 1939 \$787,260—Remarks of President Howell

Gross earnings of the Commercial National Bank and Trust Co. of New York last year were \$2,181,098, while net earnings, after deducting \$1,393,837 for expenses, interest, taxes and deposit insurance, were \$787,260, Herbert P. Howell, Chairman of the Board, at the annual meeting of stockholders on Jan. 9, had the following to say in part in his report to the stockholders:

Cash on Hand, in Federal Reserve Bank and due from banks and bankers was \$41,176,379.91 as compared with \$30,873,994.39 at the close of 1938.

U. S. Government Securities of \$43,260,418 at the year end compared with \$39,007,011 held on Dec. 31, 1938. Of our portfolio 45.2% mature in one to five years, 41.7% in six to ten years, and 13.1% in over ten years. . . .

Profits on Securities Sold included in Gross Earnings are \$102,155, which amount includes \$58,015 credited from Reserves held as deferred income at Dec. 31, 1938. Additional Profits on Securities Sold of \$848,909, which were not included in Gross Earnings were applied as follows:

\$779,058 applied to cost of securities, which net cost less amortization will write off premiums at maturity.
\$69,851 held in reserves as deferred income.

The Capital and Surplus of the Bank r main unchanged as follows:
Capital, \$7,000,000; Surplus, \$7,000,000.

After the payment of Dividends of \$560,000, Undivided Profits increased to \$1,524,953 from \$1,297,693. Unallocated Reserves for Contingencies are \$2,023,230 and after a careful appraisal of our assets there are no known or foreseen losses.

Mr. Howell explained that inasmuch as the bank's business has developed to a point where additional space was required it had leased new banking quarters at 44 Wall St., in which it located the present month.

As to the outlook for the future, Mr. Howell said:

In these times, to forecast the future course of business with any degree of accuracy is most difficult. This is particularly true in view of the armed conflicts abroad and the uncertainties which arise during an important election year. Considering what may be the effect upon our economy of these two factors, it would seem that one could start the year with cautious optimism.

Wendell L. Willkie Elected to Board of First National Bank of New York—Net Earnings of Bank in 1939 \$10,407,174

Wendell L. Willkie, President of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp., was elected a director of the First National Bank of New York at the annual meeting of the stockholders on Jan. 9. Mr. Willkie's election increased the number of director's from 10 to 11.

The net income of the bank in 1939 was reported by President Leon Fraser as being \$10,407,174 compared with \$10,685,199 in 1938. Gross income for the year amounted to \$15,275,798, including \$12,805,160 as net earnings from loans and investments, \$959,396 other earnings, \$1,448,462 net profits on securities and \$62,779 in miscellaneous credits.

Further details were reported in the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 10, as follows:

Leon Fraser, President of First National, who presided at the meeting, said that 33% of the bank's governments were due in five years or less, against 33½% a year ago, while 26% were due in from 5 to 10 years, against 23¼%, and 41% were due in more than 10 years, against 42¼%. He said that the bank did not own any of the longest government bonds.

The drop in earnings of First National from loans and investments in 1939 to \$12,805,160 from \$13,015,291 in 1938 was attributable, he said, in part to lower interest rates and in part to the policy of amortizing bonds bought at more than par. The charges made for amortization amounted to \$1,200,000 in 1939, he said. The net charge-offs of \$1,660,439 represented provision for railroad bonds in default and also for the bank's investment in World's Fair debentures, amounting to \$135,000.

The larger reserves for taxes and assessments, which were \$1,660,439 in 1939, against \$1,075,549 in 1938, were made necessary in part by the higher Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. assessment, which in the case of the First National increased \$100,000. He estimated that the higher

corporate income taxes and social security taxes would cost the bank between \$125,000 and \$150,000 more this year.

Reference to the Dec. 30 statement of condition of the bank was made in our Jan. 6 issue, page 54.

Net Profits of Corn Exchange Bank of New York in 1939, \$3,907,592, Chairman Frew Reports

Walter E. Frew, Chairman of the Board of the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., New York, in his report at the annual meeting of the bank's stockholders on Jan. 9 said that the bank is looking forward to increased business, adding, "but who can prophesy?" He pointed out that the bank is carrying \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000 in cash above reserves. He was quoted to this effect in the New York "Times" of Jan. 10, which also added:

Mr. Frew said the bank's return on its real estate mortgage investments in 1939 was 4.34%, making it the best paying investment. He declared that the mortgages are in good shape, adding that most of the foreclosures on mortgages held by the bank against real estate are now past.

The excess of market value over the amortized cost of the bank's investments is \$5,007,461, Mr. Frew reported. He explained that adding to this the premium reserve of \$2,838,739 means a cushion of \$7,846,200 against possible breaks in the markets for securities. He said that 86% of the bank's investment portfolio comprise investments in the four highest ratings.

The bank had net profits in 1939 of \$3,907,592, which consisted of net earnings from interest, discount, &c., after providing for expenses and sundry taxes of \$1,632,829 and net profits, less taxes, from securities and real estate sold, of \$2,274,764.

Earnings of Brooklyn Trust Co. in 1939 Totaled \$1,008,629 Compared with \$570,730 in 1938, Reports President McLaughlin—Low Interest Rates and Lack of Demand for Bank Credit Still Prevail

Earnings of the Brooklyn Trust Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., for the year 1939 were \$1,008,629, which compare with \$570,730 for the year 1938, according to the statement presented by George V. McLaughlin, President, at the annual meeting of stockholders on Jan. 8. The increase, Mr. McLaughlin said, was due largely to the fact that the company received certain non-recurring commissions in its Personal Trust Department. The statement continued:

The foregoing figures are after deducting all expenses, interest and taxes, including the following items in 1939:

Depreciation on bank buildings and other real estate.....	\$163,115
Deposit insurance assessment.....	96,400
Unemployment insurance taxes.....	43,200
Cost of Employee's Group Life Insurance.....	25,800
Amortization of bond premiums.....	161,517

The disposition of our earnings was as follows:

To reserve for mortgages.....	\$233,000
To reserve for real estate.....	200,000
To reserve for contingencies.....	138,656
Total reserves.....	\$571,656
To undivided profits.....	8,973
To surplus.....	100,000
Dividends paid.....	328,000
	\$1,008,629

Recoveries on charged-off loans and profits on sales of securities are credited directly to reserve accounts and are not included in earnings.

The market value of securities owned by the company is in excess of their book value.

The new taxes which the company will pay as a result of recent changes in the Federal Social Security Act are estimated at \$14,000 for the year 1940.

Real estate other than bank buildings owned by the company as of the end of the year was carried on the books at \$741,129.86, which was equivalent to approximately 79% of the total assessed value of these properties. Bank buildings were carried at \$5,349,898.30, making total real estate holdings of \$6,091,028.16.

Four years ago, on Jan. 1, 1936, bank buildings were carried at \$6,223,186.16 and other real estate at \$1,607,956.80, a total of \$7,831,142.96. The net reduction in our total real estate account during the past four years therefore has been \$1,740,114.80, or approximately 22%. New acquisitions of "other" real estate, largely as a result of the foreclosure of mortgages, during these four years amounted to \$537,237.11.

Mortgages owned by the company have a face value of \$2,896,606.78 and are carried at a book value of \$2,155,964.54, or approximately 74% of their face value.

A year ago I referred to the low rates of interest received by banks on their loans and investments, and to the lack of demand for bank credit. These conditions still prevail, and as to the future I make no predictions other than to say that I do not expect to see increases in dividends paid by banks to their shareholders in 1940.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Brooklyn Trust Co. on Jan. 8, Trustees whose terms expired were re-elected for three-year terms. They were: John Gemmell Jr., Thomas H. Roulston, A. Augustus Low, Ogden White and Charles Pratt.

The Dec. 30 statement of condition of the Brooklyn Trust was referred to in our issue of Jan. 6, page 55.

President Gibson of Manufacturers Trust Co. Reports Net Operating Earnings of \$6,123,916 in 1939—Summarizes Favorable and Unfavorable Factors in Year—Comments on German Obligations

Harvey D. Gibson, President of Manufacturers Trust Company of New York reported at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on Jan. 10, that net operating earnings not including security profits for the year 1939, after all expenses and taxes, and after deducting dividends on Preferred Stock outstanding as well as the amount set up for amortization on bonds purchased above par, had amounted to \$6,123,915.93 or \$3.71 per common share. This he stated compares with \$4.03 per

share for the year 1938. Of this total \$3,299,836 was paid in dividends to common stockholders and the remainder \$2,824,079.93 was credited to Contingent Reserve Account.

Net profits above losses during the past year on securities disposed of by sale but not included in operating earnings amounted to \$6,100,889, which amount at various times as realized, was credited to Reserve for Contingencies and for the most part redistributed in the form of valuation reserves and for other purposes. Mr. Gibson stressed the point that these security profits should not in any sense be regarded as real earnings as they for the most part represent book profits on securities sold, which were thereafter replaced at the same general market level by other securities. During the year the bank disposed of various miscellaneous assets at a net loss of \$185,616. It was also stated that following the bank's practice of some years past with regard to ownership of various bank buildings and safe deposit vaults, it charged down or set up reserves against these items during 1939, aggregating \$628,400. Recoveries on items which had heretofore been charged down or off on the books amounted to \$716,600. None of these amounts was included in the reported earnings; they were charged or credited directly to Reserve for Contingencies. Mr. Gibson stated that adequate allocated reserves are set up on the books to cover all known losses, also additional valuation and unallocated contingent reserves to cover possible future losses which cannot be definitely determined or foreseen. It was likewise reported:

During the past year the bank acquired in the open market for retirement 6,300 of the outstanding preferred shares at an average price of \$51.88 per share, which is slightly under the present current redemption price of \$52 per share and accumulated dividends. This was more than the amount necessary to satisfy sinking fund requirements for the year 1939. The excess purchased, namely 2,566 shares, will be used to satisfy in part the 1940 requirements.

To date, since originally issued, the bank has retired 40,109 shares of preferred stock at an average cost of about \$50 per share, the price at which the stock was issued in 1936. In addition to the shares retired, 3,965 preferred shares have been converted into 3,172 shares of common stock. At this time there remain outstanding 455,926 shares of preferred stock. As a result of the reduction of the preferred shares outstanding, the number of authorized common shares was greater than necessary to provide for the eventual conversion of the now existing preferred stock, and the stockholders therefore were asked to approve a corresponding reduction of the authorized common capital stock of the company.

Deposits at the close of business on Dec. 30, 1939 amounted to \$762,763,244.22, as compared with \$655,486,077.75 a year ago. This gain was well distributed among the different classes of deposits.

Mr. Gibson reported that the bank's portfolio of securities had increased considerably, especially in the holding of U. S. Government bonds. Total holdings of this class have an average maturity to call date of eight years and six months. At the close of the year the bank's position was as follows: maturities from one to five years to call date, 37.18%; five to ten years, 19.45%; over ten years, 43.37%.

Mr. Gibson, who is Chairman of the American Committee of Short-Term Creditors of Germany, after explaining that it had been the policy of the bank not to accept liquidation of German obligations at prevailing discounts but instead to offset such discounts by reserves against the items affected, made the following comments with regard to the obligations under that agreement:

Each year since 1933 we have reported to you in detail relative to our holdings in German obligations, including those claims in the so-called Standstill Agreement. These standstill obligations are almost entirely subject to the guarantee of German banks and banking houses which have been established for many years and have an excellent record in spite of the difficulties with which they have had, from time to time, to contend, and the crises, even including wars, through which they have passed successfully. I have repeatedly stated my belief that these banks would go to every extreme to avoid impairing their credit standing, which is so essential to them and to the foreign trade of their country. On that account, we have followed the policy of not accepting payments at prevailing discounts. We have, however, maintained reserves against all of our German obligations in amounts equal to or greater than the prevailing discount or as suggested by the various examining authorities which reserves just prior to the declaration of war totaled 60% of our claims.

When war was declared, the Standstill agreement was terminated. At that time, because of the uncertainty as to the future, it seemed prudent at once to set up additional reserves to cover the remaining 40% of our claims thus offsetting entirely all German obligations on our books. This action was called to your attention in my letter of Sept. 5.

Shortly after the termination of the International Standstill, new negotiations were commenced, having in view the conclusion of a separate German-American Standstill, which became a reality on Dec. 9, last.

At the time of the outbreak of the war, the face value of Standstill obligations due us was \$11,310,497. Under the provisions of the new Standstill Agreement dated Dec. 9, 1939, our total outstanding claims were reduced to \$9,294,299. The difference \$2,016,199 represents payment in dollars at full face value of maturing obligations, to the extent of \$1,789,393 by new money transferred to us for that purpose, and the balance \$226,806 by funds which were on deposit with us by German makers or guarantors and were applied on account with their consent. The larger part of these reductions were made during the three months period when no agreement existed.

These payments totaling over \$2,000,000, which have been received during the past three months in addition to a reduction of approximately \$786,000 in unavailed lines during the same period, have improved our position considerably, and are a gratifying performance, which, it seems to us, justifies somewhat our belief, to which I have already referred, that these German Standstill obligations are regarded seriously by the makers and the guarantors. It is interesting to note that since the commencement of the International Standstill in July, 1931, we have received from that source a total of \$4,910,960 in interest, and a reduction of principal of \$9,877,695, which is a little more than a 50% reduction.

All amounts due us from Germany either stand on our books at \$1 or are fully reserved against. Under present conditions, their ultimate fate must naturally be considered unpredictable. The fact remains, however, that in all cases the obligations are admitted by the makers and guarantors to be due without question and payable in full in United States dollars; and that

Interest is, and has at all times been, paid in full in United States dollars at rates mutually agreed upon, at the present time at an average rate of approximately 3%.

The activities of the bank, and the favorable and unfavorable factors which have affected it during the past twelve months, were summarized by Mr. Gibson as follows:

Deposits and resources have both reached an all-time high.

The Foreign Department has gained greatly in deposits and in several divisions of its business.

Out-of-Town Bank accounts continue to grow in number, with marked increase of balances.

A large volume of new business has been secured by the Trust Department.

The Personal Loan and Special Checking departments continue to enjoy a healthy growth.

The real estate problems have clarified somewhat despite continuing depressed conditions.

The bank has acquired certain of the assets of the Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Company, and has established three new branches, as well as an office at the New York World's Fair.

On the other hand:

There is an excess of idle funds.

Loans have fallen off, with increasing difficulty in maintaining rates.

Taxes and other compulsory charges have increased considerably.

The Wage and Hour Law has necessitated a larger personnel, with added cost of operations.

Securities generally show a lower yield.

Inactivity on the Stock Exchanges has reduced income from certain types of Trust business.

Net Operating Earnings of \$6,988,506 in 1939 Shown in Report of President Colt of Bankers Trust Co. of New York Submitted to Stockholders—Capital Funds Increased to \$106,047,727

S. Sloan Colt, President of Bankers Trust Company, New York, reported to stockholders at their annual meeting on Jan. 11 that the bank's net operating earnings for the year 1939 were \$6,988,506 and that total capital funds increased from \$104,464,116 to \$106,047,727, reflecting a net addition to undivided profits of \$1,583,611. This, he indicated, brought the undivided profits account at the year-end to \$31,047,727. The 1939 earnings were equivalent to \$2.80 per share on the bank's capital stock compared with \$7.122,032, or \$2.85 per share in the preceding year. It was pointed out that following the bank's practice of the last few years, net profits realized on securities in its investment account were not included in the operating earnings but have been transferred to the investment securities reserve account. In 1939 the net amount so transferred was \$1,908,207 bringing the total in this account to \$11,125,634. Mr. Colt said:

During 1939 the company shared in the general increase in bank deposits throughout the country. The total deposits as of Dec. 30, 1939 amounted to \$1,125,410,058, reflecting an increase of \$213,111,512 over the total at the end of 1938. On the asset side of the balance sheet, four items are substantially larger than a year ago. The increases in these items are as follows: Cash and due from banks, \$75,039,293; United States Government securities, \$116,519,384; Loans and Bills Discounted, \$12,613,110; State & Municipal securities, \$14,042,788.

The maturities of the United States Government obligations held in the Investment Account as of Dec. 30, 1939, represent the following percentages of the deposits of the company: 23.08% maturing prior to Jan. 1, 1945; 11.33% maturing Jan. 1, 1945-Dec. 31, 1949; 9.73% maturing Jan. 1, 1950-Dec. 15, 1954.

The holdings in State and Municipal securities as of Dec. 30, 1939, shown on the Statement at \$59,045,833, represent high grade obligations, substantially all of which mature within six years.

From the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 12 we take the following:

In response to a stockholder's question about the availability of credit for small businesses, Mr. Colt said that Bankers Trust did not have many branches and that its general policy was that of a wholesale bank. While the bank did not have many contacts with small businesses, it was not turning down any loans, large or small, which its officers thought were sound.

The net profit received from the bank's London branch last year was about \$47,000. The London office was continuing to function, in spite of the war, though on a reduced scale. The bank no longer had a representative in Berlin and the Paris representative was now absent at the front.

Deposits in New York State Mutual Savings Banks on Dec. 31, 1939, Reached Record Total of \$5,598,924,576—Gain of \$193,887,167 over 1938—Number of Accounts Now Exceeds 6,000,000

The dollar volume of deposits in the 134 mutual savings banks of New York reached an all time high on Dec. 31, 1939, according to a statement issued Jan. 12 by the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York. The total of deposit liabilities recorded on Dec. 31, 1939, was \$5,598,924,576, after Christmas Club payments in November and December aggregating \$25,172,497 had been made, and after \$71,365 in abandoned funds had been turned over to the State Comptroller in accordance with the law. Further details were given as follows:

The gain for the calendar year in dollars of deposits was \$193,887,167, while dividends declared during the year aggregated \$102,995,027. This is the second consecutive year in which deposit gains materially exceed dividend credits. The deposit increase for the six months period ending Dec. 31, 1939, was \$84,668,422, while the gain for the last quarter of 1939 was \$42,012,186.

The number of open accounts on Dec. 31, 1939, passed the 6,000,000 mark, with a total of 6,006,331, a gain for the calendar year of 1939 of 81,853. The increase for the six months period ending Dec. 31 was 32,659, and for the quarter ending that same date 19,198. The year-end figure did not include 6,186 accounts representing abandoned funds turned over to the State Comptroller.

In commenting on the figures, Albert S. Embler, President of the Savings Banks Association of the State of New York, and President of the Walden Savings Bank, Walden, N. Y., stated:

To the savings banks of New York State the most impressive figures are those showing the considerable increase in the number of depositors in these banks. So anxious have our savings banks been to serve only the thrifty people of moderate incomes—for which purpose the banks were founded—that many have continued their restrictions during the past year on the deposit of large sums of money. In consequence of these restrictions the growth in dollars on deposit seems difficult to explain except on two possible grounds. The first is that the vicissitudes of the past few years have convinced even more of our citizens that it is wise to live within their incomes and to put aside regularly some money toward emergency use or for the achievement of some particular goal. The other possible explanation is the probability that a larger number of citizens are now working regularly and have caught some of the spirit of those who have previously saved consistently.

The latter impression is strengthened by the increase in the Christmas Club deposits of our banks, indicating that people had more money to put aside; but the former explanation seems to be even stronger, for the gain in regular savings deposits was many times that of our Christmas Clubs.

The Mutual Savings Banks appear to continue in favor as the banks for those of modest incomes. It is the desire of these banks to merit the continuance of that esteem. Furthermore, they are doing their utmost to assist the citizens of their respective communities in the sound purchase of homes, and there will be introduced into the Legislature this year, bills to permit savings banks to render other useful services such as personal loans to those who are unfortunate enough to require them and certain other facilities designed to allow savings banks to serve in every way needed by the people and fundamentally sound in principle.

Annual Statement of New York Federal Reserve Bank—\$4,831,000 Net Earnings in 1939, Against \$3,291,000 in 1938

Net earnings of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, after all additions and deductions, amounted to \$4,831,000, which compares with net earnings for 1938 of \$3,291,000, it is shown in the Bank's 25th annual statement, issued Jan. 6 by George L. Harrison, President. The total earnings of the Bank for 1939 are reported at \$11,211,000, contrasting with \$10,706,000 in 1938. The net expenses during the latest year were \$7,312,000, against \$7,336,000, while the current net earnings in 1939 were \$3,899,000, and in 1938 \$3,370,000. Total additions to current net earnings are shown as \$1,356,000 in 1939, compared with \$2,399,000 in 1938. Of the \$1,356,000 for 1939, \$1,262,000 represented profits on sales of Government securities, whereas in 1938 the profit resulting therefrom was \$2,316,000.

The total deductions from current net earnings in 1939 were \$424,000, against \$2,478,000 the preceding year. From the net earnings for 1939 the Bank paid dividends of \$3,055,000, transferred \$2,125,000 to surplus under Section 7 of the Federal Reserve Act, and transferred \$349,000 from surplus under Section 13-B of the Act. A year ago the Bank paid \$3,057,000 in dividends and transferred \$520,000 to surplus and transferred \$286,000 from surplus.

During 1939 total assets of the New York Reserve Bank increased to \$8,351,672,000 Dec. 30 from \$6,276,548,000 Dec. 31, 1938. Reserves increased during the year to \$7,298,769,000 from \$5,221,095,000, while holdings of U. S. Government securities at the end of 1939 amounted to \$771,537,000, comparing with \$815,422,000 Dec. 31, 1938. Total deposits at the latest date were \$6,760,861,000, against \$4,932,483,000 at the end of the previous year.

The following is the profit and loss account of the Bank for 1939 in comparison with 1938, as contained in the annual statement issued Jan. 6:

	1939	1938
Earnings.....	\$11,211,000	\$10,706,000
Net expenses.....	7,312,000	7,336,000
Current net earnings.....	\$3,899,000	\$3,370,000
Additions to current net earnings:		
Profits on sales of U. S. Government securities.....	\$1,262,000	\$2,316,000
All other.....	94,000	83,000
Total additions.....	\$1,356,000	\$2,399,000
Deductions from current net earnings:		
Losses and reserves for losses on industrial advances..	\$405,000	\$448,000
Special reserves on bank premises.....	-----	737,000
Prior service contributions to retirement system.....	-----	1,282,000
All other.....	19,000	11,000
Total deductions.....	\$424,000	\$2,478,000
Net earnings.....	\$4,831,000	\$3,291,000
Dividends paid.....	\$3,055,000	\$3,057,000
Transferred to surplus (Section 7).....	2,125,000	520,000
Transferred from surplus (Section 13-b).....	—349,000	—286,000
Surplus (Section 7) beginning of year.....	\$52,463,000	\$51,943,000
Addition as above.....	2,125,000	520,000
Transferred to other capital accounts.....	\$54,588,000	\$52,463,000
Surplus (Section 7) end of year.....	\$53,326,000	\$52,463,000

Net Earnings of Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago \$982,917 in 1939 Compared with \$1,090,752 in 1938

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago reports for the calendar year 1939 net earnings of \$982,917 as compared with \$1,090,752 in the previous year. Total earnings for the year just ended were \$4,254,602, against \$3,954,027 in 1938. Operating expenses in 1939 were \$2,892,610, while total net expenses amounted to \$3,316,352, with current net earnings of \$938,250. In 1938 operating expenses amounted to

\$2,858,122, total net expenses having been shown as \$3,318,002 and current net earnings having been reported at \$636,025. The statement of earnings and expenses for 1939, as issued under date of Jan. 4 by Geo. J. Schaller, President of the Bank, follows:

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES FOR YEAR 1939	
Earnings.....	\$4,254,602.30
Operating expenses.....	\$2,892,609.68
Assessment for Board of Governors.....	\$196,357.61
Cost of Federal Reserve currency.....	227,384.71
	423,742.32
Total net expenses.....	3,316,352.00
Current net earnings.....	\$938,250.30
Additions to current net earnings:	
Profit on sales of U. S. Government securities.....	\$487,913.75
Transferred from reserves.....	28,426.54
Other additions.....	4,972.88
Total additions to current net earnings.....	521,313.17
Total current net earnings and additions to current net earnings.....	1,459,563.47
Deductions from current net earnings:	
Charge-off on bank premises.....	\$462,500.00
Other deductions.....	14,146.36
Total deductions.....	476,646.36
Net earnings.....	\$982,917.11
Distribution of net earnings:	
Payment to U. S. Treasury (Section 13-b).....	\$5,120.09
Dividends paid.....	819,531.97
Transferred to surplus (Section 7).....	158,265.05
	\$982,917.11

In its statement of condition Dec. 30, 1939, the Bank reported total resources of \$2,904,321,710, while total deposits were shown as \$1,654,212,604, made up as follows:

Member banks' reserve account.....	\$1,528,701,891
U. S. Treasurer—General account.....	71,029,536
Other deposits.....	54,481,177

The Bank's figures of earnings and expenses for 1938 were given in our issue of Jan. 28, 1939, page 490.

Current Earnings of Federal Reserve Banks in 1939 Shown as \$38,500,000 in Preliminary Figures—Exceed Previous Year by \$2,240,000

Preliminary figures received from the Federal Reserve banks indicate that their current earnings during 1939 amounted to \$38,500,000, or \$2,240,000 more than in 1938, it was stated by the Board of Governors on Jan. 4. Current expenses totaled \$28,650,000, which was \$265,000 less than in the previous year. Current net earnings for 1939 were \$9,855,000, as compared with \$7,350,000 in 1938. The Board of Governors further reports:

Net additions to current net earnings amounted to \$2,390,000 and consisted principally of profits from sales of United States Government securities less charge-offs on bank premises and reserves for losses on industrial advances. Net earnings for the year were \$12,245,000, an increase of \$2,660,000 over net earnings for 1938.

The net earnings for 1939 were distributed as follows: Dividends to member banks, \$8,110,000 payments to the U. S. Treasury under provisions of Section 13b of the Federal Reserve Act relating to industrial advances, \$25,000; net additions to surplus accounts, \$4,110,000.

Leon Fraser Reappointed Member of Federal Advisory Council for New York Reserve District

The Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at its meeting on Jan. 4 reappointed Leon Fraser, President of the First National Bank of the City of New York, as the member of the Federal Advisory Council from the Second Federal Reserve District, to serve during 1940.

Appointments at Federal Reserve Banks and Branches Made by Board of Governors of Reserve System—Owen D. Young Reappointed Chairman of New York Bank

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System announced on Dec. 29 the following designations and appointments of Chairmen and Deputy-Chairmen of the Federal Reserve banks for the year 1940, and directors of Federal Reserve banks and branches for the terms specified. All positions not preceded by an asterisk (*) were filled by re-appointment of the present incumbents.

- Federal Reserve Bank of Boston*—Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, F. H. Curtiss of Boston; Deputy Chairman, Henry S. Dennison of Framingham Center, Mass.; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Mr. Dennison.
- Federal Reserve Bank of New York*—Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, Owen D. Young of New York; Deputy Chairman, Beardsley Ruml of New York; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Edmund E. Day of Ithaca, N. Y.
- Buffalo Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Gilbert A. Prole of Batavia, N. Y.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia*—Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, Thomas B. McCabe of Swarthmore, Pa.; (*)Deputy Chairman, Alfred H. Williams of Wallingford, Pa.; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Mr. McCabe.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland*—Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, Geo. C. Brainard of Youngstown, Ohio; Deputy Chairman, R. E. Klages of Columbus, Ohio; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Mr. Klages.
- Cincinnati Branch*—Branch Director, for two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Stuart B. Sutphin of Cincinnati; (*) for unexpired portion of two-year term ending Dec. 31, 1940, Frank A. Brown of Clarksburg, Ohio.

- Pittsburgh Branch*—Branch Director, for two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, H. S. Wherrett of Pittsburgh.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond*—Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, Robert Lassiter of Charlotte, N. C.; Deputy Chairman, W. G. Wysor of Richmond; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Mr. Wysor.
- Baltimore Branch*—Branch Director, (*) for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Joseph D. Baker, Jr., of Monkton, Md.
- Charlotte Branch*—Branch Director, (*) for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, D. W. Watkins of Clemson, S. C.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta*—Chairman and Reserve Agent, Frank H. Neely of Atlanta; Deputy Chairman, J. F. Porter of Williamsport, Tenn.; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Mr. Porter.
- Birmingham Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Howard Gray of New Market, Ala.
- Jacksonville Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Howard Phillips of Orlando, Fla.
- Nashville Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, W. E. McEwen of Williamsport, Tenn.
- New Orleans Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, H. G. Chalkley, Jr., of Lake Charles, La.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*—(*) Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, Robert E. Wood of Chicago; (*) Deputy Chairman, Frank J. Lewis of Chicago; Class C Director, (*) for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Clifford V. Gregory of Des Moines, Iowa.
- Detroit Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, H. L. Pierson of Detroit.
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis*—Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, Wm. T. Nardin of St. Louis; Deputy Chairman, Oscar Johnston of Scott, Miss.; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Mr. Nardin; (*) for unexpired portion of three-year term ending Dec. 31, 1941, Douglas W. Brooks of Memphis, Tenn.
- Little Rock Branch*—Branch Director, (*) for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, R. E. Short of Brinkley, Ark. [See further changes below.—Ed.]
- Memphis Branch*—Branch Director—(*) For three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, J. P. Norfleet of Memphis.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis*—(*) Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, W. C. Coffey of St. Paul, Minn.; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Mr. Coffey; (*) for unexpired portion of three-year term ending Dec. 31, 1941, Roger B. Shepard of St. Paul, Minn.
- Helena Branch*—Branch Director, for two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, H. D. Myrick of Square Butte, Mont.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City*—Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, R. B. Caldwell of Kansas City; Deputy Chairman, J. J. Thomas of Seward, Neb.; Class C Director, (*) for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Clarence Roberts of Oklahoma City, Okla.
- Denver Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Wilson McCarthy of Denver.
- Oklahoma City Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, T. S. Hanna of Oklahoma City; (*) for unexpired portion of three-year term ending Dec. 31, 1941, Neil R. Johnson of Norman, Okla.
- Omaha Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, H. L. Dempster of Beatrice, Neb.
- Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas*—Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent, J. H. Merritt of McKinney, Texas; Deputy Chairman, Jay Taylor of Amarillo, Texas; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Mr. Taylor.
- El Paso Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, R. E. Sherman of El Paso.
- Houston Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Sam Taub of Houston.
- San Antonio Branch*—Branch Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Edwin F. Plato of Corpus Christi, Texas.
- Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco*—Deputy Chairman, St. George Holden of San Francisco; Class C Director, for three-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Carlyle Thorpe of Los Angeles, Calif.
- Los Angeles Branch*—Branch Director, for two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Carl V. Newman of Tustin, Calif.
- Portland Branch*—Branch Director, for two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Geo. T. Gerlinger of Portland.
- Salt Lake City Branch*—Branch Director, for two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Herbert S. Auerbach of Salt Lake City.
- Seattle Branch*—Branch Director, for two-year term beginning Jan. 1, 1940, Charles F. Larrabee of South Bellingham, Wash.

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis announced on Dec. 30 further changes as follows:

- At its meeting on Dec. 28, the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis elected the following as directors of its branches:
- Louisville Branch*—J. O. Sanders, Huntingburg, Ind., and F. D. Rash, Louisville, Ky.
- Memphis Branch*—Vance J. Alexander and W. H. Glasgow of Memphis, Tenn.
- Little Rock Branch*—James H. Penick and A. F. Bailey of Little Rock, Ark.

Board of Governors of Federal Reserve System Amends Rule on Interlocking Bank Directorates

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System announced Jan. 3 that it has amended Section 3 of its Regulation L, relating to interlocking bank directorates under the Clayton Act, effective immediately, so as to permit any director, officer or employee of a bank which does not exercise trust powers to serve a trust company which does not accept deposits.

The amendment consists in striking our paragraph (c) of Section 3 of Regulation L and substituting the following:

(c) Any director, officer, or employee of a member bank of the Federal Reserve System which does not exercise trust powers may be at the same time a director, officer, or employee of not more than one trust company which does not receive or hold deposits*; and any director, officer, or employee of a trust company which is a member of the Federal Reserve System and which does not receive or hold deposits* may be at the same time a director, officer, or employee of not more than one bank, banking association, or savings bank which does not exercise trust powers.

* For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "deposits" shall not include funds received and held in a fiduciary capacity.

Federal Home Loan Bank of New York Reports New High Mark for Reserves and Undivided Profits at End of 1939—Bank Has Been Self-Sustaining Since Organized

Reserves and undivided profits of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York at the end of 1939 amounted to \$1,030,975, a new high record, George MacDonald, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank, announced Jan. 8. Out of net earnings for the year of \$457,758, the sum of \$176,210 was added to reserves, \$47,702 was carried to undivided profits, and \$233,846 was disbursed in dividends. In his statement Mr. MacDonald emphasized that the Bank, which serves as the central credit agency for thrift and home-financing institutions in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, has been on an entirely self-sustaining basis during its seven years of operation. Although the original capital of the Federal Home Loan Bank was furnished by the United States Treasury, Mr. MacDonald pointed out that each year the proportion of the capital stock of the New York Federal Home Loan Bank owned by member savings institutions has been steadily increasing and now approximates 20% of the total. He added:

Since the Bank began business in 1932, earnings have been sufficient to pay all of its operating expenses, its proportionate share of the expenses of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, dividends of \$1,972,085, and to provide a substantial surplus of reserves and undivided profits.

During that time, the Bank has extended long-term and short-term credits of \$63,250,588 to its member institutions in the Second Federal Home Loan Bank District. Repayments of \$43,430,494 leave the net amount of outstanding advances on Dec. 31 at \$19,820,094, an increase of \$1,565,238 over the total outstanding on Dec. 31, 1938.

For the most part, such advances have been re-loaned by member institutions to meet the needs of their communities for monthly-payment first mortgage loans on homes, at times when the demand for mortgage credit was greater than the immediately-available supply of funds. The gain in advances made by the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York during the past year reflects the substantial increase in mortgage lending by member savings and loan associations, whose record reveals a larger proportionate increase in home financing activity than any other group in the Second District during 1939.

The Bank reported 416 member thrift and home-financing institutions at the year-end, as compared with 419 a year previous. The shrinkage was caused by a number of mergers of member institutions during the year, Mr. MacDonald said.

HOLC Borrowers Reported to Have Repaid 21% of Total Indebtedness

The average borrower of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation will start the New Year with double the equity in his home that he possessed when the Government refinanced him nearly six years ago—or, in other words, with \$675 of his original \$3,000 principal debt crossed off the books, according to an announcement issued Dec. 30 by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. That summary takes in about 775,000 home owners throughout the country, the Corporation reported on Dec. 30. In addition, some 65,000 other borrowers without private credit in the period from 1933 to 1936 have paid in more than \$150,000,000 to cancel their debts in full, it is stated. In commenting on these figures, Charles A. Jones, General Manager of the HOLC, said:

That's the story from the borrowers' side. These people were, on the average, more than two years delinquent in both principal and interest and between two and three years on taxes when they were refinanced. Today, about 85% of our active accounts are in excellent shape. All in all, HOLC borrowers have paid back more than \$700,000,000, or more than 21% of their total principal indebtedness.

But there's another side to the story—what's happening to the Corporation itself, which Congress established to do a definite job. The figures present an encouraging picture:

1. Sales of repossessed properties exceeded foreclosures by 177% in September, by 460% in October, and November and December reports should show the same trend.
2. Properties held by the Corporation decreased from 90,000 in March to about 81,000 on Oct. 31; the figure has been going down since and will continue to do so each month.
3. Personnel of the Corporation dropped from 22,000 persons in 1934 to 10,500 at the end of 1939.
4. The Corporation's expenditures, which amounted to \$36,000,000 in 1935, will be reduced to \$22,000,000 under the budget request for the coming fiscal year—with the Corporation still meeting its costs out of its own revenues under restrictions set by Congress.

New Offering of \$100,000,000, or Thereabouts, of 91-Day Treasury Bills—To Be Dated Jan. 17, 1940

Tenders to a new offering of \$100,000,000, or thereabouts, of 91-day Treasury bills were invited on Jan. 12 by Secretary Morgenthau. The tenders will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks, or the branches thereof, up to 2 p. m. (EST), Jan. 15, but will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington. The bills, which will be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders, will be dated Jan. 17 and will mature on April 17, 1940, on the maturity date the face amount of the bills will be payable without interest. There is a maturity of a similar issue of bills on Jan. 17 in amount of \$150,279,000. In his announcement of the offering, Secretary Morgenthau continued:

They (the bills) will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000 (maturity value).

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

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

Immediately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on Jan. 15, 1940, 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 Bank in cash or other immediately available funds on Jan. 17, 1940.

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.

Increase of \$10,045,000 in Outstanding Bankers Acceptances During December—Total Dec. 30, \$232,644,000—\$36,961,000 Below Year Ago

The volume of outstanding bankers dollar acceptances on Dec. 30, 1939 amounted to \$232,644,000, an increase of \$10,045,000 as compared with the Nov. 30 figure of \$222,599,000, it was announced Jan. 11 by the Acceptance Analysis Unit of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. As compared with last year, when the acceptances outstanding amounted to \$269,605,000, the Dec. 30 figure represents a decrease of \$36,961,000.

The increase in the volume of acceptances outstanding on Dec. 30 over Nov. 30 was due to gains in all branches of credit except domestic shipments and those based on goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries, while in the year-to-year comparison all branches of credit decreased except imports and dollar exchange.

The following is the report for Dec. 30, as issued by the Reserve Bank Jan. 11:

BANKERS' DOLLAR ACCEPTANCES OUTSTANDING—UNITED STATES—BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS

Federal Reserve District	Dec. 30, 1939	Nov. 30, 1939	Dec. 31, 1938
1 Boston	\$21,169,000	\$18,790,000	\$31,011,000
2 New York	163,427,000	159,570,000	193,276,000
3 Philadelphia	10,062,000	10,236,000	10,907,000
4 Cleveland	2,915,000	2,980,000	2,848,000
5 Richmond	1,096,000	912,000	905,000
6 Atlanta	1,778,000	1,812,000	1,672,000
7 Chicago	5,612,000	5,007,000	5,508,000
8 St. Louis	797,000	906,000	735,000
9 Minneapolis	1,453,000	1,451,000	1,292,000
10 Kansas City	—	—	—
11 Dallas	297,000	314,000	1,781,000
12 San Francisco	24,038,000	20,621,000	19,670,000
Grand total	\$232,644,000	\$222,599,000	\$269,605,000

Increase for month, \$10,045,000. Decrease for year, \$36,961,000.

ACCORDING TO NATURE OF CREDIT

	Dec. 30, 1939	Nov. 30, 1939	Dec. 31, 1938
Imports	\$102,563,000	\$95,649,000	\$94,563,000
Exports	38,753,000	37,373,000	60,071,000
Domestic shipments	9,617,000	10,659,000	11,594,000
Domestic warehouse credits	44,114,000	39,641,000	45,148,000
Dollar exchange	15,616,000	15,541,000	2,689,000
Based on goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries	21,981,000	23,736,000	55,540,000

BILLS HELD BY ACCEPTING BANKS

Own bills	\$105,497,000
Bills of others	69,912,000
Total	\$175,409,000
Increase for month	3,737,000

CURRENT MARKET RATES ON PRIME BANKERS ACCEPTANCES JAN. 11, 1940

Days—	Dealers' Buying Rates	Dealers' Selling Rates	Days—	Dealers' Buying Rates	Dealers' Selling Rates
30	3/4	7-16	120	9-16	1/4
60	1/2	7-16	150	5/8	9-16
90	1/2	7-16	180	5/8	9-16

The following table, compiled by us, furnishes a record of the volume of bankers acceptances outstanding at the close of each month since July 31, 1937:

1937—	\$	1938—	\$	1939—	\$
July 31	351,556,950	Apr. 30	278,707,940	Feb. 28	245,095,184
Aug. 31	343,881,754	May 31	268,098,573	Mar. 31	245,016,075
Sept. 30	344,419,113	June 30	264,222,590	Apr. 29	237,831,575
Oct. 30	346,246,657	July 30	264,748,032	May 31	246,574,727
Nov. 30	348,026,993	Aug. 31	258,319,612	June 30	244,530,440
Dec. 31	343,065,947	Sept. 30	261,430,941	July 31	236,010,050
		Oct. 31	269,561,958	Aug. 31	235,034,177
		Nov. 30	273,327,135	Sept. 30	215,881,724
		Dec. 31	269,605,451	Oct. 31	221,115,945
1938—		1939—		Nov. 30	222,599,000
Jan. 31	325,804,395	Jan. 31	255,402,175	Dec. 30	232,644,000
Feb. 28	307,115,312				
Mar. 31	292,742,835				

Tenders of \$380,809,000 Received to Offering of \$100,000,000 of 91-Day Treasury Bills—\$101,257,000 Accepted at Average Rate Slightly Above Par

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau announced on Jan. 8 that the tenders to the offering last week of \$100,000,000, or thereabouts, of 91-day Treasury bills totaled

\$380,809,000, of which \$101,257,000 was accepted at an average rate slightly above par. The Treasury bills are dated Jan. 10 and will mature on April 10, 1940. Reference to the offering appeared in our issue of Jan. 6, page 46.

The following regarding the accepted bids to the offering is from Secretary Morgenthau's announcement of Jan. 8:

Total applied for, \$380,809,000	Total accepted, \$101,257,000
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The accepted bids were tendered at prices slightly above par, the lowest accepted being tendered at 100.001. Of the amount tendered at that price, 40% was accepted.

United States Mints Produced 674,089,105 Coins in 1939, Reports Director Ross—Value of Output Was \$38,289,170—Figure Exceeded Only in 1919 and 1936

The United States Mints struck off a total of 674,089,105 coins during 1939, almost two and a half times as many as were minted in 1938, Nellie Tayloe Ross, Director of the Mint, announced on Jan. 7. A total of 280,716,690 coins was produced in 1938. The value of the 1939 output was \$38,289,169.80, as compared with a value of \$12,718,178.64 in 1938. According to the Treasury Department's announcement the 1939 production figure has been exceeded only twice in Mint history, in 1919, when 738,742,000 coins were minted, and in 1936 when 722,976,721 were produced. It is added that two months in 1939 were record-breaking periods for the Mints. In October, the production was 126,977,909 pieces, the largest number produced in any one month since the founding of the Mint in 1792. November had the second largest production, 124,242,518 coins. Production in 1939, by denominations, was as follows: Halves, 13,655,934 quarters, 43,268,795; dimes, 102,683,321; nickels, 130,771,535; cents, 383,709,520. The Department advises also stated:

The nickels were all Jeffersons. Over 159,767,900 Jefferson nickels have been struck since coinage started in October, 1938. The Jefferson nickel superseded the Buffalo nickel. The final day of coinage of the Buffalo nickel was April 9, 1938.

Coinage for foreign countries in 1939, was 15,725,000 pieces, as compared with 48,579,644 pieces in 1938. Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and Honduras were the three countries for which the United States Mints produced coins in 1939.

The Mints have now returned to their normal one-shift five-day week, Mrs. Ross said, following the customary pre-Christmas demand for new coins. For the past several months the Philadelphia and Denver Mints have been operating 24 hours a day, and the San Francisco Mint 16 hours a day, to meet the heavy demands for coins.

President Roosevelt Urges Democratic Party to Cling to New Deal Principles—Addresses \$100-a-Plate Jackson Day Dinner in Washington—Gov. Lehman Speaker in New York—Speakers at Some Functions Advocate President's Third-Term Candidacy

The Democratic party must adhere to New Deal policies if it is to emerge victorious in the 1940 elections, President Roosevelt said on Jan. 8 in a speech at a Jackson Day dinner in Washington attended by several hundred Democrats, who paid \$100 a plate for the privilege. The net proceeds of this dinner, and of many others throughout the country, will go to the funds of the Democratic National Committee, which hoped that the receipts would more than wipe out their deficit.

President Roosevelt did not mention the possibility of whether or not he would run for a third term, but his candidacy was urged at other Jackson Day dinners by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Attorney General Jackson.

The President's only remark which might have been construed as bearing on a third-term candidacy came when he said "there is really a lot of fun in this job" of being President of the United States, providing one does not worry too much. He defended the achievements of his Administration which, he declared, must not be "chipped away." He said that the American people recognize that the world outside the Western Hemisphere is "in bad shape," and that the United States has made "great gains" in economic prosperity and in the security of individual citizens. In the latter connection he added:

These gains must not be chipped away; they must be only a foundation on which to build further gains. Behind us lies accomplished a really big job. It was the creation out of the funk of the early thirties of a new spirit with which we can now face the future.

Under date of Jan. 7 the Associated Press had the following to say regarding the Jackson Day dinners:

Democrats in 45 States and the District of Columbia will pay \$25 to \$100 a plate for their dinners tomorrow night in a nation-wide Jackson Day rally to pay off the party debt and raise a nest egg for the 1940 campaign.

The goal is about \$700,000. This would take care of \$219,000 owed to the party's creditors and leave a surplus of almost \$500,000 for the presidential and congressional campaigns.

Dinners are scheduled in all the States except Pennsylvania, Maryland and Louisiana. Pennsylvania Democrats will hold their money-raising rally on Feb. 3 and 1,100 party members in Maryland celebrated Jackson Day at a dinner last night. Democratic officials said no banquet had been scheduled in Louisiana because "they are in the midst of an election campaign down there."

President Roosevelt will be the principal speaker at the \$100-a-plate Washington dinner tomorrow night, the most expensive of all. New York will have a \$50 dinner, but the prevailing price in other cities will be \$25.

Diners at all the affairs will hear Mr. Roosevelt through a nation-wide radio hook-up.

Among the speakers elsewhere will be Robert H. Jackson, Attorney General-designate, at Cleveland; Secretary Wallace, at Des Moines; Administrator Paul V. McNutt, at Raleigh, N. C.; Assistant Secretary Louis

Johnson, at Atlanta; Senator Wheeler of Montana, at Denver; and Senator Mead of New York, at New York City.

While United Press advices from Washington Jan. 8 observed that the President guarded his third-term plans and pulled his punches at Republicans and other critics, other Democratic leaders addressing Jackson Day dinners in other cities were not so reticent. These advices continued:

Two of them—newly designated Attorney General Robert H. Jackson and Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace—plumped for a third term for the President. Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt, himself a candidate for the 1940 nomination if Mr. Roosevelt does not seek it, said the policies for which the President has given his best must not be allowed to perish.

Three other speakers deftly avoided the third-term controversy while following the usual theme of defending the Administration's accomplishments and praising the President. Two of them, Senator Burton K. Wheeler (Dem., Mont.) and Speaker William B. Bankhead (Dem., Ala.) of the House, are candidates. The other was former Attorney General Homer S. Cummings.

Although he ignored the controversy in his formal speech at Denver, Colo., Senator Wheeler told reporters earlier that he did not believe Mr. Roosevelt would seek a third term and predicted that no man groomed by the Chief Executive could be nominated. He said the President knows that America believes in the no-third term tradition, that he believes in it himself and would be a candidate only if the United States went to war.

Secretary Wallace said at Des Moines, Iowa, that he hoped the 1940 nominee would be President Roosevelt.

Mr. Jackson, speaking at Cleveland, followed the lead set by the President in Washington. He emphasized the need of keeping the support of independent voters, and said that it can be done if they realize that "our party's success has some deep meaning in their lives."

"Under these circumstances it is inevitable that we should turn first to the one leader who has this loyalty and devotion in the humble homes of the nation whence cometh our help," he said. "Of course, I do not know what his answer will be. But I do know what the rank and file of Democrats and of citizens generally hope it will be."

After the President had concluded, Mr. Cummings introduced Speaker Bankhead, who blended humor and invective in his denunciation of Republican policies.

In New York City Governor Lehman was the principal speaker at the Jackson Day dinner of the New York State Democrats in the Hotel Commodore, at which Mrs. James Roosevelt, mother of the President was the guest of honor. From the New York "Times" of Jan. 10 we take the following regarding the dinner held in New York:

Other speakers were United States Senator James M. Mead, who introduced the Governor, and Dave Hennen Morris, former Ambassador to Belgium, who was toastmaster. The local speaking program was arranged to end in time for the guests to listen to the broadcast of the President's address.

Mr. Morris injected the only third-term note of the occasion. He said that unless the Democratic party was able to find a candidate "of the liberal outlook and caliber of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, it is imperative that we draft him for a third term." The observation was greeted with applause.

Senator Mead praised the three post-war Democratic Governors of New York State. He did not, however, mention by name former Governor Alfred E. Smith, who was not present at the dinner.

In stressing the need for support of the President's peace crusade, the Governor said that since its inception the United States had shown to the world that peoples of all races and creeds could dwell together in peace and harmony.

"America must continue to work for peace and security," he went on, "America must ever remain to all the peoples of the earth a symbol of human rights and human liberty."

The Governor hailed Mr. Roosevelt as "our great President." Under his leadership, the Governor said, the American people have come to realize that "democracy can best be safeguarded by a militant defense of civil and religious liberties guaranteed to all, by an awakened national spirituality, and by the continued concern of a progressive people and their government in the social and economic well-being of every citizen."

The nation and State, he said, have shown that American democracy could keep the "economic system going," for the benefit and profit of business, labor and agriculture without losing civil liberties and individual freedom. He declared the government must continue to assure fair wages and working conditions for labor, and to provide public-housing, social security and old-age protection "to avoid the danger which arises when a stagnant economic and social machine presents an opportunity to a dictator" to take control.

The text of President Roosevelt's address follows:

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, candidates here and candidates there, first I want to assure you on the opinion of the Attorney General that you are all legally here.

Once upon a time—and in a campaign year every speech ought to start off that way—once upon a time there was a school-teacher, who, after describing heaven in alluring and golden terms, asked her class of small boys how many of them wanted to go to heaven. With eyes that sparkled at the thought, every small boy in the class held up his hand—except one.

Teacher said, "Why Charlie, Charlie McNary, Charlie, you don't want to go to heaven. Why not?"

"Teacher—Sure I want to go to heaven, but," he said, pointing to the rest of the boys in the room—"not with this bunch."

A week ago, Homer Cummings invited three distinguished leaders of the opposition to come to this great banquet—a \$10 dinner with all the fixin's free—no cover charge—no \$100 check—no tips—"nothin' to sign and nothin' to jine"—and a free ringside seat at a non-political plateside chat. Believe-it-or-not—they sent polite regrets. And why?

You know there are a lot of riddles in the national capital. I myself, am supposed to be a self-made riddle—in fact a sort of cross between a riddle and a Santa Claus. Most of the riddles of this town, however, are the ones posed for you in some solemn column.

Like cross-word puzzles and hypothetical bridge hands, they come to you morning and evening as a synthetic daily amusement feature, like fairy tales or bedtime stories calculated to keep unsuspecting children awake all night. But occasionally we get a real riddle like this one about the three empty chairs.

Why didn't our guests come? And I guess the real reason is that, like the small boy, they did not want to go to heaven with this bunch.

But maybe there were other reasons. Maybe it was because they figured that we wanted to fatten up the ducks, and that we were putting on a closed season in January merely in order to get better sport next fall.

Maybe they were heading out for an old fashioned Jackson dinner. Some one called my attention the other day to a magazine article setting forth a report of a dinner in February, 1934, in Andrew Jackson's house, at that time Andrew Jackson's White House, a report that was made by a guest at the dinner, and I think it will be interesting to you if I quote from the letter that the man who attended it sent home:

"The first course was soup in the French style; then beef bouillie, next wild turkey boned and dressed with brains; I always thought, of course, that the brain trust was something new, but it isn't, and after that fish, then chicken cold and dressed white, interlarded with slices of tongue and garnished with dressed salad; then canvasback ducks and celery; afterward partridges with sweetbreads and last pheasants and old Virginia ham.

"The dishes were placed in succession on the table, so as to give full effect to the appearance, then removed and carved on a side table by the servants. The first dessert was jelly and small tarts in the Turkish style, then blanché mode and kisses with dried fruits in them. Then preserves of various kinds, after them ice cream and lastly grapes and oranges."

Such a dinner today would cost the full \$100 we have each and all of us paid; there would have been nothing left over for Jim Farley, and I am afraid the Democratic committee would have had to borrow money to provide bicarbonate of soda for all.

Compares Lincoln and Jackson

I had hoped our invited guests would come because I had intended to tell them not only about Andrew Jackson but about Abraham Lincoln as well: to tell them how much alike our great leaders have been—even to give them free—though unsolicited—advice as to how to reconstitute the Republican party successfully along the lines on which Abraham Lincoln created it. As the leader of the Democratic party I felt no reluctance to give them good advice for I feel sure that they would not use it—they of little faith.

Seriously, the more I have studied American history, and the more clearly I have seen what the problems are, I do believe that the common denominator of our great men in public life has not been mere allegiance to one political party, but the disinterested devotion with which they have tried to serve the whole country, and the relative unimportance they have ascribed to politics, compared with the paramount importance of government.

By their motives may ye know them.

The relative importance of politics and government is something not always easy to see when you are in the front-line trenches of political organization.

In a period of 30 years, during which I have been more or less in public life—in my home county, in Albany, in Washington, in Europe during the World War, in New York City, in national conventions, back in Albany and then again in Washington—I have come to the conclusion that the closer people are to what may be called the front lines of government, of all kinds—local, state and Federal—the easier it is to see the immediate underbrush, the individual tree trunks of the moment and to forget—the nobility, the usefulness and the wide extent of the forest itself.

It is because party people in county courthouses or city halls, or state capitals, or the District of Columbia, are, most of them, so close to the picture of party or factional warfare, that they are apt to acquire a false perspective of what the "motives" and the purposes of both parties and their leaders should be for the common good today.

They forget that politics is only an instrument through which to achieve government. They forget that back of the jockeying for party position—back of the party generals—hundreds of thousands of men and women—the officers and the privates, the foremen and the workmen—have to get a job done, have to put in day after day of honest, sincere work in carrying out the multitudinous functions that the policy makers in modern democracy assign to administrators in modern democracy.

People tell me that I hold to party ties less tenaciously than some of my predecessors in the Presidency, that I, too, have too many people in my administration who are not active party Democrats. I admit the soft impeachment. My answer is that I do believe in party organization, but only in proportion to its proper place in government. I believe party organization—the existence of at least two effectively opposing parties—is a sound and necessary part of our American system; and that, effectively organized nationally and by states and by localities, parties are good instruments for the purpose of presenting and explaining issues, of drumming up interest in elections, and incidentally of improving the breed of candidates for public office.

But the future lies with those wise political leaders who realize that the great public is interested more in government than in politics; that the independent vote in this country has been steadily on the increase, at least for the past generation; that vast numbers of people consider themselves normally adherents of one party and still feel perfectly free to vote for one or more candidates of another party, come Election Day, and on the other hand, sometimes uphold party principles even when precinct captains decide "to take a walk."

The growing independence of voters—after all, that's been proved by the votes in every Presidential election since my childhood—and the tendency frankly is on the increase. I am too modest, of course, to refer to the most recent example—the election of 1936. Party regulars who want to win must hold their allies and supporters among those independent voters.

There are, of course, some citizens—I hope a decreasing number—with whom I find it difficult to talk rationally on the subject of strict party voting. I have in mind, for example, some of my close friends down Georgia way, who are under the impression that they would be ostracized in society and in business if it were to appear publicly that they had ever voted for a Republican. And I also have in mind some very close friends in Northern villages who tell me, quite frankly, that though they would give anything in the world to be able to vote for me, a Democrat, it would hurt their influence and their social position in their own home town.

I have in mind the predicament of one of the ablest editors of a great paper today who some time ago said to me, very frankly:

"I am really in complete sympathy with your program but I cannot say so publicly because, Mr. President, the readers and advertisers of my paper are 90% Republicans and I simply cannot afford to change its unalterable policy of traditional opposition to anything and everything that comes from Democratic sources. Of course, Mr. President, you understand."

And I may add that the President understood.

Leaders of United States

Millions of unnecessary words and explanations and solemn comments are uttered and written, year after year, about the great men of American history—with ample quotations—to prove what Jefferson or Hamilton, Jackson or Clay, Lincoln or Douglas, Cleveland or Blaine, Theodore Roosevelt or Bryan would have said or would have done about some specific modern problem of government if they were alive today. The purpose of all these comments is either to induce the party leaders of today blindly to follow the words of leaders of yesterday; or to justify public acts or policies of today by the utterances of the past, often tortured out of context. Yes; the devil can quote past statesmen as readily as he quote Scripture to prove his purpose.

But most people, who are not on the actual firing line of the moment, have come to attach major importance only to the motives behind the

leaders of the past. To them it matters, on the whole, very little what party label American statesmen bore, or what mistakes they made in smaller things, so long as they did the big job that the times demanded be done.

Alexander Hamilton is a hero to me in spite of his position that the nation would be safer if our leaders were chosen exclusively from persons of higher education or of substantial property ownership; he is a hero because he did the job which then had to be done—to bring stability out of a chaos of currency and banking difficulties.

Thomas Jefferson is a hero to me despite the fact that the theories of the French revolutionists at times overexcited his practical judgment. He is a hero because, in his many-sided genius, he, too, did the big job that then had to be done—to establish the new republic as a real democracy based on universal suffrage and the inalienable rights of man, instead of a restricted suffrage in the hands of a small oligarchy. Jefferson realized that if the people were free to get and discuss all the facts, their composite judgment would be better than the judgment of a self-perpetuating few. That is why I think of Jefferson as belonging to the rank and file of both major political parties today.

I do not know which party Lincoln would belong to if he were alive in 1940—and I am not even concerned to speculate on it; a new party had to be created before he could be elected President. I am more interested in the fact that he did the big job which then had to be done—to preserve the Union and make possible, at a later time, the united country that we live in today. His sympathies and his motives of championship of humanity itself have made him for all centuries to come the legitimate property of all parties—of every man, woman and child in every part of our land.

I feel very much the same way about Andrew Jackson—not Jackson the Democrat but Jackson the American, who did the big job of his day—to save the economic democracy of the Union for its Westward expansion into a great nation, strengthened in the ideals and the practice of popular government.

I have always thought it a magnificent illustration of the public's instinct for the quality of a leader that the people triumphantly reelected Jackson in spite of the fact that in the mean time in his fight for economic democracy Bidde and the bank had sought to create an economic depression in order to ruin the President himself.

Of all of these great American figures, I like to think—and I know I am right—that their purposes, especially their objectives, their motives placed the good of the nation always ahead of the good of the party; that while they used the mechanics of party organization in a thousand ways, they dropped mere partisanship when they considered partisanship to be different from the national interest.

I saw a good deal of the Governorship of New York before I became Governor of the state, and I saw a good deal of the inside of the White House for many years before I occupied it. Many years ago it had become clear to me that, properly availed of, the Governorship and the Presidency, instead of being merely a party headquarters, could become the most important clearing house for exchange of information and ideas, of facts and ideals, affecting the general public welfare.

In practice, as you know, I have tried to follow out that concept. In the White House today we have built up a great mosaic of the state of the Union from thousands of bits of information—from one man or woman this thought; from another, data on some event; a scrap here perhaps and a scrap there; from every Congress district in the Union; from rich and from poor; from enthusiast and complainant; from liberal and conservative; from Republican and from Democrat.

I like to think that most American Governors or Presidents have seen the same opportunity in their office, and that their motives have been primarily motives of service rather than of party or personal aggrandisement.

Doubtless they have all been irked by commentators and interpreters of the day who ascribed other motives to them. Doubtless after much experience in the public life of America, with its free speech and press, the irksomeness wore off. Doubtless all of them wore hair shirts when they started; but if they matured in public life most of them discarded those shirts in their earlier days. In other words they had to drop their hair shirt or else lose their political shirt.

Enjoys "Job"

And when you have learned not to worry at all about all these things, there is really a lot of fun in this job.

For when you reach that point of understanding there is deep satisfaction in pursuing the truth through the medley of information that reaches the White House, the overstatement, the half-truth, the glittering generality, the viewing-with-alarm, and equally, the pointing-with-pride. There is practical satisfaction in sifting a tiny particle of truth from the mass of irrelevances in which it is hidden. And there is the philosopher's satisfaction of fitting that particle of truth into the general scheme of things that are good and things that are bad for the people as a whole.

I said a moment ago that the measure of greatness of any party leadership of a country, is the measure in which it gets done in its time the big job that has to be done. By this test I do not think any one can say that the many people—and a great many of them I am glad to see here tonight—in these last seven years who have given composite leadership have failed in their obligation. Most of those who call for a wholly different type of leadership must admit the fairly constant progress of these years. Most of those who complain now, let us not forget, were the shouting optimists of 1929.

I do not believe that the American people who swallowed that canned optimism in 1929 will swallow canned pessimism in 1940—particularly if it comes out of the same can.

The people of this country of ours recognize two facts today: The first is that the world outside our hemisphere is in really bad shape. This is a matter not for pessimism or for optimism; it seems to me that it is a matter for realism. It is a fact—a fact so big that few people have grasped its meaning—a fact so big in its effect on the future of the world that all our little partisan squabbles are a bit drab in the light of it.

The second is that we have made great gains at home in our own economic prosperity and in the security of our individual citizens. These gains must not be chipped away; they must be only a foundation on which to build greater gains.

Behind us lies accomplished a really big job. It was the creation out of the funk—the pure, unadulterated funk—of the early '30s of a new spirit with which we can now face the '40s.

A realistic historian of our party has wisely concluded "we have the intelligence to define our troubles and the physical means with which to meet them. In the end, whether we make America a good or a bad country will depend on what we make, individually, of ourselves. A selfish and greedy people cannot be free."

The enormous task which the Democratic party has already performed in this generation has been to provide the energy and the confidence to steer government in the interest and under the direction of those of our people who do not want to be selfish and who do not want to be greedy.

And I am convinced that most people in the United States do have a sense—with a real feeling of pleasure in the moralities involved—that we have been moving forward these later years in at least the right direction.

They are really glad that on the whole the farmer is no longer an economic outcast and is getting better prices for his crops.

They are glad that we are slowly working out for labor greater privileges and at the same time great responsibilities.

They are glad that gamblers and speculators are no longer the most honored element in our economic life.

They are glad that certain opportunities for security, once only available to the rich, like old age insurance, are becoming available to the poor.

They are glad that we are beginning to conserve the natural resources of our soil, our rivers and our trees for the good of our children; that we have improved our roads and added to our parks and built hundreds of schools; that we are bringing to every housewife cheap electricity's relief from drudgery; that we have made our banks safe and brought our courts up to date; and last, but not least, that we have kept millions of people out of the breadlines.

They are glad that government—the United States government—think what that means—the government of the United States—they are glad that it is daily becoming more useful, more honest and more decent.

And one of the manifestations of that new spirit is that there are fewer Americans who view with alarm. There are, of course, some people—in addition to the political viewers-with-alarm—who always look at the dark side of life, there are some that complain that things are not as they were once and who firmly believe that everybody who disagrees with them is a moron or a crook. They belong, it seems to me, to the type of unfortunate individual of whom it is said "he is enjoying bad health."

Sometimes when I listen and listen to people like that I can better understand old Uncle Jed.

"Uncle Jed," said Ezra, one day, "ben't you gittin' a lettle hard of hearin'." "Yes," said Uncle Jed, "I'm afeared I'm gettin's a mite deaf."

Whereupon Ezra made Uncle Jed go down to Boston to see an ear doctor.

Uncle Jed returned. Ezra asked what happened. "Well," said Uncle Jed, "that doctor asked me if I had been drinkin' any. I said, 'Yes, I been drinkin' a mite.'

"Then that doctor said, 'Well, Jed, I might just as well tell you now if you don't want to lose your hearin' you've got to give up your drinkin'.'"

"Well, I thought it all over; and then I said, 'Doc, I like what I've been drinkin' so much better than what I've been hearin' that I reckon I'll jest keep on gittin' deaf.'"

So you see I have talked with you tonight in a vein of old-fashioned country philosophy, with little or no partisanship mixed up with it. Even though I think you will know how to apply some of these stories. A little or no partisanship—just as I promised my three Republican leader friends who ought to have been here tonight. They are grand fellows, liked by me and by every Democrat in the Congress. Nowadays most everybody in the country knows by this time that sometimes when two Congressmen or two Senators engage in a terrific battle of words, a forensic Philippic, a fifteen-round heavyweight championship bout, the two contestants, five minutes later, will be found sitting in the cloakroom with their arms about each other, laughing and joking while they catch their breath.

There are, of course, a few exceptions: of men who, stretching political disagreements into personal invective, prove the general rule—but why bring up unpleasant subjects at this dinner at which we are all having such a good time. I am genuinely sorry for those exceptions to the rule. They must find it mighty hard to live with themselves—and with their families and friends as well.

Motive in the long run is what counts—motive, incidentally, accompanied by good manners. If leaders have good motives and good manners and, at the same time, intimate knowledge of the different parts of the country and plenty of experience, you can be fairly safe in assuming that they won't wreck your government.

But remember, my friends, that they must have other qualities—the willingness to pay \$100 for a \$10 dinner, the fortitude to eat the whole of it and the courage, the sublime courage, to make a half-hour plateside chat at the end of it.

\$200,000 Additional Sent to Aid Finland—Former President Hoover Pleads for Funds to Aid Civilians—President Roosevelt Urges Both Parties to Agree on Plan for Aid

A fifth donation of \$100,000, collected from the American public by the Finnish Relief Fund, Inc., was cabled by former President Hoover to Finland on Jan. 9 for relief of civilian victims of the Soviet invasion of Finland. The fourth installment of \$100,000 was sent Jan. 4. Mr. Hoover, National Chairman of the Fund, announced on Jan. 2 that 220 newspapers of the 1,200 that have sponsored the fund, had collected a total of \$101,073 up to Dec. 24.

Mr. Hoover recently returned from a Mid-Western trip on behalf of the Fund. On Jan. 6 he broadcast an address to the up-State New York area in which he said that 500,000 civilians are already destitute and that the number is increasing toward 900,000.

Mr. Hoover emphasized that "there are many demands upon the American people from our own destitute and for the pressing needs of others abroad," and asserted that "we do not wish any contributions to Finland to lessen support for the distressed either at home or abroad."

A previous item relating to contributions to the Fund appeared in our issue of Dec. 30, page 4112.

President Roosevelt disclosed at his press conference yesterday (Jan. 12) that he has suggested that Congressional leaders work out a bi-partisan plan for extending further aid to Finland. He said that no decision had been reached but pointed out that the important thing is the avoidance of partisanship when the legislation is considered. Earlier this week (Jan. 9) the President reviewed the matter with the State Department.

A \$10,000,000 credit to Finland was granted on Dec. 10 by the Export-Import Bank and the RFC; this action was noted in our issue of Dec. 16, page 3809.

RFC and Export-Import Bank to Give \$10,000,000 Credit to Norway

Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, announced Jan. 10 that the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and the Export-Import Bank were establishing credits to Norway up to \$10,000,000 for the purchase in this country of agricultural products, manufactured and other domestic supplies.

United States Senate Adopts Proposal for Joint Committee to Study President's Budget—House Committee Tells Sub-Groups to Stay Within Budget—Suggestion for 10% Super-Tax on Income

Senator Harrison's resolution proposing that Congress name a special committee of 24 members to study President Roosevelt's national defense appropriations and tax recommendations, embodied in his budget message was unanimously adopted by the Senate on Jan. 10 but it is reported that House leaders do not intend to call up the legislation for action.

According to newspaper accounts from Washington Jan. 11 Administration leaders report President Roosevelt as regarding favorably a proposal for a 10% super-tax on the income tax to pay emergency national defense costs, but he wants congressional leaders to take the initiative in framing proposals. Associated Press advices from which this is learned said:

The super-tax, although still an informal idea, might be applied retroactively to 1939 income as well as to 1940 income. A taxpayer would compute his levy in the usual way and then add 10% to the total.

These persons predicted that the response to the President's budget message request for \$460,000,000 in additional taxes probably would be developed after Representative Doughton of North Carolina, Chairman, consults his House Ways and Means Committee; Senator Harrison of Mississippi consults the Senate Finance Committee, which he heads, and both confer with the President and Secretary Morgenthau.

On Jan. 10 the House Appropriations Committee adopted by a vote of 14 to 11 a resolution instructing its subcommittees not to exceed the President's budget recommendations in reporting expense bills.

A Washington dispatch Jan. 10 to the New York "Times" reported the action as follows:

The House committee fight was reported to have been directed principally at the Agriculture subcommittee headed by Representative Cannon of Missouri, which last year voted \$225,000,000 in farm parity payments not called for by the budget.

Authoritative sources said previous votes had indicated that there was a much greater majority in the committee in support of efforts of Representative Woodrum, and Taylor, Democrat of Colorado, who is Chairman of the whole committee, to hold all appropriation bills within the \$8,424,000,000 budget. It was on the farm benefit payment question that the majority was reduced to three.

One member pointed out that the committee's action did not prevent any reductions in items, and he predicted that bills coming from the committee would represent a total considerably reduced from the budget figures.

The action was taken, it was said, after committee leaders had explored the Government's financial position and had discussed the suggestion that the closest paring of items, plus new taxes and a rise in the \$45,000,000,000 debt limit might be necessary to insure sound government finances in the fiscal year 1941.

The House Democratic Steering Committee conferred with the President today, and members said that Mr. Roosevelt made it clear he wanted Congress to stay within the budget figure, and hoped that it would do nothing that would require the debt limit to be raised.

Senator Harrison's proposal was mentioned in our issue of Jan. 6, page 49.

House Votes \$264,611,252 Emergency Defense Measure

The House passed by a voice vote yesterday (Jan. 12) a \$264,611,252 emergency defense appropriation for use of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In reporting this action, a Washington Associated Press dispatch Jan. 12 said:

There were only a few scattered noes when the question was put on final passage and no roll call was demanded. The measure now goes to the Senate.

The bill represented President Roosevelt's recommendation for emergency expenditures for national defense and neutrality. The money is for the remainder of the current fiscal year which ends June 30.

The Budget Bureau first recommended a bill providing \$271,000,000. The committee cut this to \$267,197,908 and a further reduction of \$2,586,656 was made by amendment today.

Federal Judge Asks Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to Reopen Hearing of New York State Guernsey Breeders Cooperative—Group Had Been Denied Application for Exemption from Equalization Provisions of Milk Agreement

Federal Judge Frank Cooper said on Jan. 9 he believes Secretary of Agriculture Wallace erred in denying the application of the New York State Guernsey Breeders Cooperative, Inc., for exemption from equalization provisions of the Federal-State Milk Marketing Agreements. This was reported in Associated Press Albany advices Jan. 9, which also said:

Mr. Wallace, in a ruling on Jan. 4, 1939, refused the application for exemption or adjustments under the agreement to provide a higher price for "golden Guernsey" milk.

The cooperative appealed to Judge Cooper to issue a summary judgment in its favor, while Mr. Wallace moved for dismissal of the complaint and an injunction against the Guernsey breeders.

Judge Cooper denied motions of both parties and directed that the case be remanded to Mr. Wallace for further evidence before another finding is made.

"It seems to this Court," Judge Cooper said in his decision, "that the Secretary (Wallace) should have made an adjustment for the quality of golden Guernsey milk and that his failure to do so is not only a violation of the commands of the statute but contrary to the facts disclosed before him requiring separate treatment of the milk."

House Passes Anti-Lynching Bill

The House of Representatives on Jan. 10, by a vote of 252 to 131 passed the anti-lynching bill. In advices Jan. 10 to the New York "Times" it was stated:

The bill, the third of its kind passed by the House since 1922, would impose fines on county or State officials who were negligent in protecting persons within their custody and in allowing them to be seized by mobs and killed or injured. Federal courts would have jurisdiction to try suits against counties for damages to persons so injured, or to relatives of those killed, the maximum amount being \$10,000.

The House, after passing the bill, struck out a provision exempting labor violence from the penalties. Representative Gavagan of New York, author of the bill, offered the motion by which this provision was stricken.

United States Supreme Court Decides in Favor of Government in Two Tax Decisions—Pierre S. du Pont Liable for 1931 Deficiency and J. T. Smith Not Permitted to Deduct Tax Loss From Sale of Securities—Two Justices Dissent

The United States Supreme Court handed down decisions favorable to the Government in two tax cases on Jan. 8. In one case it held that Pierre S. du Pont was liable to a tax on \$647,711.56 which he sought to deduct in his 1931 return as a necessary business expense. The money, it was noted in Associated Press advices from Washington Jan. 8, was paid to an investment company for stock which du Pont had to borrow for business purposes. The account from which we quote further said:

In an opinion by Justice Douglas the Supreme Court cited a lower court finding that the transaction was "so extraordinary as to occur in the lives of ordinary business men not at all" and in du Pont's life "but once" and added:

"Congress has not decreed that all necessary expenses may be deducted. Though plainly necessary they cannot be allowed unless they are also ordinary."

In another income tax case, a decision by Justice Reed held that sales of stock by individuals to corporations which they owned themselves could not be used to establish losses for tax purposes. Since this case arose, however, Congress in 1934 specifically outlawed this practice by legislation.

The Court's ruling was in the case of John Thomas Smith of New York, general counsel of the General Motors Corp., who sought in 1932 to deduct a loss on the sale of stock to the Innisfail Corporation, which he owned.

The decision said that while title to the securities passed to the corporation, "the taxpayer retained the control" and there was "not enough of substance in such a sale finally to determine a loss."

"It is command of income and its benefits," the Court noted, "which marks the real owner of property."

Noting that two of the Justices dissented from the majority findings the Associated Press reported:

Justice Roberts wrote dissenting opinions in both cases, in which Justice McReynolds joined. Of the du Pont ruling he said that "the circumstances that such a situation had not theretofore arisen, or that the transaction was the first of its kind in the respondent's business experience, does not render it extraordinary in the sense in which the statute uses the term."

"The limitation placed by Congress upon the types of expenditures made deductible," he continued, "was intended to prevent evasion of payment of tax on true net income, which confessedly was not a motive in the present instance. I think that under the guise of enforcing the plain mandata of the statute the Court is really reading into the law what is not there and what Congress did not intend to place there."

The dissent in the Smith case recalled that Treasury rulings and court decisions prior to 1934 "held that if the sale was bona fide and passed title absolutely to the controlled corporation, even though the sale was made with the intent of reducing the tax liability of the vendor," it was valid for establishing a loss for tax purposes.

"I am of the opinion," Roberts concluded, "that the courts should not disappoint the well-founded expectation of citizens that, until Congress speaks to the contrary, they may, with confidence, rely upon the uniform judicial interpretation of a statute. The action taken in this case seems to me to make it impossible for a citizen safely to conduct his affairs in reliance upon any settled body of court decisions."

United States Supreme Court Rejects A. & P. Petition for Review of Ruling Against Alleged Violation of Robinson-Patman Act—Tribunal Hears Arguments on Validity of New York City's 2% Sales Tax—Other Decisions Rendered Jan. 2

The United States Supreme Court, among a number of decisions handed down on Jan. 2, refused a petition of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. for a review of a ruling sustaining a Federal Trade Commission order requiring the company to cease alleged violations of the Robinson-Patman Act, prohibiting payments of allowances to buyers or sellers except for actual services rendered, and making it illegal for any one to be a party to a purchase discriminating against the competitors of the purchaser. Associated Press Washington advices, summarizing the Court's opinion, said in part:

The chain-store company appealed from the Third Federal Circuit Court, which upheld the FTC finding that the company had received allowances or discounts, in lieu of brokerage, from sellers of goods upon which no services were rendered.

Denying the allegations of the commission, the chain-store company contended that the service to sellers included information to them as to crops, acreage, prices, quality of merchandise, carryovers, weather "and other factors concerning the market all over the country."

"The practical effect of the Commission's order," said the petition, "is to require the petitioner to make all of its purchases through brokers, or to pay sellers for commodities a price which includes brokerage not earned by any broker and not demanded by any seller."

Caruthers Ewing, counsel for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., announced that the company will file another petition for reconsideration by the United States Supreme Court of the appeal for a writ of certiorari in the decision against the A. & P. handed down in September by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

The Supreme Court on Jan. 2 also heard arguments on the appeal by New York City from the decision of a State Court of Appeals that the city's 2% sales tax was a form of multiple taxation imposing burdens on inter-state commerce. The case was outlined in the following Washington dispatch of Jan. 2 to the New York "Times":

The New York court ruled in cases brought by five concerns engaged in interstate and foreign commerce that the tax was invalid when applied to any goods moving in such trade.

William C. Chandler, representing the city, argued on the contrary that the tax is applied only when purchases are made and title transferred within the city's limits and that if it can conceivably be used as a basis for the imposition of other taxes on the interstate movement of the same goods by other jurisdictions, which he doubted, the complainants should be required to wait until this happens before having just grounds for complaint.

The only high court decision on which the opposition could base its claims, he said, was not applicable. This was a decision invalidating a Pennsylvania act of 1870 imposing a 50 cents a ton tax on rail freight moving in intrastate and interstate commerce.

The court, he said, invalidated this act on the ground that another State, by imposing a similar tax on Pennsylvania freight coming into its jurisdiction, would impose multiple taxes on such freight to its detriment, compared with competing freight moving solely within Pennsylvania.

John W. Davis, representing the Berwing-White Coal Mining Co., whose case was the first one argued, held that the company's shipment of coal from Pennsylvania for sale on yearly contract to a New York customer was "interstate commerce in its most elementary, typical and historical form," and constituted one complete act which could not be divided into parts.

Other companies involved in the cases were the Gulf Oil Corp., the Felt & Tarrant Manufacturing Co. and the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (the French Line).

The Supreme Court on Jan. 2 reversed a decision of the Second Federal Court forbidding the collection of income taxes for 1929 on more than \$14,000,000 received in a transaction through which the Associated Gas and Electric Corp. obtained control of the General Gas and Electric Corp. The Court on the same day upheld a contention that State tribunals are barred from proceeding with foreclosure actions after farmers file petitions in a Federal District Court under the Frazier-Lemke Act for a moratorium on their indebtedness. A Washington Associated Press dispatch of Jan. 2 reported the latter ruling as follows:

This was contended by Representative William Lemke, Republican, of North Dakota, co-author of the legislation designed to aid debt-ridden farmers. He asserted that filing the petition automatically divested state courts of jurisdiction and that no notification to them of the filing was required.

Mr. Lemke was one of the attorneys who argued before the high tribunal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kalb, seeking to recover possession of their 120-acre farm in Walworth County, Wis. Foreclosure of a mortgage held by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feuerstein was authorized by the Walworth County Court.

Contending they had been unlawfully evicted from the farm the Kalbs also sought damages against County Judge Roscoe R. Luce, Sheriff George O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Feuerstein.

Both the Circuit Court for Walworth County and the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled against the Kalbs.

Justice Black delivered today's decision that reversed the State Supreme Court. No dissent was announced.

The decision returned the case to the Wisconsin Supreme Court "for proceedings in harmony with this opinion."

"Congress repeatedly stated its unequivocal purpose," Justice Black said, "to prohibit—in the absence of consent by the bankruptcy court in which a distressed farmer has a pending petition—a mortgagee or any court from instituting, or maintaining if already instituted, any proceeding against the farmer to sell under mortgage foreclosure, to confirm such a sale, or to dispossess under it."

Litigation brought by three unions of the American Federation of Labor challenging an injunction restraining them from picketing shops of the Union Premier Food Stores, Inc., in Philadelphia, was dismissed by the Supreme Court Jan. 2 on the ground that there was no longer any legal dispute. Associated Press Washington advices of Jan. 2 to the Philadelphia "Inquirer" added:

It was developed during arguments on the controversy before the tribunal on Dec. 6 that the company had signed a contract with the American Federation of Labor as collective bargaining agent after it had won over the Congress of Industrial Organization in a labor board election.

Appeal Verdict

The Federation affiliates—Retail Food Clerks and Managers Union, Storage Warehouse Employees Union and Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Union—appealed from the Third Federal Circuit Court which affirmed a preliminary injunction granted by the Eastern Pennsylvania Federal District Court.

Counsel for the company contended it had been willing to sign an agreement with either the A. F. L. or the C. I. O. affiliate, United Retail and Wholesale Employees of America, but felt compelled to await a ruling by the Labor Board as to which organization represented a majority of the employees.

Backs Right to Picket

Joseph Padway, attorney for the Federation, argued before the Supreme Court that a minority group of employees had the right to picket an employer or strike even after the Labor Board had certified a majority group as collective bargaining agency for the employees.

Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes then inquired: "What labor peace is possible in this country under that construction?"

Sees Enslavement

Mr. Padway replied that it would be "enslavement of the minority to deny that right."

Picketing was employed, the Federation union said, in order to induce the company to sign a collective bargaining agreement.

The Federation contended that issuance of the injunction was prohibited by the Norris LaGuardia Act, which limits the use of injunctions by Federal Courts in labor disputes. The Circuit Court held there was no labor dispute within the meaning of the Act.

The Court on Jan. 2 denied review of an income tax case involving the validity of reductions made by a New York Stock Exchange member from his income tax for commissions paid on purchases of securities for his own account, and also denied review of a creditors suit arising from the reorganization plan of Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. under Section 77-B of the Bankruptcy Act. In an abstract of the latter case, a Washington dispatch of Jan. 3 to the "Wall Street Journal" said:

The creditors, holding \$300,000 of secured claims against the corporation, asked the high court to review and set aside the reorganization plan proposed for the company by the Atlas Corp.

They contended that the proposed plan is inequitable in that it does not adequately compensate the secured creditors for their claims and for the loss of their preferred creditor status.

Under the reorganization plan, holders of the corporation's debentures would receive, for each \$100 principal, one share of preferred stock and the choice of five shares of common stock or forty-three one-hundredths of a share of additional preferred stock. Unsecured creditors were to receive common stock.

The creditors in the present appeal, holders of the secured debentures, asked the High Court to reverse decisions of both the district and circuit courts in which the plan was approved.

United States Circuit Court in Washington Upholds SEC Power to Publish Data of Firms—Court Observes, However, Commission Should Be Governed By Judicial Discretion as to Danger of Damage in Disclosure

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia on Jan. 2 upheld the discretionary power of the Securities and Exchange Commission to make public profit and loss statements supplied by corporations under its jurisdiction. The following concerning the ruling is from Washington Associated Press advices of Jan. 2:

American Sumatra Tobacco Corp., which owns about 35,500 acres of farm land in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Georgia and Florida and has its stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange, had asked the court to overrule a Commission decision to publish a part of the corporation's profit and loss statement.

The corporation, which grows, cures and sells shade-grown wrapper tobacco for cigars, contended that should publicity be given the amount of its gross sales and the cost of goods sold, strong custom resentment would be aroused by the fact that those are large in comparison with the business of similar companies, and a buyers' strike, injurious to the corporation would result.

The Commission argued that disclosure would not be injurious because buyers of leaf tobacco are interested only in a fair price for the product they buy, not in the size of the producing corporation. The public interest the Commission contended, required publication of the figures.

The Court, in an opinion written by Chief Justice D. Lawrence Groner, declared that "the obvious purpose and intent of the (Securities) Act is a full and complete disclosure of each registrant's financial condition, including a true statement of its profits and losses from time to time."

The opinion explained, however, that the Commission held the view that "if public knowledge of the items in controversy" would result in wrecking a corporation's business "disclosure should not be required."

"We are in accord with this view," the court said, "and we think it correctly reflects the spirit of the Act. For unquestionably Congress, in giving a registrant the right to file objection to publication and in authorizing the Commission to grant or refuse the request in the exercise of a sound judicial discretion, imposed on the Commission the duty of considering the claimed danger of loss and damage and weighing it in the scale of public interest."

United States and Australia Establish Diplomatic Relations—C. E. Gauss Named First Minister to Commonwealth—Australia Appoints R. G. Casey

The establishment of diplomatic relations between the United States and Australia was announced simultaneously Jan. 8 at Washington and Canberra, the Australian capital. President Roosevelt on Jan. 8 nominated Clarence E. Gauss, Counselor of the American Embassy in China and Counsel General at Shanghai, as the first American Minister to Australia. The Senate confirmed the appointment on Jan. 11.

Richard G. Casey, Minister of Supply and formerly Federal Treasurer of the Australian Commonwealth will be the first Minister at Washington.

Prime Minister R. G. Menzies of Australia, in announcing the appointment of Mr. Casey said his term of office would run for five years. This was indicated in Melbourne advices Jan. 8 to the New York "Times" in which it was also stated:

The appointment the Premier said, represented a great step forward in the development of Australian National policy, particularly in relation to the Pacific, in the peace of which Australia had an immediate and vital interest.

Mr. Casey said he welcomed the opportunity of serving Australia in the great, pacific country to which he, his wife and family were going, and added:

"I am no stranger to America. I have visited practically every State and will feel at home among Americans."

Mr. Casey will remain in the Cabinet for a few weeks before sailing for America.

From an account Jan. 8 from Washington to the New York "Herald Tribune" we take the following:

Mr. Gauss, who was born in Washington in 1887, began his career in Government service as a stenographer to the Invalids Pension Committee of the House of Representatives in 1903. He went to the State Department first in 1906 as a clerk, and was sent to Shanghai the next year as a Deputy Counsel General.

Mr. Gauss returned to Washington for a tour of duty in the Department in 1909, and then went back to Shanghai in 1912, becoming Vice-Counsel there in 1915. The same year he became a career member of the service after taking an examination which removed him from the patronage list of foreign service officers. With the rank of counsel, he went to Amoy in

1916 and Psinan in 1919. He was promoted to the rank of Counsel General in 1923 and sent first to Mukden, serving subsequently in Tientsin, Peiping and Shanghai.

Secretary of Labor Perkins Cancels Deportation Warrant Against Harry Bridges—Approves Dean Landis' Report That West Coast C. I. O. Leader Is Not a Communist

Secretary of Labor Perkins on Jan. 8 approved the report of James M. Landis, special Labor Department examiner, holding that Harry Bridges, West Coast leader of the Congress of Industrial Organizations, is not a member nor an affiliate of the Communist Party, and Miss Perkins as a result canceled the deportation warrant issued against him in March, 1938. Mr. Landis, Dean of the Harvard Law School, submitted his report to Secretary Perkins on Dec. 30; this was referred to in our issue of Jan. 6, page 47. Miss Perkins canceled the warrant in the following statement:

The report contains a complete analysis of the issue involved and of the testimony presented at the hearing. There was conflict of testimony between several of the Government witnesses and the witnesses offered by the defense.

The trial examiner's analysis of the testimony given by the witnesses and his evaluation of it is clear and comprehensive. He had an opportunity personally to observe the witnesses, conducted some of the questioning himself and therefore was in a position to appraise both their veracity and the relative value and weight of their statements.

I have examined and reviewed the report and the testimony.

I find no error in the findings and conclusions of the trial examiner and therefore approve his report. The warrant of arrest is canceled accordingly.

I. C. C. Starts Hearings on 2½ Cent Fare

Eastern railroads, exclusive of the Baltimore & Ohio, through Walter S. Franklin, Traffic Vice-President of the Pennsylvania on Jan. 4 urged continuance for another nine months of the present experimental basic coach fare of 2½ cents a mile allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission in July, 1938.

Mr. Franklin, appearing at an I. C. C. hearing, said the 2½ cents fare should be given "an adequate trial" to permit further experiment in passenger ratemaking.

The B. & O. RR. did not join the petitioning carriers asking the continuance.

When Mr. Franklin had completed his testimony, Daniel Willard, President of the B. & O., urged a return to the old 2-cent rate. He said he thought the B. & O. would have "much greater earnings per car mile" at the lower rate than with the 2½ cents fare.

Walter B. Calloway, traffic manager for the B. & O., on Jan. 5 attacked the proposal of other Eastern railroads for continuation of the existing 2½ cents a mile passenger fares in Eastern territory and urged the I. C. C. to reject the plea, thereby lowering the basic passenger coach rate to 2 cents a mile.

Mr. Calloway told the Commission that it has been the experience of the B. & O. that when fares are increased revenues are decreased, and when fares are decreased revenues go up, in asking that the 2 cent rate be reestablished.

"I hope we then can persuade our neighbors to do some real experimenting. Instead of testing high fares let's test some low fares. Let's go out and meet this competition, and until that is done let's not ask for so much help from the outside."

Mr. Calloway told the Commission that if the Pennsylvania Railroad did not have such a heavy volume of passenger traffic between Washington and New York and between Philadelphia and New York its position on the fare question would be the reverse.

"We may be the 5% people," he asserted, "but the \$15,000,000 that we make on passenger traffic is just as important to us as the \$70,000,000 or \$100,000,000 is to Pennsylvania."

He inferred that the Pennsylvania had a virtual "monopoly" on passenger traffic business in the East and controlled traffic to and from New England.

The I. C. C.'s two-day hearing on the petition closed on Jan. 5 and parties were given until Jan. 22 to file briefs. Oral arguments will be heard by the Commission on that date.

State Department Ends Negotiations With Argentina and Uruguay for Reciprocal Trade Pacts—Unable to Reach Agreement on Quotas

The State Department officially announced on Jan. 8 the termination of negotiations between the United States and Argentina and the United States and Uruguay for reciprocal trade agreements. A breakdown in the negotiations with Argentina was reported on Jan. 5 and a joint statement explaining the action was issued Jan. 8 by the Argentine and United States Governments. The statement said:

The breakdown of negotiations for a trade treaty was due to the insistence of the American Government on limitations on Argentine exports to this country, such as linseed and canned beef, and the inability of the Buenos Aires government to accede to customs quotas on these products.

The decision to end conversations with Uruguay was necessitated by the ending of Argentine negotiations since, the State Department explained, there is a similarity in important respects of the export trade of Uruguay and Argentina with the United States. The joint statement issued by the American and Argentine Governments follows:

In the reciprocal trade negotiations between the Government of the United States and Argentina, notwithstanding the efforts of both parties, it has not been found possible to reach a satisfactory basis to permit the conclusion of an agreement, and the two governments have agreed to terminate them.

In effect, the Argentine Government, on the one hand, has not been able to admit that concessions to be obtained from the United States for their typical regular export products to that country, such as linseed and canned beef, among others, should be restricted through the acceptance of a system of customs quotas which would tend to limit the possibility of expanding its shipments of the said products to that country. At the same time it has

not been possible to accede to the adoption of commitments considered incompatible with an adequate financial policy and of the defense of the currency.

On the other hand, the Government of the United States, in accordance with its policy as invariably applied in the 22 agreements already negotiated, of not exposing domestic producers to material injury in the process of promoting healthy international trade through reciprocal concession, has felt obliged to insist on the limitations of the kind referred to above with respect to certain commodities.

This divergence between the two governments is recognized by both in the same frank and friendly spirit which has characterized the whole negotiations.

In announcing the ending of negotiations with Uruguay the State Department said:

These negotiations have been conducted in an atmosphere of the utmost friendliness and cordiality. However, because of the similarity in important respects of the export trade of Uruguay and Argentina with the United States, it has been found necessary, in view of the recent termination of negotiations with Argentina, to terminate also the negotiations with Uruguay.

Annual Report of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace—Says European War Proves Need for Farm Programs—Farmers Prefer Adjusted Prices to Treasury Payments—Trade Agreements Program Has Considerably Improved Agriculture

Farm programs developed in the United States in recent years should be strengthened and not weakened or dropped now that Europe is again at war, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace said on Jan. 2, in his annual report to the President. These programs, the report declares, enable farmers to meet the shock of war much better than they met it 25 years ago, and to make better preparation for handling the difficult situation that will come about with the return of peace. In his report Secretary Wallace says:

It would of course be folly to regard the new war as in any way a solution of our farm problem. Even should it cause certain prices to rise, so that differentials may for a time not be necessary between prices at home and prices abroad, the need for protecting the home market against the influence of the world market will return with the return of peace. Whether the pattern of the last war and the post-war period will be repeated we do not know; but we do know that war usually destroys or reduces the purchasing power of belligerent countries.

Hence the outbreak of hostilities is not a reason for abandoning our efforts to conserve the soil, to keep our farm output in adjustment with the current and prospective demand, and to establish a rural-urban balance on the basis of equitable price relationships. On the contrary, it is a reason for strengthening our machinery to accomplish these ends. Such machinery has already demonstrated its usefulness as a means of adjustment to war conditions. After the war, if drastic farm adjustment must again be made, it will be a safeguard against market demoralization.

In summing up the apparent meaning of the war to American farmers, the Secretary states:

It is more probable that peace will find us thoroughly maladjusted to peacetime conditions; that agriculture will again be faced with the need of drastic acreage limitation; that rural and urban unemployment will cause a further increase of noncommercial farming; and that commercial agriculture will find itself in more urgent need than ever of safeguards against the depressing influences of world prices. Unless we can shift over quickly from heavy urban production for a world at war to equally heavy urban production for a large domestic consumption, agriculture will lapse back into price depression and stagnation. Any wartime gains it may have accumulated will vanish speedily.

Certain requirements we can foresee. Efforts to sustain farm prices will probably be indispensable; they will probably include additional acreage limitation, price-supporting commodity loans, and subsidies to move exports at world prices. Any relaxation of the need for these things now will probably lead to an increased necessity for them later. Along with protective measures for the export crops, companion measures will probably be necessary for the crops domestically consumed. Otherwise any post-war decline of exports will force shifts from the export to the domestic crops. It may be imperative to integrate agricultural with industrial production, through national planning for balanced expansion in both fields and factories. The supreme requirement will be a general increase in domestic consumption as the only possible compensation for declining foreign trade.

With regard to cotton, the report says it is hoped that the present need for making export payments will be temporary. It goes on to say:

Nevertheless, since the United States can hardly be expected to restrict further its acreage and production, the payments may have to be continued until some other means can be found of assuring the United States a fair share of the world's cotton market. One way of making the export-payment program temporary would be conclusion of an effective and equitable international cotton agreement. Such an agreement would assure each exporting country its share of the world market, and would help also to support a reasonable level of world cotton prices. As a primary step in bringing about such an agreement, the United States took the initiative for arranging a preliminary meeting of representatives of various cotton-exporting countries. This meeting was held in Washington from Sept. 5 to 9, 1939.

The report also says:

Farmers have welcomed payments from the Treasury only as a temporary expedient until a more favorable market situation develops. They have cordially accepted the obligation, moreover, to use the payments as a means of eliminating or modifying the causes of farm depression. They continue to look for permanent improvement to measures that will increase their incomes by other means than drafts on the public revenue, among which are price-supporting devices of various kinds, and certain broad adjustments in the use of land.

With regard to reciprocal trade-agreements program, the report says there is no truth whatever in the assertion that our duty reductions under reciprocal trade agreement have caused a flood of competitive foreign products into the United States. The report adds:

Nor is it true that agriculture has had to bear the brunt of the tariff reductions. On the contrary, the reductions made in duties on agricultural imports have been much less numerous than the reductions made on industrial imports. In cases where some possibility seemed to exist that the reductions in the duties on agricultural commodities might cause an unduly large increase in imports, the duty reductions have been limited to specific quantities. In short, the trade agreements-program has contributed substantially to agricultural improvement.

There is no basis for any fears that increased trade between the United States and Latin America will cause an influx into this country of competitive agricultural products, says Secretary Wallace. This country must expect to import larger quantities of Latin American goods in order to provide Latin American countries with the means of purchasing our exports. But these increased exports should be and can be predominantly tropical agricultural products of a kind not at all competitive with our domestic agriculture.

The latest figures issued by the Agricultural Department show that for 1939, cash income from farm marketings was \$7,625,000,000 and from Government payments, \$675,000,000, a total for 1939 of 8,300,000,000. For 1938, cash income from farm marketings was \$7,627,000,000 and from Government payments, \$482,000,000, a total for 1938 of \$8,109,000,000.

Secretary Hull Urges Continuance of Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program—Tells House Committee Plan Is Only Way to Promote Peaceful World

Secretary of State Cordell Hull was the first witness to testify before the House Ways and Means Committee on Jan. 11 on the resolution for extending for three years the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, which expires June 12. Mr. Hull opened the hearing by reading a lengthy statement which he had prepared outlining the economic advantages gained he said by the United States in the 22 pacts concluded with foreign nations under the act. In his statement Secretary Hull said:

The establishment of sound international trade relations will be an essential problem of post-war reconstruction. What role will our country play in this process?

In the years following the World War we led the procession of destructive protectionism. Are we to play this same role again?

That would be the case if we were now to abandon the trade-agreements program. For it would be the equivalent of destroying the only policy which stood in the recent past, and can stand in the immediate future, as a bulwark against a complete reversion to policies under which the channels of trade will become more and more blocked and the nations of the world will continue their disastrous march toward increasing economic nationalism, regimentation, economic distress, the dole on an ever-growing scale, social instability, and recurrent warfare.

Declaring that "a peaceful world is possible only when there exists for it a solid economic foundation, an indispensable part of which is active and mutually beneficial trade among the nations." Mr. Hull said "the creation of such a foundation is the second of the two primary objectives of the trade-agreements program, which seeks the advancement of our domestic prosperity and the promotion of world peace."

In reporting on Secretary Hull's testimony, Washington Associated Press advices of Jan. 11 said in part:

Mr. Hull said that he thought continuation of the program would add much to this country's world prestige.

"The choice before us," Mr. Hull said, "is whether we shall lead the way toward the slough of despair and ruin for ourselves and for others, or toward the heights of economic progress, sustained prosperity and enduring peace for our nation and for the world."

He took issue with members of Congress who are demanding Senate ratification of each agreement, by asserting that the method followed in State Department negotiations "is democratic in every sense of the word." Mr. Hull's statement, opening the congressional fight over the reciprocal trade issue, was voiced in familiar atmosphere. For 18 years as a Representative from Tennessee he was a member of the Ways and Means Committee, historically the battleground in congressional tax and tariff fights. Some of those who heard his plea had served with him.

The background of his argument was the theme which he has reiterated in and out of Congress for years—that tariff barriers choke world trade channels, create economic depression for surplus-producing agriculture and industry, and constitute a threat to lasting peace.

"The trade agreements program," he said, "was enacted for the express purpose of expanding our exports through the reduction of trade barriers in other countries. I submit that it has done so."

"We have concluded 22 reciprocal trade agreements. The countries with which agreements are now in effect represent about 60% of our total foreign trade. In these agreements valuable concessions have been obtained for literally hundreds of our agricultural and non-agricultural products."

"Taking the average figures for the years 1934 and 1935 and similar figures for the years 1937 and 1938, we find that our exports to all foreign countries increased by one billion dollars, or 46%."

"This increase was obviously caused by several factors, but the role played in it by the trade agreements program is suggested by the following figures: Our exports to trade agreement countries rose during this period by 61%, while our exports to non-agreement countries increased by only 38%."

Where Increases Are Marked

Mr. Hull asserted that part of the increase in exports was due to the fact that some countries which had previously discriminated against American goods now accord them "non-discriminatory treatment under the operations of the most-favored-nations principle in its unconditional form, better known as the principle of equality of treatment."

"Under modern trading conditions, when the producers of many countries usually compete in the same markets, such assurance of non-discriminatory treatment is obviously of the greatest importance to our exporters," he said.

"This fact has long been recognized in our country, as well as the obvious fact that we cannot secure this type of treatment abroad unless we are prepared to extend it to other countries."

Harry L. Hopkins Issues First Annual Report as Secretary of Commerce—Outlines Program for Next Decade to "Fulfill Unlimited Promise of America"—Defends New Deal Spending and Reform Measures

An economic program for the next ten years to "fulfill the unlimited promise of America" was envisioned on Dec. 30 by Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins, in his first annual report to President Roosevelt, and to Congress. Mr. Hopkins described the opening of the past decade as a time of "unparalleled prosperity," and then portrayed the Nation's economic collapse, the Government program designed to reverse the downward trend, and later recovery movements. This country, he said, could create tremendous prosperity by extending its mass production technique toward lowering the prices of power, homes and other essentials. He declared that the old opposition to Government interfering with economics was responsible for the economic collapse that terminated in 1933, and that since then New Deal spending and reform have revived business. The 1937 business recession, he said, was caused by misuse rather than by use of the spending principle.

In outlining what he termed the "lessons" of the past decade, Mr. Hopkins said in part:

From the experience of the past decade there emerge certain inescapable conclusions which are of the utmost importance for the National economic policy of both government and business. The foremost lesson of the period is that deflation generates cumulative forces which may completely shatter productive mechanism. Once deflation dominates the economy, it reeates a dozen maladjustments for every one it corrects. The cumulative forces it releases undermine sound and unsound parts alike. They affect ever-widening areas of the economy, until the devastation is general and complete. To prevent these disastrous deflations is a fundamental responsibility of government. The experience of certain European countries bears evidence that unchecked deflation is the greatest threat to democracy in the modern world.

The second conclusion is that the tremendous wastes involved in continued deflation are entirely unnecessary. We have, in recent years, developed the techniques necessary to halt a deflationary process and to secure recovery. This was demonstrated in the 1933-37 recovery. The use of the same techniques to reverse the downward trend in 1938 should dispel any doubts on this score. If the instruments created within this 10-year period are used promptly and aggressively, the country need never again be subjected to the intolerable and unnecessary costs of continued deflation.

In this decade it has also been demonstrated that the complexity of our industrial economy requires great care in the use of these techniques. The sharp bulge in Federal income-creating expenditures in 1936 appears to have been a factor in the development of the dangerous inventory accumulation of that year. Again, the sharp reduction of the Federal net contribution, which came at a time when the economy was particularly vulnerable, played a part in the sharp decline of 1937-38. So powerful are these instruments of the Federal Government that their application requires the most careful and consistent adjustment to economic developments and an avoidance of abrupt modification.

Furthermore, particular attention must be given to certain dislocations which may arise in any rapid recovery, whatever its source may be. The accumulation of inventories and the dislocations in the cost-price structure in the boomlet of 1936-37 illustrate the dangers from this direction. The operation of the economy at a low level of activity entails the impairment of equipment, the depletion of stocks, and the loss of labor skills. Subsequently, under the pressure of a recovery movement, bottlenecks, speculative price and cost movements and inventory bulges tend to develop. These developments may serve to undermine or reverse any substantial recovery movement, unless Government, business and labor cooperate to maintain balance in the price and income structure.

America's Promise: New Frontiers

A final conclusion emerges from the experience of this decade. In spite of broad recovery, we have not succeeded in making full use of our productive resources. There are some who derive from this experience the conclusion that we have reached the limit of our growth, that our economy is saturated and doomed to stagnation. I vigorously reject this view. It is true that the period of our history in which a rapidly increasing population was opening up a new continent has come to an end. We have extended our boundaries to their geographic limits, built great cities, constructed vast transportation networks, opened up our land to cultivation, and equipped our workers with effective capital larger in total amount and higher per worker than in any other nation. But the disappearance of the geographic frontier does not mean the disappearance of the economic frontier. It is true that world markets under existing conditions of international anarchy beyond our control offer more limited opportunities for the export of our goods and our capital than once was the case. Our home market, on the other hand, is limitless. A rising standard of living can provide an indefinitely expanding market for the fruits of our expanding productive capacity. We have only begun to fulfill the unlimited promise of America.

The vast potential expansion that awaits us in this direction may be illustrated by the fact that in 1935-36 there were more than 12 million families whose incomes were below \$1,000 a year. If the incomes of all these families had averaged \$1,000 a year, or less than \$20 a week, their annual expenditures would have been greater by about 4 billion dollars. They would have spent about 1,300 million dollars more on food alone, about 700 million dollars more on housing, about 400 million dollars more on clothing, and an equal amount more for automobiles and other forms of transportation. Expenditures on fuel, light, gas and household furnishings would have run 600 million dollars a year higher.

To look at the problem from the point of view of prices rather than income, a vast potential market awaits further progress in the application of mass-production techniques.

Secretary Hopkins emphasized that the conquest of these new frontiers is not an easy task and warned that no one should be misled as to the nature of the difficulties that lie ahead in exploiting them. Changes in attitude and co-operation from all segments of the population concerned are requisites—by business, by labor and by government, he said, and he delineated the joint and separate responsibilities of business, labor and government in further developing this economy. Summarized by the Department these were:

Business—There is necessary a general readjustment of pricing policies to the requirements of modern mass consumption. . . . Modern con-

sumption techniques and full utilization of resources today demand broad markets, and such markets can be attained only by prices which fully reflect the efficiency of these techniques. . . . A bold forward-looking price policy to tap larger markets would go a long way in creating investment opportunities now lacking.

Labor—The role of labor in a national program is a vital one also. The Federal Government has in recent years taken steps of historic importance to prevent the exploitation of labor and to strengthen the economy by putting a floor under wage rates and a ceiling over hours. It has also taken measures to guarantee to labor the right to collective bargaining. Labor is now able to bargain with industry on more nearly equal terms. An enlightened democracy will never permit the abandonment of these advances.

In this strengthened position, labor as well as industry will recognize the needs and operating principles of our economic system. . . . High wage rates are not always synonymous with high annual income for the workers. It is the latter which is the primary objective. Without a high standard of living for this major segment of the Nation, a sustained and expanding flow of national income cannot be achieved.

Government—Government, on its part, is charged with primary responsibility for the National Welfare. . . . (It) must provide business and agriculture with the assurance of at least a moderately high level of buying power for their products. . . . It must also provide the laborer with reasonable assurance of an employed and productive future. . . . The aggressive economic expansion of the past century was nourished by the vigorous optimism of a nation expanding its frontiers and exploiting its natural resources. Today the Federal Government can restore that optimism through a guaranty that the risks of periodic breakdowns will be eliminated, that the consumers' market will expand, and that the process of intensive exploitation can be safely undertaken.

Specifically, while the Federal Government encourages private investment and employment by every means in its power, to the extent that private employment cannot be found the Government must help provide the necessary jobs and support the Nation's buying power through public action. . . . Value given for value received is the only sound principle. The country cannot be poorer when its workers are creating useful works, and future generations will not be poorer for the receipt of this heritage.

Secretary Hopkins outlined the fiscal implications of the governmental responsibility for the attainment of full employment of our resources. He cited the near balance of the cash budget in 1937 and declared that as we approach full employment of our productive resources, the budget will be brought into balance. In his comments he said:

The maintenance of that balance, once achieved, cannot be dissociated from the maintenance of a balanced economy. To keep the economy in balance at full employment will require the concerted efforts of business, agriculture, labor and government.

The responsibilities of business and labor in adapting price and wage policies to the requirements of a full-employment economy have been set forth above. A continuing program to bring and keep agriculture in sound relationship with other sectors of the economy is likewise a requisite. The cooperative responsibility of government and agriculture in such a program is vital if a high level of national income is to be sustained.

Other government policies also must be adapted to this requirement. State and local governments, as well as the Federal Government, must shape fiscal and tax policies so as to contribute to the common objective. . . . The trend in the use of sales taxation and all other similar measures which restrict consumption should be reversed. . . . Taxation on business that can be shown to discriminate against equity financing and to impose an undue burden on risk-bearing should be adjusted.

It is obvious from the experiences of the past decade that we are confronted with a serious, complex economic problem. This problem demands that calm thinking of the best minds, in and out of government, so that our system can continue flourishing in the finest democratic tradition.

Finally, Secretary Hopkins described the role of the Department of Commerce in achieving these ends, and outlined future plans of the Department along with the reorganization of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The Department's primary role, the Secretary said, is to supply the business and government with necessary data which will enable them to function and plan more effectively. Among the major problems now being attacked by the Department and listed by Secretary Hopkins are: Current analyses of price, cost and inventory developments, aids to small business men; railroads; public utilities; construction; foreign trade, and elimination of interstate trade barriers.

To improve its services, Secretary Hopkins reported that the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce is now undergoing a reorganization that will provide "greater coverage and prompter reporting of current business information."

Dies Committee, in Annual Report, Says Less Than 1% of Americans Are Affected by Subversive Activities—Most C. I. O. Unions Cleared of Communist Charges, Although Leadership of 11 Declared Tainted With Communism

The Dies Committee on Un-American Activities, in its annual report to Congress submitted Jan. 3, unanimously found that only about 1,000,000 Americans have been seriously affected by subversive activities, which it declared were declining rapidly in this country as a result of the international situation. The Committee said that the Committee for Industrial Organization, and its Chairman, John L. Lewis, are not Communists nor affiliated with Communism, and, it added that there was "encouraging evidence" of an attempt by national C. I. O. leaders to remove "Communist influence" from the organization.

Regarding the report, Associated Press Washington advices Jan. 2 said in part:

In a 15,000-word summary of its hearings, signed by all seven members of the committee after a stormy meeting, the committee drew these major conclusions:

The overwhelming majority of C. I. O. members, including President John L. Lewis, are not Communists or Communist sympathizers, but the leadership of a quarter of the C. I. O. unions is "more than tinged with Communism."

It omitted from a list of "Communist front" organizations the American Youth Congress, which Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt had upheld. The Youth Congress has been described as a "front" group by witnesses before the committee.

The Soviet-Nazi pact has helped protect constitutional democracy by 'making more clear the real nature of all dictatorships' and by revealing the similarity between Hitler's Nazism and Stalin's Communism.

Elimination of subversive activities depends on earnest efforts of all groups and on strict law enforcement.

The committee, which expires tonight, should be continued to make certain that the "confusion" among subversive organizations "is turned into complete rout."

Two principal disputes arose yesterday when the committee was studying the final draft of the report. A special vote had to be taken before the members agreed to include John L. Lewis in the statement exonerating the bulk of C. I. O. members from being Communist sympathizers.

Representative John J. Dempsey, Democrat, of New Mexico, moved that the committee make public the names of any Federal employees it could prove were Communists. He and four other committeemen said they knew of none. The sixth named only one person in the Work Projects Administration, and the matter was dropped.

Those who signed the report in person were Representatives Dempsey, Joe Starnes, Democrat, of Alabama; Joseph E. Casey, Democrat, of Massachusetts; H. Jerry Voorhis, Democrat, of California; J. Prenell Thomas, Republican, of New Jersey, and Noah M. Mason, Republican, of Illinois. The name of Chairman Martin Dies, Democrat, of Texas who is ill at Orange, Tex., was affixed by a clerk.

The report asserted that Communists early attempted to gain a foothold in the American Federation of Labor, then switched to the C. I. O.

"It is unmistakably clear," the committee said, "that the overwhelming majority of the members of the C. I. O. as well as its president are not Communists or Communist sympathizers, but sincere American workers seeking to improve their lot in life in perfectly legitimate American fashion."

SEC Amends Rule Requiring Filing of Annual Reports by Mutual and Subsidiary Companies of Registered Holding Companies

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced Dec. 29 the adoption of an amendment to Rule U-13-60 under the Holding Company Act, which requires the filing of annual reports by approved mutual and subsidiary service companies of registered holding companies. The effect of the amended rule is to require the filing of annual reports not only by approved mutual and subsidiary service companies, but also by any company whose application for approval as a mutual service company is pending before the Commission. The Commission also adopted Form U-13-60 and the instructions for the form, marked "Adopted Dec. 29, 1939."

New Section of SEC Report on Investment Trusts Submitted to Congress—Deals with Problems Incident to Capital Structures of Investment Trusts and Investment Companies

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Jan. 8 transmitted to Congress Chapter V of Part Three of the Commission's over-all report in connection with its study of investment trusts and investment companies which it has conducted pursuant to Section 30 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. Part Three deals primarily with the abuses and deficiencies in the organization and operation of management investment trusts and investment companies. Chapter V of that part transmitted to the Congress today deals with problems in connection with capital structures of investment trusts and investment companies. In its announcement regarding the report the Commission stated:

The major portion of this chapter discusses the deficiencies and abuses attributable to the presence of more than one class of security in the capital structures of investment companies.

The report indicates that the nature of the capital setup and the allocation of the security issues between the public and the sponsors is wholly within the control of the sponsors.

Summarizing the advantages to sponsors and the disadvantages to the general investing public inherent in the complex structure investment company, the Commission stated:

"Many sponsors secured to themselves control of investment companies although they contributed a minimum part of the total investment in these organizations; arranged to obtain for themselves the major share in earnings and profits; and provided themselves with the possibility of a facile and advantageous retirement from the company. The capital set-up on the other hand, from the very organization of the multiple-security company has disfranchised a large proportion of the investors; has provided inadequate coverage and safeguards for the senior securities; has rendered possible the prospective selling of the investor 'down the river'; has inflicted upon the general investors, collectively, exposure to the greater part of losses in operation; has prompted the sponsor to a speculative policy in the management of the company; and has produced, in many instances, so intricate and complicated a structure as to deprive the ordinary investor of an understanding of his rights."

Discussing the almost ever-present conflict of interest between the holders of senior securities (bonds, debentures and preferred stocks) and equity securities, the report stated:

"The complex capital structure thus embraces two broad categories of securities, senior securities and equity securities. The interests of these two categories are to a substantial degree competitive, and are in some significant respects non-compatible.

"The senior security holders are interested in only such a margin of operating profit as will suffice to pay them the limited fixed annual return; the equity security holders are interested in a broad margin of profit, as all of the earnings except the fixed charges will insure to them. The senior security holders have been sold their securities on the theory of safety of their principal, while the equity security holders have been sold their securities upon the theory of 'leverage,' greater play for their money, or speculative advantages. Yet the control of the fund, and consequently the safety of the senior security holders' investment, is almost invariably completely in the hands of the equity stockholders, to whom the fulfillment of the pledge of safety is wholly entrusted.

"In the very fact that senior and equity securities have different rights, privileges, and protections, lies the seed of conflict of interest. In the investment company field the element of non-compatibility has been accentuated because the sponsors and promoters—investment bankers, security dealers, brokers, and other professional financing groups—have frequently constituted themselves primarily the holders of only the equity securities, while the senior securities were largely held by the public. The theory of senior securities in the capital structure presumed the existence of a large investment by the common stockholders as a buffer or cushion to insure the safety of the investment of the senior security holders and the regular payment of interest and dividends to them. However, in the financing of investment companies, senior securities apparently have been used for the purpose of

obtaining from the public the major part of the capital contribution, while the control of the enterprise has been retained by the sponsors with small proportionate investments through ownership of common stock. Thus, the complex capital structure usually gives rise to another crucial element of conflict within the investment company field: the general public holding the major part of the senior securities has the greatest stake in the enterprise, while the sponsors or insiders, having a much smaller stake, control the enterprise."

The report, in discussing the economic considerations in regard to senior securities in the capital structure of investment companies, points out that a primary test of their justification is whether there is a margin of net current yield from the proceeds of the senior securities, when invested, over the cost of hiring the senior money.

The report then indicates that investment companies have failed to meet this test, for, during the period 1930-36, the net earnings of management investment companies proper averaged not much over 3½% of the average assets, while the net cost of senior securities to issuing investment companies was about 5% for debentures and over 6% for preferred stock.

Emphasizing that capital gains or appreciation in the portfolios of investment companies over the period 1871-1937 have not been sufficient to compensate for the inadequacies of net current earnings in relation to the cost of money procured through senior securities, the report states:

"Thus, the issuance of senior securities by American investment companies must, based upon prevailing conditions and past experience over a fairly extended period of time, be regarded as a gamble on net capital gains."

After emphasizing the importance of stability in income and assets as another test for the issuance of senior securities in investment companies, the report stated:

"American investment companies have conspicuously failed to meet the tests of steadiness of income or underlying assets. This result is hardly unexpected in view of the extreme fluctuations in corporate profits, dividends and stock prices which have characterized the last 15 years during which investment companies have been active."

Report of Operations of RFC Feb. 2, 1932, to Nov. 30, 1939—Loans of \$13,528,208,135 Authorized—\$2,281,827,753 Canceled—\$7,663,790,082 Disbursed for Loans and Investments—\$5,742,796,466 Repaid

In his monthly report, issued Jan. 8, Emil Schram, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, reports that authorizations and commitments of the RFC in the recovery program during November amounted to \$41,693,333, rescissions of previous authorizations and commitments amounted to \$992,040, making total authorizations through Nov. 30, 1939, and tentative commitments outstanding at the end of the month of \$13,528,208,135. This latter amount includes a total of \$1,071,313,842 authorized for other governmental agencies and \$1,800,000,000 for relief from organizations through Nov. 30, 1939. Authorizations aggregating \$4,187,281 were canceled or withdrawn during November, Mr. Schram said, making total cancellations and withdrawals of \$2,281,827,753. A total of \$808,691,459 remains available to borrowers and to banks in the purchase of preferred stock, capital notes and debentures. During November \$31,178,290 was disbursed for loans and investments and \$55,700,839 was repaid, making total disbursements through Nov. 30, 1939, of \$7,663,790,082 and repayments of \$5,742,796,466 (approximately 74.93%). Chairman Schram's report continued:

During November loans were authorized to five banks and trust companies (including those in liquidation) in the amount of \$1,152,342. Cancellations and withdrawals of loans to banks and trust companies (including those in liquidation) amounted to \$62,000; \$1,850,000 was disbursed and \$3,243,991 repaid. Through Nov. 30, 1939, loans have been authorized to 7,539 banks and trust companies (including those in receivership) aggregating \$2,554,914,098. Of this amount \$511,836,905 has been withdrawn, \$15,160,922 remains available to borrowers, and \$2,027,916,271 has been disbursed. Of this latter amount \$1,919,298,568, approximately 94.6%, has been repaid. Only \$8,081,609 is owing by open banks, and that includes \$7,017,318 from one mortgage and trust company.

During November authorizations were made to purchase preferred stock of two banks and trust companies in the aggregate amount of \$210,000 and cancellations and withdrawals amounted to \$24,500. Through Nov. 30, 1939, authorizations have been made for the purchase of preferred stock, capital notes and debentures of 6,786 banks and trust companies aggregating \$1,348,201,934 and 1,123 loans were authorized in the amount of \$48,327,755 to be secured by preferred stock, a total authorization for preferred stock, capital notes and debentures of 6,864 banks and trust companies of \$1,396,529,689; \$170,750,087 of this has been withdrawn and \$56,960,100 remains available to the banks when conditions of authorizations have been met.

During November loans were authorized for distribution to depositors of five closed banks in the amount of \$1,152,342, disbursements amounted to \$1,850,000, and repayments amounted to \$3,144,679. Through Nov. 30, 1939, loans have been authorized for distribution to depositors of 2,776 closed banks aggregating \$1,342,571,886; \$333,829,165 of this amount has been withdrawn and \$15,611,122 remains available to the borrowers; \$993,121,598 has been disbursed and \$941,489,081, approximately 94.7%, has been repaid.

During November the authorizations to finance drainage, levee and irrigation districts were increased \$381,000, authorizations in the amount of \$93,820 were withdrawn, and \$350,020 were disbursed. Through Nov. 30, 1939, loans have been authorized to refinance 644 drainage, levee and irrigation districts aggregating \$144,660,427, of which \$31,887,486 has been withdrawn, \$24,469,596 remains available to the borrowers, and \$88,303,346 has been disbursed.

Under the provisions of Section 5 (d), which was added to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act June 19, 1934, and amended April 13, 1938, 60 loans to industry, aggregating \$2,433,854, were authorized during November. Authorizations in the amount of \$1,889,431 were canceled or withdrawn during November. Through Nov. 30, 1939, including loans to the fishing industry, to banks, and to mortgage loan companies to assist business and industry in cooperation with the National Recovery Administration program, the Corporation has authorized 6,934 loans for the benefit of industry aggregating \$388,303,065. Of this amount \$89,513,506 has been withdrawn and \$108,499,203 remains available to the borrowers. In addition, the Corporation agreed to purchase participations amounting to \$1,051,120 in loans to 34 businesses during November, and similar authorizations aggregating \$1,711,615 were withdrawn. Through Nov. 30, 1939, the Corporation has authorized or has agreed to the purchase of participations

aggregating \$111,790,605 of 1,660 businesses, \$30,342,743 of which has been withdrawn and \$63,788,090 remains available.

During November four loans in the amount of \$275,000 were authorized to public agencies for self-liquidating projects. Cancellations and withdrawals amounted to \$16,000, disbursements amounted to \$3,824,200, and repayments amounted to \$605,500. Through Nov. 30, 1939, 318 loans have been authorized on self-liquidating projects aggregating \$558,620,190; \$43,435,841 of this amount has been withdrawn and \$109,763,375 remains available to the borrowers; \$405,420,974 has been disbursed and \$305,680,160 has been repaid.

During November the Corporation purchased from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works three blocks (three issues) of securities having a par value of \$1,060,000 and sold securities having par value of \$303,000 at par. The Corporation also collected maturing PWA securities having par value of \$233,126. Through Nov. 30, 1939, the Corporation has purchased from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works 4,135 blocks (3,075 issues) of securities having par value of \$657,960,049. Of this amount, securities having par value of \$475,871,721 were sold at a premium of \$13,538,735. Securities having a par value of \$153,834,423 are still held. In addition, the Corporation has agreed with the Administrator to purchase, to be held and collected or sold at a later date, such part of securities having an aggregate par value of \$23,261,000 as the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works is in a position to deliver from time to time.

The report listed as follows disbursements and repayments for all purposes from Feb. 2, 1932, to Nov. 30, 1939:

	Disbursements	Repayments
Loans under Section 5:		
Banks and trust companies (incl. receivers).....	1,981,790,972.47	1,876,173,728.32
Railroads (including receivers).....	660,202,461.06	*215,888,239.24
Mortgage loan companies.....	558,103,878.90	407,930,373.72
Federal land banks.....	387,236,000.00	387,236,000.00
Regional Agricultural Credit corporations.....	173,243,640.72	173,243,640.72
Building and loan associations (incl. receivers).....	120,355,829.50	116,980,748.69
Insurance companies.....	90,693,209.81	87,025,584.21
Joint Stock Land banks.....	23,295,490.91	19,589,611.10
State funds for insurance of deposits of public moneys.....	13,064,631.18	13,064,631.18
Livestock Credit corporations.....	12,971,598.69	12,971,598.69
Federal intermediate Credit banks.....	9,250,000.00	9,250,000.00
Agricultural Credit corporations.....	5,643,618.22	5,567,256.89
Fishing industry.....	719,675.00	362,114.15
Credit unions.....	600,095.79	584,444.21
Processors or distributors for payment of processing tax.....	14,718.06	14,718.06
Total loans under Section 5.....	4,037,185,820.31	3,325,882,689.18
Loans to Secretary of Agriculture to purchase cotton.....	3,300,000.00	3,300,000.00
Loans for refinancing drainage, levee and irrigation districts.....	88,303,345.64	4,553,033.87
Loans to public school authorities for payment of teachers' salaries and for refinancing outstanding indebtedness.....	22,530,000.00	22,303,500.00
Loans to aid in financing self-liquidating construction projects.....	405,420,974.01	305,680,160.34
Loans for repair and reconstruction of property damaged by earthquake, fire, tornado, flood and other catastrophes.....	12,003,055.32	4,568,819.75
Loans to aid in financing the sale of agricultural surpluses in foreign markets.....	47,240,767.12	47,177,690.67
Loans to business enterprises.....	201,538,955.36	67,803,561.07
Loans on and purchases of assets of closed banks.....	46,125,298.79	43,124,839.94
Loans to mining businesses.....	4,954,200.00	2,274,387.55
Loans to finance the carrying and orderly marketing of agricultural commodities and livestock: Commodities Credit Corporation.....	767,716,962.21	767,716,962.21
Other.....	19,644,491.78	18,823,865.49
Loans to Rural Electrification Administration.....	146,500,000.00	2,425.46
Total loans, excl. of loans secured by pref. stock.....	5,802,463,870.54	4,613,211,935.53
Purchase of preferred stock, capital notes and debentures of banks and trust companies (including \$18,063,730 disbursed and \$11,633,169.99 repaid on loans secured by pref. stock).....	1,168,819,501.56	627,098,231.59
Purchase of stock of the R.F.C. Mortgage Co.....	25,000,000.00	-----
Purchase of stock of the Fed. Nat. Mtg. Co. Ag'n.....	11,000,000.00	-----
Loans secured by preferred stock of insurance companies (including \$100,000 disbursed for the purchase of preferred stock).....	34,475,000.00	7,754,816.01
Total.....	1,239,294,501.56	634,853,047.60
Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works security transactions.....	622,031,709.49	494,731,463.31
Total.....	7,663,790,081.59	5,742,796,446.44
Allocations to Governmental agencies under provisions of existing statutes:		
Secretary of the Treasury to purchase: Capital stock of Home Owners' Loan Corp.....	200,000,000.00	-----
Capital stock of Federal Home Loan banks.....	124,741,000.00	-----
Farm Loan (now Land Bank) Commissioner for loans to: Farmers.....	145,000,000.00	-----
Joint Stock Land banks.....	2,000,000.00	-----
Federal Farm Mtg. Co. for loans to farmers.....	55,000,000.00	-----
Federal Housing Administrator: To create mutual mortgage insurance fund.....	10,000,000.00	-----
For other purposes.....	66,546,074.55	-----
Sec. of Agricul. for crop loans to farmers (net).....	115,000,000.00	-----
Governor of the Farm Credit Administration for revolving fund to provide capital for production credit corporations.....	40,500,000.00	-----
Stock—Commodity Credit Corporation.....	97,000,000.00	-----
Stock—Disaster Loan Corporation.....	22,000,000.00	-----
Regional Agricultural Credit corporations for: Purchase of capital stock (incl. \$39,500,000 held in revolving fund).....	44,500,000.00	-----
Expenses—Prior to May 27, 1933.....	3,108,278.84	-----
Since May 26, 1933.....	13,930,002.92	-----
Administrative.....	115,696.87	-----
Administrative expense—1932 relief.....	126,871.85	-----
Total allocations to governmental agencies.....	940,167,924.83	-----
For relief—To States directly by Corporation.....	299,984,999.00	17,159,232.30
To States on certification of Federal Relief Administrator.....	499,999,065.72	-----
Under Emergency Appropriation Act—1935.....	500,000,000.00	-----
Under Emergency Relief Appropriation Act, 1935.....	500,000,000.00	-----
Total for relief.....	1,799,984,064.72	17,159,232.30
Interest on notes issued for funds for allocations and relief advances.....	33,177,419.82	-----
Grand total.....	10,437,119,490.96	5,759,955,678.74

* Does not include \$5,150,000 represented by notes of the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., which were accepted in payment for the balance due on loan made to the Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. Co.

a In addition to the repayments of funds disbursed for relief under the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932, the Corporation's notes have been canceled in the amount of \$2,719,170,177.07, equivalent to the balance of the amount dis-

bursed for allocations to other governmental agencies and for relief by direction of Congress and the interest paid thereon, pursuant to provisions of an Act (Public No. 432) approved Feb. 24, 1938.

The loans authorized and authorizations canceled or withdrawn for each railroad, together with the amount disbursed to and repaid by each, are shown in the following table (as of Nov. 30, 1939), contained in the report:

	Authorized	Authorizations Canceled or Withdrawn	Disbursed	Repaid
Aberdeen & Rockfish R.R. Co.....	127,000	-----	127,000	127,000
Ala. Tenn. & Northern R.R. Corp.....	275,000	-----	275,000	90,000
Alton R.R. Co.....	2,500,000	-----	2,500,000	668,355
Ann Arbor R.R. Co. (receivers).....	634,757	-----	634,757	534,757
Ashley Drew & Northern Ry. Co.....	400,000	-----	400,000	400,000
Baltimore & Ohio R.R. Co. (note).....	95,358,000	14,600	95,343,400	12,204,879
Birmingham & So. Eastern R.R. Co.....	41,300	-----	41,300	41,300
Boston & Maine R.R. Co.....	11,069,437	-----	11,069,437	41,807
Buffalo Union-Carolina R.R.....	53,960	-----	53,960	-----
Carlton & Coast R.R. Co.....	549,000	13,200	535,800	139,909
Carolina Clinchfield & Ohio Ry. (Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville & Nashville, lessees).....	14,150,000	-----	14,150,000	-----
Central of Georgia Ry. Co.....	3,124,319	-----	3,124,319	220,692
Central R.R. Co. of N. J.....	600,000	35,701	464,299	464,299
Charles City Western Ry. Co.....	140,000	-----	140,000	40,000
Chicago & Eastern Ill. R.R. Co.....	5,916,500	-----	5,916,500	155,632
Chicago & North Western R.R. Co.....	46,589,133	1,000	46,588,133	4,338,000
Chicago Great Western R.R. Co.....	1,289,000	-----	1,289,000	838
Chic. Gt. West. R.R. Co. (trustee).....	150,000	-----	150,000	150,000
Chic. Milw. St. P. & Pac. R.R. Co.....	12,000,000	500,000	11,500,000	537
Chic. Milw. St. P. & Pac. R.R. Co. (trustee).....	8,920,000	-----	3,840,000	3,840,000
Chic. No. Shore & Milw. R.R. Co.....	1,150,000	-----	1,150,000	-----
Chicago R. I. & Pac. Ry. Co.....	13,718,700	-----	13,718,700	-----
Cincinnati Union Terminal Co.....	10,398,925	2,008,925	8,390,000	8,300,000
Colorado Southern Ry. Co.....	29,424,000	53,600	29,450,800	1,561,133
Columbus & Greenville Ry. Co.....	60,000	-----	60,000	-----
Copper Range R.R. Co.....	53,500	-----	53,500	53,500
Del. Lackawanna & Western Ry.....	2,000,000	-----	2,000,000	-----
Denver & Rio Grande W.R.R. Co.....	8,300,000	219,000	8,081,000	500,000
Denver & Rio Grande W.R.R. Co. (trustees).....	1,800,000	-----	1,800,000	1,800,000
Denver & Salt Lake West. R.R. Co.....	3,182,150	-----	3,182,150	71,300
Erle R.R. Co.....	16,582,000	-----	16,582,000	682,000
Erle R.R. Co. (trustees).....	7,000,000	-----	7,000,000	-----
Eureka Nevada Ry. Co.....	3,000	3,000	-----	-----
Fla. E. Coast Ry. Co. (receivers).....	1,957,075	90,000	1,867,075	627,075
Ft. Smith & W. Ry. Co. (receivers).....	227,434	-----	227,434	10,000
Ft. Worth & Den. City Ry. Co.....	8,176,000	-----	8,176,000	-----
Fredericksburg & North. Ry. Co.....	15,000	15,000	-----	-----
Gainesville Midland R.R. Co.....	78,000	-----	78,000	-----
Gainsville Mid'l Ry. (receivers).....	10,539	10,539	-----	-----
Galv. Houston & Hend. R.R. Co.....	3,183,000	-----	3,183,000	1,111,000
Galveston Terminal Ry. Co.....	546,000	-----	546,000	-----
Georgia & Fla. R.R. Co. (receivers).....	354,721	-----	354,721	-----
Great Northern Ry. Co.....	105,422,400	99,422,400	6,000,000	6,000,000
Green County R.R. Co.....	13,915	-----	13,915	13,915
Guif Mobile & Northern R.R. Co.....	520,000	-----	520,000	520,000
Illinois Central R.R. Co.....	43,112,667	22,667	35,290,000	125,000
Lehigh Valley R.R. Co.....	10,278,000	1,000,000	9,278,000	8,500,000
Litchfield & Madison Ry. Co.....	800,000	-----	800,000	800,000
Louisiana & Arkansas Ry. Co.....	*350,000	-----	-----	-----
Maine Central R.R. Co.....	2,550,000	-----	2,550,000	2,550,000
Maryland & Penna. R.R. Co.....	200,000	3,000	197,000	50,000
Meridian & Bigbee River Ry. Co. (trustee).....	1,729,252	744,252	985,000	-----
Minn. St. P. & S.S. Marie Ry. Co.....	6,843,082	-----	6,843,082	6,843,082
Mississippi Export R.R. Co.....	100,000	-----	100,000	100,000
Missouri-Kansas-Texas R.R. Co.....	5,124,000	-----	5,124,000	2,309,760
Missouri Pacific R.R. Co.....	23,134,800	-----	23,134,800	-----
Missouri Southern R.R. Co.....	99,200	-----	99,200	99,200
Mobile & Ohio R.R. Co.....	785,000	-----	785,000	785,000
Mobile & Ohio R.R. Co. (receivers).....	1,070,599	-----	1,070,599	1,070,599
Murfreesboro-Nashville Ry. Co.....	25,000	-----	25,000	-----
New York Central R.R. Co.....	b32,499,000	-----	27,499,000	27,499,000
N. Y. Chic. & St. L. R.R. Co.....	18,200,000	-----	18,200,000	18,200,000
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford R.R. Co.....	7,700,000	222	7,699,778	809,888
Nor. South. R.R. Co. (receivers).....	607,000	-----	-----	-----
Pennsylvania R.R. Co.....	29,500,000	600,000	28,900,000	28,900,000
Pere Marquette Ry. Co.....	3,000,000	-----	3,000,000	3,000,000
Pioneer & Fayette R.R.....	17,000	-----	17,000	12,000
Pittsburgh & W. Va. R.R. Co.....	4,975,207	-----	4,975,207	773,600
Puget Sound & Cascade Ry. Co.....	300,000	-----	300,000	300,000
St. Louis-San Fran. Ry. Co.....	7,995,175	-----	7,995,175	2,805,175
St. Louis-Southwestern Ry. Co.....	18,790,000	117,750	18,672,250	18,672,250
Salt Lake & Utah R.R. (receivers).....	200,000	-----	200,000	200,000
Salt Lake & Utah R.R. Corp.....	400,000	-----	400,000	-----
Sand Springs Ry. Co.....	162,600	-----	162,600	162,600
Savannah & Atlanta Ry. Co.....	1,300,000	-----	1,065,000	-----
Seaboard Air L. Ry. Co. (rec'rs).....	2,950,000	-----	2,065,000	c320,000
Southern Pacific Co.....	45,200,000	1,200,000	44,000,000	24,200,000
Southern Ry. Co.....	51,405,000	500,000	50,905,000	19,909,132
Sumpter Valley Ry. Co.....	100,000	-----	100,000	100,000
Tennessee Central Ry. Co.....	5,147,700	-----	5,147,700	147,700
Texas Okla. & Eastern R.R. Co.....	108,740	108,740	-----	-----
Texas & Pacific Ry. Co.....	700,000	-----	700,000	700,000
Texas Southern-Eastern R.R. Co.....	30,000	-----	30,000	30,000
Tuckerton R.R. Co.....	45,000	6,000	39,000	39,000
Wabash Ry. Co. (receivers).....	23,231,583	-----	22,833,383	991,800
Western Pacific R.R. Co.....	4,366,000	-----	4,366,000	1,403,000
Western Pac. R.R. Co. (trustees).....	13,502,922	-----	13,502,922	3,600,000
Wichita Falls & Southern R.R. Co.....	750,000	-----	750,000	400,000
Wrightsville & Tennille R.R.....	22,525	-----	22,525	22,525
Totals.....	787,451,217	106,893,556	660,202,461	221,038,239

* Represents a guarantee; in addition the Corporation also guaranteed the payment of interest.

a The loan to Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. Co. (The Soo Line) was secured by its bonds, the interest on which was guaranteed by the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co. and when the "Soo Line" went into bankruptcy, we sold the balance due on the loan to the Canadian Pacific, receiving \$662,245.50 in cash and Canadian Pacific Ry. Co.'s notes for \$5,500,000, maturing over a period of 10 years, \$350,000 of which matured and was paid on Feb. 1, 1939.

b Includes a \$5,000,000 guarantee; in addition the Corporation also guaranteed the payment of interest.

c Represents securities sold, the payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the Corporation.

In addition to the above loans authorized the Corporation has approved, in principle, loans in the amount of \$142,461,145 upon the performance of specified conditions.

SEC Studying Bankruptcy Law as it Affects Stock Brokers—May Ask Congress to Revise Act to Preserve Rights of Customers With Free Credit Balances

On Jan. 10 the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed, in a letter to Senator Henry F. Ashurst, Chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, and to Representative Hatton W. Summers, Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary, that it is engaged in a study of the Bankruptcy Law in its application to stock brokers with a view to making recommendations for possible re-

vision. In its letter to Messrs. Ashurst and Summers the Commission says:

Section 60 (e) was evidently designed to do away, in large part, with the intricate and technical rules pertaining under previously existing law to the tracing of assets and which the Congress believed resulted in unfair and accidental administration of justice. A close examination of the provisions of the Section, however, indicates there is a very real possibility of its having effects upon the property rights of certain customers of brokers not intended by the Congress at least so far as that intention is disclosed from a review of the legislative history of the enactment of this Section. . .

Under the provisions of the new section, all customers' cash and securities in the hands of the stockbroker are pooled into a single and separate fund, with but one exception. Also, all customers, other than those to whom that exception is available, are constituted a single and separate class of creditors entitled to share ratably in that fund. Only property which "cash customers," as defined in the section, can identify, in the manner prescribed in the section, is excluded from the single and separate fund and is thus free from the claims of general customers. There is a distinct possibility, however, that it may be held that no property which did not remain in its identical form in the stockbroker's possession until the date of bankruptcy may, under the section, be identified by a "cash customer" unless, more than four months before the bankruptcy or at a time when the stockbroker was solvent, the property was allocated to, or physically set aside for, the customer and remained so allocated or set aside at the date of bankruptcy. The limited scope of the definition of a "cash customer" and other provisions in the section make it a very genuine possibility that, in the event of bankruptcy, many customers with either free credit balances or securities held in safekeeping in the hands of their brokers may nevertheless be unable to reclaim their cash or property and, as a consequence, may be remitted to a mere general claim against the single and separate fund.

Reports on Manufacturers of Lumber Products and Producers of Paper and Allied Products Issued by SEC

On Jan. 5 the Securities and Exchange Commission made public two more of a series of reports based on a Work Projects Administration study now known as the Survey of American Listed Corporations. The current reports contain a summary of selected data on the following two industry groups composed of corporations registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934: manufacturers of lumber products, and producers of paper and allied products. These summaries contain essentially the same information as the first 55 reports of this series which have been released, but unlike the first 18 reports, they have not been printed in quantity and, therefore, are not available for free distribution. They are, however, open to public inspection and use at the offices of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Changes in Tax Forms for Reporting 1939 Incomes Adopted—Further Simplifies Matter, Says Internal Revenue Commissioner Helvering

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Guy T. Helvering announced Jan. 2 the adoption of changes claimed as simplifying return forms which taxpayers will use in reporting their 1939 incomes. Three changes in Form 1040 for taxpayers with net incomes of more than \$5,000 from salaries, wages, dividends, annuities and other sources, as announced by the Treasury Department are:

1. Summary of capital net gains and losses (Schedule F) has been revised to provide a column for reporting net short-term capital loss carry-over.
2. Schedule H has been changed to require a more orderly explanation of deductions claimed in these items: Contributions paid, interest, taxes, losses from fire, storm or theft, bad debts and other authorized deductions.
3. Instructions have been simplified and, by reducing their length from four to two pages, it is now possible to print them on one sheet.

Changes made on Form 1040-A for incomes of not more than \$5,000 are reported by the Department as follows:

1. Item 5, which formerly read "Income from Annuities" has been changed to read, "Other income (including income from annuities, fiduciaries, etc.)."
2. A new section, Schedule C—other income (including income from annuities, fiduciaries, etc.), has been added to show the source, nature and amount of items to be reported in Item 5.
3. Instructions have been simplified. All references to sections of the law and technical phrasing of the regulations have been eliminated. The original form and instructions have been printed on one sheet.

The corporation income and excess profits tax return—Form 1120—is substantially the same as that in use last year. Principal changes are indicated as follows by the Department as follows:

1. "Schedule N—Distributions to stockholders and dividends paid credit" has been revised to provide for the inclusion of "Net Operating loss of Preceding Year." Certain exceptions and limitations incident to the application of this item in the computation of the "Dividends Paid Credit," under the provisions of Section 27 of the Internal Revenue Code, have been included.
2. The instructions accompanying Form 1120 have been revised to provide detailed information in connection with computation of the basic surtax credit made necessary by the inclusion of net operating loss, if any, covering the preceding year. The instructions also will furnish the taxpayer with the method of making his computation of the dividend carry-over to the taxable year 1939 from the two preceding taxable years.

Regarding the principal change in Form 1065 (Partnership Return of Income) for 1939, which is in Schedule A, it is stated:

Columns showing "Interest exempt from taxation" and "Interest on amount in excess of exemption" have been eliminated. Wholly tax-exempt interest and partially tax-exempt interest have been segregated and provision made for reporting in item 7, page 1, (Interest on Government obligations, etc.), the total amount of partially tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. Schedule F has been changed to require a more orderly explanation of deductions claimed in item 17 (Interest on indebtedness) and item 23 (Other deductions allowed by law.) Instructions also have been revised to accord with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and the Revenue Act of 1939.

Reduction in New York State Stock Transfer Tax Urged by Association of Customer's Men

The Association of Customer's Men recently issued a summary on the subject of the New York State Stock Transfer taxes in which it urged that the tax be reduced and placed on a more equitable basis. The following is taken from the summary:

For those not already familiar, the tax situation is this. All trading in securities in the United States is subject to a Federal tax payable by the seller which is not considered burdensome. Besides the Federal tax, three of the States which have stock exchanges, tax securities sales within their borders—Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York. In both the States of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania the tax is 2c per \$100 of par value or 2c per share of no par value. This seems reasonable enough. Also, like the Federal tax, it can be minimized by reducing the par value of the stock.

In New York State the tax is a straight 4c a share on stock selling at \$20 or over, and a straight 3c a share on stock selling under \$20. Obviously this tax is a heavy burden on ordinary transactions, it cannot be minimized by lowering the par value of the stock, and it falls inequitably on transactions in low priced stocks as opposed to high priced stocks. For instance, on the sale of 10 shares of American Telephone (\$100 par) at 169, a transaction involving \$1,690., the New York State Tax is 40c, whereas on the sale of 500 Willys-Overland (\$1 par) at 2, a transaction involving only \$1,000, it is \$15. This compares with a tax of 20c on the Telephone trade and 10c on the Willys-Overland trade in both Massachusetts and Pennsylvania; none, of course, in the States where there is not a tax.

The tax situation probably would not be so serious if it were not lending itself admirably to efforts of the Securities Exchange Commission to build up out-of-town exchanges at the expense of the New York Stock Exchange under a "regionalization of capital" theory. In 1937 the SEC authorized a number of out-of-town exchanges to increase unlisted dealings in securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange and in 1938 it further liberalized this order. Previously the SEC had taken the stand that unlisted trading generally was not in the public interest, but it apparently now reasons that as a practical matter this type of business is necessary if the out-of-town exchanges are to flourish. In 1938 the SEC also approved a system of out-of-town odd lot trading whereby the out-of-town dealer waits three minutes and then executes the order on the basis of the next sale on the New York tape charging the usual one-eighth differential. Normally the New York Stock Exchange, which owns the New York Ticker Service, could take steps to discourage this system of trading off its tape, but the Securities Act of 1934 also gave the SEC control over the ticker tape, and any such action is, therefore, inadvisable.

Out-of-town papers are already beginning to advertise that taxes are lower at home and advising people to keep their business on local exchanges. One out-of-town exchange even prints this information on its ticker.

Under the circumstance there appears to be only one thing to do—if the gentlemen at Albany wish to keep a major New York State industry at home—reduce the New York State transfer tax and place it on a more equitable basis. The New York Stock Exchange is still the best stock exchange in the country and the most efficient. We think it can keep its business here, but only under something a little more like the time honored American system of equal competitive conditions.

An address by William McC. Martin, Jr., President of the New York Stock Exchange, urging a reduction of these taxes was noted in our issue of Jan. 6, page 50.

Former Secretary of Treasury Hanes Says Promotion of National Recovery Will Be Brought About By Doing It "The Sound Way"—Cites Way in Which Government Could Help

The promotion of national recovery is a task of many aspects which we are not going to achieve by any known or unknown political "hat tricks" but which we can achieve by knocking down and doing it in the hard way—"the sound way," John W. Hanes, until recently under Secretary of the Treasury, declared in an address on Jan. 8 at the Jackson Day Dinner, at Dallas, Texas. Mr. Hanes said:

If nothing else, the past decade at least has given us a revival of the kind of public interest and discussion that gives life to democracy. Less apparent perhaps in the welter of activity essential to the solution of our problems, but a trend which I believe is every bit as important, has been the recent manifestation by business leaders of the realization that they, too, are stewards for the public just as are leaders in politics.

The speaker declared it was imperative "that we direct every effort towards encouraging investment in enterprises which provide employment." He mentioned a few ways in which the Government could help, saying:

First we can do everything possible to restore confidence in the business man. Another way we can help is through a sane, honest approach to our tax problems. This, I believe, the Treasury has conscientiously tried to do. Last August, we invited suggestions and recommendations from more than 1,500 representative leaders and groups in business, industry, labor, agriculture and education. We asked for suggestions and ideas of whatever nature any of these groups believed would be constructive and fair and would improve the tax structure. The response was most encouraging. A complete digest of this taxpayer opinion has been compiled in the Treasury and has been submitted by Secretary Morgenthau to the Ways and Means Committee for its consideration when tax revision is again taken up. Another way we can help is by making an honest effort at getting our Federal outgo and income at least into adjoining counties—nothing would so revive business confidence as that.

The former Treasury official asserted that it would be "sad for America, indeed, if we should accept the restricted philosophy that the country is suffering from a matured economy, that not only have our natural frontiers disappeared but that also our economic frontiers are no more, and that there is no longer ample room in the national economy for a new investment in enterprise." Such a philosophy, he said, "reflects upon the genius and ingenuity of our people. It is inconsistent with the insatiable desire and demand of the American people for an ever higher standard of living. It is repudiated by the achievements of the past and the prospects of the future." He added:

I do not need to tell you that for sometime the country has been making substantial progress toward recovery. I think we have a reasonable right to expect business activity to continue at substantially the present level, with some fluctuations, of course, if we have the practical capacity to continue a spirit of cooperation between business and government, between industry and labor. One factor that has been dragging but that is now definitely improved is the low level of prices received for farm and other commodities. This buoyancy in farm prices is encouraging. I have confidence to believe that the American people have the will to carry out the cooperation I have just spoken of.

From his own dealings with representatives of American business during his stay in Washington, Mr. Hanes said he was firmly convinced that "we are entering a new decade of economic, social, and political history with the advantage of an alert, conscientious industrial management," and that "with the worker and the public generally continuing to pay close attention to the process of government and the process of business, I know that we are in a position to solve the problem of unoccupied men." He argued for the maintenance of conditions under which private enterprise may make reasonable profits, as a means of increasing production, which he defined as the primary solution of the unemployment problem.

Col. O. J. Ross Warns States to Remove Trade Barriers or Public Will Demand Federal Action—New York State Tax Commissioner Urges Repeal of Discriminatory Statutes to Check Trend Toward State Provincialism

Condemning the growth of a policy of "State and sectional economic isolation" during the past 10 years, Col. Ogden J. Ross, member of the New York State Tax Commission, on Jan. 5 told representatives of seven States at an interstate conference on liquor control at Buffalo, N. Y., that unless the States remove barriers to trade across their boundary lines, an aroused public will demand Federal action. States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, as well as the Federal Department of Commerce and the Federal Alcoholic Administration, were represented. Col. Ross declared:

Free trade across the boundaries of the States has been the keystone of our economic expansion. But more than that, it has been an instrument of promotion of our national unity.

Discussing the rise of State barrier legislation and administration in recent years, he cited in contrast the efforts of the Secretary of State Hull to remove barriers from international trade by means of reciprocal agreements. Mr. Ross continued:

The effect upon our national economy of all this interstate sniping unfortunately cannot be measured. That it has been adverse in the extreme cannot be questioned in the light of all experience. So long as two can play at the game—so long as there can be swift and effective retaliation against discriminatory legislation or administration—no State can hope to achieve permanent advantage by a policy of trade isolation.

Col. Ross reiterated the policy of the present New York State administration as being "unalterably opposed to interference with interstate trade" and declared that this policy was in practice. Urging repeal of discriminatory statutes as the first step in "destroying the trend toward State provincialism," the tax commission said:

As for future legislation, the States will do well to learn the exercise of self-restraint; the way of conciliation before retaliation. Prepared legislation must be examined objectively, searched for disguised attempts at discrimination and analyzed as to its probable effect, however well intentioned.

There are three possibilities in view, Mr. Ross concluded:

1. The States will put their houses in order; 2. If the States fail, an aroused public will demand a restoration of free trade by Federal action; 3. If the interstate barriers remain, State and sectional isolation will grow and become more firmly entrenched, and, ultimately, will subject our national unity to a critical test.

E. P. Thomas Urges Extension of Reciprocal Trade Act—Says It Would Be Great Mistake to Change United States Tariff Policy Before End of European War—Head of National Foreign Trade Council Addresses Controllers Institute of America

The reciprocal trade program of the Administration was defended on Jan. 5 by Eugene P. Thomas, President of the National Foreign Trade Council who, in an address before the Controllers Institute of America, urged that the tariff question not be thrown back "into the heated atmosphere of partisan politics." Mr. Thomas declared that the strengthening of economic bonds between this country and Latin America will be mainly achieved by extension of reciprocal trade agreements "in the operation of which lies the best promise for a solution of exchange and other difficulties that have confronted our exporters in the depression years." He added that the United States should not make any tariff revision before the conclusion of the present war. Mr. Thomas said, in part:

We should be prepared for changes in the pattern of international trade by which our commercial relations with the European democracies, belligerent and neutral, may undergo a significant transformation. Briand's plan for an economic federation of European nations has been revived. We have had experience of the Oslo group, of the Sterling group, and of the Ottawa preferential tariff group. At the close of the war we shall doubtless have a continuance in totalitarian countries of rigid governmental control of production and distribution, transportation and banking. We shall also most likely witness a closer economic grouping of British Empire countries, as a counterpoise to these international developments. We would do well to study now what a changed economic map

of the world, along the lines indicated, may mean for the future trade of the United States. It may well prove to be a turning point in our trade relations with the outside world, which long has viewed with envy the advantages the American producer possesses in a vast domestic area of untrammelled freedom of trade.

In view of these possible changes this is not the time to expose American foreign trade to the uncertainties bound to arise by throwing the tariff issue back into the heated atmosphere of partisan politics. If any adjustment is to be made, we should await the outcome of the present war before swapping horses. The argument that Congress alone has the right to make tariff changes is not in question, seeing that the Congress, within specified limits, has delegated this power to the Executive. Congress also has fixed a time limit in each instance for expiry of the Act and, therefore, retains the power to review operations under the Act before renewing it; thus guarding against any abuse by the Executive of the powers conferred upon it by Congress.

The impact of the present war finds us unprepared for disturbing changes in our foreign commercial policy. It is a time for consolidating any gains made towards recovery from the depression; a time for the conservation of our national resources as a wind-break against the economic consequences of a second war; a time also for the exercise of caution in entering upon new enterprises. No one knows better than the Controller how necessary it is, at this critical juncture in international affairs, to avoid hasty action in discarding old lamps for new.

While we wait on the outcome of this war and the peace terms that may change the economic map of the world, it is the immediate task of America to guard its own frontiers against any contingency that may threaten to impair its economic power.

Already steps have been taken to solve some of the problems arising from blocked currencies and exchange discriminations. Significant of the power business still possesses, in its influence to obtain the cooperation of governments in redressing grievances, were the refunding agreements made between the National Foreign Trade Council on the one part and the Governments of Brazil, Argentina and Nicaragua on the other parts. In the negotiations leading up to these refundings of a total of about \$70,000,000, the Council represented American creditors running up to 1,250 in the case of Brazil. The Council, representing about 700 American creditors, is now engaged in negotiating the repatriation of American funds by the Government of Spain. In the negotiations with the Government of Nicaragua the Council acceded to the request to include both British and Canadian creditors in any settlement made.

Cooperation between business and government—never more sorely needed than today—is essential to a final solution of international problems that place in continued jeopardy the urge of business in every country to be free from the entanglements of political policies that disrupt and destroy friendly commercial relations.

A variety of causes—particularly those induced by the present war—have enabled the United States to establish between it and Latin American countries an atmosphere of friendly understanding. Successive Pan-American conferences have laid the foundations for a searching examination by all the Americas of the means that might be adopted for the strengthening of these friendly ties by the development of their national resources and a consequent increase in Latin American exports. My own experiences at the Lima Conference, and in conversations with heads of Latin American governments, as well as with American Chambers in that region, have convinced me of the necessity for immediate plans for aiding our sister American republics in the liquidation of their compensation agreements with Germany and in placing them in a position to be less vulnerable to economic pressure by non-American governments. This is a first-line of economic defense for ourselves, as well as for the other members of the Pan-American group of nations.

It is well to bear in mind, when proposals are made for the abandonment of our reciprocal trade agreements policy, that Pan-American conferences have gone on record in support of our foreign trade policy, as the one most effective in creating and maintaining the sound business relations now sought by Latin America, as an alternative to the compensation barter agreements they have been compelled to make with other countries.

Construction Work at University of Illinois Halted

Seventy plumbers and steamfitters, working on three new buildings of the University of Illinois, at Urbana, Ill., were ordered by the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers and Steamfitters, to walk out on construction work on Jan. 2. The order was issued from the Washington, D. C. headquarters of the union, without a vote by the Urbana local, when the University trustees refused to allow the work to be done by a contracting firm.

There was no question of wages or hours involved, according to the trustees. The walkout followed the universities efforts to save money by using its own union employes on the new construction work. Union officials are said to have insisted the university give the work to a contractor.

In reporting the walkout, the "Chicago Tribune" of Jan. 6, said:

The particular job blamed for the walkout involves installation of piping in a tunnel leading from the new heating plant to several campus buildings.

The lowest bid from a contractor was \$10,000 more than the \$66,500 for which university officials concluded they could get the work done, using their own union plumbers and hiring others through the local union.

At the meeting yesterday were Oscar G. Mayer, president of the board of trustees and chairman of the executive committee; Mrs. Glenn E. Plumb, and Louis C. Moschel. A. J. Janata, assistant to the president of the university, and attorneys also were present.

In a statement after the meeting the committee said one of the union's complaints was that if the university did the work, there would be inadequate protection for workers under the workmen's compensation and occupational disease law, and there would be a loss of social security privileges, which university employes do not enjoy.

"The university assures the union," the statement read, "that it will provide adequate workmen's compensation and is prepared to supply all privileges under the federal social security act. But the university cannot abandon its duty or surrender its power to do its own work."

A spokesman for the committee declared "It is a matter of common sense that the university can do its own construction work when no violation of union rules is involved."

It was recalled that several years ago, when the press of time did not allow the university to advertise for bids, it went ahead and constructed an addition to a building without controversy.

The committee's action, which is binding on the whole board, will be submitted to the union today.

Tulane University and American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers to Conduct Two Case-Study Courses in Real Estate Appraisal

Tulane University, New Orleans, La., and the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers announce two two-week case-study courses in real estate appraisal. These courses, which are for appraisers, brokers, managers, builders and mortgage men, will be held in February and March. viz:

Real Estate Appraisal I—Fundamental Principles and Practice—will be conducted from Feb. 12 to Feb. 24

Real Estate Appraisal II—Valuation of Investment Properties—will be held from Feb. 26 to Mar. 9.

The purposes of the course are to help meet the need for a thorough knowledge of real estate value and an understanding of sound methods of valuation and pricing. Appraisers, real estate mortgage specialists, builders, property managers and real estate brokers from southern, south-central and south-western states are expected to make up the student body.

New School For Social Research to Conduct Series of Lectures on "The New World of Finance"

A series of lectures on "The New World of Finance" will be held at the New School for Social Research once a week beginning Jan. 15. The Chairman of the meetings are Rudolph L. Weissman, Economist, author of "The New Wall Street," "The Federal Reserve System," who will open the discussion on Jan. 15, and A. Wilfred May, International Economic Expert, who will speak on Jan. 22. Others who will address the meetings in succeeding weeks are: Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Benjamin Graham, Economist, Author of "Security Analysis"; William McC. Martin, Jr., President of the New York Stock Exchange; R. McLean Stewart, Harriman, Ripley, Inc.; Dean Langmuir, President, Dean Langmuir, Inc.; Alexander Sachs, Vice-President and Economist, the Lehman Corporation; Bayard F. Pope, Chairman of the Marine Midland Trust Co.; Jerome N. Frank, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission; Arthur Dean, partner, Sullivan & Cromwell; Joseph D. McGoldrick, Comptroller of the City of New York, and Max Winkler, Professor of Economics, College of the City of New York. Attendance at the complete series of discussions costs \$12.50, while a single admission is \$1.00.

Senator Glass Honored on 82d Birthday—Professorship of Government Established at Sweet Briar College, Virginia

Friends of Senator Carter Glass of Virginia celebrated his eighty-second birthday on Jan. 4 by dedicating the Carter Glass chair of government at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va. President Roosevelt called the Senator on the telephone to extend birthday greetings. Senator Harry Byrd, junior colleague of Mr. Glass, delivered the principal address, pointing out that his friends wished to perpetuate the ideals of Senator Glass through the gift. Senator Byrd, in his eulogy of Senator Glass, was quoted in Associated Press advices from Sweet Briar as saying, in part:

He is a liberal who favors continued improvement in the Nation's economic and political life. He is a conservative who is unwilling to advocate unworkable measures having political expediency as their primary objective and waste and extravagance as their inherent characteristics.

He is a liberal who is opposed to concentration of power; he is a conservative who fights to conserve for the States and the individuals those powers and rights which are properly theirs.

He is a liberal who demands freedom of speech, freedom of press, and freedom of religion for all regardless of their political or religious views; he is a conservative who does not hesitate to defend our citizens their fundamental rights when they are endangered by packed courts or to denounce every effort to reduce the legislative body to dependency.

The same advices quoted Robert V. Fleming, President of the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D. C., as paying the following tribute to Senator Glass:

Today there is no man who is more revered, more highly honored for his unswerving integrity, and for whom the banking and business interests of this Nation hold a greater admiration, than for the gentleman in whose honor the professorship in government is being established here at Sweet Briar.

I should like to add that I am glad of the opportunity this occasion affords me to publicly express to Senator Glass my appreciation for the great contribution he has made to the financial structure of our Nation, for his many courteous and considerate acts, for his fine understanding and cooperation. I want to assure him and his fellow Virginians present here tonight of my high admiration and deep affection for him, and that I consider it has been a rare privilege to have been favored with an intimate contact with one of America's greatest statesmen.

From the Associated Press accounts we also take the following:

Jesse Jones, Administrator of the Federal Loan Agency, was a scheduled speaker but a cold prevented his attending.

In a letter to Miss Meta Glass, the Senator's sister and President of Sweet Briar, Mr. Jones commended the college for establishing the Carter Glass chair of government. He added the hope this chair "would contribute to the development of just one patriot and statesman of the approximate dimensions of Carter Glass."

"I have thrilled at his fighting qualities," Mr. Jones wrote, "admired

his sure and deep convictions, esteemed his straight thinking, and loved him for himself.

Death of Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor in President Taft's Cabinet

Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor in President Taft's Cabinet, died of a cerebral hemorrhage on Jan. 5 at his home in St. Louis. He was 90 years old. By profession Mr. Nagel was an attorney and had practiced law in St. Louis since 1873. The following account of his career is taken from the New York "Times" of Jan. 6:

Long before his appointment in 1909 by President Taft, Mr. Nagel had acquired a national reputation in his profession and as a lecturer, writer and internationalist. He was the last official to serve as Secretary of Commerce and Labor, that post having been divided into separate departments at the beginning of the first Administration of Woodrow Wilson.

Mr. Nagel often was called the father of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, having given inception to that organization through an address delivered in Boston in 1912. His prominence as a lawyer caused him to be considered in 1910 for appointment on the bench of the Supreme Court. Later he served as a member of the Board of Mediation and Conciliation, a body created by Congress, and helped arbitrate labor disputes.

For thirty years before his appointment in the Taft Cabinet, Mr. Nagel had practiced law in St. Louis, served in the Missouri State Legislature and as president of the St. Louis City Council.

Mr. Nagel was born in Colorado County, Texas, Aug. 9, 1849. . . . He was lecturer in the St. Louis Law School from 1885 to 1909 and had been a trustee of Washington University since 1892. He served also as vice president of that institution.

In 1920 Mr. Nagel supported the efforts of the Committee of 48, which proposed a campaign to organize all liberals into a party opposed to both the Democratic and Republican parties.

For four years, 1908 to 1912, Mr. Nagel was a member of the Republican National Committee. Later he was chairman of the agricultural commission appointed jointly by the National Industrial Conference Board and the United States Chamber of Commerce in 1926.

Death of Representative Curley of New York—Served in Congress Since 1935

Edward W. Curley, Democratic Representative in Congress from the Twenty-second New York District, died of heart disease on Jan. 6 at his home in New York City. He was 66 years old. Mr. Curley was elected to Congress in 1935 to fill a vacancy and was returned to Congress in 1936 and 1938. The following was reported in the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 7:

Mr. Curley was born in Easton, Pa., in 1873, studied at the College of the City of New York and was in the building business in New York for 25 years. He was a former president of the Stanley Hoist and Machine Co., dealers in equipment for builders and contractors.

From 1916 to 1935 Mr. Curley was a member of the Board of Aldermen.

In 1935 he was elected to the House of Representatives at a special election to fill a vacancy caused by the death of A. J. Griffin and was re-elected at the next regular election. He served on the Civil Service, Labor and Election of President, Vice-President and Representatives committees of the House.

Death of Justice Frankenthaler of New York State Supreme Court

Alfred Frankenthaler, a Justice of the New York State Supreme Court since 1927, died on Jan. 7 at his home in New York City. He was 58 years old. Justice Frankenthaler had for the last six years supervised the reorganization and rehabilitation of mortgages and mortgage certificates. The following concerning his career is from the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 8:

Justice Frankenthaler acquired in private law practice a wide knowledge of matters pertaining to real estate and as a judge added many ruling decisions to the law in real estate cases. For several years, by special designation of the Appellate Division, First Department, he sat in virtually all important litigation growing out of defaults on mortgage bond payments, title and bond company receiverships and reorganization proceedings.

Thus, while holding an extraordinary term of the Supreme Court for this character of litigation, he handed down decisions that involved the paying over to bondholders of many millions of dollars. In about every case, the orders of Justice Frankenthaler were upheld on appeal to the Appellate Division, or Court of Appeals, although sometimes these tribunals modified such orders.

Justice Frankenthaler, a native of New York City, attended grammar school and then the College of the City of New York, where he was admitted to the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. Upon his graduation from the latter institution in 1900 he began his law course at the Columbia University Law School, where he received his LL. B. with honors in 1903.

During his career as lawyer Justice Frankenthaler took an active part in Democratic politics and at one time was a member of the Tammany Hall law committee. From 1908 to 1910 he served as an Assistant United States Attorney, which was his only public office until he went on the bench. He was a member of a committee appointed in 1923 by then Governor Alfred E. Smith to investigate defects in state law and administration, and also served on former Mayor James J. Walker's Committee on City Plan and Survey.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 9 in Temple Emanu-El, New York City, at which Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York delivered the eulogy.

Charles Edison Approved by Senate as Secretary of Navy—Other Confirmations

The Senate Jan. 11, unanimously confirmed Mr. Roosevelt's appointment of Charles Edison as Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Edison's nomination was noted in our issue of Jan. 6, page 52.

Other Presidential nominations approved by the Senate on Jan. 11 included the following:

BRECKINRIDGE LONG, Assistant Secretary of State.
 JOHN CUDAHY, Ambassador to Belgium.
 GEORGE S. MESSERSMITH, Ambassador to Cuba.
 R. HENRY NORWEB, Ambassador to Peru.
 JAMES H. R. CROMWELL, Minister to Canada.
 ROBERT M. SCOTTEN, Minister to the Dominican Republic.
 DANIEL W. BELL, Under Secretary of the Treasury.
 JOHN L. SULLIVAN, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

All these designations were mentioned in these columns of Jan. 6, page 53.

President Roosevelt Reappoints Five Directors of RFC

President Roosevelt submitted to the Senate on Jan. 8, the reappointments of five members of the Board of Directors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for terms of two years beginning Jan. 22, 1940. They are Emil Schram of Illinois, Carroll B. Merriam of Kansas, Charles B. Henderson of Nevada, Howard J. Klossner of Minnesota and Sam Husbands of South Carolina.

Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Approves Nomination of Frank Murphy as Supreme Court Justice

A Senate Judiciary subcommittee on Jan. 11, approved the nomination of Attorney-General Frank Murphy to be Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court after hearing Mr. Murphy testify regarding his views on the Constitution, the duties of a Supreme Court Justice, and the sit-down strikes in Michigan while he was Governor.

President Roosevelt nominated Mr. Murphy last week to succeed the late Pierce Butler; this was reported in these columns Jan. 6, page 53.

C. P. Gulick Appointed Vice-Chairman of Industrial Practices Committee of Manufacturers Association

Appointment of C. P. Gulick, Chairman of the Board of National Oil Products Co., Harrison, N. J., as Vice Chairman of the important Industrial Practices Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers was announced Jan. 12 by H. W. Prentis Jr., President of the Association.

C. A. Mackey Nominated to Serve Sixth Term as President of New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc.

Chandler A. Mackey was nominated on Jan. 8 to serve a sixth term as President of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, Inc., and, if elected, will become the first sixth-term President since 1911. W. W. Pinney has been nominated to serve again as Vice-President and Richard L. Lamborn will again run for the post of Treasurer. The only new member of the Board of Managers will be Paul Nortz, who was nominated to serve for one year in the place of Frank G. Henderson, whose death on Jan. 2 was noted in our Jan. 6 issue, page 52. Members of the Board renominated to serve a further two-year term are Harold L. Bache, George V. Christman, William B. Craig, P. R. Nelson, M. E. Rionda and Frank C. Russell. The election of officers will take place Jan. 18. The Nominating Committee for 1941 will consist of A. Schierenberg, Chairman, and S. A. Levy, E. Lagemann, W. J. Wessels and Earl B. Wilson.

1940 Nominating Committee of New York Stock Exchange Elected

The 1940 Nominating Committee of the New York Stock Exchange, composed of four members of the Exchange, two allied members or non-members residing in New York City, and one member or allied member or non-member residing outside New York City, was elected as follows on Jan. 8:

Four members of the Exchange—Alan L. Eggers, Pennington, Colket & Wisner; William T. Kirk 3d, Ely & Co.; Harold W. Scott, Dean Witter & Co.; Philip H. Watts, G. H. Walker & Co.

Two allied members or non-members of the Exchange residing in the metropolitan area of the City of New York who are general or limited partners in member firms engaged in a business involving direct contact with the public—Harold T. Johnson, Jas. H. Oliphant & Co.; Henry Siegbert, Adolph Lewisohn & Sons.

One member or allied member or non-member of the Exchange residing outside of the metropolitan area of the City of New York who is a general or limited partner in a member firm engaged in a business involving direct contact with the public—Hugh D. Auchincloss, Auchincloss, Parker & Redpath.

Mr. Scott has been elected Chairman and Mr. Watts has been named Secretary.

The new Nominating Committee will hold three meetings in the month of March, to which members and allied members of the Exchange and also non-member limited partners will be invited for the purpose of suggesting nominees for the offices and positions to be filled at the annual election of the Exchange on May 13. The Nominating Committee will report its slate of nominees on April 8.

Spring Term of New York Stock Exchange Institute to Begin Jan. 29

Registration for the Spring Term of the New York Stock Exchange Institute will commence on Jan. 19, and the classes for the new term will begin on Jan. 29, it was announced Jan. 11 by Dr. Birl E. Shultz, Director of the Institute.

Thirty-four courses will be offered, including Stock Exchange and Brokerage Office Procedure, Security Analysis, Industry Analysis, Investment Accounting Management, Bond Trading, Our Money and Banking System, Federal Income Tax Practice, and State Income Tax Practice. About 800 students from New York City were enrolled in the Fall Term of the Institute, of whom more than 200 were members of the public. Students taking the correspondence course numbered 400, who were resident in 33 different States. The announcement of the Exchange says:

George S. Parlin, a member of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, will again give a course on "Federal Regulation of the Securities Business."

Frederick S. Todman, senior partner of F. S. Todman and Co., public accountants, will continue his "Brokerage Management Forum," designed especially for partners of member firms.

Two new instructors who will conduct courses in Commodity Brokerage Procedure & Accounting, and the Transfer of Title to Securities, have been added to the faculty, M. E. Finney, of the staff of the Commodity Exchange Administration, and Walter Scott Robinson, of White & Case, lawyers.

Members of New York Stock Exchange Approve Amendment Increasing Arbitration Committee

The amendment to the Constitution of the New York Stock Exchange, increasing the number of members of the Arbitration Committee from seven to nine, by providing two additional alternates, was approved Jan. 10 by the members of the Exchange. The total vote cast was 802; 799 approving and three disapproving. The adoption of this amendment by the Board of Governors was mentioned in our issue of Dec. 30, page 4114.

F. C. Ferguson Reelected Chairman of Port of New York Authority—H. S. Cullman Renamed Vice-Chairman

Frank C. Ferguson was reelected Chairman of the Port of New York Authority on Jan. 5 at the organization's annual meeting in New York City. Mr. Ferguson, the oldest member of the Board in point of service, having been named a Commissioner from New Jersey in 1924, has been Chairman since 1934 and for several years before that he was Vice-Chairman. At the Jan. 5 meeting Howard S. Cullman was reelected Vice-Chairman. He was appointed a member of the Authority in 1927 and has been Vice-Chairman since 1934.

A. N. Keystone Elected President of San Francisco Stock Exchange

George N. Keystone, senior partner in the firm of Keystone & Co., was elected President of the San Francisco Stock Exchange Jan. 10, at the regular annual meeting held in San Francisco. Mr. Keystone succeeds William R. Bacon who has twice served in this capacity. The new President has been a member of the Exchange since 1919. A graduate of the University of California in 1913 Mr. Keystone has been active in the business and political life of San Francisco and the State since his graduation. Other officers elected were Frank M. Dwyer, Vice-President and Alexis Ehrman, Jr., R. B. Coons and William Leib as members of the Governing Board.

William Haas Elected President of New York State Safe Deposit Association—Other Officers Chosen

At a meeting of the New York State Safe Deposit Association held at the Hotel McAlpin, New York City, on Jan. 10, the following new officers and members of the Executive Committee were elected:

President—William Haas, Vice-President and General Manager Manufacturers Safe Deposit Co., New York City.

First Vice-President—George F. Parton, President, The Standard Safe Deposit Co. of New York, New York City.

Second Vice-President—Frank O. Brand, Secretary and General Manager, Empire Safe Deposit Co., New York City.

* Secretary—James A. McBain, Assistant Treasurer, The Chase Safe Deposit Co., New York City.

* Treasurer—E. Walter Boedecker, Manager, Fidelity Safe Deposit Co., New York City.

For members of the Executive Committee:

One-year term expiring Dec. 31, 1940: John A. Elbe, Cashier, Lincoln Savings Bank of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Three-year term expiring Dec. 31, 1942: John F. Lee, Secretary, Lafayette Safe Deposit Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Wesley P. Callender, Manager, Safe Deposit Department, Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, Brooklyn, N. Y.

* Re-elected.

Mr. Haas was formerly First Vice-President, Mr. Parton was formerly Second Vice-President and Mr. Brand was formerly a member of the Executive Committee. Alfred L. Curtiss, Secretary and Superintendent of the New York Stock Exchange Safe Deposit Co., is the retiring President and will serve ex-officio on the Executive Committee.

John A. Brown Heads Greater New York Fund Campaign Committee—Scroll Presented to Retiring Chairman T. I. Parkinson

John A. Brown, President of Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., has accepted the chairmanship of the Greater New York Fund's 1940 campaign. Announcement of his acceptance was made by Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chairman of the Business Council of the Fund, at a meeting of the Executive

Committee, Jan. 4. The new Chairman succeeds Thomas I. Parkinson, President of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, who was leader of the 1939 drive conducted for the Fund's affiliated voluntary social welfare and health agencies. James G. Blaine, President of the Greater New York Fund, presented a scroll to Mr. Parkinson, the retiring Chairman, as a token of the appreciation of his efforts in the 1939 campaign. In accepting the chairmanship Mr. Brown praised the work of his predecessors in the two campaigns conducted by the Fund. The pioneering efforts of these men, he said, have firmly established the Fund in the minds and hearts of all New Yorkers. Mr. Brown continued:

I consider it a great honor and privilege to be associated with you in this businesslike endeavor. For business companies and employee groups to be able to make one contribution to more than 893 voluntary welfare agencies whose services are distributed over the five boroughs, and to all people, irrespective of race, color or creed, secure in the knowledge that the funds will be used to accomplish the greatest possible good, is undeniably better than the necessity for considering hundreds of separate appeals. I cannot see how these business and employee groups can do otherwise than to perform their civic duty through the sane and efficient means provided by the Greater New York Fund.

It was also announced at the Executive Committee meeting that the Greater New York Fund had raised in its 1939 campaign \$3,454,634.63. Of this amount \$1,939,210.29 has been distributed. The balance of money is to be distributed within the next two or three months.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

George S. Parlin, General Counsel of the New York Regional Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission, whose New York Stock Exchange Institute course, "Federal Regulation of the Securities Business," has just been completed, was guest of honor on Jan. 11 at a dinner in Busto's Restaurant, given by the 36 members of his class. Carl T. Naumberg, a partner of Farroll Brothers, was toastmaster, and Joseph Klingenstein, a member of the firm of Wertheim & Co., was the principal speaker. Mr. Parlin's course will be repeated, commencing with the convening of Spring Term classes, on Jan. 29.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, held Jan. 9, Thomas A. Morgan, President of the Sperry Corp. and Chairman of Sperry Gyroscope Co., Inc., was elected a Director. The annual report of President Howell of the bank is referred to elsewhere in these columns today.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fifth Avenue Bank of New York, held Jan. 10, John C. Jay was elected President and Theodore Hetzler was elected Chairman of the Board. Mr. Hetzler had been President for the past 23 years and started his career with the Fifth Avenue Bank 49 years ago.

Mr. Jay has been Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Co., which he is leaving in order to devote his entire time to his new position. He has been a Director of Fifth Avenue Bank for many years. For 13 years he was one of the active partners of J. & W. Seligman & Co., and has served also as an officer and director of many large corporations.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Flushing National Bank of Flushing, N. Y., John M. McGrath, until recently Vice-President of the Sterling National Bank & Trust Co., New York City, was elected Chairman of the executive committee and a director. Others elected to the board of the Flushing National were Henry C. Bohack, President of the Bohack Realty Co., and Lowell M. Birrell, attorney, New York City. E. L. King was re-elected President and H. R. Zeamans and S. M. Strong, Vice-Presidents. W. L. McCrodden was re-elected Cashier and Harry Cutler, Assistant Cashier. Mr. McGrath has been in the banking field for more than 30 years. When a youth he entered the employ of the old Nineteenth Ward Bank, which was subsequently merged with the Chatham & Phenix National Bank and Trust Co. and in 1924 was elected a Vice-President. He resigned from the Chatham & Phenix on Feb. 8, 1932, on the eve of its merger with the Manufacturers Trust Co., to accept a Vice-Presidency of the Sterling National Bank & Trust Co.

The Quarter Century Club of the New York Stock Exchange, which consists of 85 active employees and 42 retired employees, held its annual dinner in the Stock Exchange Luncheon Club on Jan. 9. Service pins, representing 25 years of continuous service, were presented to Malcolm Ross, Chief Electrician; Clarence Fagan, supervisor on the trading floor, and to Ira Searby, of the Department of Public Relations. Frank J. Trautwein, Manager of the Department of Floor Operations, was toastmaster. Brief talks were made, also, by William McC. Martin, Jr., President; Edward E. Bartlett, Jr., Chairman of the Board; John A. Coleman and by Francis A. Strenkert, President of the Quarter Century Club.

Of the 85 active employees who are members of the club, 10 have been employed by the Exchange for more than 40

years and 43 for more than 30 years. The average length of active employment of all members of the club is 32 years. Richard L. Smith, who completed 50 years of service last May, and Frank A. Nolan, who will complete 50 years of service in May next, are the oldest active employees in length of service.

The board of directors of the Chase National Bank of New York on Jan. 10 elected Richard H. Mansfield a Vice-President of the bank; Ralph N. Harder, Arthur D. Lane, George H. Reeves, and Lyon F. Terry, Second Vice-Presidents. L. Allan Bucher, John Epprecht, James J. Major, David J. Nielson, Harold Parker, S. Allen Pippitt, Joseph V. Scully, H. Herbert Steinkamp and Charles H. Tompkins were appointed Assistant Cashiers. The annual report of Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chairman of the Board of the bank, presented to the stockholders on Jan. 9 is referred to elsewhere in these columns to-day.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of The National City Bank of New York on Jan. 9 the following Assistant Vice-Presidents were appointed Vice-Presidents: Thomas J. Connellan, Daniel A. Freeman, Jr., Edward F. Regan, James S. Rockefeller, James H. Townsend and Carl E. Allen. Assistant Cashier Edmund C. Stout, Jr. was appointed Assistant Vice-President and A. Halsey Cook and John Howard Laeri were appointed Assistant Cashiers. The report to the stockholders of James H. Perkins, Chairman of the Board of the bank, is noted elsewhere in our issue to-day.

The Bank of New York announced on Jan. 9 the following appointments: R. A. Macleod as a Vice-President; James Carey, Paul R. Dotterrer and Herbert O. Eversmann as Assistant Vice-Presidents; Thomas F. Cox, Leonard J. Schmelz, Roger Wisner and Harold R. Wright as Trust Officers; Alfred T. Allin, William K. Kraft and Bernard Koehel as Assistant Trust Officers; and Edward B. McGeorge, Jr., as Assistant Secretary.

Negotiations were completed Jan. 6 for the transfer of a membership on the Chicago Board of Trade at \$1,950, up \$50 from the previous sale.

Sterling National Bank & Trust Co. of New York announces that at its annual meeting on Jan. 9 all of the directors of the bank were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Statement of condition of the bank as of Dec. 30, 1939, reveals transfer of \$250,000 from reserves to surplus, which is increased thereby to \$1,750,000. Capital, surplus and undivided profits at the year-end stood at \$3,570,011, as compared with \$3,294,085 on Sept. 30, 1939, and with \$3,207,825 on Dec. 31, 1938. Undivided profits totaled \$320,011 as compared with \$207,825 a year ago. Capital throughout the period was \$1,500,000. After the transfer, reserves, which on Sept. 30, 1939, amounted to \$665,722, were listed as \$425,106, as compared with \$496,854 at the end of 1938.

Deposits totaled \$29,832,789 on Dec. 30 last as compared with \$27,788,698 at the end of the third quarter and with \$28,581,619 at the end of 1938. Cash and due from banks amounted to \$12,945,445, as compared with \$8,233,507 for last September, and \$14,514,622 a year ago. Holdings of U. S. Government securities are reported as \$3,106,429 as compared with \$3,019,035 on Sept. 30 and \$2,743,088 on Dec. 31, 1938. Loans and discounts were reported as \$15,595,058, as compared with \$18,959,959 at the end of the third quarter and \$12,881,691 a year ago.

The Grace National Bank, New York City, in its statement of condition as of Dec. 31, 1939, reported cash in vault and with banks amounted to \$15,022,142; demand loans to brokers, secured, amounted to \$3,558,000; U. S. Government securities amounting to \$6,174,700; and State, Municipal and other public securities \$3,740,929, it was announced Jan. 2. Undivided profits amounted to \$667,420; deposits were \$36,094,356; and surplus amounted to \$1,500,000.

The President's report at the annual stockholders' meeting stated that the increased activity in all departments of the bank characterized the closing months of 1939, and enabled us to show better operating profits, increased total results and substantially increased deposits and resources. After taking into account profit on sales of securities and net recoveries, the total results of all operations of the year, it is stated, was \$13.90 per share as compared with \$12.34 per share in 1938. The entire Board was re-elected.

The statement of condition of Clinton Trust Company of New York City as of Dec. 30, 1939, reveals, it is stated, an increase in total assets to \$10,018,608 compared with total assets of \$9,800,412 reported on Sept. 30, 1939. Loans and discounts were \$2,353,028 compared with \$2,536,776 on Sept. 30; cash on hand and due from banks amounted to \$3,198,136 compared with \$2,841,283; and investments in bonds, \$4,022,137 against \$3,977,364. Deposits rose to \$8,796,061 from \$8,575,892 three months ago. Capital stock and capital notes remained unchanged at \$600,000 and \$125,000, respectively. Surplus and undivided profits stood at \$331,172 compared with \$331,122 three months ago.

The statement of condition of Federation Bank and Trust Co. of New York as of Dec. 30, 1939, reveals total resources of \$13,620,547 compared with \$13,640,782 on Dec. 31, 1938. Loans and discounts are reported as \$4,414,953 against \$3,167,833 at the end of 1938. Deposits on Dec. 30 were \$11,026,436 compared with \$11,310,420 a year ago. Surplus amounted to \$1,075,000 compared with \$875,000 on Dec. 31, 1938, the increase resulting from the transfer to this account of \$200,000 from undivided profits and reserve for depreciation in securities. Undivided profits stood at \$213,211 compared with \$262,352 a year ago, while capital stock remained unchanged at \$825,000. Other asset items in the Dec. 30 statement showed the following comparisons with the Dec. 31, 1938, figures: Cash, \$3,643,188 against \$4,125,853; United States Government securities, \$593,238 compared with \$1,051,680; State and Municipal bonds, \$2,115,364 against \$2,386,934.

Charles G. Edwards, President of Central Savings Bank of New York which has offices at 73rd Street and Broadway and at 14th Street and 4th Avenue, announced on Jan. 9 that the Board of Trustees at their first meeting of the year had elected John O. Dornbusch to the office of Assistant Vice-President, and Ferdinand W. Glocke to the office of Assistant Comptroller. Mr. Kornbusch joined the staff of the bank in 1936 as Manager of the Insurance Department, terminating a 20-year association with the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York where, at the time of his resignation, he was the official in charge of insurance and taxes in connection with that company's investments in foreclosed real estate and mortgaged properties. In 1938, Mr. Dornbusch, while retaining the position of Manager of the Insurance Department of Central Savings Bank, also became Manager of Advertising and New Business. Mr. Glocke also has been with the bank since 1936. While in the employ of Lockwood & Peck Co. and, later, Arthur Huene & Co., Certified Public Accountants, he attended evening classes at New York University from which he received a B.S. degree in 1938.

L. S. Chandler, Jr. formerly Vice-President and London Representative of the Bank of the Manhattan Co., New York City, has been appointed Manager of the New York Agency of the Societe Generale (France) which is opening offices at 60 Wall Street. References to the proposed Agency was made in these columns Nov. 11, page 3064, and Nov. 18, page 3189.

John McDonald Murray, former President of the New York Produce Exchange, died on Jan. 4 at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, at the age of 66. Mr. Murray was President of the Produce Exchange during 1937 and 1938 and had been Treasurer for the three preceding years. He was a member of the Board of Managers of the Exchange for seven years and a Trustee of the Gratuity Fund for five years. Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Mr. Murray came to New York in 1897 and became associated with the Southern Cotton Oil Co. through their New York agents, William Whitman & Co., continuing with them until 1920, when he was manager of the concern's foreign department. He entered the brokerage business in 1920 as manager of the New York office of Sterne & Sons Co. of Chicago, and in 1923 joined H. Hentz & Co., New York, as manager of the vegetable oil department. He was connected with this firm at his death.

In its condensed statement of condition as of Dec. 30, 1939, covering all offices and foreign branches, the First National Bank of Boston, Boston, Mass., shows total deposits of \$739,025,407 and total assets of \$847,335,843, as compared with \$760,193,575 and \$862,437,653, respectively, on Oct. 2 last. In the present statement, cash and due from banks totals \$392,089,834 (comparing with \$420,593,541); loans discounts and investments, \$275,115,014 (against \$274,825,699); United States Government securities, \$120,480,310 (against \$116,429,727), and State and municipal securities, \$22,321,623 (against \$19,171,569). The bank's capital is unchanged at \$27,812,500, but surplus and profits are now \$53,406,194, having risen from \$52,779,152 on Oct. 2. The figures of Old Colony Trust Co., which is beneficially owned by the stockholders of The First National Bank of Boston, are not included in the above statement.

Directors of the Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., on Jan. 11 elected Horace K. Corbin President to succeed the late J. H. Bacheller. Mr. Corbin's election as President was voted after he had served for more than 10 years as an executive. He joined the staff of the bank July 1, 1929, as an assistant to the late Uzal H. McCarter, then President. Soon after the latter's death in 1931 and Mr. Bacheller's election as President, Mr. Corbin was chosen a Vice-President. He was made executive Vice-President in January 1939. Mr. Corbin is a director of The Prudential Insurance Co., the American Insurance Co., the Foster Wheeler Corp. of New York, Weston Electrical Instrument Co., and L. Bamberger & Co. He organized the Motor Finance Corp. of Newark. Mr. Corbin entered business as a salesman for the Carnegie Steel Co. following his graduation from Princeton University in 1903, and then established his own business as a building contractor of water works.

During the World War he served as a lieutenant in the United States Army.

In its condition report as at the close of business Dec. 30, 1939, the Fidelity Union Trust Co. reveals total deposits of \$155,201,535 and total assets \$173,777,277, comparing with \$162,847,870 and \$181,179,461 at the close of business Oct. 2, last. In the current report, the principal items comprising the assets are: United States Government obligations, direct or fully guaranteed, \$13,602,388 (against \$12,291,490 on Oct. 2); cash and due from banks, \$42,922,767 (comparing with \$43,795,907), and loans and discounts, \$42,519,132 (down from \$50,608,236). The company's capital structure now stands at \$15,664,689, against \$15,674,313 three months ago.

Percy C. Madeira, Jr., was elected President of the Land Title Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., and J. Willison Smith, President for the past 13 years became Chairman of the Board, at the annual meeting of the Directors on Jan. 9. At the same time, A. Robert Bast was elected Vice-President in charge of the Trust Department. All other officers were reelected. At the annual meeting of the bank's stockholders earlier in the day, Mr. Madeira was elected a Director while the other members of the Board were reelected. With regard to the business careers of the officers advanced, the bank's announcement said in part:

Mr. Madeira was for many years a practicing Attorney and, after a short time in his family's coal business, became Vice-President of The Land Title Bank & Trust Co. in charge of the Trust Department on March 1, 1934, which position he has since occupied.

Mr. Smith has been connected with the Land Title Bank & Trust Co. for 45 years. He was Vice-President and a Director of the bank when, in 1921, he was selected as President of the West End Trust Co. He became President of the Land Title Bank in 1927 when the West End Trust and the Real Estate Title were merged with the Land Title to form the present financial institution.

Mr. Bast has been with the Land Title Bank for over 15 years in the Trust Department and recently was made Assistant Vice-President of the bank.

What is described as the largest and most historic collection of bank records in the United States was presented to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, on Jan. 8 by William Fulton Kurtz, President of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities. The collection "consisting of hundreds of musty day-by-day records of the Bank of North America (Philadelphia) spans the years from 1781, when the Second Continental Congress granted its Charter Number One, to 1929, when the historic institution was absorbed by the Pennsylvania Company," says the announcement which also states: Considered one of the most noteworthy presentations ever made to the Society, there are 620 volumes, nearly all of which are quarto size; 85 pamphlets; 638 documents; 20 steel or copper plates; a collection of 385 pictures; and three bundles of checks and one bundle of currency (no value), included in the assemblage.

Edward Robins, President of the Historical Society, will accept the manuscript books, to become a part of the Society's ever-growing collection of Americana.

At their annual meeting on Jan. 10 stockholders of the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago elected two new directors, namely, Thomas M. Drever, President of American Steel Foundries Co., and Stuart J. Templeton of the law firm of Wilson & McIlvaine. They replaced David A. Crawford and John P. Wilson, who were forced to ask not to be reelected, under provisions of the amendment to the Clayton Act by which an individual cannot hold directorships in two banks, members of the Federal Reserve System, located in the same town or adjacent territory. At the directors' meeting, on the same day, all officers were reelected, and Harold B. Bray, formerly Assistant Cashier, was advanced to Assistant Vice-President; James R. Webster to Assistant Cashier, and William H. Froemngen to Assistant Secretary.

Total deposits of \$129,072,640 and total resources of \$151,336,885 are reported by the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa., in its condition statement as of Dec. 30, 1939, as compared with \$119,993,206 and \$142,712,681, respectively, on Sept. 30, 1939. The principal items comprising the assets in the current report are: Cash and due from banks, \$32,163,764 (compared with \$32,942,897 on the earlier date); United States Government securities, \$30,360,971 (against \$30,416,875); other investment securities, \$30,032,235 (compared with \$28,605,246), and State, county and municipal securities, \$28,904,924 (against \$27,803,804). The capital and surplus of the company remain unchanged at \$6,700,000 and \$12,000,000, respectively, but undivided profits account has risen to \$1,917,221 from \$1,898,450 three months ago. Marshall S. Morgan is President of the bank, which was organized in 1866.

Total deposits of \$95,867,796 and total assets of \$107,176,091 are reported in the condition statement of the First National Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa., as of Dec. 30, 1939, comparing with \$102,823,293 and \$113,263,416, respectively, on Oct. 2, 1939. In the current report the principal items comprising the assets are: Cash and due from banks, \$33,387,936 (against \$41,259,745 on the earlier date); United States Government securities, \$29,213,591 (up

from \$27,686,521; time loans and discounted paper, \$17,057,632 (against \$17,200,538), and demand loans, \$12,780,953 (comparing with \$12,767,288). No change has been made in the bank's capital and surplus, which stand at \$3,111,000 and \$4,000,000, respectively, but undivided profits have dropped to \$1,550,381 from \$1,742,866 three months ago. Livingston E. Jones is President of the institution, which was founded in 1863.

The Central-Penn National Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa., in its statement of condition as of Dec. 30, 1939, shows total assets of \$77,631,210 (as against \$72,918,064 on Sept. 30 last), of which the chief items are: Cash on hand, in Federal Reserve Bank and due from banks, \$26,786,257 (having risen from \$21,556,696 on Sept. 30); time loans and discounts, \$21,889,841 (compared with \$22,535,527); United States Government securities, \$8,710,389 (against \$8,942,544), and demand loans, \$6,110,726 (against \$8,732,662). On the debit side of the statement, deposits are shown as \$65,880,014 (contrasting with \$60,849,080 three months ago). Capital and surplus remain the same as on Sept. 30, namely, \$3,040,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively, but undivided profits are now \$2,201,308, down from \$2,283,604 on the earlier date. Archie D. Swift is President.

The condition statement of the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., as at the close of business Dec. 30, 1939, shows total deposits of \$277,159,158 and total assets of \$377,134,733, as against \$266,223,161 and \$366,423,173, respectively, at the close of business Oct. 2 last. The chief items comprising the resources in the present report are: United States Government securities, \$146,643,687 (they were \$142,542,007 on Oct. 2); loans and investments, \$141,863,362 (\$142,222,451 at the earlier date), and cash on hand and in banks, \$83,983,096 (having risen from \$76,441,291). No change has been made in the company's capital of \$1,500,000, but surplus account and undivided profits account are now \$84,500,000 and \$890,805, respectively, against \$81,500,000 and \$3,066,065, respectively, three months ago.

Total deposits of \$108,843,029 and total resources of \$118,730,646 are revealed in the statement of condition of the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D. C., as of Dec. 30, 1939, as compared with \$106,862,383 and \$116,635,161, respectively, on Oct. 2, 1939. In the current statement the principal items comprising the assets are: Cash in vaults and with Federal Reserve Bank and with other banks, \$46,464,046 (as against \$47,909,108 on the previous date); United States Government bonds and notes, direct and fully guaranteed, \$41,370,306 (against \$36,416,384), and total loans, \$20,840,439 (comparing with \$19,341,403). The bank's capital and surplus remain unchanged at \$4,100,000 and \$3,000,000, respectively, but undivided profits and reserve contingencies have increased to \$2,602,536 from \$2,500,887 three months ago.

As a result of the shareholders' annual meeting on Jan. 9 the bank has three new directors, it is learned from Washington advices on that date to the New York "Times," namely, Morris Cafritz, President of the Cafritz Construction Co.; Edward D. Merrill, President of the Capital Transit Co., and William E. Schmidt, President of Julius Garfinkel & Co., local department store.

L. B. Williams, Chairman of the Board of The National City Bank of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, announced at the annual meeting of the stockholders on Jan. 9, the election of the following new directors:

William G. Bernet, President U. S. Truck Lines Inc. of Delaware
Robert F. Bingham, Attorney, Thompson, Hine and Flory
Frank Purnell, President The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co.
John W. Reavis, Attorney, Jones, Day, Cockley and Reavis.

Sidney B. Congdon, President of the bank, in his annual report to stockholders, stated that total resources of the bank, during the past year, for the first time exceeded \$200,000,000. He also indicated that operating earnings in 1939 had been \$977,210.86 as against \$902,253.02 earned in 1938 and that during the year dividends of \$1.20 a share had been paid amounting to \$540,000. Deposits increased approximately \$33,000,000 during the year to a total of \$183,968,401. Loans at the year-end stood at a figure in excess of \$44,000,000, the greatest expansion being in the commercial loan field.

Three promotions, including advancement of one officer, were announced by General Benedict Crowell, President, Central National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, following the annual organization meeting of the Board of Directors on Jan. 11. G. R. Wyman, Assistant Cashier, Manager of the bank's Rockefeller building office, was elected Assistant Vice-President, and Myles P. O'Malley was appointed Assistant Manager of that office. At the bank's Doan office, Euclid Avenue and East 101st Street, Robert S. Wilson was appointed Assistant Manager. Mr. Wyman, who has been employed by the bank 41 years, has had charge of the Rockefeller building office since it was established as a branch in 1927. He continues in the same position. All other officers of the bank were reelected. The annual report to shareholders of the bank, presented at their annual meeting on Jan. 9, featured the bank's 1939 total net earnings of

\$2,041,166 from operations, recoveries and non-recurring profits, compared with \$1,483,808 in 1938; the retirement of 10,000 additional shares of preferred stock; the addition of \$69,494 to undivided profits after all expenses, taxes, interest paid in deposits, preferred stock dividends, reserves and charge-offs, and emphasized 1940 as the bank's fiftieth anniversary year. Present members of the Board of Directors were reelected for 1940. It is further stated:

The report was presented by President Crowell, who pointed out the high liquid position of the bank with increase in deposits of approximately \$20,000,000 during the year and cash and due from banks at year-end of more than \$60,000,000, including \$29,000,000 excess funds seeking investment. Analyzed in the report were various assets of the bank, its deposits and capital structure. Earning assets increased during 1939, and on Dec. 30, it was stated, were \$95,801,000, about evenly divided between loans and discounts and investments. Cash amounted to 41.4% of deposits. Loans made during 1939, according to the report, included one of \$2,434,337 in May to the liquidator of the Guardian Trust Co., which was paid in full in December.

Total deposits of the Central National Bank on Dec. 30, 1939, were \$146,178,458 (comparing with \$137,116,589 on Oct. 2, 1939), and total resources \$161,798,586 (against \$153,054,718 three months ago).

Stockholders of the American National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill., at their annual meeting on Jan. 9 reelected all directors with the exception of Laurence Armour, whose place on the Board was left vacant. Mr. Armour had also resigned as President of the institution. At the directors' annual meeting, on the same day, Lawrence F. Stern, who has been Chairman of the bank's Executive Committee for the past year, was elected President to succeed Mr. Armour. In noting the changes, the Chicago "Tribune" of Jan. 10 added:

The Board reelected the other officers and voted a semi-annual dividend of \$3, of which \$1.50 will be payable on Jan. 15 to stockholders of record Jan. 13, and \$1.50 on April 15 to stockholders of record April 13.

According to Chicago advices on Jan. 9 to the New York "Herald Tribune," Laurence Armour resigned as President of the American National Bank & Trust Co. to become President of the National Builders Bank, newly acquired by interests headed by Marshall Field 3d, John Nuveen, John R. Nicholson, and others.

All directors of the Merchants National Bank of Chicago were reelected at the recent annual meeting of the stockholders, and at the subsequent directors' meeting William G. Nelson, formerly an Assistant Vice-President, was promoted to a Vice-President, while all other officers were reelected.

The Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill., in its statement of condition as at the close of business Dec. 30, 1939, reports total deposits of \$369,946,356 and total assets of \$394,585,620 as against \$357,412,553 and \$381,206,031, respectively, on Oct. 2, 1939. The principal items comprising the resources in the present statement are: Cash and due from banks, \$160,224,400 (comparing with \$148,917,206 on the earlier date); United States Government securities, \$103,238,348 (contrasting with \$108,192,596); other bonds and securities, \$89,853,038 (against \$85,060,824), and other loans and discounts, \$23,825,420 (comparing with \$20,638,669). No change has been made in the bank's capital and surplus, which stand at \$3,000,000 and \$6,000,000, respectively, but undivided profits have risen to \$4,522,650 from \$4,302,065 on Oct. 2.

Total deposits of \$157,215,692 and total assets of \$165,810,899 are shown in the statement of condition of the City National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., as of Dec. 30, 1939, contrasting with \$143,337,690 and \$152,265,281, respectively, on Oct. 2 last. The chief items included in the assets of the present report are: Cash and due from banks, \$79,911,189 (comparing with \$66,244,089 on Oct. 2); United States Government securities, \$40,532,454 (against \$40,629,509), and loans and discounts, \$35,435,433 (comparing with \$35,437,117). The bank's capital remains unchanged at \$4,000,000, but surplus account has been increased to \$3,000,000 from \$2,000,000, while undivided profits have been decreased to \$359,072 from \$1,228,986 three months ago.

Deposits totaling \$69,611,149 and resources aggregating \$73,855,969 are reported in the statement of condition of the American National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., as of Dec. 30, 1939, comparing with \$63,106,366 and \$67,311,583, respectively, on Oct. 2 last. In the current statement the principal items comprising the assets are: Cash and due from banks, \$29,114,184 (against \$23,944,368 on the earlier date); loans and discounts, \$16,957,052 (comparing with \$15,747,767); United States Government obligations, direct and fully guaranteed, \$14,568,796 (against \$14,406,786), and municipal and other marketable securities, \$12,896,817 (comparing with \$12,911,419). The company's capital and surplus continue at \$1,600,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively, but undivided profits have increased to \$554,031 from \$498,995 on Oct. 2.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 9 of the shareholders of the First National Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Ill., all pres-

ent directors were elected with the exception of Harold F. McCormick, who, finding it impossible to attend meetings regularly, asked that he not be re-elected. Thomas J. Carrey, President of Sears, Roebuck & Co., was named to fill the vacancy. Mr. McCormick was one of the bank's oldest directors in point of service, having been a member of the Board continuously for 35 years. Following the retirement of John P. Oleson as Chairman of the Board, announced in the annual report to the shareholders on Dec. 30, the office of Chairman of the Board was abolished, Mr. Oleson, however, continuing as a director.

Edward E. Brown, President of the bank, following the subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, announced four promotions in the official staff: Roy R. Marquardt from Assistant Vice-President to Vice-President, and C. Edgar Johnson, Lewis Miller and Ray H. Matson from Assistant Cashiers to Assistant Vice-Presidents. Ten new officers, all promotions from the clerical staff, were also announced: Robert J. Crossley, John F. Evans, Bentley G. McCloud, Jr., Paul H. Miller, Charles F. Newhall, John N. Ott, Jr., and George B. Wendt to be Assistant Cashiers; Gaylord A. Freeman elected an Attorney of the bank, and Forrest G. Paddock and J. Carl Sommer named Assistant Auditors. Other present officers were re-elected.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 9, five new Second Vice-Presidents were named, including Robert H. Garrett, Alfred Brittain, Jr., and G. Lyle Fischer, formerly Assistant Cashiers, in the banking department, and Nathaniel M. Symonds and John C. Smith, formerly Assistant Secretaries, in the trust department. John R. Hoyle was elected an Assistant Cashier and Ernest L. Hall Assistant Comptroller. Other officers were re-elected.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank & Trust Co., Des Moines, Iowa, on Jan. 9, Gardner Cowles Jr., associate publisher of the Des Moines "Register and Tribune," President of Look, Inc., and President of the Iowa Broadcasting Co., was elected a member of the Board. At the same time Harry G. Wilson, Cashier of the Bank, was advanced to Vice-President and Cashier, and Charles D. McCoy, Manager Credit Department, was elected Assistant Cashier.

The Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo., in its condition statement as of Dec. 30, 1939, shows total assets of \$115,687,223, comparing with \$116,600,301 on Oct. 2 last, of which the principal items are: Cash and due from banks, \$41,372,940 (contrasting with \$46,260,877 on Oct. 2); loans and discounts, \$36,224,767 (against \$38,761,088), and United States Government securities, \$27,537,301 (comparing with \$21,474,627). Deposits total \$105,737,648 (down from \$106,660,907 three months ago). Capital remains at \$6,000,000, but surplus and undivided profits are now \$3,243,605, up from \$3,154,376 on the earlier date.

The Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo., in its statement of condition as of Dec. 30, 1939, shows total deposits of \$185,583,689 and total assets of \$202,726,937, comparing, respectively, with \$180,669,862 and \$199,252,436 on Oct. 2 last. In the later report, cash and due from banks are shown at \$70,940,319 (comparing with \$69,639,225 on the earlier date); United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, as \$66,731,193 (against \$67,536,238), and other bonds and securities at \$31,125,191 (against \$23,117,295 on Oct. 2). The bank's capital remains the same at \$10,000,000, but surplus account is now \$3,400,000 against \$3,200,000 three months ago.

In its condition statement as at the close of business Dec. 30, 1939, the First National Bank in St. Louis, St. Louis' Mo., shows total assets of \$287,097,843 (comparing with \$283,012,023 on Oct. 2, 1939), of which \$134,559,919 represents cash and due from banks (against \$125,728,725 three months ago); \$59,641,795 loans and discounts (comparing with \$61,249,200), and \$51,773,338 United States Government securities (comparing with \$53,418,751). On the debit side of the statement total deposits are given as \$265,539,153 (contrasting with \$261,273,761 on Oct. 2). No change has been made in the bank's capital, which stands at \$10,200,000, but surplus and profits are now \$8,755,053, down from \$8,903,846 three months ago.

The Whitney National Bank of New Orleans, New Orleans, La., in its condition statement as at the close of business Dec. 30, 1939, reveals total deposits of \$141,164,385 and total assets of \$152,127,144 (comparing with \$137,068,222 and \$147,867,961), respectively, at the close of business Oct. 2, 1939. In its current statement the chief items comprising the resources are: Cash and due from banks, \$53,256,462 (comparing with \$53,678,031 on the earlier date); United States Government obligations, direct and fully guaranteed, \$44,625,712 (against \$45,618,801), and loans, discounts and acceptances, \$38,388,538 (contrasting with \$32,895,665). The bank's capital structure now stands at \$10,187,158, comparing with \$10,072,697 three months ago. The Whitney National Bank was established in 1883. Keehn W. Berry is President.

Releasing the statement of condition of Bank of America National Trust & Savings Association (San Francisco, Calif.) as of Dec. 30, 1939, L. M. Giannini, President, stated that during the year more than 535,000 new accounts had been opened and more than 600,000 new loans had been made for a total of over \$616,000,000. Total resources at the year-end stood at \$1,628,586,000 (comparing with \$1,574,721,000 on Dec. 31, 1938). Deposits totaled \$1,482,791,000, an increase of \$74,484,000 since June 30, 1939, another new high. Loans and discounts, which totaled \$711,054,000, were \$15,952,000 more than June 30, 1939. The bank's announcement likewise says:

Earnings for the year were \$28,330,000 before \$4,381,000 was allocated to reserves for depreciation of banking premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, amortization of bond premiums, &c., and before \$5,000,000 reserves applied to reduce the carrying value of loans and investments. After payment of dividends to stockholders at the rate of \$2.40 per share for a total of \$9,600,000 for the year, and the allotment of \$1,206,000 to the bank's personnel under the employees' profit-sharing bonus plan, capital funds were increased \$8,142,000. From this there was deducted during the year by special charges against profits amounting to \$5,356,000 a valuation reserve of 100% against certain foreign credits on substantially all of which interest is currently being paid, but which may be adversely affected by the war.

Promotions announced at the United States National Bank of Portland, Oregon, following the annual meeting of stockholders, Jan. 9, were announced by Paul S. Dick, President, as follows: W. P. Choate and E. J. Kolar from Assistant Cashiers to Assistant Vice-Presidents; C. L. McFarland to Assistant Vice-President from the credit research department, of which he had charge, and A. K. Arnold and Walter Johannsen to Assistant Cashiers, the former advancement from chief clerk and the latter from first assistant in the foreign department.

Deposits and total resources in the year-end statement of condition of the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif., rose to new high totals, it is announced. Deposits on Dec. 30, 1939, totaling \$273,675,832 are said to show an increase of \$26,689,181 over deposits for Dec. 31, 1938; resources at the end of 1939 amounted to \$300,656,385, or an increase of 9% in comparison with the \$275,472,926 resources reported on Dec. 31, 1938. Cash of \$60,410,481 was slightly under the Dec. 1938 figure of \$61,153,305; on the other hand, holdings in United States Government securities show a rise to \$156,667,636, as against \$118,539,848 a year earlier. Loans and discounts, amounting to \$39,634,446 on Dec. 30, 1939, compared with \$47,102,583 on Dec. 31, 1938. Undivided profits during the year were increased by \$87,365 to a total of \$2,754,554.

At the annual meeting of The Royal Bank of Canada (head office Montreal), held Jan. 11, R. B. Bennett, Harold Crabtree of Montreal, and George A. Dobbie of Galt, Ont., were added to the Board of Directors. An announcement in the matter adds, in part:

Mr. Bennett was a director of the bank for a number of years, but retired in 1928 following his election as leader of the Conservative party in Canada. Now resident in England, Mr. Bennett will act as Chairman of the London Committee of the Board.

Mr. Crabtree is President of the Howard Smith Paper Mills, Ltd., and of Woods Manufacturing Co., Ltd.; Chairman of the Board of Fraser Companies, Ltd., and a director of the Montreal Trust Co., and of Adams Paper, Inc., of Wells River, Vt. He is presently First Vice-President of the Canadian Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Dobbie is President of Newlands & Co., Ltd.; Stauffer-Dobbie, Ltd.; Canadian Brass Co., Ltd., and Gypsum Lime & Alabastine, Ltd.; Vice-President of the Dominion Life Assurance Co., and a director of British American Oil Co., Ltd.; Cockshutt Plow Co., Ltd.; Waterloo Trust & Savings Co., &c.

Dr. Paul F. Cadman Named Economist of ABA

Announcement of the appointment of Dr. Paul F. Cadman of San Francisco as economist of the American Bankers Association was made in New York on Jan. 11 by Robert M. Hanes, President of the Association, upon his return from a trip across the continent. Dr. Cadman will be economic advisor to all departments of the Association, according to Mr. Hanes's announcement. Dr. Cadman is a graduate of the University of California, from which he received his B.A. degree in 1915. He served with the Volunteer American Ambulance Service in France during 1916 and was a captain of field artillery in the Second Division of the American Expeditionary force in 1917-1918. He remained in France for study after the war and received the degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Paris in 1922. Further advices regarding his career follow:

Dr. Cadman returned to the University of California in 1923 as Professor of Economics, holding that chair until 1929. From 1929 to 1933 he was Executive Secretary of the San Francisco Stock Exchange. From 1933 to 1935 he was again on the faculty of the University of California, this time as Professor of Corporation Finance and Investments. From 1936 to the present he has been President of the American Research Foundation in San Francisco.

He has been a member of the faculty of San Francisco Chapter of the American Institute of Banking at which he taught economics, and was a lecturer at The Graduate School of Banking session at Rutgers University last summer.

Dr. Cadman was one of the speakers at the annual convention of the American Bankers Association at Seattle, Wash. last September.

New York State Bankers Association to Hold Annual Mid-Winter Meeting on Monday Next Jan. 15—Assistant Secretary of War Johnson to Speak at Banquet in New York City

Louis Johnson, Assistant Secretary of War, will address the twelfth annual mid-winter banquet of the New York State Bankers Association to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, on Jan. 15, it was announced on Jan. 11 by Joseph E. Hughes, President of the Association. Mr. Hughes is President of the Washington Irving Trust Co. of Tarrytown, N. Y. Secretary Johnson will speak on the subject "Lessons from Finland" at the banquet which will be the closing feature of the mid-winter meeting which takes place in the auditorium of the Federal Reserve Bank, with a morning business session at 11 a. m. and another business session at 2 p. m. The morning session will open with the address of President Hughes, to be followed by reports of the following committees of the Association:

- Committee on Bond Portfolios, Adrian M. Massie, Chairman, Vice-President, New York Trust Co., New York City;
- Committee on Bank Costs, Paul W. Brainard, Chairman, President, First National Bank, Ithaca, N. Y.;
- Committee on Agriculture, E. B. Guild, Chairman, President, First National Bank & Trust Co., Walton, N. Y.;
- Committee on Public Relations, Albert L. Muench, Chairman, Secretary, Westchester County Clearing House, White Plains, N. Y.

The afternoon session will be addressed by Frank W. Lovejoy, Sales Executive of Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., whose topic will be "Why do Bankers do what they do?" The bankers will be shown a sound film entitled "Know Your Money" developed by the United States Secret Service. This is the first presentation of the film which shows the difference between genuine and counterfeit currency and the methods used by the Secret Service in combatting the passing of counterfeits.

In addition to Mr. Hughes, other officers of the Association are Dr. W. Randolph Burgess, Vice-President, Vice-Chairman of Board of the National City Bank of New York; G. Whitney Bowen, Treasurer, President of the Stewart National Bank, Livonia, N. Y.; W. Gordon Brown, Executive Manager; Harold J. Marshall, Assistant Secretary.

Year-End Figures of Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation

In a year-end statement Nugent Fallon, General Manager of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation said that 2,189 institutions are now insuring their savers' accounts up to \$5,000 each with the Corporation, an increase of 104 in the last 12 months. Private savings put in the care of these institutions, he said, now amount to \$1,748,000,000, as compared with \$1,398,000,000 a year earlier. Meanwhile total assets of insured institutions rose 17% from Nov. 30, 1938, to approximately \$2,500,000,000 on Nov. 30, last.

As to the Corporation Mr. Fallon said: Its assets on Nov. 30 were \$121,914,000 and reserves \$20,659,000. This represents a year's increase of \$5,499,000 and \$5,310,000, respectively. Its premium income since its establishment to the same date was \$7,766,000 and revenue from invested funds \$14,233,000. Premium income in the first 11 months of 1939 was \$2,282,000 and invested funds revenue \$3,119,000, or respectively \$309,000 and \$84,000 greater than in the same period of the previous year. The Corporation's operating expenses from January through November were \$208,000, only slightly more than in the comparable months of 1938, maintaining its record of operating on less than 5% of its annual revenues.

With some 2,189 insured institutions as of Nov. 30, of which the majority had had insurance for more than three years, there have been but seven cases in which it was necessary for the Corporation to render financial assistance. Losses which have been settled or are pending aggregate \$1,250,000. They were in nine States. Not one saver in an institution insuring its accounts has lost a cent of his savings. The Corporation's financial assistance has been in the form of contributions to associations whose assets had become impaired. These contributions restored seven associations to normal operations, three of which subsequently liquidated, paying all private investors in full; five cases are pending.

Non-Farm Real Estate Foreclosures in November Increased 4.3% Over October Reports FHLBB

Foreclosures on non-farm real estate throughout the United States rose 4.3% in November over October to reverse slightly the month to month decline which has persisted since May, according to the review issued Dec. 28 by Corwin A. Fergus, Director of the Division of Research & Statistics of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. November, however, was the second lowest month thus far this year and stood at about the same level as the average month of 1927. The following facts sum up rather completely the current foreclosure situation:

1 Although the October to November rise, which brought the index (1934=100) from 38.7 to 40.3, was counter to a 1.7% October to November decline shown by the five-year average, the variance is magnified in some degree by the fact that October activity was unseasonably low. This movement, however, is very similar to that of a year ago; a sharp rise in Pennsylvania being the principal contributing factor in each instance.

2 Again, as in last year, the communities of Groups No. 3 and No. 4 (counties with 20,000 or more non-farm dwellings) were responsible for the gain; Group No. 3 increasing 14.5% and Group No. 4 increasing 7.1% as against five-year average movements of +1.9% and -4.1%, respectively.

3 November activity was 16% below that for November, 1938, which was more improvement than was registered by any other month of this year in similar comparison.

4 11-month totals show 1939 foreclosures to be about 11% below the preceding year. All four groups by size of communities and all but 12 States participated in this decline.

5 The November foreclosure rate on an annual basis was approximately five cases for each 1,000 non-farm dwellings, which compares favorably with the rate (5.7) for the 12-month period ended Oct. 31, 1939.

6 The index for metropolitan communities, counties containing at least one city of over 100,000 population, rose from 120 (1926=100) in October to 129 in November. In September, this index dropped below the average month of 1927 for the first time since the 1933 peak and has remained there through November.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 522 of the Tariff Act of 1930, the Federal Reserve Bank is now certifying daily to the Secretary of the Treasury the buying rate for cable transfers in the different countries of the world. We give below a record for the week just passed:

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1930
JAN. 6, 1940, TO JAN. 12, 1940, INCLUSIVE

Country and Monetary Unit	Non Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York Value in United States Money					
	Jan. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12
Europe—						
Belgium, belga.....	.167255	.167472	.167988	.168061	.168133	.168288
Bulgaria, lev.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Czechoslovakia, koruna	a	a	a	a	a	a
Denmark, krone.....	.193025	.192962	.192975	.193000	.193012	.192985
England, pound sterling	3.936250	3.939863	3.966388	3.953055	3.949583	3.956944
Finland, marka.....	.018150*	.018150*	.018100*	.018100*	.018100*	.018000*
France, franc.....	.022305	.022325	.022465	.022412	.022391	.022429
Germany, reichsmark	.401200*	.401200*	.401200*	.401200*	.401240*	.401325*
Greece, drachma.....	.007200*	.007118*	.007118*	.007112*	.007192*	.007112*
Hungary, pengo.....	.178012*	.175910*	.175762*	.175887*	.175887*	.175887*
Italy, lira.....	.050471	.050471	.050471	.050466	.050466	.050466
Netherlands, guilder.	.532611	.532577	.532055	.533200	.533444	.533800
Norway, krone.....	.227050	.227025	.227087	.227100	.227143	.227081
Poland, zloty.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Portugal, escudo.....	.036100	.036083	.036391	.036283	.036354	.036154
Rumania, leu.....	.007080*	.007060*	.006966*	.006966*	.007060*	.006966*
Spain, peseta.....	.099500*	.099500*	.099500*	.099500*	.099500*	.099500*
Sweden, krona.....	.238037	.238037	.238042	.238062	.238087	.238068
Switzerland, franc.....	.224211	.224216	.224225	.224222	.224227	.224230
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.022631*	.022647*	.022577*	.022577*	.022577*	.022577*
Asia—						
China—						
Chefoo (yuan) dol'l	a	a	a	a	a	a
Hankow (yuan) dol	a	a	a	a	a	a
Shanghai (yuan) dol	.078583*	.079291*	.079925*	.078750*	.078866*	.078833*
Tientsin (yuan) dol.	a	a	a	a	a	a
Hongkong, dollar.....	.244766	.244691	.246583	.245341	.245241	.245616
British India, rupee.....	.300800*	.301064*	.301257*	.301464*	.301287*	.301314*
Japan, yen.....	.234383	.234383	.234383	.234383	.234387	.234383
Straits Settlements, dol	.460800	.461625	.464800	.463000	.463475	.463875
Australasia—						
Australia, pound.....	3.137083	3.139166	3.160416	3.149583	3.147083	3.152916
New Zealand, pound.....	3.150000*	3.152187*	3.173437*	3.162083*	3.160000*	3.165833*
Africa—						
Union South Africa, £	3.974000	3.974000	3.980000	3.980000	3.980000	3.980000
North America—						
Canada, dollar.....	.878828	.878046	.879296	.878906	.879765	.880078
Cuba, peso.....	a	a	a	a	a	a
Mexico, peso.....	.166650*	.166650*	.166650*	.166650*	.166500*	.166600*
Newfound'd, dollar.....	.876666	.875468	.877187	.876250	.877500	.877812
South America—						
Argentina, peso.....	.297733*	.297733*	.297700*	.297700*	.297700*	.297700*
Brazil, milreos official	.060575*	.060575*	.060550*	.060550*	.060550*	.060550*
" " free.....	.050050*	.050075*	.050000*	.050000*	.050000*	.050000*
Chile, peso—official.....	.051700*	.051700*	.051650*	.051650*	.051650*	.051650*
" " export.....	.040000*	.040000*	.040000*	.040000*	.040000*	.040000*
Colombia, peso.....	.571050*	.572200*	.571950*	.571962*	.572275*	.572275*
Uruguay, peso contr.	.658300*	.658300*	.658300*	.658300*	.658300*	.658300*
Non-controlled.....	.359600*	.363000*	.362600*	.362500*	.362700*	.362750*

* Nominal rate. a No rates available b Temporarily omitted.

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings this week will show a decrease compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country indicate that for the week ended today (Saturday, Jan. 13) clearings from all cities of the United States for which it is possible to obtain weekly clearings will be 0.8% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$5,908,367,156, against \$5,955,622,585 for the same week in 1938. At this center there is a loss for the week ended Friday of 6.4%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph Week Ending Jan. 13	1940	1939	Per Cent
New York.....	\$2,711,557,599	\$2,895,967,489	-6.4
Chicago.....	265,465,014	254,775,690	+4.2
Philadelphia.....	335,000,000	296,000,000	+13.2
Boston.....	186,884,557	178,292,200	+4.8
Kansas City.....	82,672,657	73,166,436	+13.0
St. Louis.....	69,600,000	66,700,000	+4.3
San Francisco.....	118,598,000	119,512,000	-0.8
Pittsburgh.....	96,160,356	87,871,924	+9.4
Detroit.....	84,301,297	81,113,350	+3.9
Cleveland.....	83,753,129	75,365,809	+11.1
Baltimore.....	60,301,563	52,025,653	+15.9
Eleven cities, five days.....	\$4,094,294,172	\$4,180,790,551	-2.1
Other cities, five days.....	829,345,125	748,607,005	+10.8
Total all cities, five days.....	\$4,923,639,297	\$4,929,397,556	-0.1
All cities, one day.....	984,727,859	1,026,225,029	-4.0
Total all cities for week.....	\$5,908,367,156	\$5,955,622,585	-0.8

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them today, inasmuch as the week ends today (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon today. Accordingly, in the above this last day of the week in all cases has to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended Jan. 6. For that week there was a decrease of 5%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country having amounted to

\$5,866,222,989, against \$6,174,003,978 in the same week in 1939. Outside of this city there was an increase of 10.9%, the bank clearings at this center having recorded a loss of 15.7%. We group the cities according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including this city) the totals show a decrease of 15.4%, but in the Boston Reserve District the totals show an increase of 13.7% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 6.8%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are larger by 15.2%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 21.9% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 12.3%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals record an improvement of 20.5%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 10.4% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 4.5%. The Kansas City Reserve District registers a gain of 1.1%, the Dallas Reserve District of 14.4% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 1.3%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS

Week Ended Jan. 6, 1940	Week Ended Jan. 6				
	1940	1939	Inc. or Dec.	1938	1937
Federal Reserve Dist.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston—12 cities	281,748,719	247,803,024	+13.7	302,407,727	316,900,815
2d New York—13 "	3,232,240,356	3,819,366,202	-15.4	4,084,839,079	454,355,686
3d Philadelphia—10 "	432,763,310	405,296,465	+6.8	438,084,881	454,355,686
4th Cleveland—7 "	309,122,002	268,435,580	+15.2	322,269,102	338,131,679
5th Richmond—6 "	158,461,329	130,003,421	+21.9	150,218,665	157,665,102
6th Atlanta—10 "	188,449,477	167,737,281	+12.3	196,038,893	175,262,295
7th Chicago—18 "	563,588,868	467,762,298	+20.5	580,883,296	554,350,708
8th St. Louis—4 "	145,466,222	131,788,024	+10.4	156,576,931	156,276,540
9th Minneapolis—7 "	98,136,305	93,876,223	+4.5	108,597,356	96,061,550
10th Kansas City—10 "	136,948,737	135,393,423	+1.1	152,143,364	147,993,258
11th Dallas—6 "	77,417,203	67,693,311	+14.4	77,134,355	70,242,571
12th San Fran—10 "	241,880,461	238,858,206	+1.3	272,053,145	242,118,339
Total—113 cities	5,866,222,989	6,174,003,978	-5.0	6,831,178,694	6,887,527,078
Outside N. Y. City—	2,764,652,687	2,493,185,114	+10.9	2,885,870,798	2,850,307,801
Canada—32 cities	390,621,249	385,014,700	+1.5	356,258,687	383,941,846

We now add our detailed statement showing last week's figures for each city separately for the four years:

Clearings at—	Week Ended Jan. 6				
	1940	1939	Inc. or Dec.	1938	1937
First Federal Reserve District—Boston	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Me.—Bangor	468,408	671,385	-30.2	731,634	852,199
Portland	2,822,098	2,772,197	+1.8	3,379,669	3,255,007
Mass.—Boston	235,862,759	205,811,903	+14.9	253,356,277	269,870,924
Fall River	749,392	807,428	-7.2	838,852	763,038
Lowell	384,509	440,127	-12.6	421,167	418,655
New Bedford	717,418	657,397	+8.8	807,869	760,035
Springfield	3,707,854	3,661,545	+1.3	4,208,235	4,056,431
Worcester	2,429,904	2,416,330	+0.6	2,470,739	2,354,433
Conn.—Hartford	14,618,203	13,879,222	+5.3	17,530,961	14,278,457
New Haven	5,613,206	5,220,680	+7.5	5,366,042	5,094,991
R. I.—Providence	13,719,900	11,291,900	+21.5	12,623,400	14,500,620
N.H.—Manchester	654,978	672,910	-2.7	672,882	694,945
Total (12 cities)	281,748,719	247,803,024	+13.7	302,407,727	316,900,815
Second Federal Reserve District—New York	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
N. Y.—Albany	6,457,715	24,770,662	-73.9	7,981,070	6,845,516
Binghamton	1,333,925	1,415,547	-5.8	1,551,765	1,270,650
Buffalo	34,700,000	30,100,000	+15.3	36,400,000	38,597,202
Elmira	554,787	585,681	-5.3	718,269	997,794
Jamestown	933,764	712,140	+31.1	805,506	773,586
New York	3,101,570,320	3,680,818,864	-15.7	3,945,307,896	4,037,219,377
Rochester	10,046,209	9,187,056	+9.4	11,138,125	9,933,336
Syracuse	5,165,878	4,569,931	+13.0	5,153,333	4,974,703
Westchester Co	4,177,819	3,971,709	+5.2	4,090,544	3,382,728
Conn.—Stamford	4,937,557	5,024,945	-1.7	4,987,426	4,802,087
N. J.—Montclair	553,573	568,700	-2.7	547,902	475,000
Newark	19,836,226	18,923,375	+4.8	21,458,273	21,449,180
Northern N. J.	41,972,801	38,717,592	+8.4	44,698,920	47,786,110
Total (13 cities)	3,232,240,356	3,819,366,202	-15.4	4,084,839,079	4,178,167,469
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Pa.—Altoona	540,830	696,842	-22.4	519,053	566,885
Bethlehem	660,146	990,213	-33.3	318,315	723,392
Chester	365,681	387,702	-5.7	389,797	458,865
Lancaster	1,480,423	1,218,722	+21.5	1,418,021	1,518,975
Philadelphia	416,000,000	389,000,000	+6.9	422,000,000	439,000,000
Reading	1,864,703	1,925,486	-3.2	2,528,873	1,543,082
Seranton	2,628,063	2,614,466	+0.5	3,036,715	3,217,014
Wilkes-Barre	1,274,980	1,689,064	-24.5	1,403,248	1,255,076
York	1,401,684	1,159,570	+9.9	1,807,359	1,826,409
N. J.—Trenton	6,546,800	5,614,400	+16.6	4,643,500	4,246,000
Total (10 cities)	432,763,310	405,296,465	+6.8	438,084,881	454,355,686
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Ohio—Canton	2,262,511	2,516,516	-10.1	3,847,335	2,262,511
Cincinnati	58,426,461	53,646,804	+8.9	63,160,000	63,949,873
Cleveland	104,353,980	99,553,481	+16.5	97,296,226	93,026,266
Columbus	10,109,000	11,008,800	-8.2	13,705,400	12,400,800
Mansfield	1,927,156	1,860,300	+3.6	1,594,441	1,583,605
Youngstown	3,325,484	2,094,521	+58.8	2,952,915	2,132,233
Pa.—Pittsburgh	128,717,410	107,755,148	+19.5	139,712,695	161,870,393
Total (7 cities)	309,122,002	268,435,580	+15.2	322,269,012	338,131,679
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
W. Va.—Hunt ton	500,762	320,812	+56.1	309,575	351,047
Va.—Norfolk	2,911,000	2,763,000	+5.4	3,098,000	3,047,000
Richmond	43,305,972	36,382,689	+19.0	43,530,277	49,735,657
S. C.—Charleston	1,501,444	1,416,407	+6.0	1,059,552	1,783,530
Md.—Baltimore	84,987,500	65,376,124	+30.0	75,262,424	76,992,121
D. C.—Washington	25,254,651	23,744,749	+6.4	26,958,837	25,755,747
Total (6 cities)	158,461,329	130,003,421	+21.9	150,218,665	157,665,102
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Tenn.—Knoxville	5,147,189	4,859,677	+5.9	5,639,260	4,852,585
Nashville	19,827,149	19,791,577	+0.2	19,801,967	18,303,005
Ga.—Atlanta	65,700,000	58,400,000	+12.5	62,400,000	61,700,000
Augusta	1,799,283	1,496,421	+0.7	1,484,970	1,591,223
Macon	1,145,413	1,152,897	-0.6	1,148,084	1,136,827
Fla.—Jacksonville	24,979,000	19,686,000	+26.9	25,586,000	21,983,000
Ala.—Birmingham	21,894,408	20,541,205	+6.6	25,283,900	22,427,396
Mobile	2,981,446	2,089,686	+42.7	2,211,316	3,664,625
Miss.—Jackson	x	x	x	x	x
Vicksburg	198,941	189,000	+5.3	193,514	194,904
La.—New Orleans	44,776,638	39,530,818	+13.3	42,286,982	39,408,730
Total (10 cities)	188,449,477	167,737,281	+12.3	186,035,893	175,262,295

Clearings at—	Week Ended Jan. 6				
	1940	1939	Inc. or Dec.	1938	1937
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Mich.—Ann Arbor	581,718	496,251	+17.2	622,667	713,790
Detroit	122,204,216	102,682,193	+19.0	116,460,911	115,944,932
Grand Rapids	3,215,154	2,969,091	+8.3	3,280,571	3,696,186
Lansing	1,793,168	1,558,216	+15.1	1,857,835	1,676,420
Ind.—Fr. Wayne	2,096,391	901,235	+132.6	1,428,001	1,204,681
Indianapolis	26,233,000	23,218,000	+13.0	24,373,000	23,191,000
South Bend	2,633,304	2,104,990	+25.1	1,764,605	1,401,212
Terre Haute	6,809,069	5,984,471	+13.8	5,487,842	5,794,789
Wis.—Milwaukee	21,511,011	19,695,724	+9.2	24,295,529	22,513,662
Ia.—Ced. Rapids	1,264,280	1,253,165	+0.9	1,508,800	1,246,830
Des Moines	11,259,888	9,914,143	+13.6	9,931,835	9,450,983
Sioux City	3,512,213	3,804,037	-7.7	3,870,978	3,027,485
Ill.—Bloomington	415,857	338,371	+22.9	407,612	505,261
Chicago	352,593,314	285,884,117	+23.3	376,965,431	355,030,792
Decatur	1,054,974	1,066,147	-1.0	1,255,445	1,254,638
Peoria	3,908,989	3,513,577	+11.3	4,594,108	4,900,230
Rockford	1,209,007	1,055,484	+14.5	1,281,317	1,491,262
Springfield	1,293,315	1,313,086	-1.5	1,451,799	1,306,555
Total (18 cities)	563,588,868	467,752,298	+20.5	580,838,286	554,350,708
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Mo.—St. Louis	86,300,000	79,900,000	+8.0	95,500,000	94,900,000
Ky.—Louisville	35,145,226	32,319,729	+8.7	38,229,841	38,190,662
Tenn.—Memphis	23,419,996	18,996,295	+23.3	22,007,900	22,557,878
Ill.—Jacksonville	x	x	x	x	x
Quincy	601,000	572,000	+5.1	780,000	628,000
Total (4 cities)	145,466,222	131,788,024	+10.4	156,576,931	156,276,540
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Minn.—Duluth	3,096,217	3,126,165	-1.0	3,104,353	2,793,513
Minneapolis	62,895,660	61,170,432	+2.8	69,894,156	67,133,249
St. Paul	25,543,438	23,114,729	+10.5	28,759,156	26,193,737
N. D.— Fargo	1,863,117	2,007,412	-7.2	2,408,363	1,971,190
S. D.—Aberdeen	770,318	674,860	+14.1	727,429	642,370
Mont.—Billings	754,310	776,925	-2.8	700,270	618,339
Helena	3,213,245	3,005,700	+6.9	3,003,635	2,712,152
Total (7 cities)	98,136,305	93,876,223	+4.5	108,597,356	96,061,550
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Neb.—Fremont	116,877	128,764	-9.2	129,581	109,359
Hastings	127,488	160,624	-20.6	167,518	121,645
Lincoln	2,753,496	2,736,276	+1.7	3,214,726	3,239,672
Omaha	29,555,863	25,970,641	+12.0	31,344,371	30,298,601
Kan.—Topeka	2,922,744	2,869,814	+1.8	3,788,146	3,083,912
Wichita	2,908,658	3,408,152	-14.6	4,007,450	3,152,189
Mo.—Kan. City	93,402,558	92,227,399	+1.3	104,577,256	102,717,069
St. Joseph	3,604,954	3,474,441	+		

THE CURB MARKET

Price changes on the New York Curb Exchange pointed to higher levels during the forepart of the week but the market tumbled downward on Thursday due to profit taking and many prominent issues lost part of the gains of the preceding session. Oil shares were irregular on Monday and Tuesday and so were the industrial specialties, but both turned sharply downward with the market. In the public utility group, especially in the section of preferred stocks, there were numerous new tops established during the first half of the week but most of these were lost as the market declined. Aircraft stocks have been weak, and while there were occasional fractional advances, most of the group were lower at the close. Mining and metal shares displayed little activity on either side.

Industrial specialties and public utilities led the upward swing during the abbreviated session on Saturday. The gains were not particularly noteworthy but they extended to all sections of the list with most of the variations within a two-point limit. The transfers totaled approximately 62,000 shares, against 152,000 on Saturday a week ago. One of the strong stocks of the day was Heyden Chemical which worked up to a new top for 1939-1940 with a gain of 2 3/4 points at 75 3/4. National Breweries also moved into new high ground at 30 1/2 with a gain of 3 1/2 points. Oil shares were mixed, mining and metal issues moved within a narrow range and aluminum stocks were moderately higher. Among the market leaders closing on the side of the advance were Benson & Hedges, 2 points to 42; Western Maryland 1st pref., 2 1/2 points to 59 1/2; Alabama Power 6% pref., 2 1/2 points to 93; and Aluminum Co. of America, 2 1/2 points to 144.

Stocks continued to move upward on Monday, and while the gains were modest, they were fairly well scattered through the list. Aluminum Co. of America was the outstanding stock of the session as it surged forward 9 points to 153 at its top for the day. Aircraft issues moved irregularly downward and shipbuilding stocks worked lower. In the public utility group new peaks were reached by Carolina Power & Light \$6 pref. and \$7 pref., Alabama Power \$7 pref., and Northern Indiana Public Service \$7 pref. Oil shares were irregular and the chemical issues were generally stronger. Industrial specialties were mixed, but modest gains were registered by Chesebrough Manufacturing Co., Singer Manufacturing Co., and Great Northern Paper, the latter again raising its top to a new 1939-1940 high. Other gains included Columbia Gas & Electric pref., 3 3/4 points to 70, and American Cyanamid A, 1 1/2 points to 33.

Mixed price changes were apparent during most of the dealings on Tuesday. There were a number of strong spots scattered through the list with a sprinkling of new tops for 1939-1940, but the market, as a whole, was below the preceding close. In the public utility group new tops were registered by Carolina Power & Light \$7 pref., Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern \$5 1st pref., and Toledo Edison 7% pref. Aircraft stocks were mixed, Brewster, Fairchild, Bell and Republic showing fractional declines, while Waco moved up 1/2 point to 5 1/2. Todd Shipyards dropped off 2 3/4 points to 67 1/4 and declines ranging up to a point or more were registered by Niles-Bement-Pond, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Sherwin-Williams, Midvale Co., National Steel Car and Jones & Laughlin. Oil stocks were off and aluminum shares were lower.

Price movements again pointed upward on Wednesday, and while the buying was most pronounced in the public utility preferred group, the gains extended to all sections of the list. Aircraft stocks were mixed, Brewster and Fairchild closing on the side of the advance with Grumman and Bellanca on the side of the decline. Industrial specialties were inclined to move downward; Mead Johnson dipping 4 points to 156; Royal Typewriter, 2 points to 60; Heyden Chemical, 2 points to 73; Columbia Gas & Electric pref. (5), 2 1/4 points to 67 1/4; and Fisk Rubber pref., 1 1/4 points to 105 1/4. Aluminum shares turned sharply upward, Aluminum Co. of America closing at 151 1/2, with a gain of 1 1/2 points, and Aluminium, Ltd., advanced 1 1/2 points to 99 1/4. Oil shares were generally firmer and mining and metal stocks moved within a narrow range.

On Thursday the market moved definitely downward and substantial setbacks were apparent all along the line. The transfers climbed up to 176,595 shares against 134,765 on Wednesday. There were 406 issues traded in of which 94 closed on the side of the advance, 196 declined and 116 were unchanged. There were occasional movements against the trend particularly in the aluminum group, but the advances were not especially noteworthy. The outstanding changes on the downside were Humble Oil 2 1/2 points to 64, Singer Manufacturing Co. 2 points to 153, Consolidated Gas & Electric of Baltimore 2 points to 80 1/2, Nehi Corp. 5 points to 63 and Great Northern Paper Co. 2 points to 44.

Declining prices were again in evidence on Friday. There were a limited number of gains scattered through the list, but these were generally among the slower moving stocks. Aircraft issues were lower all along the line and mining and metal shares tumbled sharply downward, Aluminum Co. of America declining 4 points to 149. Other noteworthy losses were Colts Patent Fire Arms 3 3/4 points to 79 1/2, Midvale Co. 3 points to 105 1/2, Heyden Chemical 5 points to 68 and Pa. Salt Manufacturing Co. 3 1/2 points to 170. As compared with Friday of last week, prices were lower, American

Cyanamid B closing last night at 32 5/8 against 33 5/8 on Friday a week ago, Aluminum Ltd. at 98 against 99, American Gas & Electric at 38 1/8 against 39 1/8, Babcock & Wilcox at 20 against 21 1/4, Bell Aircraft at 17 1/4 against 20, Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore at 80 against 82 1/2, Humble Oil (New) at 62 1/2 against 67 1/2, New Jersey Zinc at 62 against 64 1/4, Sherwin-Williams at 93 against 96, Singer Manufacturing at 153 against 154, South Penn Oil at 42 1/8 against 43 3/4, United Shoe Machinery at 80 1/2 against 82 and United Gas pref. at 94 against 97.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE

Week Ended Jan. 12, 1940	Stocks (Number of Shares)	Bonds (Par Value)			
		Domestic	Foreign Government	Foreign Corporate	Total
Saturday	62,050	\$1,283,000	\$15,000	\$16,000	\$1,314,000
Monday	158,215	1,547,000	40,000	11,000	1,598,000
Tuesday	148,075	1,300,000	6,000	14,000	1,320,000
Wednesday	135,385	1,843,000	3,000	20,000	1,866,000
Thursday	178,780	2,543,000	10,000	15,000	2,568,000
Friday	178,705	2,085,000	20,000	34,000	2,139,000
Total	859,210	\$10,601,000	\$94,000	\$110,000	\$10,805,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange	Week Ended Jan. 12		Calendar Year	
	1940	1939	1939	1938
Stocks—No. of shares	859,210	970,195	1,516,435	1,801,820
Bonds				
Domestic	\$10,601,000	\$9,236,000	\$16,503,000	\$15,932,000
Foreign government	94,000	73,000	189,000	142,000
Foreign corporate	110,000	103,000	188,000	165,000
Total	\$10,805,000	\$9,412,000	\$16,880,000	\$16,239,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Dec. 20, 1939:

GOLD

The gold held in the Issue Department of the Bank of England on Dec. 13 amounted to £219,561 at 168s per fine ounce showing no change as compared with the previous Wednesday.

The Bank of England's buying price for gold has remained unchanged at 168s per fine ounce.

SILVER

It was announced on Dec. 14 that sales of Indian Government silver, hitherto made through the medium of the London Market, would in future be arranged through the Reserve Bank of India. Thus has been removed a feature of the London Market which had been very prominent for some weeks, although it is understood that the decision does not affect the sales of Indian Government silver for London delivery at about the 23 1/2d. level.

Further developments appear to indicate that the aim of the Indian authorities is to prevent the speculative movement in Bombay from raising silver prices to unduly high levels, as it was announced on Dec. 18 that the Reserve Bank of India had intimated its preparedness to entertain applications for licences to import silver under certain conditions; it is understood that one of these is that licence holders must undertake to sell the imported silver at a price not below such a minimum or above such a maximum as may be fixed from time to time by the Reserve Bank of India.

Arrangements have also been made to make silver of .916 fineness good delivery in the Bombay market; the quality mentioned is that of the silver rupee and thus Government silver can be made more quickly available, by merely melting, instead of its having to undergo the more lengthy process of refining to the higher qualities hitherto required.

A result of the decision to consider applications for licences to import silver into India was a demand for silver in New York, where yesterday the market price advanced from 34 1/2 cents to 35 1/4 cents.

In the London market prices have shown little change, the Indian Bazaars have bought and demand from this quarter was well in evidence yesterday, when it was met by sales of Indian Government silver.

Quotations during the week:

IN LONDON		IN NEW YORK		
Bar Silver per Oz. Std.	Cash	U.S. Treas.	Market	
	2 Mos.	Price	Price	
Dec. 14	23 3/4d.	Dec. 13	35 cents	34 1/2 cents
Dec. 15	23 3/4d.	Dec. 14	35 cents	34 1/2 cents
Dec. 16	23 7/16d.	Dec. 15	35 cents	34 1/2 cents
Dec. 17	23 3/4d.	Dec. 16	35 cents	34 1/2 cents
Dec. 18	23 7/16d.	Dec. 17	35 cents	35 1/2 cents
Dec. 19	23 3/4d.	Dec. 18	35 cents	35 1/2 cents
Dec. 20	23 7/16d.	Dec. 19	35 cents	35 1/2 cents
Average	23.425d.			

The official dollar rates fixed by the Bank of England during the week were as follows: Buying, \$4.04; selling, \$4.02.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

	Sat. Jan. 6	Mon. Jan. 8	Tues. Jan. 9	Wed. Jan. 10	Thurs. Jan. 11	Fri. Jan. 12
Silver, per oz-d	Closed	21 13-16d	21 7/8d	22d	22 1/2d	22 3/4d
Gold, p. fine oz 168s.	Closed	168s.	168s.	168s.	168s.	168s.
Consols, 2 1/2%	Closed	£71 1/2	£71 1/2	£71	£71 1/2	£71 1/2
British 3 1/2%						
W. L.	Closed	£96 1/2	£96 1/2	£96 1/2	£96 11-16	£96 3/4
British 4%						
1960-90	Closed	£110	£109 1/2	£109 1/2	£109 1/2	£109 1/2

The price of silver per ounce (in cents) in the United States on the same days have been:

Bar, New York (Foreign)	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
U. S. Treasury (newly mined)	71.10	71.10	71.10	71.10	71.10	71.10

CURRENT NOTICES

—A new edition of their quotation manual on Ohio unlisted securities has just been issued by Wm. J. Mericka & Co., Union Commerce Building, Cleveland. Prices are given as of Jan. 2, 1940 for about 1,200 issues of stocks, bonds, and land trust certificates traded in the Ohio over-the-counter market. The booklet is similar to issues published by Wm. J. Mericka & Co. for the past several years.

—Cohen, Simonson & Co., 30 Broad St., New York City, members of the New York Stock Exchange, have prepared an analysis of Loft, Inc. in relation to its interest in the Pepsi-Cola Company.

—Cohen, Simonson & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Henry Lehman, formerly with H. Cassel & Co., has become associated with them at their main office.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Orvis Brothers & Company, after thirty years at 60 Broadway, are moving on Jan. 15 to larger quarters at 14 Wall Street. The firm is among the oldest members of the New York Stock Exchange and is one of the few to retain the same firm name and same family control over a long period. The present name was adopted in 1884, succeeding Joseph U. Orvis & Company which had been established in 1872. Present partners of the firm include the third generation of the Orvis family that has been associated with the business.

Among the financial storms which the firm has seen was the famous "Black Friday" of 1873. At that time, Joseph U. Orvis & Company were members of the Gold Exchange and the Petroleum Exchange and were among the largest dealers in the then existing contracts of crude oil. During the same period, they negotiated, through the former National Park Bank, the first collateral loan on the old Standard Oil securities.

At the time of the panic of 1907, E. W. Orvis, recently deceased, son of the founder, was specialist on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in U. S. Rubber, Delaware & Hudson and Norfolk & Western. The firm continued to specialize in these issues until 1928.

Shortly after the change in firm name to Orvis Brothers & Company, memberships were acquired in 1889 in the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Cotton Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade. Additionally, the firm holds memberships in the New York Curb Exchange, Commodity Exchange, Inc., New Orleans Cotton Exchange, New York Produce Exchange, New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, New York Cocoa Exchange and the Liverpool Cotton Association.

Since its inception, the firm has devoted considerable attention to commodity business. Homer W. Orvis served on the managing boards of the New York Cotton Exchange and the New York Produce Exchange for a number of years. Floyd Y. Keeler has been president of the Commodity Exchange, Inc. and is now vice-president and a member of the Board of Governors of that Exchange, as well as president of the Hide Clearing Association, Inc.

The new offices of Orvis Brothers & Company will be equipped with the latest aids to brokerage service and operation, which include the newest telephone equipment for transmitting orders and electrical devices for recording prices and securing quotations. The new quarters will be air-conditioned and sound-proofed.

The present partnership of Orvis Brothers & Company is composed of Warner D. Orvis, Herbert R. Johnson, Homer W. Orvis, Floyd Y. Keeler, F. Howard Smith and Harold A. Rousselot. All partners were previously associated with the firm before becoming members of Orvis Brothers & Company.

—Pflugfelder, Bampton & Rust, 61 Broadway, New York City, members of the New York Stock Exchange are releasing their "Guide to Defaulted Railroad Bonds", second issue, by Patrick B. McGinnis of their staff.

It is a practical handbook of about 120 pages on railroad reorganizations, contains the essential factual data with reference to bonds of roads now in bankruptcy or receivership and can be used as a ready reference where specific information is required on the status of any individual bond in this group. Priced at \$1.25—Cost of printing.

—A. M. Clifford announces the formation of a partnership with his son Henry H. Clifford. Under the firm name of A. M. Clifford and Associates with offices at 639 S. Spring St., Los Angeles. The partnership will continue the business of A. M. Clifford established August 22, 1921, and its activities will be confined exclusively, as hitherto, to serving in an advisory capacity upon investment and correlated problems. Harlan B. Robinson, clare C. Newby and Robert E. Rhodes will be associated with the new firm.

—The annual meeting and election of officers and directors of the New York Financial Advertisers will be held at 4.30 p. m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Uptown Club at 60 East 42nd St., and will be followed by a cocktail party and entertainment, it was announced by Joseph Bame, president of the group and advertising manager of The Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. Landon Townsend of The Bank of New York and Ruel Smith of Time Magazine comprise the committee on arrangements.

—R. E. Swart & Co., Incorporated announce that James C. Greenwood, Edwin Sauter and H. Kenneth Murray have joined the New York City sales department.

—Lebenthal & Co., 135 Broadway, New York City, specialists in Odd Lot Municipal Bonds, have issued a lists of municipals yielding from 4.50% to 2.75%.

NATIONAL BANKS

The following information regarding National banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

CHARTER ISSUED

Dec. 30—First National Bank in Chester, Chester, Ill. Amount \$50,000
Capital stock consists of \$50,000, all common stock. President, John A. Short. Cashier, C. R. Torrence. Conversion of The First State Bank of Chester, Chester, Ill.

CONSOLIDATIONS

Dec. 30—The First National Bank of Madison, Madison, Wis. Preferred stock, \$200,000. Common stock, \$1,000,000. \$1,200,000
The Central Wisconsin Trust Co., Madison, Wis. 100,000
Consolidated today under the provisions of the Act of Nov. 7, 1918, as amended, under the charter and title of "The First National Bank of Madison" (Charter No. 144), with a capital of \$1,200,000, consisting of \$200,000 par value of preferred stock (RFC), and \$1,000,000 par value of common stock, and a surplus of \$650,000.
The consolidation becomes effective close of business today. The branch, located at 905 University Ave., Madison, operated by The First National Bank of Madison, which was authorized since Feb. 25, 1927, was reauthorized for the consolidated bank.

Dec. 30—The Portland National Bank, Portland, Me. 750,000
First National Bank at Portland, Portland, Me. 400,000
Consolidated today under the provisions of the Act of Nov. 7, 1918, as amended, under the charter of The Portland National Bank (Charter No. 4128), and under the title of "First Portland National Bank," with common capital stock of \$1,000,000, and surplus of \$500,000.
The consolidation becomes effective close of business today. The branch, located at 575 Congress St., Portland, operated by the First National Bank at Portland, which was authorized since Feb. 25, 1927, was reauthorized for the consolidated bank.

Dec. 30—First National Bank in Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wis. 500,000
First Trust Co. in Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wis. 100,000
Consolidated today under the provisions of the Act of Nov. 7, 1918, as amended, under the charter and title of "First National Bank in Oshkosh" (Charter No. 6604), with com. capital stock of \$500,000, and surplus of \$450,000.
The consolidation becomes effective close of business today. The branch, located at 902 Oregon St., Oshkosh, operated by First National Bank in Oshkosh, which was authorized since Feb. 25, 1927, was reauthorized for the consolidated bank.

COMMON CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED

Jan. 5—The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Oakland, Amt. of Inc. Oakland, Neb. From \$50,000 to \$60,000. \$10,000

AUCTION SALES

The following securities were sold at auction on Wednesday of the current week:

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Shares	Stocks	\$ per Share
13	Ware Trust Co., Ware, Mass., par \$100	101 1/4
50	Eastern Utilities Associates common	30 3/4
	Missisquoi Corp. \$1.60 preferred	75c
2	A. S. Campbell Co., Inc., common, par \$1	23 1/4
5	Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co. common	23 1/4
5	Southern Pacific Co., par \$100; 25 New York Title & Mortgage Co., par \$10;	
25	New York Title & Mortgage Corp. stpd. part paid, par \$1; and 10 Perry-	
	mount Laundry preferred, par \$100	\$88 lot
Bonds—		
	\$1,000 Michigan Gas & Electric Co. 6s, Sept. 1943	101 1/4 & int.
	\$500 Southwest Gas Co. of Oklahoma 6s, May 1954	85 & int.
	\$250 The Sheraton Inc. 2d mtge. Aug. 1945, coupon Aug. 1938 & sub. on,	
	with 5 shs. common v. t. c.	59 1/2 flat

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

130 Florida Indian River Corp. preferred; 733 Florida Indian River Corp. common, and 95 Florida Orange & Grapefruit Corp. preferred. \$325 lot

REDEMPTION CALLS AND SINKING FUND NOTICES

Below will be found a list of bonds, notes and preferred stocks of corporation called for redemption, together with sinking fund notices. The date indicates the redemption or last date for making tenders, and the page number gives the location in which the details were given in the "Chronicle":

Company and Issue—	Date	Page
Akron & Barberton Belt RR. 1st mtge. 4s	Jan. 15	4017
American Colortype Co. 6% debts	Feb. 1	4164
American District Telegraph Co. (N. J.) 7% pref. stock	Jan. 15	3401
Appalachian Electric Power Co. 4 1/2% debts	Feb. 1	4165
Bates Valve Bag Corp. 6% debts	Feb. 1	4166
Bell Telephone Co. of Canada 1st mtge. 5s	Mar. 1	3866
Chester Water Service Co. 1st mtge. 4 1/2s	Feb. 9	3863
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co. 6% preferred stock	Feb. 1	3256
Colorado Power Co. 1st mtge. 5s	May 1	3713
*Consumers Power Co. 1st mtge. 3 3/4s	May 1	2275
Copperwell Steel Co. 4% certificates	Jan. 15	4171
Denver Gas & Electric Co. gen. mtge. 5s	May 1	3714
Denver Gas & Electric Light Co. 1st mtge. bonds	May 1	3714
(E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., debenture stock	Jan. 25	3407
Gas Service Co. gen. lien bonds	Feb. 1	4174
German-Atlantic Cable Co. 1st mtge. 7s	Apr. 1	2687
Great Consolidated Electric Power Co., Ltd 7% bds	Feb. 1	4175
(Chas. E.) Hires Co. class A stock	Feb. 10	3717
Indiana Rys. & Light Co. 1st mtge. 5s	Feb. 1	1219
Inland Steel Co. 1st mtge. bonds	Jan. 15	3559
Kansas City Gas Co. 1st mtge. 5s	Feb. 1	3558
Kirby Lumber Corp. 1st mtge. bonds	Jan. 16	3876
Lexington Utilities Co. 1st mtge. 5s	Feb. 1	4032
*Lukens Steel Co. 1st mtge. 8s	Feb. 8	2282
*Metropolitan Chain Properties, Ltd., 1st mtge. 6s	Feb. 5	2282
*Mississippi Power Co. 1st mtge. 5s	Jan. 31	2282
Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co. 4% debts	Feb. 1	4183
Pennsylvania Telephone Corp. 1st mtge. bonds	Apr. 1	3725
Philadelphia Electric Power Co. 1st mtge. 5 1/2s	Feb. 1	4184
Pittsburgh Coal Co. 6% deb. bonds	Feb. 1	2984
Port Henry Light, Heat & Power Co. 1st mtge. 5s	Feb. 1	2136
Safe Harbor Water Power Corp. 1st mtge. 4 1/2s	Feb. 2	4185
St. Joseph Ry., Lt., Ht. & Power Co. 1st mtge. 4 1/2s	Feb. 1	4185
Scott Paper Co. 3 1/2% bonds	Feb. 5	4040
Southern Ice Co., Inc., 1st mtge. gold bonds	Feb. 1	4041
Southern Light & Power Co. 1st mtge. 5s	Jan. 26	4186
Spang Chalfant & Co., Inc., 1st mtge. 5s	Feb. 26	4186
Square D Co. 5% debts	Feb. 15	3730
Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR. Co. gen. mtge. bonds	Jan. 16	2137
*Terre Haute Water Works Corp.—1st mtge. 6s	Feb. 10	2288
First mortgage 5s	Feb. 10	2288
United Biscuit Co. of America. preferred stock	Jan. 15	2990
Washington Properties, Inc. 7% gen. mtge. bonds	Jan. 22	4189
West Penn Power Co.—		
7% pref. stock	Feb. 1	751
6% pref. stock	Feb. 1	751
Woodward Iron Co. 2d mtge. 5s	Feb. 26	3575

* Announcements this week. z Volume 150.

DIVIDENDS

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid. Further details and record of past dividend payments in many cases are given under the company name in our "General Corporation and Investment News Department" in the week when declared.

The dividends announced this week are:

Name of Company	Per Share	When Payable	Holders of Record
Adams-Millis Corp.	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
American Equitable Assurance (N. Y.) (quar.)	25c	Jan. 25	Jan. 18
American Smelting & Refining Co.	50c	Feb. 20	Feb. 2
American Stove Co.	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 18
Anglo-Canadian Telephone Co. 5 1/2% pref. (qu.)	68 3/4c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Arlington Mills	50c	Jan. 17	Jan. 8
Associated Dry Goods 1st preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 1	Feb. 9
2nd preferred	\$1 1/8	Jan. 27	Jan. 22
2nd preferred	\$1 1/4	Mar. 1	Feb. 9
Associated Telep. & Teleg. Co., 7% 1st pref.	28c	Feb. 15	Feb. 1
\$6 1st preferred	24c	Feb. 15	Feb. 1
Appleton Co. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Atlantic City Electric Co., preferred	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 4
Ault & Wiborg Proprietary preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Best & Co., Inc.	40c	Jan. 26	Jan. 19
Extra	25c	Jan. 26	Jan. 19
Preferred (semi-ann.)	3%	Jan. 27	Jan. 26
Beverly Gas & Electric	\$1	Jan. 13	Jan. 8
Biltmore Hats Ltd. (s.-a.)	25c	Jan. 25	Jan. 18
Extra	15c	Jan. 25	Jan. 18
Birtman Electric Co. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Blue Ridge Corp., pref. (quar.)	75c	Mar. 1	Feb. 5
Optional div. cash or 1-32 sh. of com. stock			
Boston Metal Investors, Inc.	40c	Jan. 25	Jan. 15
Bourjois, Inc., \$2 1/4 preferred	68 3/4c	Feb. 15	Feb. 1
Brager-Eisenberg, Inc.	\$2 1/2	Jan. 22	Jan. 20

Name of Company	Per Share	When Payable	Holders of Record
Brentano's Book Stores, Inc.	40c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Brewer (C.) & Co., Ltd.	50c	Jan. 25	Jan. 20
Broadway Dept. Stores, pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 18
Brockton Gas Light (quar.)	10c	Jan. 15	Jan. 6
Buckeye Steel Castings Co., 6% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Bullock Fund, Ltd. (quar.)	10c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Canadian Investment Fund, Ltd. (quar.)	14 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Carter (Wm.) Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 15	Mar. 9
Central Arizona Light & Power, \$7 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 18
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 18
Central Power & Light Co., 7% cum. pref.	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
6% cumulative preferred	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Century Shares Trust	46c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Chain Store Investment Corp. \$6 1/2 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Coca-Cola Bottling Co. (St. Louis, Mo.) (qu.)	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Extra	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Collins Co. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Columbia Pictures Corp., \$2 1/4 conv. preferred	\$34 3/4c	Feb. 15	Feb. 1
\$2 1/4 convertible preferred (quar.)	68 3/4c	Feb. 15	Feb. 1
Community Public Service	65c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Concord Electric (quar.)	70c	Jan. 15	Jan. 6
6% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 6
Coniagas Mines, Ltd. (semi-annual)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Continental Can Co., Inc. (interim)	50c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Consolidated Royalty Oil (quar.)	5c	Jan. 25	Jan. 15
Cunee Press, Inc., new common	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 15	Mar. 1
Davidson Bros., Inc. (quar.)	7 1/2c	Jan. 20	Jan. 12
Dennison Mfg. Co. debenture stock (qu.)	\$2	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Deposited Insurance Shares	7 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Series B	5 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Dividend Shares, Inc. (quar.)	1.6c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Domestic Finance Corp.—			
Cumulative preference (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 25
Dominquez Oil Fields (monthly)	25c	Jan. 31	Jan. 16
Monthly	25c	Feb. 29	Feb. 16
Eastern Theatres Ltd. 7% preferred	\$3 1/2	Jan. 31	Jan. 3
Exeter & Hampton Electric (quar.)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 6
Fidelity & Deposit Co. (Md.) (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Jan. 8
Fidelity Fund, Inc. (quar.)	15c	Jan. 25	Jan. 20
Filene's (Wm.) Sons Co.	25c	Jan. 25	Jan. 16
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.18 1/4	Jan. 25	Jan. 22
First Boston Corp.	\$1	Jan. 22	Jan. 12
First Mutual Trust Fund	11c	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
Fitchburg Gas & Electric (quar.)	68c	Jan. 15	Jan. 6
General Shoe Corp.	30c	Jan. 31	Jan. 15
Gibraltar Fire & Marine Insurance	50c	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
Extra	20c	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
Globe & Republic Insurance of America	12 1/2c	Jan. 30	Jan. 20
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. (quar.)	25c	Mar. 15	Feb. 15
\$5 convertible preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 15	Feb. 15
Grace National Bank (N. Y.) (s.-a.)	\$3	Mar. 1	Feb. 27
Great Northern Iron Ore Property—			
Certificates of beneficial interest	75c	Jan. 31	Jan. 16
Gurd (Chas.) & Co., preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 15	Feb. 1
Hartford Electric Light	68 3/4c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Hartford Times, Inc., 5 1/2% pref. (quar.)	68 3/4c	Feb. 15	Jan. 15
Haverhill Electric Co.	75c	Jan. 15	Jan. 8
Hawaiian Agricultural Co.	10c	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Hedley Mascot Gold Mine (resumed)	2c	Feb. 15	Feb. 1
Hershey Chocolate Corp.	75c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Convertible preferred	\$1	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Convertible preferred (additional)	\$1	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines	5c	Jan. 29	Jan. 15
Hormel (Geo. A.)	50c	Feb. 15	Jan. 27
Preferred class A (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 15	Jan. 27
Horn (A. C.) Co., 7% non-cum. prior pref.	8 1/4c	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
Houston Lighting & Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Hydro-Electric Securities Corp., 5% pref. B	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Institutional Securities Corp.—			
Aviation Groups Shares, (initial)	20c	Mar. 1	Jan. 31
Insurance Co. of the State of Pennsylvania	60c	Jan. 10	Jan. 8
Ironrite Irons Co.	5c	Feb. 1	Nov. 20
8% preferred	20c	Feb. 1	Nov. 20
Jantzen Knitting Mills, pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 1	Feb. 25
Kalamazoo Stove & Furnace Co.	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Keystone Custodian Fund B-3 (s.-a.)	2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Series S-4 (semi-annual)	2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Kobacker Stores, Inc.	50c	Jan. 25	Jan. 18
7% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 25	Jan. 18
Landis Machine (quar.)	25c	Feb. 15	Feb. 5
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 15	-----
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	June 15	-----
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Sept. 16	-----
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Dec. 16	-----
Lago Petroleum Corp.	\$6	Jan. 19	Jan. 9
Lawrence Gas & Electric (quar.)	75c	Jan. 13	Jan. 6
Lehigh Portland Cement Co. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 13
4% preferred (quar.)	\$1	Apr. 1	Mar. 14
Lincoln Printing Co., pref. (quar.)	87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 22
Lionel Corp. (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 29	Feb. 10
Extra	50c	Feb. 29	Feb. 10
Loew's Boston Theatres	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 24
Lowell Electric Light (quar.)	90c	Jan. 13	Jan. 6
Lyon Metal Products, Inc., 6% preferred	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Massachusetts Power & Light Association—			
\$2 preferred (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Jan. 8
Matson Navigation Co. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 15	Feb. 9
McGraw Electric Co. (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Melville Shoe Corp. (new)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
McNeel Marble, 6% 1st pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 15
Merchants & Manufacturers Insurance	10c	Jan. 30	Jan. 20
Michigan Bakeries, (reduced)	15c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
\$7 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
\$1 prior preference (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Michigan Public Service Co., 7% pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Michigan Gas & Electric, 7% prior lien	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
\$6 prior lien	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Mine Hill & Schuylkill Haven RR	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Monroe Loan Society, preferred (quar.)	34 3/4c	Mar. 1	Feb. 28
Morris Plan Insurance Society (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Feb. 23
Quarterly	\$1	June 1	May 24
Quarterly	\$1	Sept. 1	Aug. 23
Quarterly	\$1	Dec. 1	Nov. 22
Neisner Bros., Inc., 4 3/4% conv. pref.	\$ 1.18 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Newton Trust Co. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Newberry (J. J.) Co., preferred A (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 1	Feb. 13
NewProcess Co., preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 17
New York Merchandise Co. (quar.)	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
North American Investors Corp., pref.	\$1 1/4	Jan. 20	Jan. 3
North Boston Lighting Properties (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Jan. 8
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Jan. 8
Northern Railroad (N. H.) (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 31	Jan. 17
Norwalk Tire & Rubber, pref. (quar.)	87 1/2c	Apr. 1	Mar. 20
Occidental Insurance Co.	30c	Feb. 15	Feb. 5
Ohio Casualty Insurance (s.-a.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Extra	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Old Colony Investment Trust	25c	Jan. 24	Jan. 8
Onomea Sugar Co.	10c	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Outboard, Marine & Mfg. Co.	40c	Feb. 9	Jan. 25
Outlet Co. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 25	Jan. 22
Extra	50c	Jan. 25	Jan. 22
1st preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 25	Jan. 22
2nd preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 25	Jan. 22
Packer Corp. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Payne Furnace & Supply Co., Inc.—			
Convertible preferred A & B	115c	Jan. 15	Jan. 9
Pennsylvania Gas Co.	40c	Jan. 13	Jan. 3

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Peoples National Bank (Brooklyn) (stock div.)	5.042%	Feb. 1	Jan. 9
Semi-annual	75c	Feb. 1	Jan. 9
Peoria Bureau Valley RR. Co. (s.-a.)	\$3 1/2	Feb. 10	Jan. 15
Pharis Tire & Rubber	15c	Mar. 20	Mar. 5
Pilot Full Fashion Mills, Inc.	10c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
6% cumulative preferred	65c	Apr. 1	Mar. 15
Plomb Tool Co., 6% preferred (quar.)	15c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Potomac Edison Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 5
6% preferred	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 5
Procter & Gamble Co. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Extra	25c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Public Electric Light, (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Public Service Co. of Colorado—			
7% preferred (monthly)	58 1-3c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
5% preferred (monthly)	41 2-3c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Rainier Brewing partic. preferred A	30c	Feb. 9	Feb. 6
Raymond Concrete Pile preferred (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Reliance Mfg. Co.	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Reserve Investment Corp. \$7 preferred	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Reynolds Tobacco (quar. interim)	50c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Common B (quar. interim)	50c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Rich's, Inc., 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 30	Mar. 15
Common (extra)	50c	Jan. 25	Jan. 10
Rike-Kumler Co.	\$1	Jan. 23	Jan. 12
Riverside Cement Co., preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Rockland Light & Power (quar.)	18c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Rose's 5-10 & 25c. Stores, Inc. (quar.)	20c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Stainless Iron & Steel, preferred (quar.)	62 1/2c	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
St. Lawrence Flour Mills (quar.)	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Saguway Power, preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 17
San Carlos Mill (irregular)	20c	Jan. 15	Jan. 3
Schwitzer-Cummins Co.	25c	Jan. 29	Jan. 19
Securities Corp. General \$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Sedalia Water 7% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Sharp & Dohme, Inc., \$3 1/2 pref. A (quar.)	87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Smith Agricultural Chemical Co.	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 22
\$1 1/4 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 22
Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.—			
4.8% preferred (quar.)	1.2%	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Spiegel, Inc.	\$1 1/4	Mar. 15	Mar. 1
\$4 1/2 conv. preferred	\$1 1/4	Mar. 15	Mar. 1
Springfield Gas Light	30c	Jan. 15	Feb. 6
Standard Silica Corp.	10c	Feb. 15	Feb. 5
Sterling, Inc.	5c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Preferred	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Stix, Baer & Fuller Co.	25c	Jan. 26	Jan. 16
Taylor (Wm.) Corp. (irregular)	\$1	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Telautograph Corp.	5c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Texas Power & Light 7% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 16
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 16
Toburn Gold Mines Ltd.	2c	Feb. 22	Jan. 4
Extra	2c	Feb. 22	Jan. 4
Triumph Explosives (quar.)	5c	Feb. 1	Jan. 22
Extra	2 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 22
Tung-Sol Lamp Works, preferred (quar.)	20c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
United Light & Railways Co. (Del.)—			
7% prior preferred (monthly)	58 1-3c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
7% prior preferred (monthly)	58 1-3c	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
7% prior preferred (monthly)	58 1-3c	Apr. 1	Mar. 15
6.36% prior preferred (monthly)	53c	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
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6% prior preferred (monthly)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
6% prior preferred (monthly)	50c	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
6% prior preferred (monthly)	50c	Apr. 1	Mar. 15
United New Jersey RR. & Canal (quar.)	\$2 1/2	Apr. 10	Mar. 20
United Shirt Distributors, Inc.	25c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
United Stock & Bond Corp. (s.-a.)	40c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Ventures, Ltd.	5c	Mar. 30	Mar. 14
Virginian Ry. Co. 6% preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
6% preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c	May 1	Apr. 20
6% preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c	Aug. 1	July 20
Warwick Co. com. vot. trust cdfs. (s.-a.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Jan. 8
Washington Trust Co. (Pitts., Pa.) (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 2	Dec. 29
Extra	\$1	Jan. 2	Dec. 29
Western Cartridge 6% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 20	Jan. 31
Western Pipe & Steel 7% preferred (s.-a.)	35c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
7% preferred (s.-a.)	35c	July 15	June 29
Westgate-Greenland Oil Co. (mo.)	1c	Jan. 15	Jan. 10
Wilcox (H. F.) Oil & Gas Co.	60c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Woolworth (F. W.) Co. (quar.)	10c	Mar. 1	Feb. 9
Woodall Industries, Inc.	10c	Jan. 30	Jan. 20
Wright-Hargreaves Mines (quar.)	110c	Apr. 1	Feb. 15
Extra	15c	Apr. 1	Feb. 15
Wurlitzer, Rudolph Co.	15c	Feb. 28	Feb. 16
Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 10

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. The list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

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Abbott Laboratories pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Abraham & Straus, Inc.	\$1 1/4	Jan. 25	Jan. 15
Adams (J. D.) Mfg. (quar.)	15c	Jan. 16	Jan. 5
Aeronautical Securities	10c	Mar. 15	Mar. 5
Aetna Ball Bearing Mfg. (quar.)	35c	Mar. 15	Mar. 5
Affiliated Fund, Inc.	6c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Air Reduction Co., Inc. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Alaska Juneau Gold Mining	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 10
Albany & Susquehanna RR. (special)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 13	Dec. 18
Amalgamated Sugar Co., 5% pref. (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 17
Amerasia Corp. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 31	Jan. 15*
Amerex Holding Corp. (s.-a.)	50c	Feb. 2	Jan. 12
American Alliance Insurance (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Extra	20c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
American Art Works, Inc., 6% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
American Can Co. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
American Cities Power & Light com. cl. A (qu.)	75c	Feb. 1	Jan. 11
Optional cash or stock			
American Fork & Hoe preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
American Furniture Co., Inc., 7% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 13
American Gas & Electric Co. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 9
American General Equities (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 9
American Home Products Corp. (monthly)	20c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
American Light & Traction (quar.)	30c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
American Machine & Foundry Co.	20c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
American Metal Co., Ltd.	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
American News Co.	25c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Amer. Radiator & Standard Sanitary—			
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 1	Feb. 23
American Reserve Insurance (semi-annual)	75c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
American Rolling Mill preferred	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 15
American Telephone & Telegraph (quar.)	\$2 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec

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Beatty Bros. 1st preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Bell Telephone Co. of Canada	\$2	Jan. 15	Dec. 23
Bell Telephone (Penna.) 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Bloomington Bros., Inc.	18 1/2c	Jan. 25	Jan. 15
Bon Ami, class A (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Jan. 15
Class B (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 31	Jan. 15
Boston Edison Co. (quar.)	\$2	Feb. 1	Jan. 10
Bower Roller Bearing Co.	75c	Mar. 20	Mar. 8
Bralorne Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	20c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Extra	10c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Brantford Cordage 1st pref. (quar.)	32 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. (quar.)	40c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
British American Tobacco (final)	6d.	Feb. 1	Jan. 2
Interim	10d.	Feb. 1	Jan. 2
British Columbia Electric Ry. pref. (s.-a.)	2 1/2%	Jan. 16	Jan. 5
British Columbia Power Corp., cl A (quar.)	150c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
British Columbia Telephone, 2nd pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 17
Buffalo Niagara & Eastern Power \$5 pf. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Byers (A. M.) Co. 7% preferred (quar.)	\$2.165625 per sh., being the sum of accum. unpaid quar. div. due May 1, 1935, with int. thereon at the rate of 5%	Feb. 1	Jan. 13
Calgary Power Co., preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
California-Oregon Power 7% preferred	\$3 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
6% cumulative preferred	\$3	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
6% cumulative preferred (series of 1927)	\$3	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
California Packing Co. pref. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 15	Jan. 31
Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper	25c	Jan. 16	Jan. 2
Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Foundry	40c	Jan. 26	Jan. 5
Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd. (quar.)	130c	Jan. 25	Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Canada Southern Ry (semi-annual)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Dec. 22
Canadian Bronze (quar.)	\$7 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Interim	150c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Canadian Dredge & Dock (interim)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 31	Jan. 17
Canadian Fairbanks Morse pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Canadian General Investments (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Coupon (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Canadian Industries, pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Canadian Light & Power (semi-ann.)	50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 26
Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio Ry. Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Central Aguirre Associates.	37 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 28
Central Hudson Gas & Electric (quar.)	20c	Feb. 1	Dec. 30
Central Investors Corp. (quar.)	10c	Jan. 20	Dec. 30
Increased			
Central New York Power Corp., 5% pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 10
Central Power Co. 7% cum. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
8% cum. preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
6% cum. preferred div. of \$1,89583 +	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
6% cum. preferred div. of \$1,625 +	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Central Republic Co.	15c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Century Ribbon Mills, preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 1	Feb. 20
Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp.	\$1	Feb. 1	Jan. 16
Chain Belt Co.	25c	Jan. 15	Dec. 29
Chase National Bank (s.-a.)	70c	Feb. 1	Jan. 13
Chemical Fund, Inc. (quar.)	13c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Chilton Co. common	10c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Cinn. Inter-Terminal RR. Co., 1st pref. (s. a.)	\$2	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Cincinnati Postal Terminal & Realty Co.—			
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 15
Cincinnati Union Terminal, 5% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Apr. 1	Mar. 20
5% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	July 1	June 19
5% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Oct. 1	Sept. 18
Clinton Water Works 7% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Cleveland Cin. Chicago & St. L. Ry. (s.-a.)	\$5	Jan. 31	Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 31	Jan. 20
Cleveland Railway Co.			
See Gen. Corp. & Investment News Section. of this issue			
Columbia Gas & Electric, 6% pref. A (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 15	Jan. 20
5% cumulative preference (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 15	Jan. 20
5% cumulative preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 15	Jan. 20
Columbus & Southern Ohio Elec. 6 1/2% pf. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Commercial Alcohols, Ltd., preferred (qu.)	10c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Commonwealth Edison	45c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Commonwealth Investment Co. (quar.)	4c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Commonwealth Utilities Corp., 6 1/2% pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
Concord Gas Co., 7% preferred	150c	Feb. 15	Jan. 31
Connecticut & Passumpsic RR., 6% pref (s.-a.)	\$3	Feb. 1	Dec. 30
Connecticut River Power, preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
Consolidated Car Heating (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Consolidated Chemical Industries, cl. A (qu.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Consolidated Cigar Corp., 7% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y., Inc.—			
\$5 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Dec. 29
Consolidated Laundries \$7 1/2 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Consolidated Oil Co. (quar.)	20c	Feb. 15	Jan. 15
Consolidated Retail Stores, pref. A (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Consolidated Royalties, Inc., 6% pref. (quar.)	15c	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
Consolidated Traction Co. (N. J.) (s.-a.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Coon (W. B.) Co.	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 13
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 13
Cooper-Bessemer prior preferred	75c	Jan. 24	Jan. 10
Corn Exchange Bank Trust (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Corn Products Refining Co.	75c	Jan. 20	Jan. 2
7% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Cosmos Imperial Mills, Ltd. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Crowell-Collier Pub. Co. 7% pref. (s.-a.)	\$3 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 24
Crown Drug Co., preferred (quar.)	43 1/2c	Feb. 15	Feb. 5
Crum & Forster (quar.)	25c	Feb. 15	Jan. 5
8% preferred (quar.)	\$2	Mar. 30	Mar. 20
Cuban-American Sugar, preferred	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Cumberland County Pow. & Lt., 6% pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 13
5 1/2% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 13
Cunningham Drug Stores	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 5
Cypress Abbey Co.	2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Dayton Rubber Mfg. Co., class A (quar.)	50c	Jan. 25	Jan. 15
Decca Records, Inc.	20c	Feb. 27	Feb. 13
Derby Oil & Refining \$4 pref.	\$1	Mar. 15	Mar. 1
Detroit Edison Co. (final)	\$2	Jan. 15	Dec. 29
Detroit Gasket & Mfg.	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 5
Detroit River Tunnel Co. (semi-annual)	\$4	Jan. 15	Jan. 8
De Vilbis Co. common	50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Preferred (quar.)	17 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Diamond Match Co. participating pref. (s. a.)	75c	Mar. 1	Feb. 10
Distillers Co., Ltd., Amer. dep. rcts. (interim)	6 1/4%	Feb. 8	Dec. 27
Distillers Corp.—Seagrams			
Preferred (quar. in U. S. funds)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Dome Mines Ltd. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 20	Dec. 30
Dominion Oil Cloth & Linoleum (quar.)	30c	Jan. 31	Jan. 15
Extra	10c	Jan. 31	Jan. 15
Dominion Tar & Chemical (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Dominion Textile Co., Ltd. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
Dow Chemical Co.	75c	Feb. 15	Feb. 1
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 15	Feb. 1
Duplan Silk Corp.	50c	Feb. 15	Jan. 31
Du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours \$4 1/2 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 25	Jan. 10
Debenture (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 25	Jan. 10
Duquesne Light Co. 1st pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
East Penn RR. gtd. (semi-ann.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 16	Jan. 5
Eastern Steel Products, Ltd. (interim)	\$1	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Easy Washing Machine, preferred	117 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Electric Bond & Share Co., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 5
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 5
El Paso Electric (Dela.) 7% preferred A (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 29
6% preferred B (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 29
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 29
Employers Group Assoc. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 31	Jan. 17
Extra	25c	Jan. 31	Jan. 17

Name of Company	Per Share	When Payable	Holders of Record
Ely & Walker Dry Goods	25c	Mar. 1	Feb. 19
Extra	50c	Jan. 15	Jan. 4
1st preferred (s.-a.)	\$3 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 4
2nd preferred (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 15	Jan. 4
Eureka Pipe Line Co.	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15*
Fairbanks Morse & Co. (special)	50c	Jan. 27	Jan. 12
Falstaff Brewing pref. (semi-annual)	3c	Apr. 1	Mar. 18
Federal Services Finance Corp. (Wash., D. C.)	75c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
6% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Federated Dept. Stores, Inc.	50c	Jan. 30	Jan. 20
4 1/2% conv. preferred (quar.)	\$1.06 1/4	Jan. 31	Jan. 20
Fibreboard Products, Inc., 6% pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 16
Fireman's Fund Insurance (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Firestone Tire & Rubber	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 5
Fishman (M. H.) Co., 5% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Foster & Kelsor common	12 1/2c	Jan. 29	Jan. 15
Froedfert Grain & Malting	20c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	30c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Gardner-Denver Co. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20
Gardner Electric Light	\$4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
General Development Co. common	25c	Jan. 11	Jan. 4
General Finance Corp. (quar.)	5c	Jan. 18	Jan. 2
General Foods Corp. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 10
General Instrument (initial)	15c	Jan. 15	Dec. 15
General Mills, Inc.	87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 10
General Motors Corp. \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 8
General Telephone Allied Corp. \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Georgia Power Co., \$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 12	Dec. 15
Gilbert (A. C.) preferred	\$12 1/2	Jan. 18	Jan. 13
Gillette Safety Razor Co. (\$5 conv. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 2
Gimbel Bros., preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 25	Jan. 10
Golden State Co., Ltd. (initial quar.)	20c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Goodyear Tire & Rubber (Canada) (extra)	\$2 1/2	Jan. 31	Dec. 30
Gotham Manufacturing Co.	50c	Jan. 15	Jan. 10
Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc., 7% pref. (quar.)	\$50	Feb. 1	Jan. 12
Grant (W. T.) (final)	50c	Jan. 23	Jan. 11
Great American Insurance (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Extra	20c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Great Lakes Power pref. A (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Green (H. L.) (quar.)	50c	Jan. 18	Jan. 8
Extra	50c	Jan. 18	Jan. 8
Griesdeck-Western Brewery preferred (quar.)	34 3/4c	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
Guarantee Co. of North America (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
Extra	\$2 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
Guardian Depositors (liquidating)	12 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Guardian Realty Co. of Canada 7% preferred	\$150c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Hall Lamp Co. (new)	30c	Jan. 25	Jan. 10
Halle Bros. Co. preferred (quar.)	60c	Jan. 15	Jan. 8
Harbison-Walker pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Harrisburg Gas Co. 7% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Hat Corp. of Amer., 6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 18
Hawaiian Electric (irregular)	15c	Jan. 25	Feb. 15
Hawaiian Sugar Co. (quar.)	15c	Jan. 15	Jan. 3
Hecker Products Corp. (quar.)	15c	Feb. 15	Feb. 10
Hercules Powder Co., preferred (quar.)	1 1/4%	Feb. 15	Feb. 2
Hershey Chocolate (quar.)	75c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Preferred (additional)	\$1	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Preferred (quar.)	1c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
Holly Development Co. (quar.)	1c	Jan. 25	Dec. 31
Holly Sugar Corp., preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Homestake Mining Co. (monthly)	37 1/2c	Jan. 25	Jan. 20
Honolulu Gas (quar.)	45c	Jan. 20	Dec. 12
Horders, Inc. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 26	Jan. 15
Horn & Hardart Co. (N. Y.) (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 12
Household Finance Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Dec. 30*
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30*
Howard Smith Paper Mill 6% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
Idaho Maryland Mines Corp. (monthly)	5c	Jan. 22	Jan. 10
Insurance Co. of North America	\$1	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Extra	50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
International Investing Corp., class A (s.-a.)	35c	Jan. 15	Jan. 10
International Bronze Powders (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 15	Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
International Business Machines stock dividend	5%	Apr. 1	Mar. 15*
A stk. div. at the rate of 5 shs. for each 100 shs. held.	held.	Apr. 1	Mar. 15*
International Cigar Machinery Co.	50c	Apr. 1	Jan. 15
International Harvester Co. (quar.)	40c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
International Milling Co. 5% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/4	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
International Nickel Co. of Can., pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 2
Payable in U. S. currency.			
International Products preferred (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Interstate Dept. Stores, Inc., 7% pref.	\$1 1/4	Feb. 1	Jan. 17
Interstate Home Equipment (quar.)	12 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Investment Foundation Ltd., cum. pref.	\$50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Cum. preferred (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Iowa Electric Light & Power Co., 7% pref. A	\$87 1/2c	Jan. 20	Dec. 30
6 1/2% preferred B	\$81 1/2c	Jan. 20	Dec. 30
6% preferred C	75c	Jan. 20	Dec. 30
I-2L Mining (quar.)</			

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Mahon (R. C.) Co. class A pref. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 31	Rich Ice Cream (quar.)	30c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
\$2.20 preferred (quar.)	55c	Jan. 15	Dec. 31	Richardson Co. common	50c	Feb. 1	Dec. 7
Manhattan Bond Fund, Inc. ord.	11c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5	Richmond Insurance (N. Y.) (quar.)	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 11
Extra	7c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5	Extra	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 11
Manufacturers Trust Co. pref. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Roberts' Public Markets, Inc. (quar.)	10c	July 1	June 20
Maritime Telephone & Telegraph Co. (quar.)	17 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20	Quarterly	10c	Oct. 1	Sept. 20
Extra	10c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20	Quarterly	10c	Dec. 15	Dec. 5
7% preferred (quar.)	17 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20	Quarterly	25c	Jan. 15	Jan. 8
Massachusetts Investors Trust (quar.)	19c	Jan. 20	Dec. 29	Rochester American Insurance Co. (N. Y.) (qu.)	20c	Jan. 15	Jan. 8
Massachusetts Utilities Assoc., pref. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Extra	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Massawippi Valley RR. (semi-annual)	\$3	Feb. 1	Dec. 30	Rochester Button Co.	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Maiti Agricultural Co., Ltd.	15c	Jan. 20	Jan. 2	Preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c	Mar. 1	Feb. 20
May Dept. Stores.	75c	Jan. 22	Jan. 12	Roos Bros. Inc. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
In lieu of div. usually payable March 1.				Royal Typewriter Co., Inc.	\$1	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Maytag Co. \$3 preferred (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Jan. 16	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
1st \$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 16	Rubinstein (Helena)	25c	Jan. 15	Jan. 15
Middle States Petroleum Corp., class A.	63c	Jan. 15	Dec. 29*	San Diego Consol. Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Class B	10c	Jan. 15	Dec. 29*	Scott Paper Co., \$4 cum. pref. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20*
Mid-Continent Airlines, Inc. conv. pref.	6c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	\$4 1/2 cum. pref. (quar.)	1 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20*
Midland Oil Corp., convertible preferred	25c	Jan. 20	Jan. 1	Shamokin Valley & Pottsville RR. (s.-a.)	1 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Midwest Piping & Supply (quar.)	15c	Jan. 15	Jan. 8	Saratoga & Schenectady RR. (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Mississippi Power & Light \$6 preferred	150c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Shawinigan Water & Power (quar.)	23c	Feb. 15	Jan. 25
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Sheep Creek Gold Mines (quar.)	4c	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
Monongahela Valley Water Co.				Extra	4c	Jan. 25	Jan. 5
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2	Silbak Premier Mines, Ltd.	25c	Jan. 30	Jan. 10
Monroe Loan Society class A	5c	Jan. 15	Jan. 9	Skelly Oil Co.	1 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 5
Monsanto Chemical Co. pref. A and B (s.-a.)	\$2 1/2	June 1	May 10	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
Montana Power Co. \$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 12	Smith (Howard) Paper Mill preferred (qu.)	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Montgomery Ward & Co. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Dec. 13	South Pittsburgh Water Co. 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Extra	\$1	Jan. 15	Dec. 13	6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2
Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consol. (quar.)	138c	Jan. 31	Dec. 30	Southern California Edison (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 15	Jan. 20
Montreal Tramways Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	2-2-40	2-2-40	Special	40c	Feb. 15	Jan. 20
Moore (Wm. R.) Dry Goods (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 25	Dec. 30	Original preferred (special)	40c	Apr. 15	Mar. 20
Morrill (John) & Co.	75c	Jan. 15	Dec. 29	Orig. pref. (qu.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Morris (Phillip) & Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Mar. 1	Feb. 15	5 1/2% preferred C (quar.)	34 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	10c	Mar. 1	Feb. 15	Southern California Gas 6% preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Mt. Diablo Oil Mining & Development	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	6% preferred A (quar.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Mountain States Telep. & Teleg. (quar.)	6c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd. (quar.)	20c	Feb. 15	Jan. 31
Mutual System, Inc. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	6% cum. preferred (quar.)	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
8% preferred (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Southern New England Telephone Co.	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 29
National Automotive Fibres	75c	Jan. 31	Jan. 25	Spicer Mfg. Co. \$3 preferred	75c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
National Battery	15c	Jan. 15	Jan. 2	Sports Products, Inc. (initial)	20c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
National Bond & Share Corp.	25c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Squibb (E. R.) & Sons 1st preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 26	Jan. 15
National Cash Register Co.	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Standard Bank of South Africa, Ltd. (interim)	\$1 1/2	Mar. 15	Feb. 16
National Chemical & Mfg. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 13	Standard Brands 4 1/2% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
National City Bank (N. Y.) (s.-a.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 13	Standard Oil Co. of Ohio preferred (quar.)	30c	Mar. 15	Mar. 5
National City Lines class A (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Jan. 13	Standard Wholesale Phosphate & Acid Works	31 1/2c	Feb. 15	Feb. 3
\$3 preferred (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Stanley Works of New Britain pref. (quar.)	143 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 5
National Distillers Corp. (quar.)	25c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd. (quar.)	143 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 5
National Fuel Gas (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 19	Steel Co. (Canada) (quar.)	\$32	Feb. 1	Jan. 5
National Lead Co. preferred B (quar.)	10c	Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Extra	143 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 5
National Liberty Insurance Co. of Amer. (s.-a.)	10c	Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Dec. 28
Extra	\$1 1/2	Feb. 15	Feb. 1	Stetson (John B.), preferred	20c	Jan. 25	Jan. 15
National Power & Light Co. \$6 pref. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Sun Ray Drug Co.	20c	Jan. 25	Jan. 15
National Steel Car Corp. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 25	Jan. 15
Nevada-California Electric, preferred	\$1	Jan. 17	Jan. 2	Super Mold Corp. (Calif.) (quar.)	50c	Jan. 20	Jan. 9
New Bedford Gas & Edison Light	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 12	Superheater Co., Div. No. 133 (regular quar.)	12 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
New York Air Brake	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 16	Tacony-Palmira Bridge (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Dec. 13
Newberry (J. J.) Realty 6 1/2% pref. A (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 16	Thatcher Mfg. Co., pref. (quar.)	90c	Feb. 1	Jan. 31
6% preferred B (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 16	Tivoli Brewing (quar.)	5c	Jan. 20	Dec. 30
Niagara Hudson Power Corp., 5% 1st pref. (qu.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Tobacco Securities Trust Co., Ltd.—		Feb. 9	Jan. 20
2nd 5% preferred series A & B (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Ordinary capital (final)	11%	Feb. 9	Jan. 20
Norfolk & Washington Steamboat (s.-a.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Jan. 5	Deferred capital (first and final)	4.714%	Feb. 9	Jan. 20
Norfolk & Western Ry., preferred (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 19	Jan. 31	Less tax			
North American Oil Co. (quar.)	3c	Jan. 20	Jan. 10	Toledo Edison Co. 7% preferred (monthly)	58.1-3c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
North Carolina RR. guaranteed (s.-a.)	\$3 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 20	6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Northern Central Railway (s.-a.)	\$2	Jan. 25	Dec. 30	5% preferred (monthly)	41.2-3c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Northern Ontario Power Co., Ltd. (quar.)	60c	Jan. 25	Dec. 30	Towle Mfg. Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 6
6% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 20	Dec. 30	Trade Bank & Trust (N. Y.) (quar.)	15c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Northern States Power (Del.) 7% preferred	\$1.31 1/2	Jan. 20	Dec. 30	Transamerica Corp.	25c	Jan. 31	Jan. 15
6% preferred	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Truax-Tramer Coal 6% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Mar. 15	Mar. 5
Northern States Power (Minn.) \$5 pref. (qu.)	25c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	5 1/2% preferred (quar.)	\$3 1/2	Mar. 15	Mar. 5
Northwest Engineering	25c	Jan. 30	Jan. 15	Tuckett Tobacco Co., preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 30
Nunn-Bush Shoe Co.	\$1 1/2	Jan. 30	Jan. 15	208 So. La Salle Street Corp. (quar.)	50c	Apr. 2	Mar. 16
5% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 30	Jan. 15	United Electric Co. (Missouri), pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 15	Jan. 31
Oahu Railway & Land Co. (monthly)	10c	Jan. 15	Feb. 12	United Oil Co. of Calif.	25c	Feb. 10	Jan. 10*
Monthly	10c	Feb. 15	Feb. 12	United Biscuit Co. of America pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 17
Oahu Sugar Co. (monthly)	5c	Jan. 15	Jan. 6	United Bond & Share, Ltd. (quar.)	15c	Jan. 15	Dec. 31
Ohio Public Service 5 1/2% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Quarterly	15c	Apr. 15	Mar. 31
7% preferred (monthly)	58.1-3c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Quarterly	15c	July 15	June 30
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Quarterly	15c	Oct. 15	Sept. 30
5% preferred (monthly)	41.2-3c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	United Corp., \$3 preference (quar.)	75c	Jan. 24	Jan. 8
Old Colony Trust Assoc.	25c	Jan. 15	Jan. 1	United Fruit Co.	\$1	Jan. 15	Dec. 21
Oliver United Filters class A (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20	United States Fidelity & Guaranty (quar.)	25c	Jan. 17	Dec. 29
Oneida Ltd. (extra)	20c	Feb. 15	Dec. 30	United States Hoffman Machine	68 3/4c	Feb. 1	Jan. 19
Pacific Finance Corp. preferred A (quar.)	16 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	5 1/2 convertible preferred (quar.)	2c	Mar. 15	Mar. 5
Preferred O (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	United States Petroleum Co. (quar.)	2c	June 15	June 5
5% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Quarterly	2c	Sept. 15	Sept. 5
Pacific Gas & Electric (quar.)	75c	Feb. 15	Jan. 20	Quarterly	2c	Dec. 15	Dec. 5
Pacific Lighting Corp. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 21	United States Smelting Refining & Mining—			
\$5 preferred (quar.)	32 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Common	\$1	Jan. 15	Dec. 14
Pacific Public Service 1st preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2c	Jan. 15	Dec. 28
Pacific Telep. & Teleg. preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	United States Sugar pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 5
Paraffine Co., Inc. preferred (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Jan. 2	Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Apr. 15	Apr. 5
Paterson & Hudson River RR.	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 2	Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	July 15	July 5
Pearson Co., Inc., 5% pref. A (quar.)	31 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 20	United Stockyards, pref. (quar.)	17 1/2c	Jan. 15	Jan. 3
Pemigewasset Valley RR. (s.-a.)	\$3	Feb. 1	Jan. 17	Universal Leaf Tobacco (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Jan. 17
Peninsular Telephone pref. A (quar.)	35c	Feb. 15	Feb. 5	Upper Michigan Power & Light 6% pref (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 29
Penmans Ltd. (quar.)	75c	Feb. 15	Feb. 5	Vermont & Boston Telegraph (ann.)	\$2	July 1	June 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 22	Verventes-Camaguey Sugar	10c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Penn Traffic Co. (s.-a.)	7 1/2c	Jan. 25	Jan. 11	Vulcan Detinning (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Mar. 20	Mar. 11
Extra	7 1/2c	Jan. 25	Jan. 11	Quarterly	\$1 1/2	June 20	June 10
Pennsylvania Power Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 15	Quarterly	\$1 1/2	Sept. 20	Sept. 10
Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.	50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 21	Quarterly	\$1 1/2	Jan. 20	Jan. 10
Philadelphia Co.	25c	Jan. 25	Dec. 30	7% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Apr. 20	Apr. 10
Philadelphia Electric, \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 30	7% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	July 20	July 10
Pick (Albert) Co., Inc. (year-end)	15c	Feb. 10	Jan. 20	7% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Oct. 19	Oct. 10
Piedmont & Northern Ry. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 20	Jan. 5	Washington Gas Light (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Pittsburgh Bessemer & Lake Erie (s.-a.)	75c	Apr. 1	Mar. 15	\$4 1/2 cum. conv. pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 10	Jan. 31
Pittsburgh Ch. Ck. & St. Louis RR.	\$2 1/2	Jan. 20	Jan. 10	Washington Ry. & Electric 5% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Mar. 1	Feb. 15
Pittsburgh Coke & Iron Co. \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Mar. 1	Feb. 19*	5% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	June 1	May 15
See General Corporation and Investment News section of Jan. 6, 1940 issue.				5% preferred (s.-a.)	\$2 1/2	June 1	May 15
Plymouth Cordage Co. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 20	Dec. 30	West Penn Electric, 7% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 15	Jan. 19
Plymouth Rubber Co. 7% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 8	6% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 15	Jan. 20
Portland Gas Light, \$6 preferred	\$1	Jan. 15	Jan. 2	West Penn Power, 4 1/2% pref. (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Portland Ry. (semi-ann.)	\$2 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 20	Western Grocers Ltd. (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20
Potomac Electric Power 6% preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Mar. 1	Feb. 15	Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Mar. 1	Feb. 15	Weston (Geo.), Ltd. pref. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Jan. 10
Powell-Rouyn Gold Mine	5c	Jan. 15	Dec. 20	Westvac Chlorine Products, pref. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Jan. 30
Power Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—				White Sewing Machine, new prior preferred			
6% cumulative preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	Wichita Union Stockyards Co.—			
6% non-cumulative preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 15	Dec. 30	6% preferred (s.-a.)	\$3	Jan. 15	Jan. 10
Prentice (G. E.) Mfg. Co. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Dec. 22	Wichita Water preferred (quar.)	\$1 1/2	Jan. 15	Jan. 1
Procter & Gamble Co., 8% pref. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 15	Dec. 2	Wilson Inc., preferred (s.-a			

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Jan. 10, 1940, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Jan. 10, 1940	Jan. 3, 1940	Jan. 11, 1939
	\$	\$	\$
Assets—			
Gold certificates on hand and due from United States Treasury x	7,383,927,000	7,331,603,000	5,348,630,000
Redemption fund—F. R. notes	1,619,000	1,619,000	927,000
Other cash†	86,987,000	73,253,000	122,135,000
Total reserves	7,472,533,000	7,406,475,000	5,471,692,000
Bills discounted:			
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, direct and guaranteed	135,000	110,000	856,000
Other bills discounted	2,228,000	2,238,000	360,000
Total bills discounted	2,363,000	2,348,000	1,216,000
Bills bought in open market			213,000
Industrial advances	2,041,000	2,031,000	3,877,000
U. S. Govt. securities, direct and guaranteed:			
Bonds	408,181,000	410,582,000	237,660,000
Notes	344,156,000	344,387,000	333,382,000
Bills			153,621,000
Total U. S. Govt. securities, direct and guaranteed	752,337,000	754,969,000	724,663,000
Total bills and securities	756,741,000	759,348,000	729,969,000
Due from foreign banks	4,639,000	4,140,000	9,493,000
Federal Reserve notes of other banks	145,034,000	204,611,000	151,742,000
Uncollected items	9,895,000	9,895,000	9,038,000
Bank premises	17,386,000	17,061,000	12,820,000
Other assets			
Total assets	8,406,245,000	8,401,547,000	6,384,819,000
Liabilities—			
F. R. notes in actual circulation	1,241,394,000	1,265,159,000	996,446,000
Deposits—Member bank reserve acct.	6,436,686,000	6,403,172,000	4,670,895,000
U. S. Treasurer—General account	149,824,000	128,867,000	164,751,000
Foreign bank	138,725,000	141,089,000	62,455,000
Other deposits	179,005,000	164,333,000	227,650,000
Total deposits	6,904,240,000	6,837,461,000	5,125,751,000
Deferred availability items	138,967,000	177,514,000	142,705,000
Other liabilities, incl. accrued dividends	455,000	388,000	728,000
Total liabilities	8,285,056,000	8,280,522,000	6,265,630,000
Capital Accounts—			
Capital paid in	51,141,000	51,121,000	51,074,000
Surplus (Section 7)	53,326,000	53,326,000	52,463,000
Surplus (Section 13-b)	7,109,000	7,109,000	7,457,000
Other capital accounts	9,613,000	9,469,000	8,195,000
Total liabilities and capital accounts	8,406,245,000	8,401,547,000	6,384,819,000
Ratio of total reserve to deposit and F. R. note liabilities combined	91.7%	91.4%	89.4%
Commitments to make industrial advances	1,793,000	1,797,000	2,614,000

† "Other cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes or a bank's own Federal Reserve bank notes.
 x These are certificates given by the United States Treasury for the gold taken over from the Reserve banks when the dollar was, on Jan. 31, 1934, devalued from 100 cents to 59.06 cents, these certificates being worth less to the extent of the difference, the difference itself having been appropriated as profit by the Treasury under the provisions of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934.

Weekly Return of the New York City Clearing House

The weekly statement issued by the New York City Clearing House on Friday afternoon is given in full below:

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CITY CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 1940.

Clearing House Members	* Capital	* Surplus and Undivided Profits	Net Demand Deposits, Average	Time Deposits, Average
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bank of New York	6,000,000	13,931,000	204,503,000	15,769,000
Bank of Manhattan Co.	20,000,000	26,512,700	519,995,000	46,190,000
National City Bank	77,500,000	67,518,600	2,077,395,000	165,457,000
Chem Bank & Trust Co.	20,000,000	56,744,100	679,747,000	5,037,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	90,000,000	184,702,000	1,965,744,000	76,505,000
Manufacturers Trust Co.	42,117,000	40,151,100	618,327,000	99,014,000
Corn Hanover Bk & Tr Co.	21,000,000	72,745,600	1,007,414,000	29,311,000
Cent Exch Bank Tr Co.	15,000,000	19,065,000	293,954,000	28,136,000
First National Bank	10,000,000	109,480,000	616,954,000	2,066,000
Irving Trust Co.	50,000,000	53,188,800	628,779,000	5,721,000
Continental Bk & Tr Co.	4,000,000	4,409,900	61,670,000	1,288,000
Chase National Bank	100,270,000	133,291,800	2,658,472,000	34,329,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,922,200	54,772,000	3,888,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	81,047,700	1,058,360,000	41,162,000
Title Guar & Trust Co.	6,000,000	2,515,700	14,141,000	2,207,000
Marine Midland Tr Co.	5,000,000	9,395,300	121,317,000	2,989,000
New York Trust Co.	12,500,000	27,959,100	380,589,000	30,277,000
Comm'l Nat Bk & Tr Co.	7,000,000	8,525,000	99,724,000	2,067,000
Public Nat Bk & Tr Co.	7,000,000	9,910,300	91,164,000	52,004,000
Totals	518,887,000	925,016,000	13,153,021,000	668,437,000

* As per official reports: National, Dec. 20, 1939; State, Dec. 30, 1939; trust companies, Dec. 30, 1939.
 Includes deposits in foreign branches as follows: a (Dec. 25) \$257,128,000; b (Dec. 19) \$78,728,000; c (Jan. 11) \$3,446,000; d (Dec. 30) \$69,521,000; e (Dec. 31) \$22,358,000.

THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Quotations of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week:

	Sat., Jan. 6	Mon., Jan. 8	Tues., Jan. 9	Wed., Jan. 10	Thurs., Jan. 11	Fri., Jan. 12
Boots Pure Drugs	40/	40/	40/	40/	39/9	39/9
British Amer Tobacco	97/6	97/6	97/6	97/6	98/1½	98/1½
Cable & Wire	£56¾	£57	£57	£57½	£57½	£57½
Central Min & Invest.	£15	£14¾	£14¾	£14¾	£14¾	£14¾
Cons Goldfields of S A.	48/9	49/4½	50/	49/4½	49/4½	49/4½
Courtauld S & Co.	37/3	37/6	37/3	37/3	38/4½	35/10½
De Beers	£5¾	£5¾	£5¾	£5¾	£5¾	£6
Distillers Co.	68/	68/	67/	67/3	67/3	67/3
Electric & Musical Ind	9/6	9/6	9/4½	9/	8/9	8/9
Ford Ltd.	14/4½	15/3	15/4½	15/9	15/9	15/9
Hudsons Bay Co.	25/6	25/6	25/3	25/3	25/3	25/3
Imp Tob of G B & I.	118/9	117/6	117/6	115/	116/3	116/3
London Mid Ry.	£14¾	£13¾	£13¾	£13¾	£13¾	£13¾
Metal Box	77/6	77/6	77/6	77/6	77/6	77/6
Rand Mines	Closed	£7½	£7½	£7/16	£7/16	£7/16
Rio Tinto	£17¾	£17¾	£17	£16¾	£16¾	£16¾
Rolls Royce	91/3	91/3	91/3	90/	90/	90/
Royal Dutch Co.	£34¾	£34¾	£34¾	£34¾	£34¾	£34¾
Shell Transport	77/6	77/6	76/10½	76/10½	76/10½	76/10½
Swedish Match B.	11/9	12/	12/6	12/6	12/6	12/6
United Molasses	25/6	25/6	25/6	25/4½	25/6	25/6
Vickers	18/7½	18/4½	18/	17/10½	17/9	17/9
West Witwatersrand Areas	£3¾	£3¾	£3¾	£4 1/16	£4 5/16	£4 5/16

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the reporting member banks in 101 leading cities from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. The comment of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

Commencing with the statement of May 19, 1937, various changes were made in the breakdown of loans as reported in this statement, which were described in an announcement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York of April 20, 1937, as follows:

The changes in the report form are confined to the classification of loans and discounts. This classification has been changed primarily to show the amounts of (1) commercial, industrial and agricultural loans, and (2) loans (other than to brokers and dealers) for the purpose of purchasing or carrying securities. The revised form also eliminates the distinction between loans to brokers and dealers in securities located in New York City and those located outside New York City. Provision has been made also to include "acceptances of own bank purchased or discounted" with "acceptances and commercial paper bought in open market" under the revised caption "open market paper," instead of in "all other loans," as formerly.

Subsequent to the above announcement, it was made known that the new items "commercial, industrial and agricultural loans" and "other loans," would each be segregated as "on securities" and "otherwise secured and unsecured."

A more detailed explanation of the revisions was published in the May 29, 1937, issue of the "Chronicle," page 3590

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN 101 LEADING CITIES BY DISTRICTS ON JAN. 3, 1940 (In Millions of Dollars)

Federal Reserve Districts—	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fran.
ASSETS													
Loans and investments—total	23,087	1,182	9,573	1,167	1,915	708	636	3,277	718	405	683	548	2,275
Loans—total	8,674	608	3,383	429	675	266	323	900	340	191	309	288	971
Commercial, indus. and agricul. loans	4,353	292	1,786	199	254	116	181	517	202	100	183	193	330
Open market securities	315	63	117	24	8	16	3	33	9	3	18	2	19
Loans to brokers and dealers in securities	700	24	544	24	21	5	5	48	6	1	4	3	15
Other loans for purchasing or carrying securities	504	21	232	32	25	15	11	76	12	8	10	14	48
Real estate loans	1,188	81	199	56	173	40	32	112	51	10	27	23	384
Loans to banks	50	1	42	1	2				2		1		
Other loans	1,564	126	463	93	192	74	90	114	58	69	57	53	175
Treasury bills	595	9	306		10		3	222	2		19	17	7
Treasury notes	1,755	44	748	34	182	148	29	321	44	30	67	42	66
United States bonds	6,353	351	2,494	334	643	174	112	1,037	157	118	105	95	733
Obligations guar. by U. S. Govt.	2,412	55	1,320	99	120	56	70	306	70	23	59	49	185
Other securities	3,298	115	1,322	271	285	64	99	491	105	43	133	57	313
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	9,831	457	5,889	448	546	184	125	1,210	198	97	182	138	357
Cash in vault	504	145	100	21	47	22	14	81	12	7	17	12	26
Balances with domestic banks	3,140	177	216	242	344	205	205	595	199	119	310	264	264
Other assets—net	1,193	81	432	100	98	36	45	77	22	15	21	29	237
LIABILITIES													
Demand deposits—adjusted	18,566	1,170	8,943	969	1,324	480	395	2,549	468	300	500	448	1,020
Time deposits	5,276	234	1,032	277	735	198	186	944	190	119	145	137	1,079
United States Government deposits	586	15	71	54	47	33	45	135	18	3	24	33	108
Inter-bank deposits:													
Domestic banks	8,190	335	3,593	435	454	317	297	1,200	374	154	438	284	309
Foreign banks	740	23	674	6	1	1	1	10					23
Borrowings													
Other liabilities	683	20	290	16	13	31	8	17	5	7	3	3	270
Capital accounts	3,714	245	1,607	221	376	95	93	385	94	59	103	86	35

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, Jan. 11, 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 JAN. 10, 1940

Three Ciphers (000) Omitted	Jan. 10, 1940	Jan. 3, 1940	Dec. 27, 1939	Dec. 20, 1939	Dec. 13, 1939	Dec. 6, 1939	Nov. 29, 1939	Nov. 22, 1939	Nov. 15, 1939	Jan. 11, 1939
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS										
Gold etc. on hand and due from U. S. Treas. x	15,384,025	15,304,121	15,173,794	15,134,619	15,024,619	14,986,122	14,966,121	14,871,655	14,866,654	11,867,720
Redemption fund (Federal Reserve notes)	9,903	9,903	9,903	9,973	10,413	9,866	9,866	9,414	10,253	8,433
Other cash *	370,419	315,569	269,328	254,429	302,708	1302,947	320,766	330,931	353,716	418,925
Total reserves	15,764,347	15,629,593	15,453,025	15,399,021	15,337,740	15,298,935	15,296,753	15,212,000	15,230,623	12,294,178
Bills discounted:										
Secured by U. S. Government obligations, direct and fully guaranteed	606	623	1,515	1,677	1,565	1,657	1,817	1,540	1,089	2,635
Other bills discounted	6,236	6,185	6,536	6,787	6,487	6,419	6,209	6,448	5,396	2,119
Total bills discounted	6,842	6,808	8,051	8,464	8,052	8,076	8,026	7,988	6,485	4,754
Bills bought in open market	10,843	10,883	11,113	11,139	11,143	11,387	11,393	11,568	11,561	15,550
United States Government securities, direct and guaranteed:										
Bonds	1,344,045	1,351,045	1,356,197	1,263,197	1,278,947	1,278,947	1,283,447	1,283,447	1,305,442	840,893
Notes	1,133,225	1,133,225	1,133,225	1,233,225	1,233,225	1,233,225	1,233,225	1,233,225	1,239,172	1,179,577
Bills	---	---	---	---	---	---	35,425	76,705	104,705	543,545
Total U. S. Govt. securities, direct and guaranteed	2,477,270	2,484,270	2,489,422	2,496,422	2,512,172	2,512,172	2,552,097	2,593,377	2,649,319	2,564,015
Other securities	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Foreign loans on gold	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total bills and securities	2,494,955	2,501,961	2,508,586	2,516,025	2,531,337	2,531,635	2,571,516	2,612,933	2,667,365	2,584,868
Gold held abroad	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Due from foreign banks	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	172
Federal Reserve notes of other banks	30,623	29,790	28,164	25,916	23,699	21,814	20,726	21,446	23,211	35,537
Uncollected items	618,796	841,095	787,478	1,877,902	774,113	1,656,491	678,043	692,318	964,817	597,740
Bank premises	41,735	41,736	42,164	42,185	41,975	41,975	42,016	42,061	42,035	42,928
Other assets	59,104	58,293	59,494	59,644	76,430	71,965	71,470	70,396	70,581	45,973
Total assets	19,009,607	19,102,515	18,878,958	18,920,740	18,785,371	18,622,662	18,680,573	18,661,191	18,998,684	15,601,396
LIABILITIES										
Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation	4,886,229	4,947,763	4,977,654	4,979,850	4,905,433	4,899,500	4,845,292	4,825,953	4,805,254	4,374,962
Deposits—Member banks' reserve account	11,829,930	11,720,622	11,493,118	11,378,164	11,287,608	11,616,517	11,619,749	11,619,188	11,587,156	8,956,139
United States Treasurer—General account	655,434	651,075	646,014	693,565	752,580	346,191	440,949	465,987	564,123	872,943
Foreign banks	409,375	402,425	407,840	412,759	375,090	398,444	407,274	403,249	454,277	176,767
Other deposits	267,376	251,072	269,961	351,923	343,578	386,416	368,357	323,255	317,728	282,712
Total deposits	13,162,115	13,025,194	12,816,933	12,836,411	12,758,856	12,747,568	12,836,329	12,811,679	12,823,284	10,288,561
Deferred availability items	609,799	779,077	727,960	748,900	762,047	620,184	644,310	660,081	916,914	591,268
Other liabilities, incl. accrued dividends	1,518	1,332	5,575	5,260	9,237	6,124	5,980	4,848	4,853	2,298
Total liabilities	18,659,661	18,753,366	18,528,122	18,570,421	18,435,573	18,273,376	18,331,911	18,302,561	18,650,305	15,257,089
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS										
Capital paid in	136,041	135,889	135,494	135,434	135,361	135,251	134,935	134,919	135,602	134,911
Surplus (Section 7)	151,720	151,720	149,152	149,152	149,152	149,152	149,152	149,152	149,152	149,152
Surplus (Section 13-b)	26,839	26,839	27,264	27,264	27,264	27,264	27,264	27,264	27,264	27,264
Other capital accounts	35,346	34,701	38,926	38,469	38,021	37,619	37,311	37,295	36,361	32,980
Total liabilities and capital accounts	19,009,607	19,102,515	18,878,958	18,920,740	18,785,371	18,622,662	18,680,573	18,661,191	18,998,684	15,601,396
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined	87.3%	87.0%	86.8%	86.4%	86.8%	86.7%	86.5%	86.2%	85.9%	83.8%
Commitments to make industrial advances	8,403	8,454	9,220	9,274	9,348	9,492	9,643	9,800	9,919	13,339
Maturity Distribution of Bills and Short-Term Securities										
1-15 days bills discounted	796	743	1,807	2,048	2,375	5,133	3,275	1,853	1,486	3,715
16-30 days bills discounted	205	145	230	169	131	158	2,088	3,493	3,646	82
31-60 days bills discounted	1,563	1,703	1,598	605	286	255	220	202	278	274
61-90 days bills discounted	3,814	3,741	3,787	4,650	3,323	1,710	1,706	173	189	261
Over 90 days bills discounted	464	476	629	1,092	1,957	820	737	2,267	986	422
Total bills discounted	6,842	6,808	8,051	8,464	8,052	8,076	8,026	7,988	6,485	4,754
1-15 days bills bought in open market	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
16-30 days bills bought in open market	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
31-60 days bills bought in open market	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
61-90 days bills bought in open market	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total bills bought in open market	10,843	10,883	11,113	11,139	11,143	11,387	11,393	11,568	11,561	15,550
Industrial Advances										
1-15 days industrial advances	1,407	1,471	2,043	2,136	1,551	1,532	1,282	1,502	1,467	1,908
16-30 days industrial advances	154	164	190	209	734	964	469	301	357	525
31-60 days industrial advances	205	187	205	274	395	357	956	1,166	1,011	403
61-90 days industrial advances	522	511	266	271	280	347	442	353	476	542
Over 90 days industrial advances	8,555	8,550	8,409	8,249	8,183	8,187	8,244	8,246	8,250	12,172
Total industrial advances	10,843	10,883	11,113	11,139	11,143	11,387	11,393	11,568	11,561	15,550
U. S. Govt. securities, direct and guaranteed:										
1-15 days	---	---	---	---	---	---	35,425	76,705	69,280	88,872
16-30 days	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	35,425	102,685
31-60 days	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	199,268
61-90 days	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	152,720
Over 90 days	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,020,470
Total U. S. Govt. securities, direct and guaranteed	2,477,270	2,484,270	2,489,422	2,496,422	2,512,172	2,512,172	2,552,097	2,593,377	2,649,319	2,564,015
Total other securities										
Federal Reserve Notes—										
Issued to Federal Reserve Bank by F. R. Agent	5,227,565	5,268,551	5,282,206	5,259,180	5,203,595	5,176,588	5,122,948	5,100,435	5,096,606	4,741,206
Held by Federal Reserve Bank	341,336	320,788	304,552	279,330	298,162	277,088	277,656	274,452	291,352	366,244
In actual circulation	4,886,229	4,947,763	4,977,654	4,979,850	4,905,433	4,899,500	4,845,292	4,825,953	4,805,254	4,374,962
Collateral Held by Agent as Security for Notes Issued to Bank										
Gold etc. on hand and due from U. S. Treas.	5,341,000	5,371,000	5,371,000	5,354,000	5,298,000	5,287,000	5,224,000	5,205,000	5,202,000	4,855,000
By eligible paper	1,374	1,371	2,236	2,487	2,297	2,446	2,402	2,432	2,337	4,011
United States Government securities	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total collateral	5,342,374	5,372,371	5,373,236	5,356,487	5,300,297	5,289,446	5,226,402	5,207,432	5,204,337	4,859,011

* "Other cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes. † Revised figures.

x 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 worth less 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 JAN. 10, 1940

Three Cyphers (000) Omitted Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fran.
ASSETS													
Gold certificates on hand and due from United States Treasury	15,384,025	886,976	7,383,927	866,402	1,012,103	407,936	292,910	2,482,656	389,832	248,769	350,311	233,421	828,782
Redemption fund—Fed. Res. notes	9,903	924	1,619	1,071	816	935	745	145,624	772	219	478	364	1,336
Other cash *	370,419	34,351	86,987	29,258	22,605	24,320	22,517	47,729	19,100	9,698	20,119	16,083	37,652
Total reserves	15,764,347	922,251	7,472,533	896,731	1,035,524	433,191	316,172	2,531,009	409,704	258,686	370,908	249,868	867,770
Bills discounted:													
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, direct and guaranteed	606	-----	135	143	113	41	20	24	-----	60	35	-----	35
Other bills discounted	6,236	-----	2,228	561	542	261	231	638	196	194	868	151	366
Total bills discounted	6,842	-----	2,363	704	655	302	251	662	196	254	903	151	401
Industrial advances	10,843	1,296	2,041	3,123	295	947	694	323	11	737	169	487	720
U. S. Govt. securities, direct & guar.:													
Bonds	1,344,045	96,123	408,181	110,221	137,084	68,135	54,495	144,872	60,273	39,771	62,897	51,197	110,797
Notes	1,133,225	81,047	344,156	92,934	115,581	57,447	45,945	122,148	60,818	33,533	53,031	43,167	93,418
Total U. S. Govt. securities, direct and guaranteed	2,477,270	177,170	752,337	203,155	252,665	125,582	100,440	267,020	111,091	73,304	115,928	94,363	204,215
Total bills and securities	2,494,955	178,466	756,741	206,982	253,615	126,831	101,385	268,005	111,298	74,295	117,000	95,001	205,336
Due from foreign banks	47	3	18	5	4	2	2	6	1	See a	1	1	4
Fed. Res. notes of other banks	30,623	998	4,639	1,372	1,653	4,841	3,123	3,125	2,568	1,871	1,911	889	3,633
Uncollected items	618,796	64,695	145,034	46,809	69,921	51,450	27,868	86,098	29,460	16,680	28,539	22,731	29,511
Bank premises	41,735	2,889	9,895	4,573	5,547	2,545	2,034	3,390	2,242	1,396	3,093	1,175	2,956
Other assets	59,104	3,909	17,386	4,883	6,563	3,551	2,375	5,999	2,502	1,787	2,656	2,267	5,226
Total assets	19,009,607	1,173,211	8,406,246	1,161,355	1,372,827	622,411	452,959	2,897,632	557,775	354,715	524,108	371,932	1,114,436
LIABILITIES													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	4,886,229	403,476	1,241,394	345,624	460,335	222,648	160,036	1,075,520	190,900	139,900	181,493	81,998	382,905
Deposits:													
Member bank reserve account	11,829,930	592,980	6,436,686	623,411	682,756	291,712	208,654	1,470,607	283,566	152,395	268,090	218,301	600,772
U. S. Treasurer—General account	655,434	52,840	149,824	55,458	82,227	23,457	24,797	145,775	23,824	22,720	24,143	21,446	28,923
Foreign bank	409,375	30,192	138,725	41,114	39,017	18,040	14,684	50,344	12,586	9,230	12,166	12,586	30,691
Other deposits	267,376	8,063	179,005	18,416	8,650	3,040	6,573	4,305	7,162	6,866	1,427	3,839	20,090
Total deposits	13,162,115	684,075	6,904,240	738,399	812,650	336,249	254,708	1,671,031	327,138	191,211	305,826	256,172	680,416
Deferred availability items	609,799	61,185	138,967	44,364	66,795	48,375	25,468	106,312	28,940	14,414	26,399	22,566	26,014
Other liabilities, incl. accrued divs.	1,518	186	455	195	161	39	181	22	90	91	54	54	20
Total liabilities	18,659,661	1,148,922	8,285,056	1,128,582	1,339,941	607,311	440,236	2,853,044	547,000	345,615	513,809	360,790	1,089,355
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS													
Capital paid in	136,041	9,403	51,141	12,116	13,955	5,179	4,647	13,534	4,080	2,940	4,324	4,067	10,655
Surplus (Section 7)	151,720	10,405	53,326	14,198	14,323	5,247	5,725	22,824	4,709	3,152	3,613	3,974	10,224
Surplus (Section 13-b)	26,839	2,874	7,109	4,393	1,007	3,246	713	1,429	538	1,001	1,142	1,266	2,121
Other capital accounts	35,346	1,607	9,614	2,066	3,601	1,428	1,638	6,801	1,448	2,007	1,220	1,835	2,081
Total liabilities and capital accounts	19,009,607	1,173,211	8,406,246	1,161,355	1,372,827	622,411	452,959	2,897,632	557,775	354,715	524,108	371,932	1,114,436
Commitments to make indus. advs.	8,403	460	1,793	345	1,083	759	77	20	152	62	532	371,932	3,126

* "Other cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes. a Less than \$500.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT

Three Cyphers (000) Omitted Federal Reserve Bank of—	Total	Boston	New York	Phila.	Cleveland	Richmond	Atlanta	Chicago	St. Louis	Minneapolis	Kan. City	Dallas	San Fran.
Federal Reserve notes:													
Issued to F. R. Bank by F. R. Agent	5,227,565	429,109	1,337,487	367,665	485,680	239,686	175,531	1,118,771	203,690	145,570	192,852	90,826	440,698
Held by Federal Reserve Bank	341,336	25,633	96,093	22,041	25,345	17,038	15,495	43,251	12,790	5,670	11,359	8,828	57,793
In actual circulation	4,886,229	403,476	1,241,394	345,624	460,335	222,648	160,036	1,075,520	190,900	139,900	181,493	81,998	382,905
Collateral held by Agent as security for notes issued to banks:													
Gold certificates on hand and due from United States Treasury	5,341,000	440,000	1,355,000	375,000	491,000	250,000	180,000	1,140,000	209,000	147,500	195,000	94,500	464,000
Eligible paper	1,374	-----	219	156	-----	87	-----	-----	45	118	749	-----	-----
Total collateral	5,342,374	440,000	1,355,219	375,156	491,000	250,087	180,000	1,140,000	209,045	147,618	195,749	94,500	464,000

United States Treasury Bills—Friday, Jan. 12

Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

	Bid	Asked		Bid	Asked
Jan. 17 1940	0.05%	-----	Mar. 6 1940	0.05%	-----
Jan. 24 1940	0.05%	-----	Mar. 13 1940	0.05%	-----
Jan. 31 1940	0.05%	-----	Mar. 20 1940	0.05%	-----
Feb. 7 1940	0.05%	-----	Mar. 27 1940	0.05%	-----
Feb. 14 1940	0.05%	-----	April 3 1940	0.05%	-----
Feb. 21 1940	0.05%	-----	April 10 1940	0.05%	-----
Feb. 28 1940	0.05%	-----			

Quotations for United States Treasury Notes—Friday, Jan. 12

Figures after decimal point represent one or more 32ds of a point.

Maturity	Int. Rate	Bid	Asked	Maturity	Int. Rate	Bid	Asked
Mar. 15 1940	1 1/4%	100.7	-----	Mar. 15 1942	1 1/4%	103.29	103.31
June 15 1940	1 1/4%	101.24	101.26	Sept. 15 1942	2%	105.9	105.11
Dec. 15 1940	1 1/4%	102.10	102.12	Dec. 15 1942	1 1/4%	104.19	104.21
Mar. 15 1941	1 1/4%	102.15	102.17	June 15 1943	1 1/4%	102.26	102.28
June 15 1941	1 1/4%	102.18	102.18	Dec. 15 1943	1 1/4%	102.28	102.28
Dec. 15 1941	1 1/4%	102.28	102.30	Mar. 15 1944	1%	101.26	101.28
				June 15 1944	1%	100.26	100.28
				Sept. 15 1944	1%	102.2	102.4

THE BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE

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

	Jan. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12
Allgemeine Elektrizitaets-Gesellschaft (6%)	125	125	122	123	124	125
Berliner Kraft u. Licht (8%)	159	159	158	158	159	159
Commerz-und Privat-Bank A. G. 6%	108	109	109	109	109	109
Deutsche Bank (6%)	112	112	112	112	112	112
Deutsche Reichsbahn (German Rys. pt. 7%)	125	125	125	125	125	125
Dresdner Bank (6%)	107	107	107	107	107	107
Farbenindustrie I. G. (7%)	169	169	169	169	170	170
Reichsbank (new shares)	102	102	102	102	102	102
Siemens & Halske (8%)	215	215	213	214	216	216
Vereinigte Stahlwerke (6%)	105	104	102	102	105	105

THE PARIS BOURSE

Quotations of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week:

	Frans Frt., Jan. 5	Frans Sat., Jan. 6	Frans Mon., Jan. 8	Frans Tues., Jan. 9	Frans Wed., Jan. 10	Frans Thurs., Jan. 11
Banque de France	8,755	8,540	8,549	8,385	8,480	8,480
Banque de Paris et Des Pays Bas	1,045	1,001	1,005	1,000	1,017	1,017
Banque de l'Union Parisienne	516	502	502	498	498	499
Canal de Suez cap.	18,025	17,890	17,800	17,590	17,800	17,800
Cie Distr. d'Electricite	663	655	654	645	641	641
Cie Generale d'Electricite	1,915	1,905	1,914	1,870	1,880	1,880
Cie Generale Transatlantique	58	-----	56	58	56	56
Citroen B.	559	529	539	529	527	527
Comptoir Nationale d'Escompte	885	852	840	826	845	845
Coty S. A.	235	234	233	229	225	225
Courrieres	239	231	230	223	230	230
Credit Commercial de France	542	526	528	515	520	520
Credit Lyonnais	1,770	1,706	1,700	1,658	1,719	1,719
Energie Electrique du Nord	319	-----</				

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Sales for the Week

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Range for Year 1939 On Basis of 100-Share Lots

Range for Preceding Year 1938

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Jan. 6 to Friday Jan. 12), share prices, stock names, and ranges for 1939 and 1938. Includes entries like American Bosh Corp., Am Brake Shoe & Fdy., etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. z Ex-div. v Ex-rights. q Called for redemption

LOW AND HIGH PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Sales for the Week

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Range for Year 1939 On Basis of 100-Share Lots

Range for Previous Year 1938

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Jan. 6 to Friday Jan. 12), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest, Highest) for 1939 and 1938. Includes various stock listings such as Aluminum, Steel, and Chemical products.

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LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Jan. 6 to Friday Jan. 12) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock symbols and their corresponding prices.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Main table of stock listings with columns for 'Range for Year 1939' (Lowest, Highest) and 'Range for Previous Year 1938' (Lowest, Highest). Rows list stock names, par values, and prices.

* 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						Sales for the Week	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		Range for Year 1939 On Basis of 100-Share Lots		Range for Previous Year 1938	
Saturday Jan. 6	Monday Jan. 8	Tuesday Jan. 9	Wednesday Jan. 10	Thursday Jan. 11	Friday Jan. 12		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
20 1/4	20 3/8	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	1,300	Firestone Tire & Rubber	25 1/2	Sept 12	16 1/4	Mar 26 1/2	
105 105	104 7/8	105 105	105 105	105 105	105 105	1,400	6% preferred series A	99 1/4	Apr 16	105 1/2	June 8	
45 45	45 45	45 45	45 45	45 45	45 45	1,200	First National Stores	38 1/8	Apr 8	31 1/2	Mar 4	
19 1/8	20 1/8	19 7/8	20 1/8	20 1/8	20 1/8	4,300	Flintkote Co (The)	15	Sept 5	31 1/2	Jan 4	
34 35	34 35	34 35	34 35	34 35	34 35	200	Florence Stove Co	25	Apr 6	38	July 27	
24 1/4	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 3/4	24 3/4	24 3/4	2,000	Florsheim Shoe class A	17	May 12	25	Oct 6	
24 1/2	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 3/4	24 3/4	24 3/4	2,300	Follansbee Brothers	11 1/2	Apr 8	5	Sept 11	
34 1/2	34 1/2	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	1,000	Food Machinery Corp	103 1/2	Apr 5	108 1/2	Jan 11	
106 1/2	107 1/4	106 3/4	106 3/4	106 3/4	106 3/4	30	4 1/2% conv pref	14	Aug 24	29 1/2	Jan 5	
191 1/2	20 1/2	191 1/2	191 1/2	191 1/2	191 1/2	1,000	Foster-Wheeler	66 1/2	Aug 24	90 1/2	Jan 5	
72 59	72 79 1/2	72 79 1/2	72 79 1/2	72 79 1/2	72 79 1/2	100	7% conv preferred	1 1/2	Apr 10	9 1/2	Sept 5	
41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	3,700	Francisco Sugar Co	27	Sept 15	55	Jan 13	
31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	600	F'report Sulphur Co	15 1/2	Apr 26	36	Sept 27	
33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	600	Gabriel Co Inc 7% pf	18 1/4	Apr 26	36	Sept 27	
33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	500	Gair Co Inc (The) cl A	1 1/2	Apr 10	3 1/2	Sept 13	
16 1/4	17 1/4	16 1/4	17 1/4	16 1/4	17 1/4	410	Garr Co Inc (Robert)	2	July 10	5 1/2	Sept 26	
102 103	103 103	102 102	102 102	103 103	103 103	50	\$3 preferred	7 1/2	Apr 10	18 1/2	Oct 26	
48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	1,100	Garnett Co conv \$6 pref	94	Apr 22	104 1/2	Dec 21	
13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	400	Garr Wood Industries Inc	3 1/2	Apr 10	7 1/2	Jan 5	
47 50	47 50	46 50	46 50	46 50	46 50	700	Gaylord Container Corp	29 3/4	Sept 1	18 1/2	Jan 3	
7 7	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	400	5 1/2% conv preferred	45 1/2	Aug 17	52	Jan 17	
102 104	102 104	102 104	102 104	102 104	102 104	2,400	Gen Amer Investors	5 1/2	May 17	9	Jan 3	
57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	57 1/4	4,400	\$6 preferred	96	Jan 26	103 1/2	Mar 28	
710 73 1/2	710 73 1/2	710 73 1/2	710 73 1/2	710 73 1/2	710 73 1/2	400	Gen Am Transportation	40	Apr 8	65	Sept 27	
140 145	140 145	142 144 1/2	142 144 1/2	142 144 1/2	142 144 1/2	2,100	General Baking	7 1/2	Dec 21	11	Mar 9	
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	900	\$8 1st preferred	128	Sept 20	149	Sept 11	
22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	300	General Bronze	2 1/2	Apr 1	5 1/2	Sept 11	
53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	1,700	General Cable	9	Mar 31	35	Jan 4	
19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	19 1/4	350	Class A	17 3/4	Apr 8	35	Jan 4	
114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	114 114 1/2	41,100	7% cum preferred	16	Dec 8	25 1/2	Jan 4	
48 48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2	7,400	General Clear Inc	106	Oct 23	130 1/2	Mar 31	
118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	118 1/2	3,400	7% preferred	31	Apr 11	44 1/2	Jan 5	
39 45	42 44	42 45	42 45	42 45	42 45	1,300	General Electric	36 1/2	Jan 27	47 1/2	Aug 3	
92 92	92 92	90 90	91 91	91 91	91 91	56,800	General Foods	107 3/4	Sept 20	118 1/2	July 3	
129 130	129 130	130 130	130 130	130 130	130 130	2,100	\$4.50 preferred	1 1/2	Dec 14	1 1/2	Jan 5	
54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2	700	\$8 conv pref series A	39	Jan 3	65 1/2	July 11	
125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2	1,300	General Mills	72 1/2	Jan 26	99	July 28	
39 1/2	39 1/2	41 43 1/2	41 44	41 44	41 44	2,600	5% preferred	125 1/2	Dec 27	128 3/4	Dec 11	
41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2	1,600	General Motors Corp	36 3/4	Apr 11	56 3/4	Oct 26	
110 110	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	400	\$5 preferred	112	Sept 5	126 1/2	June 8	
18 18	18 18	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	2,600	Gen Outdoor Adv A	28	Apr 4	38	Feb 28	
89 91 1/2	89 91 1/2	89 91 1/2	89 91 1/2	89 91 1/2	89 91 1/2	2,500	Common	34	Sept 5	67 1/2	Jan 5	
18 18	18 18	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	2,600	General Printing Ink	7	Mar 31	10 7/8	Jan 3	
32 32	32 32	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	32 3/4	1,900	\$6 preferred	105	Apr 15	111 1/2	Nov 25	
29 30	29 30	29 3/4	29 3/4	29 3/4	29 3/4	1,600	Gen Public Service	3 1/2	June 30	14 1/2	Sept 5	
21 21 1/4	21 21 1/4	21 21 1/4	21 21 1/4	21 21 1/4	21 21 1/4	3,800	Gen Railway Signal	12 1/2	Sept 1	28	Jan 5	
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	100	6% preferred	12	Sept 30	15 1/2	Jan 3	
82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	2,100	Gen Realty & Utilities	1	Sept 6	14	Sept 6	
22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	5,200	\$6 preferred	14	Sept 6	20 1/4	Jan 4	
6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	2,300	General Refractories	19 1/8	Apr 11	41	Jan 4	
49 1/4	49 1/4	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	5,000	General Shoe Corp	12 1/2	Aug 24	15 1/2	Oct 7	
51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	3,000	Gen Steel Cast \$6 pref	16	Apr 8	20 1/2	Nov 20	
18 1/8	18 1/8	18 1/8	18 1/8	18 1/8	18 1/8	700	General Telephone Corp	15	Apr 28	15 1/2	Jan 4	
40 44	41 43 1/2	41 43 1/2	41 43 1/2	41 43 1/2	41 43 1/2	2,700	Gen Theatre Eq Corp	8 1/2	Sept 5	18	Nov 3	
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,200	Gen Time Instru Corp	97 1/2	Apr 15	99 1/2	Feb 8	
84 88	88 88	88 88	88 88	88 88	88 88	11,000	6% preferred	15 1/2	Apr 11	27 1/2	Mar 10	
19 1/8	19 1/8	19 1/8	19 1/8	19 1/8	19 1/8	1,100	General Tire & Rubber Co	5 1/2	Apr 10	8 1/2	Jan 3	
65 66	65 65 1/2	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	66 1/4	2,300	Gillette Safety Razor	43 1/2	Oct 21	54	Mar 14	
23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	500	\$5 conv preferred	6 1/4	Aug 24	13 1/2	Jan 3	
94 1/2	94 1/2	93 95 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	1,200	Gimbel Brothers	43	Sept 1	66 1/2	Mar 11	
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	70	6% preferred	14	Sept 1	24 1/2	Jan 5	
69 71 1/2	69 71 1/2	71 71 1/2	71 71 1/2	71 71 1/2	71 71 1/2	11,900	Gilgden Co (The)	34	May 17	47	Mar 7	
14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4	1,100	4 1/2% conv preferred	2 1/2	Jan 23	3 1/2	Mar 14	
10 10	10 10	10 10	10 10	10 10	10 10	2,100	Goebel Brewing Co	1	Apr 10	2 1/2	Jan 4	
15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	1,300	Go & Stock Telegraph Co	70	Jan 4	86	Nov 29	
33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	400	Goodrich Co (B F)	13 1/2	Apr 11	24 1/4	Jan 4	
23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	500	5% preferred	53	Apr 10	74 1/2	Mar 16	
20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4	16,000	Goodyear Tire & Rubb	21 1/8	Apr 11	38 1/2	Jan 3	
27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	2,600	\$5 conv preferred	87	Nov 10	109 1/2	Jan 5	
134 1/2	135 135	134 134 1/2	134 134 1/2	134 134 1/2	134 134 1/2	290	Gotham Silk Hose	2 1/2	June 30	5 1/2	Sept 27	
43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2	1,400	Preferred	67	Dec 13	80	Mar 3	
32 1/4	32 1/4	32 1/4	32 1/4	32 1/4	32 1/4	17,000	Graham-Paige Motors	1 1/2	Aug 18	1 1/2	Nov 6	
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	700	Graby-Conso I M S & P	4 1/2	Apr 8	10 1/2	Sept 5	
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,900	Grand Union w div cts	14 1/2	Dec 26	15 1/2	Dec 15	
21 25	21 24 1/2	21 24 1/2	21 24 1/2	21 24 1/2	21 24 1/2	20	Without div cts	9 3/4	Dec 14	10 1/2	Dec 14	
34 34	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4	300	Granite City Steel	10	Apr 8	22 1/2	Sept 14	
10 1/8	10 1/8	10 1/8	10 1/8	10 1/8	10 1/8	80	Grant (W T)	24 1/4	Jan 27	35	Aug 14	
35 37	35 37	35 37	35 37	35 37	35 37	5,600	5% preferred	22 1/2	Jan 23	22 1/2	Jan 23	
19 19	19 19	19 19	19 19	19 19	19 19	200	Gen Nor Iron Ore Prop	12 1/2	Apr 8	18	Nov 3	
102 108	102 108	102 108	102 108	102 108	102 108	280	Great Northern pref	10 1/2	Apr 8	33 1/2	Sept 27	
103 103	103 103	103 103	103 103	103 103	103 103	1,300	Great Western Sugar	23 1/2	Aug 23	37 1/2	Sept 5	
27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	1,400	Preferred	12 1/2	Sept 27	14 1/2	Sept 27	
133 1/4	133 1/4	133 1/4	133 1/4	133 1/4	133 1/4	1,400	Green Bay & West RR	42	May 24	53 1/2	Dec 8	
9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	8,400	Green (H L) Co Inc	24 1/4	Jan 26	35 1/		

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Jan. 6 to Friday Jan. 12) and rows of stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

Table with columns for Shares and Par, listing sales for various stocks.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks and their current prices per share.

Range for Year 1939 On Basis of 100-Share Lots

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices for the year 1939.

Range for Previous Year 1938

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest prices for the year 1938.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. ‡ Def. delivery. § New Stock. ¶ Cash sale. †† Ex-div. ‡‡ Ex-rights. §§ Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Jan. 6 to Friday Jan. 12) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

Table with columns for Shares and rows for various stock sales volumes.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks and their current prices, including companies like Pac Western Oil Corp and Packard Motor Car.

Range for Year 1939

Table showing the lowest and highest prices for various stocks during the year 1939.

Range for Previous Year 1938

Table showing the lowest and highest prices for various stocks during the year 1938.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. ‡ Def. delivery. § New stock. ¶ Cash sale. †† Ex-div. ††† Ex-rights. †††† Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Range for Year 1939 On Basis of 100-Share Lots

Range for Previous Year 1938

Main table containing stock prices for various companies like Schenley Distillers Corp., Schulte Retail Stores, Scott Paper Co., etc. Columns include dates from Saturday Jan. 6 to Friday Jan. 12, sales for the week, and price ranges for 1939 and 1938.

*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 Jan. 6 to Friday Jan. 12) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

Table with columns for Stock Name, Par, Range for Year 1939 (Lowest, Highest), and Range for Previous Year 1938 (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like United Drug Inc., United Drywood Corp, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. ‡ New stock. § Cash sale. ¶ Ex-div. ¶ Ex-rights. ¶ Called for redemption.

Bond Record—New York Stock Exchange

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.

Main table containing bond records with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 12, Interest Period, Friday Last Sale Price, Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1939, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 12, Interest Period, Friday Last Sale Price, Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1939. Includes sections for U. S. Government, Foreign Govt & Municipal, and various international bonds.

For footnotes see page 249.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 12					BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 12							
Interest Period	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked		Bonds Sold	Range for Year 1939	Interest Period	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked		Bonds Sold	Range for Year 1939	
		Low	High					Low	High			
•Nuremberg (City) extl 6s.....1952	F A	57 1/2	58 1/2	26	48 5/8	57 1/2	58 1/2	24	99	75 1/2	52 1/2	55 1/2
•Oriental Devel Guar 6s.....1953	M S	57 1/2	58 1/2	26	48 5/8	57 1/2	58 1/2	24	99	75 1/2	52 1/2	55 1/2
•Extl deb 5 1/2s.....1958	M N	52 1/2	53 1/2	19	43 3/4	52 1/2	53 1/2	11	19 1/2	48	19 1/2	48
•Oslo (City) s f 4 1/2s.....1955	A O	72	69	32	64	105	72 1/2	11	2	59 1/2	82	82
•Panama (Rep) extl 5 1/2s.....1953	J D	105	104 1/2	7	99 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	4	99	102 1/2	99	102 1/2
•Extl s f 6 ser A.....1963	M N	70 1/2	70 1/2	38	50	88 1/2	70 1/2	70	49	73 1/2	49	73 1/2
•Stamped assented.....1963	M N	70 1/2	71 1/2	38	43 1/2	83 1/2	71 1/2	11	16 1/2	34 1/2	16 1/2	34 1/2
•Fernambuco (State of) 7s.....1947	M S	10 1/2	6 1/2	9	5 1/2	13 1/2	6 1/2	9	11	16 1/2	16 1/2	34 1/2
•Peru (Rep of) external 7s.....1959	M S	10 1/2	10 1/2	9	7 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	11	16 1/2	34 1/2	16 1/2	34 1/2
•Nat Loan extl s f 6 1st ser.....1961	J D	9 1/2	9 1/2	194	6 1/2	12 1/2	9 1/2	11	16 1/2	34 1/2	16 1/2	34 1/2
•Nat Loan extl s f 6 2d ser.....1981	A O	9 1/2	9 1/2	107	6 1/2	12 1/2	9 1/2	11	16 1/2	34 1/2	16 1/2	34 1/2
•Poland (Rep of) gold 6s.....1940	A O	7 1/2	7 1/2	3	7	50	7 1/2	3	16 1/2	32	16 1/2	32
•4 1/2s assented.....1958	A O	7 1/2	7 1/2	3	4 1/2	42	7 1/2	3	16 1/2	32	16 1/2	32
•Staluziation loans 7s.....1947	A O	7 1/2	7 1/2	3	7	50	7 1/2	3	16 1/2	32	16 1/2	32
•4 1/2s assented.....1968	A O	7 1/2	7 1/2	3	4 1/2	42	7 1/2	3	16 1/2	32	16 1/2	32
•External sink fund 6s.....1963	J J	7 1/2	7 1/2	1	6 1/2	44	7 1/2	1	16 1/2	32	16 1/2	32
•4 1/2s assented.....1963	J J	7 1/2	7 1/2	1	4 1/2	44	7 1/2	1	16 1/2	32	16 1/2	32
•Porto Alegre (City of) 8s.....1961	J D	8 1/4	8 1/4	1	6 1/2	15	8 1/4	1	107	9 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
•Extl loan 7 1/2s.....1986	J J	7 1/2	7 1/2	10	6 1/2	17 1/2	7 1/2	10	3	44 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
•Prague (Greater City) 7 1/2s.....1952	M N	12 1/2	12 1/2	9	4 1/2	70	12 1/2	9	5	43	62	62
•Prussia (Free State) extl 6 1/2s.....1951	M S	12	11	12	6 1/2	19 1/2	12	12	33	53 1/2	12	33
•External s f 6s.....1952	A O	12	12	3	7	19 1/2	12	3	10	34 1/2	52	52
•Queenland (State) extl s f 7s.....1941	A O	100	100 1/2	15	75	108 1/2	100	15	38	59	38	59
•25-year external 6s.....1947	F A	95 1/2	96	10	55 1/2	107	95 1/2	10	100	108 1/2	95 1/2	108 1/2
•Rhine-Main-Danube 7s A.....1950	M S	21	21	3	8	31 1/2	21	3	73	95 1/2	73	95 1/2
•Rio de Janeiro (City of) 8s.....1946	A O	8 1/2	8 1/2	9	6 1/2	14 1/2	8 1/2	9	73	103 1/2	73	103 1/2
•Extl sec 6 1/2s.....1953	F A	7 1/2	7 1/2	14	5 1/2	13 1/2	7 1/2	14	39 1/2	40	39 1/2	40
•Rio Grande do Sul (State of).....1946	A O	8 1/2	8 1/2	9	6	15 1/2	8 1/2	9	110	110	110	110
•8s extl loan of 1921.....1968	J D	8 1/2	8 1/2	54	6	15 1/2	8 1/2	54	172 1/2	136	172 1/2	136
•8s extl s f g.....1968	J D	8 1/2	8 1/2	54	6	15 1/2	8 1/2	54	172 1/2	136	172 1/2	136
•7s extl loan of 1926.....1968	M N	8 1/2	8 1/2	3	6 1/2	14 1/2	8 1/2	3	6	30	6	30
•7s municipal loan.....1967	J D	7 1/2	7 1/2	3	6 1/2	14 1/2	7 1/2	3	7 1/2	28	7 1/2	28
•Rome (City) extl 6 1/2s.....1952	A O	59	58 1/2	15	37 1/2	69 1/2	59	15	7 1/2	28	7 1/2	28
•Roumania (Kingdom of) 7s.....1959	F A	9 1/2	9 1/2	2	7 1/2	22 1/2	9 1/2	2	13	26 1/2	13	26 1/2
•February 1937 coupon paid.....1953	J J	10	10	22	19	20	10	22	13	28	13	28
•Saarbruecken (City) 6s.....1953	J J	10	10	22	19	20	10	22	13	28	13	28
•Sao Paulo (City of, Brazil).....1952	M N	8 1/2	8 1/2	1	6 1/2	14 1/2	8 1/2	1	102 1/2	108 1/2	102 1/2	108 1/2
•8s extl secured s f.....1957	M N	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	5 1/2	14 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	86	96 1/2	86	96 1/2
•6 1/2s extl secured s f.....1957	M N	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	5 1/2	14 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	114	114	114	114
•Sao Paulo (State of).....1936	J J	14	13 1/2	14	8 1/2	18	14	14	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
•8s external.....1950	J J	8 1/2	8 1/2	3	6 1/2	15 1/2	8 1/2	3	194	24	46 1/2	46 1/2
•7s extl water loan.....1956	M S	8	7 1/2	8	6 1/2	15	8	8	64	25	48 1/2	48 1/2
•6s extl dollar loan.....1968	J J	23 1/2	23 1/2	2	14 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	2	60	23	48 1/2	48 1/2
•Secured s f 7s.....1945	J D	17 1/2	17 1/2	2	6 1/2	25 1/2	17 1/2	2	3	5 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
•Saxon State Mtge const 7s.....1945	J D	16	16	2	14	25	16	2	30	47	30	47
•Sinking fund g 6 1/2s.....1946	J D	16	16	2	14	25	16	2	2	57	64	65 1/2
•Serbs Croats & Slovenes (Kingdom).....1962	M N	12 1/2	12 1/2	10	10 1/2	28	12 1/2	10	15	100 1/2	111	111
•8s secured extl.....1962	M N	12 1/2	12 1/2	15	10	25 1/2	12 1/2	15	233	68	85 1/2	85 1/2
•7s series B sec extl.....1962	M N	12 1/2	12 1/2	15	10	25 1/2	12 1/2	15	161	71	84 1/2	84 1/2
•Silesia (Prov of) extl 7s.....1958	J D	5	5	6	6 1/2	33	5	6	19	34	45	45
•4 1/2s assented.....1958	J D	5	5	6	6 1/2	33	5	6	19	34	45	45
•Silesian Landowners Assn 6s.....1947	F A	15 1/2	15 1/2	1	5 1/2	29	15 1/2	1	3	38	3	38
•Sydney (City) s f 5 1/2s.....1955	F A	86 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	50	103	86 1/2	86 1/2	11	40	50	50
•Taiwan Elec Pow s f 5 1/2s.....1971	J J	57	58 1/2	11	47	59 1/2	57	11	81	92	75 1/2	92
•Tokyo City 5s loan of 1912.....1952	M S	38 1/2	38 1/2	40	33 1/2	49	38 1/2	40	6	108	6	108
•External s f 5 1/2s guar.....1961	F A	56	56	40	47 1/2	60	56	40	105	72	99 1/2	99 1/2
•Uruguay (Republic) extl 8s.....1946	F A	52 1/2	52 1/2	3	43	52	52 1/2	3	105	106 1/2	105	106 1/2
•External s f 6s.....1960	M N	53	52	53	40 1/2	49	53	40 1/2	41	107 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
•External s f 6s.....1964	M N	52 1/2	52 1/2	3	40	47	52 1/2	3	107 1/2	110 1/2	107 1/2	110 1/2
•3 1/2-4 1/2s (\$ bonds of '37).....1979	M N	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	37	47	45 1/2	45 1/2	18	26 1/2	48	48
•external readjustment.....1979	M N	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	37	47	45 1/2	45 1/2	26	25 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2
•3 1/2-4 1/2s (\$ bonds of '37).....1979	M N	43 1/2	43 1/2	4	36	44 1/2	43 1/2	4	5	4 1/2	10	10
•external conversion.....1979	M N	43 1/2	43 1/2	4	36	44 1/2	43 1/2	4	15	4 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
•3 1/2-4 1/2s (\$ bonds of '37).....1978	J D	44 1/2	44 1/2	1	35	45 1/2	44 1/2	1	4	64 1/2	75	75
•4 1/2-4 1/2s (\$ bonds of '37).....1978	J D	48	48 1/2	5	37 1/2	49 1/2	48	5	14	35	49 1/2	49 1/2
•3 1/2s extl readjustment.....1984	J J	37 1/2	37 1/2	41	35	41	37 1/2	41	5	47	60	60
•Venetian Prov Mtge Bank 7s.....1952	A O	45 1/2	50	5	37 1/2	51	45 1/2	5	33	92	33	92
•Vienna (City of) 6s.....1952	M N	8 1/2	8 1/2	9	6 1/2	18 1/2	8 1/2	9	80	96 1/2	80	96 1/2
•Warsaw (City) external 7s.....1958	F A	6 1/2	6 1/2	4	6 1/2	34	6 1/2	4	8	80	80	96 1/2
•4 1/2s assented.....1958	F A	5 1/2	5 1/2	4	6 1/2	34	5 1/2	4	26	91	117	117
•Yokohama (City) extl 6s.....1961	J D	59 1/2	59 1/2	52	49 1/2	60	59 1/2	52	13	92 1/2	121	121

For footnotes see page 249.

Table with multiple columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Jan. 12, Interest, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High), and Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes various bond listings such as Newport & C Bdge gen gu 4 1/2s, N Y Cent RR 4s series A, etc.

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Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, Week Ended Jan. 12, 1939. Columns include Bond Name, Interest, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, and Range for Year 1939 (Low, High).

Table of New York Stock Exchange bonds, Week Ended Jan. 12, 1939. Columns include Bond Name, Interest, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Bonds Sold, and Range for Year 1939 (Low, High).

Explanatory text regarding cash sales, interest rates, and bond specifications. Includes notes like 'Cash sales transacted during the current week...' and 'The following is a list of the New York Stock Exchange bond issues which have been called in their entirety...'.

Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange, Daily, Weekly and Yearly

Summary table showing transactions at the New York Stock Exchange for Jan. 12, 1940, and weekly/yearly totals. Columns include Week Ended, Stocks, Railroad & Miscell. Bonds, State Municipal For'n Bonds, United States Bonds, and Total Bond Sales.

Table showing New York Stock Exchange sales and totals for 1940 and 1939. Columns include New York Stock Exchange, Stocks—No. of shares, Bonds, Government, State and foreign, Railroad and industrial, and Total.

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 of Stock and Bond Averages. Columns include Date, Stocks (30 Industrials, Railroads, Utilities, Total 70 Stocks), Bonds (10 First Grade Ratils, 10 Second Grade Ratils, 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 outside of the regular weekly range are shown in a footnote in the week in which they occur. No account is taken of such sales in computing the range for the year.

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Jan. 6, 1939) and ending the present Friday (Jan. 12, 1940). 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, Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High), and Friday Last Sale Price. The table lists numerous securities including Aame Wire Co, Aero Supply Mfg, Alabama Gt Southern, and many others, with their respective prices and trading volumes.

Foot notes see page 255.

Table with columns for STOCKS (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939, and similar columns for the right-hand section of the table.

For footnotes see page 255.

Main table containing stock listings with columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High), and Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). The table is split into two columns of stock listings.

For footnotes see page 255.

Table containing financial data for stocks and bonds. It includes columns for 'STOCKS (Concluded)', 'BONDS (Continued)', 'Friday Last Sale Price', 'Week's Range of Prices', 'Sales for Week Shares', 'Range for Year 1939', and 'Friday Last Sale Price' for bonds. Rows list various companies like Union Carbide, International Paper, and various bond issues.

For footnotes see page 255

Other Stock Exchanges

Baltimore Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corp, Balt Transit Co, Consol Gas E L & Pow, etc.

Boston Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes entries like American Pneumatic Ser, Amer Tel & Tel, Assoc Gas & Elec Co, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes entries like Abbott Laboratories, Acme Steel Co, Adams (J D) Mfg, etc.

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CHICAGO SECURITIES Listed and Unlisted

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Large table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes entries like Altorfer Bros conv pref, Amer Rub Serv pref, Amer Tel & Tel Co cap, etc.

Table with 4 main sections: Stocks (Concluded) Par, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1939. Includes various stock listings with prices and sales data.

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Los Angeles Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with 4 main sections: Stocks, Par, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1939. Lists various stocks and their performance.

For footnotes see page 259.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with 4 main sections: Stocks, Par, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1939. Lists various stocks and their performance.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with 4 main sections: Stocks, Par, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1939. Lists various stocks and their performance.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes entries like Follansbee Bros pref., Fort Pitt Brewing, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes entries like Honolulu Plantation Co., Hunt Motor Car Co., etc.

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St. Louis Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes entries like American Inv com., Brown Shoe com., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Rad & Std Sanitary, American Tel & Tel Co., etc.

San Francisco Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes entries like Anglo Amer Min Corp., Anglo-Calif Nat'l Bank, etc.

*No par value. a Odd lot sales. b Ex-stock dividend. c Admitted to unlisted trading privileges. d Deferred delivery. e Cash sale. f Not included in range for year. g Ex-dividend. h Ex-rights. i Listed. j In default.

CURRENT NOTICES

Announcement has been made of the formation of the firm of A. W. Dixon & Co., Inc. with offices at 74 Trinity Place, New York, to wholesale, retail and trade in unlisted securities. Officers of the new company are A. W. Dixon, president and H. Harold Behrens and Ralph S. McCracken, vice-presidents.

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Provincial and Municipal Issues Closing bid and asked quotations, Friday, Jan. 12

Table of Provincial and Municipal Issues with columns for Province, Date, Bid, Ask, and Price.

Railway Bonds

Closing bid and asked quotations, Friday, Jan. 12

Table of Railway Bonds including Canadian Pacific Ry and Canadian Northern Ry.

Dominion Government Guaranteed Bonds

Closing bid and asked quotations, Friday, Jan. 12

Table of Dominion Government Guaranteed Bonds including Canadian National Ry and Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.

Montreal Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Large table of Montreal Stock Exchange data with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, and Range for Year 1939.

Montreal Stock Exchange

Table of Montreal Stock Exchange data including Gatteau Power, Lake of the Woods, and various industrial stocks.

Montreal Curb Market

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table of Montreal Curb Market data including Abitibi Pow & Paper Co., Aluminum Ltd., and various commodity prices.

Canadian Markets—Listed and Unlisted

Montreal Curb Market

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes various stock listings such as Cndn Inter Inv Trust Ltd., 5% cum pref., and others.

Toronto Stock Exchange

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes listings for Abitibi, Amax, and various other stocks.

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Toronto Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range for Year 1939 (Low, High). Includes listings for Bathurst Power A., Bear Expt, Beattie Gold, and many other stocks.

* No par value.

Canadian Markets—Listed and Unlisted

British and Any Other European Internal Securities
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Table listing various stocks with columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1939 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange

Table listing various stocks with columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1939 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table listing various stocks with columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range for Year 1939 (Low, High).

Industrial and Public Utility Bonds

Closing bid and asked quotations, Friday, Jan. 12

Table listing various bonds with columns for Bond Name, Bid, Ask, and other details.

* No par value. / Flat price. n Nominal.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Jan. 12

New York City Bonds

Table of New York City Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and various bond descriptions including dates and interest rates.

New York Trust Companies

Table of New York Trust Companies with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and company names like Bank of New York, Bankers, Bronx County, etc.

Chicago & San Francisco Banks

Table of Chicago & San Francisco Banks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and bank names like American National Bank, Continental Illinois Natl Bank & Trust, etc.

New York State Bonds

Table of New York State Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions such as World War Bonus, Canal & Highway, etc.

Port of New York Authority Bonds

Table of Port of New York Authority Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions like Holland Tunnel, Highway Improvement, etc.

United States Insular Bonds

Table of United States Insular Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including Philippine Government, U S Panama, etc.

Federal Land Bank Bonds

Table of Federal Land Bank Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions like 3s 1955 opt 1945, etc.

Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds

Table of Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions including Burlington, Chicago, Denver, etc.

Joint Stock Land Bank Stocks

Table of Joint Stock Land Bank Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and stock names like Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, etc.

Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures

Table of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures with columns for Bid, Ask, and interest rate/due date information.

New York Bank Stocks

Table of New York Bank Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and bank names like Bank of Manhattan, National City, etc.

Vermilye Brothers Specialists in Insurance Stocks

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Insurance Companies

Table of Insurance Companies with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and company names like Aetna, American Alliance, American Home, etc.

Surety Guaranteed Mortgage Bonds and Debentures

Table of Surety Guaranteed Mortgage Bonds and Debentures with columns for Bid, Ask, and bond descriptions like Arundel Bond Corp, etc.

FHA Insured Mortgages

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FHA Insured Mortgages

Table of FHA Insured Mortgages with columns for Bid, Asked, and mortgage descriptions like Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, etc.

4 1/2% and 4 1/4% mortgages are offered less 1/2% of 1% for servicing and come to the purchaser as 3 3/4% and 4% mortgages, respectively.

For footnotes see page 263.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Jan. 12—Continued

Guaranteed Railroad Stocks

Joseph Walker & Sons

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Guaranteed Railroad Stocks (Guarantor in Parentheses)

Table with columns: Par, Dividend in Dollars, Bid, Asked. Lists various railroad stocks like Alabama & Vicksburg, Albany & Susquehanna, etc.

Guaranteed Railroad Stocks

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Railroad Equipment Bonds

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists railroad equipment bonds like Atlantic Coast Line, Baltimore & Ohio, etc.

Obligations of Governmental Agencies

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists obligations of agencies like Commodity Credit Corp, Fed'l Home Loan Banks, etc.

For footnotes see page 266.

Railroad Bonds

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Lists railroad bonds like Akron Canton and Youngstown, Baltimore & Ohio, etc.

Industrial Stocks and Bonds

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Lists industrial stocks and bonds like Alabama Mills Inc, American Arch, etc.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks

Table with columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Lists telephone and telegraph stocks like Am Dist Teleg (N J) com, Bell Teleg of Canada, etc.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Jan. 12—Continued

Chain Store Stocks

Table with columns: Stock Name, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Berland Shoe Stores, B/G Foods Inc, Bohack (H C) common, etc.

Public Utility Stocks—Continued

Table with columns: Stock Name, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Dallas Pr & Lt 7% pref, Derby Gas & El 7% pref, Federal Water Serv Corp, etc.

Investing Companies

Table with columns: Stock Name, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Admin's Fund 2nd Inc, Aeronautical Securities, Affiliated Fund Inc, etc.

Public Utility Bonds

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Amer Gas & Elec 2 3/4s 1950, Iowa Public Serv 3 3/4s 1969, Kansas Power Co 4s 1964, etc.

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Public Utility Stocks

Table with columns: Stock Name, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Alabama Power 7% pref, Amer G & E 4 3/4% pref, Arkansas Pr & Lt 7% pref, etc.

Water Bonds

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Ask. Includes Alabama Wat Serv 5s 1957, Ashtabula Wat Wks 5s '58, Atlantic County Wat 5s '58, etc.

For footnotes see page 265.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Jan. 12—Concluded

If You Don't Find the Securities Quoted Here

In which you have interest, you will probably find them in our monthly Bank and Quotation Record. In this publication quotations are carried for all active over-the-counter stocks and bonds. The classes of securities covered are:

Table listing classes of securities: Banks and Trust Companies, Municipal Bonds, Federal Land Bank Bonds, Foreign Government Bonds, Industrial Bonds, Insurance Stocks, etc.

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Foreign Stocks, Bonds and Coupons Inactive Exchanges

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Foreign Unlisted Dollar Bonds

Due to the European situation some of the quotations shown below are nominal.

Large table of foreign securities including Anhalt 7s to 1946, Antioquia 8s, Bank of Colombia 7%, Barranquilla 1935-40-48, etc.

Real Estate Bonds and Title Co. Mortgage Certificates

Table of real estate bonds and mortgage certificates including Alden Apt 1st mtge 3s., Beacon Hotel inc 4s., B'way Barclay inc 2s., etc.

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Sugar Securities

Table of sugar securities including Antilla Sugar Estates, Baraqua Sugar Estates, Puntas Alegre Sugar Corp., etc.

* No par value. a Interchangeable. b Basis price. c Coupon. d Ex-interest. f Flat price. n Nominal quotation. w When issued. w-s With stock. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

† Now listed on New York Stock Exchange. ‡ Now selling on New York Curb Exchange. § Quotation not furnished by sponsor or issuer.

¶ Quotation on \$89.50 of principal amount. 5% was paid on July 2 and 5 1/2% Sept. 25.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Evans, Stillman & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that William K. Paton has become associated with them as manager of their bond department.

—Hirsch, Lillenthal & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the appointment of Maurice Gilmer as co-manager with Morton Meister of their office in the Pennsylvania Hotel, New York City.

The firm also announce that Fred Kalb, Charles L. Daly and George Willison have become associated with them in their 1441 Broadway office, and that A. Eric Taff has been appointed as their representative in Geneva, Switzerland.

The next luncheon meeting of the Municipal Bond Club of New York will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17th, at the Bankers Club, with Lloyd Paul Stryker as the speaker and F. Seymour Barr of Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., president of the club, presiding.

General Corporation and Investment News

RAILROAD—PUBLIC UTILITY—INDUSTRIAL—INSURANCE—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. 4278 to 4284) have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933. The amount involved is approximately \$14,483,108.

Louisville Railway Co. (2-4278, Form A2) of Louisville, Ky., has filed a registration statement covering \$1,300,000 of 4½% 2d mtge. 40-year bonds, due 1940 extended to 1942. These bonds are registered under plan of extension. Frank H. Miller is President of the company. Louisville Trust Co. may be the underwriter. Filed Jan. 4, 1940.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. (2-4279, Form A2) of Baltimore, Md., has filed a registration statement covering \$10,962,000 of 3¼% refunding mortgage and collateral trust bonds, series due 1970. Filed Jan. 4, 1940. (See subsequent page for further details).

Solar Aircraft Co. (2-4280, Form A1) of San Diego, Calif., has filed a registration statement covering 50,000 shares of 50 cents cum. series A convertible preferred stock of no par value, and 100,000 shares of \$1 par common stock. The preferred stock will be offered at \$8 per share and the common stock will be reserved for the conversion of the preferred stock. Proceeds of the issue will be used for debt, machinery, equipment and working capital. Edmund T. Price is President of the company. Eldred, Potter & Co. has been named underwriter. Filed Jan. 5, 1940.

Citizens Gas Co. (2-4281, Form A2) of Stroudsburg, Pa., has filed a registration statement covering \$209,000 of 4½% 1st mtge. bonds, due 1987, and 12,500 shares of \$1 par common stock. The bonds will be offered at \$98 and the common stock will be offered at \$10 per share. The present outstanding securities held by Consolidated Electric & Gas Co. are to be sold to Bioren & Co. subsequent to which reclassification is to be made and new securities offered. Proceeds of the issue are for the account of Bioren & Co., who is also named underwriter. Filed Jan. 6, 1940.

Plomb Tool Co. (2-4282, Form A2) of Los Angeles, Calif., has filed a registration statement covering \$225,000 of 6% 1st mtge. bonds, due 1949, which will be offered at \$100. The company also registered 225 warrants for \$1 par common stock, each warrant for 100 shares of common stock (warrants are attached to bonds), and 22,500 shares of \$1 par common stock reserved for warrants at \$6.66 per share. Proceeds of the issue will be used for indebtedness and working capital. M. B. Pendleton is President of the company. White, Wyeth & Co. has been named underwriter. Filed Jan. 6, 1940.

American Wringer Co., Inc. (2-4283, Form A2) of Woonsocket, R. I., has filed a registration statement covering 32,915 shares of \$10 par common stock which will be offered at \$12.50 per share. 23,715 shares, including 30 treasury shares, will be offered for the account of the issuer, 4,200 shares for the account of Henry Salomon and 5,000 shares for the account of Barrett & Co. Issuer's part of the proceeds will be used for debt and working capital. Harold T. Merriman is President of the company. Barrett & Co., Satterfield & Lohrke, et al, may be underwriters. Filed Jan. 8, 1940.

Morart Cravure Corp. (2-4284, Form A2) of Holyoke, Mass., has filed a registration statement covering 235,000 shares of \$1 par common stock and 50,000 warrants for the common stock. 175,000 shares of common stock will be offered publicly at \$3 per share; 10,000 shares will be issued to Charles F. Moriarty and Harry E. Benedict for services rendered, and may be resold at \$3 per share; the 50,000 warrants will be issued to dealers as additional compensation for the sale of common stock; the remaining 50,000 shares are reserved for warrants, at \$3 per share. Issuer's part of the proceeds will be used to purchase stock of Morart Rotophot Corp., for debt, equipment, presses and working capital. Maurice J. Moriarty is President of the company. Stoltz & Gallian, et al, have been named underwriters. Filed Jan. 10, 1940.

The last previous list of registration statements was given in our issue of Jan. 6, page 121.

Ahlberg Bearing Co.—Earnings—

Earnings for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1939	
Net income after all charges	\$34,486
Earnings per share on 306,956 shares common stock	\$0.08
—V. 148, p. 3832.	

Adams Express Co.—Annual Report—

Henry K. Smith, Chairman, and Steele Mitchell, President, state: Based on market values as of Dec. 31, 1939, the net assets of company applicable to its outstanding securities were \$28,490,061 equivalent to 298% of the principal amount of the funded debt outstanding in the hands of the public on that date. On this basis the net assets applicable to the common stock were \$18,960,061 equivalent to \$12.64 per share, which compares with \$23,131,296 as of Dec. 31, 1938, equivalent to \$15.42 per share.

Cash on hand as of Dec. 31, 1939, was \$4,072,442 which compares with \$2,687,930 as of Dec. 31, 1938, these amounts being equivalent to 13.98% and 8.07% respectively of the total assets of the company based on market values on such dates.

The Board of Managers authorized in December, 1938, the reopening of the company's offers made in 1936 and 1937 to exchange 10-year 4¼% debentures for an equal principal amount of the company's collateral trust 4% bonds due in 1947 and 1948 outstanding in the hands of the public. Pursuant to this offer \$1,665,000 of the 4% bonds were surrendered, making a total of \$6,883,500 of 4¼% debentures due 1946 outstanding. The offer to exchange, which expired on March 11, 1939, was made in order to obtain release of collateral securing the 4% bonds, thereby permitting greater flexibility in the handling of the investments of the company.

Consolidated Income Account Years Ended Dec. 31				
	1939	1938	1937	1936
Revenue—				
Interest on securities and bank balances	\$76,668	\$63,247	\$47,062	\$12,688
Divs. on securs. owned	1,017,298	836,693	1,613,630	1,527,801
Miscellaneous income	1,516	1,098	6,998	2,425
Total	\$1,095,482	\$901,037	\$1,667,690	\$1,542,913
Expenses—				
Interest on bonds	112,034	179,690	271,238	380,974
Interest on coll. notes	—	—	46,711	90,422
Int. on 10-yr. 4¼% debts	286,394	221,786	127,009	10,482
Salaries, exps. & taxes	255,809	265,500	290,504	233,504
Net income	\$441,245	\$234,061	\$932,228	\$827,530
Common dividends	374,964	299,969	921,085	744,393
Balance, surplus	\$66,281	def\$65,908	\$11,143	\$83,137
Profit and loss surplus	3,853,344	3,787,063	3,852,972	3,841,829
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par)	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,639,600
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.	\$0.30	\$0.16	\$0.62	\$0.51
Consolidated Earned Surplus Dec. 31				
	1939	1938	1937	1936
Earned surplus previous Dec. 31	\$3,787,063	\$3,852,972	\$3,841,829	\$3,758,691
Surplus during year (as above) after dividends	66,281	def\$65,908	11,143	83,137
Earned surp. Dec. 31.	\$3,853,344	\$3,787,064	\$3,852,972	\$3,841,828

Common Stock and Capital Surplus Dec. 31

	1939	1938	1937	1936
Jan. 1 capital surplus & common stock	\$30,305,038	\$30,205,606	\$39,658,511	\$40,587,424
Net discount on purch. of own bonds	50	5,831	—	—
Accumulated divs. paid on pref. stock at date of redemption	—	—	—	33,453
Cost of shares of own common stock	—	—	2,231,870	951,860
Net realized profit on securities	x51,409	93,601	x7,221,035	56,400

Capital surplus & com. stock Dec. 31—\$30,253,679 \$30,305,038 \$30,205,606 \$39,658,511
x Loss.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

	1939	1938	1939	1938
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash	4,072,442	2,687,931	Coll. trust 4% bds. due June 1, '47	1,262,000
Acct. int. & divs.	40,189	58,441	Coll. trust 4% bds. due Mar. 1, '48	1,384,500
Amt. rec. for sec.	—	—	10-yr. 4¼% debts. due Aug. 1, '46	6,883,500
sold, not deliv'd	2,764	178,404	Amt. pay. for sec. purch., not rec'd	53,413
Securities at cost	40,143,744	41,323,637	Accrued interest	157,068
Prop. & exp., less depreciation	13,657	11,597	Accruals & res. for taxes, conts., &c.	425,292
			x Com. stk. & cap. surplus	30,253,679
			Earned surplus	30,305,038
				3,787,063
Total	44,272,796	44,260,009	Total	44,272,796

x Represented by 1,500,000 no par shares.—V. 150, p. 121.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—	1938—12 Mos.—	1937—12 Mos.—	1936—12 Mos.—
Gross income	\$385,000	\$414,000	\$4,537,000	\$5,196,000
x Profit	123,100	140,500	1,354,500	2,048,000

x Includes other income and is after operating expenses and development charges, but before depreciation, depletion and Federal taxes.—V. 150, p. 121.

Alleghany Corp.—Time for Submitting Plan Extended—

The Marine Midland Trust Co., New York, as trustee for the Alleghany 5s of 1950, and Alleghany Corp. have extended to Feb. 6, 1940 the time within which a plan of readjustment for the 5s of 1950 may be submitted, under the terms of the agreement dated Sept. 28, 1939 under which Manufacturers Trust Co. is holding in trust 107,579 shares of Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. common stock withdrawn from the collateral securing Alleghany 5s of 1944.—V. 150, p. 121.

Amerex Holding Corp.—To Pay 50-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 2 to holders of record Jan. 12. Regular semi-annual dividends of 70 cents were paid on Aug. 1, last and on Feb. 3, 1939.—V. 148, p. 3051.

American Business Credit Corp.—Gross Receivables—

Corporation reports preliminary figures showing gross receivables outstanding at a record high of \$9,704,913 on Dec. 31, 1939, compared with \$3,776,559 a year ago and \$6,088,295 on June 30, 1939, the end of the company's fiscal year. Gross volume of business written during the month of December, 1939, amounted to \$5,027,642.—V. 149, p. 3864.

American Centrifugal Corp.—Underwriting Agreement Extended—

The corporation has notified the New York Curb Exchange that the term of the underwriting agreement with respect to the unsold balance of 32,132 shares of common stock has been extended to March 20, 1940, from Dec. 30, 1939.—V. 149, p. 2959.

American Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered—Public offering of \$30,000,000 of sinking fund debentures through a nation-wide underwriting group of 104 investment firms headed by Bonbright & Co., Inc., was made Jan. 8. Simultaneous offering was made by the company of 355,623 shares of 4¼% cum. pref. stock to the holders of outstanding \$6 pref. stock under an exchange offer.

Under the company's offer, which remained open until 3 p. m. Jan. 10, holders of outstanding \$6 pref. stock had the privilege of exchanging their stock on a share-for-share basis, plus a cash payment equal to the difference between the redemption price of the old pref. stock and the initial public offering price of the new stock (\$105 per share and accrued dividend from Jan. 1).

It was announced Jan. 11 that holders of 316,461 shares of \$6 preferred stock accepted the offer to exchange their shares for the new 4¼% stock, leaving only 39,162 shares to be taken up by the underwriting syndicate.

The pref. stock offering was underwritten by the same group, which underwrote the debentures.

The debenture offering consisted of three series—\$8,000,000 of 2½s due 1950, priced at 102½ and int. from Jan. 1; \$10,000,000 of 3½s due 1960, priced at 103½ and int. from Jan. 1; and \$12,000,000 of 3¾s due 1970, priced at 103½ and int. from Jan. 1. The debentures were oversubscribed the day of offering.

Other bankers offering the debentures in addition to Bonbright & Co., Inc., are: The First Boston Corp.; Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc.; W. C. Langley & Co.; Smith, Barney & Co.; Blyth & Co., Inc.; Tucker, Anthony & Co.; Harris, Hall & Co., Inc.; Kidder, Peabody & Co.; Lee Higginson Corp.; Shields & Co., and Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.

Purpose—The minimum net proceeds to be received by the company from the sale of the sinking fund debentures and cumulative preferred stock, after deducting estimated expenses, will amount to \$66,331,564, and, together with treasury funds of the company to the extent necessary, will be used as follows:

- (1) To deposit with the trustee, in trust, cash required for the redemption of \$30,000,000 of gold debentures, 5% series due 2028 (to be called for redemption on or before March 1, 1940, at 106% of the principal amount thereof), outstanding in the hands of the public, which, excluding accrued interest will amount to..... \$31,800,000
- (2) To deposit with the redemption agent, in trust, cash required for the redemption of 355,623 shares (exclusive of shares reacquired and held in the company's treasury) of outstanding \$6 preferred stock, no par (to be called for redemption on or before March 1, 1940, at \$110 per share), outstanding in the hands of the public, which, excluding accrued dividends will amount to..... 39,118,530

Interest and dividends accrued to the respective redemption dates of the debentures and preferred stock to be redeemed (including interest and dividends payable prior to the respective redemption dates) will be paid from treasury funds of the company.

Company and Subsidiary Companies—Company was organized in New York on Feb. 18, 1925, by certificate of consolidation of American Gas & Electric Co. (Incorporated Dec. 20, 1906) and Appalachian Securities Corp. (Incorp. Dec. 29, 1924).

Company is a public utility holding company which owns, directly or indirectly, all of the outstanding common capital stocks of its subsidiary companies and preferred stock and bonds of several of them. The business done and intended to be done by the company is the receiving of income from securities owned and loans made; the distribution of a part of its income in interest and dividends; the advancing of money to subsidiary companies for construction and other needs; and the acquisition or disposition, on occasion, of securities of subsidiary companies or others.

The operations of the subsidiary companies of the company are almost exclusively electric utility operations, more than 98% of the consolidated gross operating revenue being derived from the furnishing of electric service. Certain of these subsidiary companies supply heating service, water, railroad transportation and minor incidental services.

All the electric public utility subsidiary companies which furnish service to the public are direct subsidiary companies of the company. The properties of those electric public utility subsidiary companies located in the States of Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee are physically interconnected and their operations are co-ordinated as one system. The electric public utility companies included in this Central System are: Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., Indiana General Service Co., The Ohio Power Co., Wheeling Electric Co., Appalachian Electric Power Co., Kentucky & West Virginia Power Co., Inc., Kingsport Utilities, Inc., Kanawha Valley Power Co. and Southern Ohio Public Service Co. The property and operations of Atlantic City Electric Co. are in the southern part of New Jersey and are referred to as the South Jersey System. The property and operations of The Scranton Electric Co. are in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania and are referred to as the Northeast Pennsylvania System.

Company owns no plants or real property. Principal plants and other important units of the subsidiary companies are owned by the electric utility subsidiary companies.

The property and plant of the electric utility subsidiary companies of the company comprise land, structures and equipment required in the electric light and power business and in the heating business, which is incidental to the electric utility operations. Included are transmission lines, substations, distribution lines, office buildings and service buildings, all of which, in the aggregate, represent the larger part of the investment in property and plant.

Funded Debt and Capital Stock

	Authorized	Outstanding
Sinking fund 2 3/4% debentures, series due 1950..	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Sinking fund 3 3/4% debentures, series due 1960..	10,000,000	10,000,000
Sinking fund 3 3/4% debentures, series due 1970..	12,000,000	12,000,000
4 3/4% cum. preferred stock (par \$100).....	y	355,623 shs.
Common stock, par value \$10.....	y	z\$4,482,737

x Adjusted to reflect present financing.

y Prior to or concurrently with the issuance of the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock, provision will be made for the redemption and discharge, on or before March 1, 1940, of all of the company's \$6 preferred stock then outstanding, and, upon such redemption and discharge, and prior to the issuance of the shares of the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock, provision will be made for reducing the capital of the company to an amount equal to \$10 for each share of the common stock of the company then outstanding, for eliminating from the capital structure of the company shares redeemed or reacquired and held in the treasury of the company and for reclassifying shares of the company so that the authorized shares of the company will consist of 600,000 shares (par \$100) of cumulative preferred stock, and 7,597,311 shares (par \$10) of common stock. Thereafter, upon the issuance of the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock, the capital of the company will be increased by an amount equal to the par value of the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock so issued. Of the new cumulative preferred stock 355,623 shares are to be classified initially as 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock. Creation of the new class of stock has been authorized by vote of the stockholders and the formal certificate creating said class of stock will be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of New York after the redemption and discharge of the company's \$6 preferred stock and prior to the issuance of 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock.

z In connection with the redemption and discharge of the company's \$6 preferred stock, a temporary bank loan of not to exceed \$20,000,000 may be made. The note representing such temporary bank loan, if made, will be both issued and discharged on the same day on which the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock is issued.

z Includes 1,498 shares represented by scrip certificates.

Sinking Fund Debentures—The sinking fund debentures are limited by the debenture agreement to \$8,000,000 of 1950 series debentures, \$10,000,000 of 1960 series debentures and \$12,000,000 of 1970 series debentures. All series of sinking fund debentures will be dated as of Jan. 1, 1940, and interest will be payable on all such series semi-annually on Jan. 1 and July 1. Both principal and interest will be payable, in lawful money of the United States, at the office or agency of the company in N. Y. City.

Definitive coupon debentures may be issued in the denom. of \$1,000 and definitive fully registered debentures may be issued in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$10,000, and at option of company, in any multiple or multiples of \$10,000. Coupon and registered debentures interchangeable.

Sinking fund debentures are redeemable, at option of company, as a whole or as to the whole of any series, or in part by lot, at any time prior to maturity, upon at least 30 (but not more than 60) days' published notice. The redemption prices of the respective series shall be the following percentages of the principal amount plus interest:

- (a) 1950 series: 1940 and 1941, 104%; 1942 and 1943, 103 1/2%; 1944, 103%; 1945, 102 1/2%; 1946, 101%; 1947, 100%; 1948, 100%; 1949, 100%.
- (b) 1960 series: 1940 to 1942, 106 1/2%; 1943 to 1945, 106%; 1946 to 1948, 105%; 1949 and 1950, 104%; 1951 and 1952, 103%; 1953 and 1954, 102%; 1955, 101 1/2%; 1956, 101 1/4%; 1957, 101%; 1958, 100 1/2%; and 1959, 100 1/4%.
- (c) 1970 series: 1940 to 1942, 107 1/2%; 1943 to 1945, 107%; 1946 to 1948, 106 1/2%; 1949 to 1951, 106%; 1952 to 1954, 105 1/2%; 1955 and 1956, 105%; 1957 to 1959, 104%; 1960 to 1962, 103%; 1963 and 1964, 102%; 1965, 101 1/2%; 1966, 101%; 1967, 100 1/2%; 1968, 100%; and 1969, 100 1/4%.

In the event that sinking fund debentures shall be redeemed through sinking funds, the redemption prices of the respective series shall be the following percentages plus interest:

- (1) 1950 series: 1940 and 1941, 102 1/2%; 1942, 102 1/4%; 1943, 102%; 1944, 101 3/4%; 1945, 101 1/4%; 1946, 101 1/4%; 1947, 100 3/4%; 1948, 100%; 1949, 100%.
- (2) 1960 series: 1940 and 1941, 103 3/4%; 1942, 103 1/2%; 1943, 103 1/4%; 1944, 103%; 1945, 103%; 1946, 102 3/4%; 1947, 102 1/2%; 1948, 102 1/4%; 1949, 102 1/4%; 1950, 102 1/4%; 1951, 102%; 1952, 101 3/4%; 1953, 101 1/2%; 1954, 101 1/2%; 1955, 101 1/4%; 1956, 101%; 1957, 100 3/4%; 1958, 100 1/4%.
- (3) 1970 series: 1940 to 1943, 103 3/4%; 1944 and 1945, 103 1/2%; 1946, 103 1/4%; 1947 and 1948, 103 1/4%; 1949, 103%; 1950, 102 3/4%; 1951, 102 3/4%; 1952, 102 3/4%; 1953, 102 1/2%; 1954, 102 1/2%; 1955, 102 1/2%; 1956, 102 1/4%; 1957, 102 1/4%; 1958, 102%; 1959, 101 3/4%; 1960, 101 3/4%; 1961, 101 1/2%; 1962, 101 1/2%; 1963, 101 1/4%; 1964, 101 1/4%; 1965, 101%; 1966, 100%; 1967, 100%; 1968, 100%; 1969, 100 1/4%.

The debenture agreement provides, further, that, in the event that that the company shall be required, pursuant to an order or orders of any governmental body, to sell any securities of any of its subsidiary companies owned by it, the company may apply the proceeds of such sale to the redemption of sinking fund debentures of any one or more series at the respective sinking fund redemption prices set forth above, plus, in each case, accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Sinking Fund Provision—So long as any of the 1950 series debentures are outstanding, the company will pay to the trustee on or before Oct. 15, 1940, and on or before Oct. 15 in each calendar year thereafter to and incl. Oct. 15, 1949, as and for a sinking fund applicable to the 1950 series debentures, cash and/or principal amounts of the 1950 series debentures

in the amounts following: 1940 and 1941, \$650,000; 1942 and 1943, \$725,000; 1944 and 1945, \$800,000; 1946 and 1947, \$875,000, and 1948 and 1949, \$950,000.

So long as any of the 1960 series debentures are outstanding, the company will pay to the trustee, as and for a sinking fund applicable to the 1960 series debentures, cash and/or principal amounts of the 1960 series debentures on or before the dates and in the amounts following: on or before Oct. 15, 1940, and on or before Oct. 15 in each calendar year thereafter to and incl. Oct. 15, 1949, \$100,000; and on or before Oct. 15, 1950, and on or before Oct. 15 in each calendar year thereafter to and incl. Oct. 15, 1959, \$900,000.

So long as any of the 1970 series debentures are outstanding, the company will pay to the trustee, as and for a sinking fund applicable to the 1970 series debentures, cash and/or principal amounts of the 1970 series debentures on or before the dates and in the amounts following: On or before Oct. 15, 1940, and on or before Oct. 15 in each calendar year thereafter to and incl. Oct. 15, 1949, \$120,000; on or before Oct. 15, 1950, and on or before Oct. 15 in each calendar year thereafter to and incl. Oct. 15, 1954, \$200,000; on or before Oct. 15, 1955, and on or before Oct. 15 in each calendar year thereafter to and incl. Oct. 15, 1959, \$300,000; and on or before Oct. 15, 1960, and on or before Oct. 15 in each calendar year thereafter to and including Oct. 15, 1969, \$830,000.

Cash paid to the trustee as and for redemption of sinking fund debentures of the series to which each particular sinking fund applies. Company will reimburse the trustee for any amounts, including accrued interest, paid by the trustee, in so retiring sinking fund debentures, in excess of the principal amount thereof. If the trustee shall purchase with sinking fund money any sinking fund debentures at a price less than the principal amount thereof, it will pay to the company the difference between the principal amount of the sinking fund debentures so purchased and the price, including accrued interest, paid therefor.

Cumulative Preferred Stock—The cumulative preferred stock is to be issuable in series, and directors are authorized to fix, before issuance, for each particular series (except the initial series) the serial designation; the annual dividend rate and the date from which dividends on all shares of such series issued prior to the record date for the first dividend for such series shall be cumulative; the redemption price, &c.

The transfer agent for the cumulative preferred stock will be Guaranty Trust Co., New York and the registrar will be Irving Trust Co., New York.

Upon the filing of the proposed amendment to the certificate of consolidation, the company will be authorized to issue 8,197,311 shares of capital stock, consisting of 600,000 shares (par \$100) of cumulative preferred stock, of which 355,623 shares will be classified as 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock, and 7,597,311 shares (par \$10) of common stock.

There are no limitations in any indentures or other agreements on the payment of dividends on the cumulative preferred stock (except that the balance of earned surplus, as shown in the financial statements) includes an amount of \$5,341,353 restricted against use for any purpose, pending release by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935.

Company may redeem the whole or any part of any series of the cumulative preferred stock, at any time or from time to time (if in part by lot or in such other manner as directors may determine), on not less than 30 and not more than 90 days' published notice, in the case of the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock at the price set forth below, and, in the case of any other series, at the redemption price of the shares of the particular series fixed therefor by the directors, plus, in each case, an amount equal to all dividends accrued to the date of redemption. The redemption price for the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock shall be \$110 per share.

Every holder of the cumulative preferred stock and every holder of the common stock shall have one vote for each share of stock held for election of directors and upon all other matters (except as otherwise provided).

Before any amount shall be paid to, or any assets distributed among, the holders of common stock upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the company, the holders of each series of cumulative preferred stock shall be entitled to be paid the amount for the particular series fixed therefor (except as to the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock) by directors, plus an amount equal to all dividends accrued to the date of distribution. In the case of the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock, the amount payable upon any voluntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up shall be \$110 per share, except that if such voluntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up be approved by vote of a majority of the shares of the 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock, the amount so payable shall be \$100 per share; and the amount payable in the event of any involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up shall be \$100 per share, plus, in each case, an amount equal to all dividends accrued to the date of distribution.

The cumulative preferred stock will have no preemptive rights except that before any shares of any series of cumulative preferred stock or any securities convertible into shares of any series of cumulative preferred stock shall be issued for cash, any such shares of cumulative preferred stock or any such convertible securities shall first be offered pro rata to the holders of the outstanding cumulative preferred stock.

Management and Control—The company is informed that Electric Bond & Share Co. owns 846,985 shares (18.89%) of the common stock, which constitutes 17.51% of the voting securities.

Underwriters—The names of the several principal underwriters, the respective principal amount of each issue of sinking fund debentures and the respective maximum number of shares of cumulative preferred stock which each has severally agreed to purchase from the company are as follows:

Name—	Principal Amt. of Sk. Fd. Debts.—			Preferred Shares
	1950 Series	1960 Series	1970 Series	
Bonbright & Co., Inc.....	\$925,000	\$1,153,000	\$1,324,000	41,023
The First Boston Corp.....	305,000	381,000	458,000	13,560
Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc.....	305,000	381,000	458,000	13,560
W. C. Langley & Co.....	305,000	381,000	458,000	13,560
Smith, Barney & Co.....	275,000	343,000	411,000	12,210
Glynn & Co., Inc.....	244,000	305,000	366,000	10,850
Tucker Anthony & Co.....	214,000	267,000	319,000	9,500
Harris, Hall & Co. (Inc.).....	182,000	229,000	274,000	8,150
Kidder, Peabody & Co.....	182,000	229,000	274,000	8,150
Lee Higginson Corp.....	182,000	229,000	274,000	8,150
Shields & Co.....	182,000	229,000	274,000	8,150
Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc	182,000	229,000	274,000	8,150
Coffin & Burr, Inc.....	122,000	153,000	183,000	5,420
Glore, Forgan & Co.....	122,000	153,000	183,000	5,420
Lazard Freres & Co.....	122,000	153,000	183,000	5,420
Union Securities Corp.....	122,000	153,000	183,000	5,420
White, Weld & Co.....	122,000	153,000	183,000	5,420
A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
A. G. Becker & Co., Inc.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
Central Republic Co.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
Goldman, Sachs & Co.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
Hayden, Stone & Co.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
W. E. Hutton & Co.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
Jackson & Curtis.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
Lehman Brothers.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
F. S. Moseley & Co.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
Spencer Trask & Co.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
The Wisconsin Co.....	92,000	114,000	137,000	4,070
Blair & Co., Inc.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
E. W. Clark & Co.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Dominick & Dominick.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Eastman, Dillon & Co.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Estabrook & Co.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Graham, Parsons & Co.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Hemphill, Noyes & Co.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Laurence M. Marks & Co.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Paine, Webber & Co.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Arthur Perry & Co., Inc.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
E. H. Rollins & Sons Inc.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Schroder Rosenthal & Co., Inc.	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Dea, Witter & Co.....	61,000	76,000	92,000	2,710
Alex. Brown & Sons.....	43,000	53,000	64,000	1,900
Hornblower & Weeks.....	43,000	53,000	64,000	1,900
Stern, Wampler & Co., Inc.....	43,000	53,000	64,000	1,900
Whiting, Weeks & Stubbs Inc.....	43,000	53,000	64,000	1,900
G. H. Walker & Co.....	43,000	53,000	64,000	1,900

Name—	-Principal Amt. of Sk. Fd. Debs.-			
	1950 Series	1960 Series	1970 Series	Preferred Shares
Cassatt & Co., Inc.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
Hallgarten & Co.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
Hayden, Miller & Co.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
J. B. Hilliard & Son	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
Laird, Bissell & Meeds	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
Merrill, Turben & Co.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
Mitchum, Tully & Co.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
G. M. P. Murphy & Co.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
W. H. Newbold's Son & Co.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
Putnam & Co.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
L. F. Rotschild & Co.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
Chas. W. Scranton & Co.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
Stroud & Co., Inc.	31,000	38,000	45,000	1,360
Almstedt Brothers	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Baker, Watts & Co.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Bodell & Co.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
R. L. Day & Co.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Equitable Securities Corp.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
First of Michigan Corp.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Indianapolis Bond & Share Corp.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Riter & Co.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
William R. Staats Co.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Starkweather & Co.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Stein Bros. & Boyce	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Swiss American Corp.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Watling, Lerchen & Co.	18,000	24,000	27,000	810
Bacon, Whipple & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Bioran & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Blair, Bonner & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Bosworth, Chanute, Loughridge & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Campbell, McCarty & Co., Inc.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Wm. Cavalier & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
J. M. Dain & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
R. S. Dickson & Co., Inc.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Edgar, Ricker & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Ferris & Hardgrove	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
The First Cleveland Corp.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Folger, Nolan & Co., Inc.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
The Illinois Co. of Chicago	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Kalman & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
The Milwaukee Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Moore, Leonard & Lynch	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Newhard, Cook & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Newton, Abbe & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Pacific Co. of California	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
R. W. Pressprich & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Reinholdt & Gardner	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Schwabacher & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Scott & Stringfellow	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Singer, Deane & Scribner	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Smith, Moore & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Stix & Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Wells-Dickey Co.	12,000	15,000	19,000	540
Dillon, Read & C.	397,000	497,000	593,000	17,630
Kuhn, Loeb & Co.	397,000	497,000	593,000	17,630

SEC Issued Order Approving Financing—

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Jan. 6 issued an order approving the declaration filed pursuant to Section 7 of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, regarding the issue and sale of \$8,000,000 sinking fund debentures, 2 3/4% series, due 1950, \$10,000,000 sinking fund debentures, 3 3/4% series, due 1950, \$2,000,000 sinking fund debentures, 3 3/4% series, due 1970, a temporary bank loan note not to exceed \$20,000,000, and 355,623 shares, 4 3/4% cumulative preferred stock, (\$100 par); and the change of 4,482,737 shares of common stock, no par value, to shares with a par value of \$10 each.—V. 150, p. 121.

American Hair & Felt Co.—Accumulated Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$3 per share on account of accumulations on the 6% cumulative first preferred stock payable Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 28 thus clearing up all back dividends on this issue, and also the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share ordinarily due at this time payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 28.

Directors also declared a dividend of \$1.25 per share on account of accumulations on the second preferred stock payable Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 28.—V. 149, p. 3544.

American Stove Co.—To Pay 25-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 18. This compares with 20 cents paid on Dec. 27, last \$1 paid on Nov. 1, last, 25 cents paid on Aug. 1; 10 cents paid on May 1, last; 20 cents paid on Jan. 14, 1939; 10 cents paid on Oct. 14 and April 15, 1938, and a dividend of 50 cents per share paid on Dec. 24, 1937.—V. 149, p. 3708.

American Sumatra Tobacco Corp.—Court Upholds SEC on Publishing Financial Data—

The discretionary power of the Securities and Exchange Commission to make public profit and loss statements of corporations under its jurisdiction was upheld, Jan. 2, by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. Corporation had asked the Court to overrule a Commission decision to publish a part of the corporation's profit and loss statement.

The corporation contended that should publicity be given the amount of its gross sales and the cost of goods sold, strong customer resentment would be aroused by the fact that those are large in comparison with the business of similar companies, and a buyers' strike, injurious to the corporation, would result.

The Commission argued that disclosure would not be injurious because buyers of leaf tobacco are interested only in a fair price for the product they buy, not in the size of the production corporation. The public interest, the Commission contended, required publication of the figures.

The Court, in an opinion written by Chief Justice D. Lawrence Groner, declared that "the obvious purpose and intent of the (Securities) Act is a full and complete disclosure of each registrant's financial condition, including a true statement of its profits and losses from time to time."

The opinion explained that the Commission held the view that "if public knowledge of the items in controversy" would result in wrecking a corporation's business "disclosure should not be required."

"We are in accord with this view," the Court said, "and we think it correctly reflects the spirit of the Act. For unquestionably Congress, in giving a registrant the right to file objection to publication and in authorizing the Commission to grant or refuse the request in the exercise of a sound judicial discretion, imposed on the Commission the duty of considering the claimed danger of loss and damage and weighting it in the scale of public interest.—V. 149, p. 1466.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938		
Operating revenues.....	\$9,484,008	\$8,823,689	\$10,798,853	\$94,693,435
Uncollectible oper. rev....	49,779	53,197	511,108	649,884
Operating revenues....	\$9,434,229	\$8,770,492	\$10,287,745	\$94,043,551
Operating expenses.....	7,472,281	6,712,625	75,308,168	72,648,180
Net oper. revenues....	\$1,961,948	\$2,057,867	\$27,979,577	\$21,395,371
Operating taxes.....	1,108,342	937,206	12,621,689	11,566,433
Net operating income	\$853,606	\$1,120,661	\$14,957,888	\$9,828,938
Net income.....	def4,243	415,559	125,913,110	112,570,906

Gain in Phones—

There was a gain of about 80,500 telephones in service in the principal telephone subsidiaries of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. included in the Bell System during the month of December, 1939.

The gain for the previous month was 80,900 and for December, 1938, 66,300. The net gain for the year 1939 totals 775,700, as against 430,100 for the year 1938. At the end of December, 1939, there were about 16,536,000 telephones in the Bell System.—V. 149, p. 3864.

American Toll Bridge Co.—Bonds Placed Privately—
Company has placed privately with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States an issue of \$2,400,000 1st mtge. 3 1/2% bonds, dated Dec. 1, 1939; due Dec. 1, 1945. Proceeds will be used to retire the outstanding \$2,800,000 1st mtge. 5 1/2% of 1945, which have been called for payment Feb. 2, 1940, at 102 1/2 and interest.—V. 149, p. 4018.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Weekly Output—

Output of electric energy of the electric properties of American Water Works & Electric Co. for the week ended Jan. 6, 1940, totaled 53,526,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of 21.4% over the output of 44,079,000 kilowatt hours for the corresponding week of 1939.

Comparative table of weekly output of electric energy for the last five years follows:

Week Ended—	1940	1939	1938	1937	1936
Dec. 16	56,222,000	46,947,000	42,701,000	49,479,000	44,254,000
Dec. 23	56,160,000	47,564,000	43,240,000	50,201,000	45,349,000
Dec. 30	55,129,000	42,574,000	36,991,000	43,821,000	43,207,000
Jan. 6	53,526,000	44,079,000	39,604,000	48,763,000	43,260,000

x Includes Christmas Day. z Includes New Year's Day.—V. 150, p. 122.

American Wringer Co., Inc.—Registers with SEC—

See list given on first page of this department.—V. 140, p. 1996.

Arcady-Wilshire Co.—Earnings—

Earnings for the 6 Months Ended Nov. 30, 1939

Income.....	\$78,161
Operating and general expenses.....	70,396
Profit.....	\$7,766
Profit arising from purchase and retirement of company's bonds	13,935
Profit before bond int., depreciation and amortization.....	\$21,701

Balance Sheet Nov. 30, 1939
Assets—Cash in bank and on hand, \$16,226; accounts receivable (less reserve for doubtful accounts of \$1,131), \$3,192; inventories, \$722; funds held by depositary, \$14,439; fixed assets (less reserve for depreciation of \$176,656), \$1,093,532; deferred charges, \$48,617; total, \$1,176,728.

Liabilities—Accounts payable, \$8,151; salaries and wages payable, \$2,269; taxes payable, \$10,090; accrued liabilities, \$2,260; bond interest payable, \$12,004; reserve for advertising exchange contracts, \$346; reserve for insurance commitments, \$297; advance rents and lease deposits, \$2,967; income mortgage sinking fund bonds, \$1,200,400; capital stock (par \$10), \$12,680; deficit, \$74,735; total, \$1,176,728.

Arlington Mills—To Pay 50-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock payable Jan. 17 to holders of record Jan. 8. This compares with 50 cents paid on Jan. 15, 1938, and 75 cents per share paid in each of the three preceding quarters.—V. 148, p. 871.

Armour & Co. (Ill.)—Financial Report—

George A. Eastwood, President, says in part:

Sales—Earnings—Dividends
The year started with a succession of monthly losses but during the summer an improvement set in and the trend at the close of the fiscal year augurs well for 1940. The volume of sales in 1939 amounted to \$715,318,909—about 1% less than in 1938. This decline was occasioned by slightly lower average prices, as our tonnage of sales in 1939 was about 1% larger than in 1938. Beef prices were higher and pork prices were lower than in the preceding year, and the overall average of prices was slightly lower.

Consolidated net earnings for the year amounted to \$7,012,057 and consisted of a profit of \$7,706,630 earned by Armour & Co. of Del. and its subsidiaries, and a loss of \$694,573 sustained by the parent company, Armour & Co. (Ill.) and its subsidiaries exclusive of Armour & Co. of Del. The dividends on the 7% guaranteed cum. pref. stock of Armour & Co. of Del., amounting to \$3,746,890, were paid as they came due quarterly. Dividends on the two preferred stock issues of the Illinois company have not been paid since January, 1938, because of lack of earnings and the need for the conservation of working capital.

Due principally to its foreign, its fertilizer, its auxiliaries, and its leather operations, the Delaware company and its subsidiaries have consistently earned profits since 1932. The Illinois company, not including the Delaware company, on the other hand, while earning profits in the years 1934, 1935 and 1936, sustained losses in the other four years since 1932, and the average result for the seven years was a loss.

The improvement in results which began last summer was not due to any substantial increase in prices. As a matter of fact prices at the close of the year were slightly lower than at the close of the previous year. An increased volume, particularly in the pork division, was beneficial from an operating cost standpoint and an increase in country-wide employment resulted in better consumer buying power. In this connection we are encouraged by the prospects of a plentiful supply of hogs in the 1940 fiscal year and indications of a generally higher level of employment.

Other Financial Comment

Due to world-wide exchange and other restrictions incident to foreign operations, directors, early in 1939, re-examined the position on the South American properties. As a result, it was decided to adjust the depreciation accounts in respect of such properties. Accordingly, a charge of \$2,008,403 was made against consolidated earned surplus for previous years, and the effect of the change on the income account for the year is an increase of approximately \$505,000 in the consolidated provision for depreciation.

During the year company reduced the Delaware company's reserve for contingencies from \$2,536,030 to \$1,000,000, crediting \$1,536,030 to earned surplus. The amount restored to earned surplus had been provided to cover a remote possibility of additional Federal income tax over and above the amount specifically profited for in current liabilities, and it was determined that the restored amount was no longer required.

We closed the year with a consolidated working capital of \$102,267,226—an increase of \$2,118,273 for the year. Of the total consolidated working capital, the Delaware company and its subsidiaries had \$70,014,648. During the year company paid off or transferred to current liabilities \$4,776,000 of funded debt.

The Federal income tax liability of Armour & Co. and its subsidiaries for all the fiscal years prior to 1935 has been determined and settled. Such liability of the company and its subsidiaries for the fiscal year 1935 and subsequent years has not been determined and settled, but company believes that the reserves are adequate to cover any additional taxes determined for such years. The unjust enrichment tax liability of Armour & Co. and its subsidiaries under Title III of the 1936 Revenue Act arising out of the non-payment of processing taxes required by an earlier act, afterwards held to be unconstitutional, has not been determined and settled. Company and its subsidiaries have filed claims with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for a refund of that portion of the unconstitutional processing taxes which was paid, and negotiations with the Government for determination and settlement of both the tax and the refund are being carried on by the company. Against the unjust enrichment tax liability the company and its subsidiaries maintain a reserve of \$8,146,128. The claims for refund of the processing taxes have not been taken into account on the books of the company or in the accompanying financial statements of the company.

Company recently had a special examination of the accounts of the company and all of its subsidiaries (domestic and foreign) made by Arthur Anderson & Co., and their recommendations are now being studied and reviewed by the board of directors.

Progress Toward Consolidation

The shareholders, at their special meeting in June, 1937, and at their annual meeting in January, 1938, authorized directors to issue securities for the purpose of redeeming the 7% guaranteed cum. pref. stock of Armour & Co. of Del., all of the common stock of which company is owned by the Illinois company, and to take steps toward the consolidation of the two companies. I am pleased to report that as a step toward that end, all of the selling and distribution activities of both companies have been concentrated in the Delaware company, and such branch houses and other property and equipment as company owns and has used in its distributing activities have been leased at fair rentals to the Delaware company. Each company will conduct its own manufacturing and processing operations as heretofore, but the output of the Illinois company plants will be sold to the

Delaware company on the same basis as has prevailed in the past. The effect of this is to unify selling activities and centralize selling expense with advantages to both companies. Under this plan the Delaware company will carry and finance net quick assets heretofore carried and financed by the Illinois company in an amount which under present conditions approximates \$28,000,000.

As a further step toward the ultimate objective, pursuant to such previous authorization by the shareholders, the board of directors has authorized an issue, when market conditions permit, of not to exceed \$40,000,000 1st mtge. 15-year 4% bonds to be secured by a mortgage lien upon the real estate, machinery and equipment of the company, except refrigerator cars. If and when issued the proceeds will be applied toward the redemption of the 7% guaranteed cummul. pref. stock of the Delaware company and, if necessary, to refunding the company's serial notes then outstanding.

Outlook

In the two months which have passed since the end of the fiscal year the business has been good. We have had a gain in the volume of output from the plants and company has opened numerous new accounts and improved others so that the sales have kept pace with production. Profit margins have been reasonable and the results to date this year have been satisfactory. At the moment the future looks better than it has for a long time past.

Consolidated Income and Surplus Statement

[Armour & Co. of Illinois and Subs., Inc. Armour & Co. of Delaware and its Domestic and Foreign Subs.]

Period Ended—	52 Weeks Oct. 28, '39	52 Weeks Oct. 29, '38	52 Weeks Oct. 30, '37	52 Weeks Oct. 31, '36
Net sales	715,318,910	723,537,907	788,279,705	748,935,218
Income	19,667,754	10,044,507	23,013,116	23,531,342
Deprec. (bldgs., machy., equipment and cars)	6,386,471	5,874,602	5,804,218	6,532,617
Interest charges	3,725,981	3,949,761	4,473,667	3,480,753
Contribs. to pens. fund	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes	1,921,903	1,027,299	2,268,942	2,733,480
Prov. against inv. & adv		104,923	110,709	
Min. equity in net income of subs.	21,341	Cr6,988	42,787	
Net profit	7,012,057	loss1505,090	9,712,792	10,184,492
Armour & Co. (Del.) preferred dividends	3,746,890	2,810,168	4,683,613	3,746,890
Parent co. pref. divs.			5,346,125	3,402,354
Common stock divs.			2,845,933	
Balance, surplus	3,265,167	def4315,258	def3162,879	3,035,248
Previous surplus	44,915,727	48,859,500	52,744,455	49,005,268
Profit arising on purch. and retire. of bonds	16,907	19,890		54,970
Credit arising from adj. of invest. in subs.				173,128
Credits arising from adj. of prior yrs. prov. for Federal income taxes				500,000
Restoration of par value of com. stock, &c.			b387,070	
Credits arising from purchase & redemption of pref. stocks	1,035,213	351,595	349,488	321,327
Transfer from reserve for contingencies	1,536,030			
Excess of equity in net earnings of Winslow Bros. & Smith Co. over divs. recd. from that company	97,900			
Total surplus	50,866,944	e44,915,727	d50,318,134	b53,089,941
Approp. for possible Fed. income tax, &c.			400,000	
Miscell. adjustments	b2,008,404		495	
c Surplus charges			1,058,139	345,485
Approp. of N. Y. State workmen's compensation insur. reserve	40,000			
Balance, surplus	e48,818,541	e44,915,727	d48,859,500	d52,744,455
Common shares (par \$5)	4,065,992	4,065,992	4,065,992	4,065,940
Earnings per share	Nil	Nil	\$0.62	\$0.74

a After deducting cost of sales, and operating expenses including transportation cost \$645,254,353, selling, advertising, general and administrative expenses \$41,714,142, taxes (other than misc. taxes incl. in exp., but not separately classified and Federal income taxes) \$8,495,642 net realized and unrealized loss arising from fluctuation of foreign exchange rates, \$1,090,867, and misc. deductions of \$250,694, but incl. other income of \$1,154,541. b Restoration of par value of common stock previously reserved for issuance to holders of 7% pref. stock upon exchange for \$6 prior pref. stock and common stock (right to exchange expired Jan. 5, 1937). c Debts for premiums and discount arising from retirement of bonds. d Surplus consists of \$35,987,936 (\$35,424,470 in 1936); capital and appropriated earned, \$5,873,793 (\$11,283,441 in 1936); and \$6,997,771 (\$6,036,574 in 1936) unappropriated earned. e Surplus consists of \$37,430,629 (\$36,297,515 in 1938) capital appropriated earned, \$7,544,974 (\$6,270,375 in 1938) and unappropriated earned of \$3,842,938 (\$2,347,837 in 1938). f Includes \$26,350 (\$35,000 in 1937) surtax on undistributed earnings. g Dividends paid on Armour & Co. of Del. 7% pref. stock, \$7 per share. h Adjustment in respect of depreciation provided on South American properties prior to Oct. 29, 1938.

Condensed Balance Sheet (Illinois Company)

[Armour & Co. of Illinois and Subsidiaries, Inc. Armour & Co. of Delaware, and its Domestic and Foreign Subsidiaries]

	Oct. 28, '39	Oct. 29, '38
Assets—		
b Land, bldgs., machy. & fixture equipment	133,060,422	138,252,305
Refrigerator cars, delivery equip., tools, &c.	11,050,590	11,494,115
Cash	22,262,859	15,248,839
Notes and accounts receivable	37,293,880	35,577,897
Intercompany accounts receivable	530,231	913,418
Net equity in foreign exchange contra	530,231	
d Funds deposited with trustees	260,035	
a Inventories	81,973,447	89,196,309
Investments, stocks, bonds and advances	10,729,661	11,120,719
Deferred charges	4,190,937	4,518,666
Goodwill	482,135	687,240
Total	302,506,142	307,009,508
Liabilities—		
7% preferred stock, Delaware company	53,972,300	55,782,500
c 6% conv. prior stock (Illinois company)	53,299,600	53,299,600
7% pref. stock, Illinois company	3,371,500	3,371,500
New common (par \$5)	20,329,960	20,329,960
Notes payable	14,432,002	17,965,500
Accounts payable	3,219,159	7,518,474
Serial notes due May 28, 1940	8,000,157	7,080,022
Processing taxes payable	4,000,000	
Accrued interest, wages, local and State taxes	8,146,129	8,146,129
Reserve for Federal income taxes	3,778,440	2,581,836
Armour & Co. of Del. 1st mtge. 20-yr. 4% bonds, ser. B, due Aug. 1, 1936, under sink. fund prov.	559,000	538,000
Funded debt	72,781,000	77,557,000
Reserve for contingencies	1,000,000	2,536,030
Reserve for N. Y. State workmen's compensation insurance	40,000	
Minority stockholders' equity in sub. cos.	281,976	283,552
Surplus	48,818,541	44,915,727
Total	302,506,142	307,009,508

a Packing house products, at market values less allowances for selling expenses; other products and supplies at cost or market, whichever is lower. b After depreciation reserve of \$55,100 in 1939 and \$48,947,423 in 1938. c Represented by 532,996 no par shares. d Funds deposited with trustees for Armour & Co. of Del. 1st mtge. bonds.

Income Account of Armour & Co. of Del. (Including Domestic & Foreign Subs.)

Period Ended—	52 Weeks Oct. 28, '39	52 Weeks Oct. 29, '38	52 Weeks Oct. 30, '37	52 Weeks Oct. 31, '36
Gross sales to trade & oper. revs. less discnts., returns & allowances	348,898,757	347,685,177	371,955,960	390,875,778
Interco. & interplant sales and oper. revs.	166,479,512	170,788,979	213,725,953	168,641,033
Total	515,378,269	518,474,156	585,681,943	559,516,810
Cost of sales & oper. exps. incl. transpt. cost	471,341,491	481,100,166	540,341,737	508,417,495
Net profit from sales	44,036,779	37,373,990	45,340,206	51,099,315
Loss arising from fluctuation of for. exch. rates	b1,086,494	886,013	161,635	127,413
Sell., adver., gen. & adm. expenses	21,738,005	20,860,640	20,344,476	33,310,372
Prov. for depreciation	4,491,245	3,911,435	3,806,280	3,046,975
Tax (other than misc. taxes, incl. in exps. but not separately classified and Federal inc. taxes)	4,947,179	4,469,129	4,220,785	3,553,981
Profit	11,773,856	7,246,773	16,807,030	11,060,574
Other income	e1,048,526	431,265	805,948	1,985,309
Total income	12,822,382	7,678,038	17,612,978	13,045,882
Contrib. to employees' pension fund	275,479	271,380	265,320	296,882
Other deductions (net)	2,817	313,430	Cr265,790	160,325
Prov. against investm'ts and advances		104,923	110,709	400,000
Int. & amort. of debt discount & expenses	2,908,046	2,949,286	2,923,690	2,469,459
Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes	1,908,067	z986,799	z2,119,242	2,219,166
Min. equity in net income of subs.	21,341	Cr6,988	42,787	41,718
Net income	7,706,631	3,059,209	12,417,019	7,458,331
Credit arising from the purchase and retirement of co's bonds	16,907	19,890		54,970
Surplus at beginning of year	53,531,281	53,040,330	53,637,566	51,451,831
Transfer from reserve for contingencies	1,536,030			
Excess of equity in net earnings of Winslow Bros. & Smith Co. over divs. rec. from that co.	97,900			
Credit arising from adj. of invest. in subs.				173,128
Credit arising from purchase and retirement of co.'s pref. stock	535,601	252,118	333,506	321,327
Total	63,424,350	56,371,547	66,388,091	59,459,587
Divs. paid: 7% pref. stk. Common stock	3,746,890	2,840,266	4,768,776	3,822,021
Deb. for prems. & discnts. arising from retirement of bonds			178,489	
Approp. for possible Fed. income tax, &c.			a400,000	
Miscell. adjustments	d2,008,404		495	
x Surp. at end of year	57,669,057	53,531,281	53,040,330	53,637,566

Consolidated Balance Sheet (Delaware Company and Subs.)

	Oct. 28, '39	Oct. 29, '38	Oct. 30, '37	Oct. 31, '36
Assets—				
Land, bldgs., machy. & equipment	105,532,656	110,125,692	111,039,753	
Cash	14,218,639	4,865,905	3,646,592	
Notes and accounts receivable	21,401,518	19,715,238	19,788,491	
Inter-company accounts receivable	404,622	5,188,454	3,196,012	
Net equity in foreign exchange contra	530,231			
Funds deposited with trustees	260,035			
x Inventories	50,068,934	49,772,176	56,649,412	
Invests., stocks, bonds & advances	9,830,668	10,780,589	11,106,370	
Deferred charges	3,564,017	3,797,553	4,188,881	
Goodwill	482,135	687,240	862,052	
Total	206,293,455	204,932,848	210,477,562	
Liabilities—				
7% pref. stock Delaware company	53,972,300	55,782,500	56,431,307	
y Common stock	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	
Funded debt	64,781,000	65,507,000	66,308,000	
Reserve for contingencies	1,000,000	2,536,030	2,650,000	
Notes payable	827,002	47,500	163,953	
Processing tax payable	1,979,827	1,979,827	1,978,529	
Accrd. int., wages, local & State taxes	3,433,753	2,590,105	2,832,707	
Dividends payable on pref. stock			946,755	
Res. for Federal income taxes	3,115,629	1,910,808	2,682,861	
Accounts payable	2,631,159	6,850,355	8,033,492	
Accounts payable	5,373,699	3,325,889	4,379,683	
Delaware co. bonds for sinking fund	559,000	538,000	718,000	
Inter-co. current accts. payable	669,054			
Min. stkhldrs.' equity in sub. cos.	281,976	283,552	317,053	
Surplus	57,669,057	53,531,281	53,040,330	
Total	206,293,455	204,932,848	210,477,562	

xPacking house products at market values, less allowance for selling expenses; other products and supplies at cost or market, whichever is lower y All owned by Armour & Co. (Illinois).—V. 150, p. 122.

Antilla Sugar Estates (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Years End. Sept. 30—	1939	1938	1937	1936
Revenue from sugar and molasses	\$1,797,895	\$1,860,086	\$2,633,863	\$2,323,519
Other revenue	1,717	453	1,292	1,376
Total oper. revenue	\$1,799,612	\$1,860,539	\$2,635,155	\$2,324,894
Operating costs	1,403,385	1,736,584	2,195,190	2,187,440
Net operating profit	\$396,228	\$123,954	\$439,966	\$1,137,454
Current int. paid and accrued (net)	Cr22,909	47	2,185	22,345
Int. accrued on debts and income notes	685,614	780,000	780,000	780,000
Reserve for depreciation	264,375	295,556	300,651	270,553
Amortiz. of reorg. exp.	17,963	17,963	17,963	17,963
Convers'n of Tacao Ry. to standard gauge				23,127
Net loss for year	\$548,815	\$969,612	\$660,833	\$606,534
Adjustments carried over	34,057	47,831	118,367	192,123
Loss for year	\$514,758	\$921,781	\$542,467	\$414,411

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30

	1939	1938
Assets—		
Cash in banks and on hand.....	\$177,825	\$921,345
Accounts receivable, less reserves.....	17,772	13,372
Advances to planters.....	83,531	66,385
Raw sugar sold pending liquidation.....	1,298,405	675,123
Molasses sold pending liquidation—est.....	221,047	76,246
Annual instalment on land sold.....	31,867	19,983
Supplies in commercial stores.....	52,280	51,485
Working assets and growing cane.....	437,077	406,149
Mortgages receivable.....	20,713	40,697
Investments in sub. and other companies.....	1	1
* Plant, railroad, buildings, equipment, &c., less reserves for depreciation.....	7,947,284	8,245,427
Lands, &c.....	4,249,090	4,249,090
Claim against Compania Azucarera Antilla, S. A.....	1	1
Claim against Compania Agricola Van Horne, S. A.—nominal value.....	1	1
Reorganization expenses, less amount amortized.....	35,925	53,888
Deferred charges.....	3,626	3,626
Total.....	\$14,576,447	\$14,823,218
Liabilities—		
Accounts payable.....	38,736	30,448
Prov. for shipping exps., &c., of sugar & molasses.....	91,287	88,971
Annual instalment on lands & equipment purchased—payable during year to Sept. 30.....		20,304
Interest, rents and taxes accrued.....	40,187	60,762
Mtges., censos & def. pay. on lands & equip. purch.....	227	23,883
Interest accrued on debts, and income notes.....	3,542,398	3,195,000
20-year 6% income notes, dated July 1, 1931.....	4,000,000	4,000,000
20-year 6% income debts, dated July 1, 1931.....	7,426,900	9,000,000
Common stock (par \$100).....	2,440,100	2,440,100
Deficit.....	3,003,388	4,036,249
Total.....	\$14,576,447	\$14,823,218

* After reserve for depreciation of \$2,315,808 in 1939 and \$2,049,542 in 1938. Y Censos on lands purchased only.—V. 149, p. 3708.

A. P. W. Paper Co., Inc.—Readjustment Plan—

F. Gardiner, Perry, Treas., in a notice Jan. 12 says: Under the plan of voluntary readjustment of funded debt of this company holders of over 96% of the outstanding 25-year 6% convertible notes have assented to the plan and have agreed to accept interest payments on an income basis in lieu of the fixed interest charge for the entire period to maturity in 1955.

That portion of the original plan relating to a reduction in interest on the company's first mortgage bonds due 1948 has been abandoned by vote of the board of directors and these bonds are now being left undisturbed.

The authorized common stock has been changed from no par to a par value of \$5 per share and 73,689 additional shares have been authorized and approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange on official notice of issuance upon conversion of A. P. W. Paper Co., Inc., 25-year 6% convertible notes assented to the plan.

The earnings for the current fiscal year show substantial improvement over a year ago. For the period July 1, 1939 through Nov. 18, 1939 (119 business days) there was a net profit of \$42,668, compared with a loss of \$2,159 for the five months period (127 business days) through Nov. 1938. In these figures, which are subject to year-end audit, full interest has been accrued on the 25-year 6% convertible notes but no provision has been made for the additional contingent interest of 1% on the first mortgage bonds, with warrants.—V. 149, p. 4165.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Files as Bankrupt—Petitions for Right to Reorganize After SEC Barred Holding Company Dividend Payment and Interest on Notes—Commission Says It Acted "to Protect Financial Integrity" of Vast Utility Group—

The company, top holding concern of the billion-dollar Associated Gas and Electric system, filed a petition Jan. 11 for reorganization under Chapter 10 of the Bankruptcy Law in the Federal District Court in Utica, N. Y. The step was taken, according to the petition, because the company found itself without the necessary funds to carry on its business, to meet taxes or to pay interest due on Jan. 15 on its outstanding debt.

The petition in bankruptcy was filed a few hours after the Associated Gas and Electric management had been notified by the Securities and Exchange Commission that, under the provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, the Associated Gas and Electric Corp., sub-holding company in the Associated Gas System directly underlying the top company, could no longer declare dividends on its capital stock or pay interest to the parent company on its \$70,000,000 note. Both the note and all of the capital stock, totaling 671,000 common shares, of the Associated Gas and Electric Corp. are wholly owned by the Associated Gas and Electric Co.

Since the Associated Gas and Electric Corp. also is faced with the problem of meeting interest on certain other obligations due on Feb. 1, it is generally believed that similar action, throwing the corporation into bankruptcy, would be taken soon.

According to court petition, which was filed by J. Lee Rice Jr., treasurer of Associated Gas, the economies that the management of the company had been able to effect in recent years were wiped out by an increase in taxes on the system from \$6,000,000 in 1928 to \$18,000,000 last year. Rates were reduced during the same period, according to the petition, approximately \$19,000,000.

Principal items of indebtedness of the Associated Gas and Electric Co. outstanding in the hands of the public at present are \$59,289,500 in fixed-interest debentures, \$49,144,086 of convertible obligations, \$8,259,900 of sinking fund and income debentures and \$10,214,225 in scrip certificates an aggregate indebtedness of \$126,907,712. In addition, the company has a total of 482,199 shares of preferred and preference stocks publicly outstanding, 5,222,317 shares of Class A and B stock combined and 1,133,680 shares of common stock. These securities are all in the hands of the public and do not include both debentures and stock held within the Associated system.

The following statement was given out Jan. 10 in Washington by Roger J. Whiteford, President of the Associated Gas & Electric Co.:

"The SEC today acted upon the petition of the Associated Gas & Electric Corp. and held that it could not declare dividends on its capital stock to its parent, Associated Gas & Electric Co., nor could the corporation pay interest to its parent company upon its note of approximately \$70,000,000. As a result of this ruling it will be impossible for Associated Gas & Electric Co. to meet the interest on its debentures due Jan. 15 next.

"There was, therefore, no other alternative but for the company to file in the Federal Court for the Northern District of New York a petition for reorganization under the Chandler Act, which accordingly has been done.

"The Associated System has in it today more cash than at any time for several years and the operating properties have shown a tremendous increase in earnings within the last few months. During the period of less than a month in which I have been President very large administrative savings and other economies have been put into effect and many others are planned for.

"A plan of reorganization had been filed with the Commission, and it was hoped that the Commission could see its way clear to apply the unusually broad powers conferred upon it by the Holding Company Act so that the Commission could work out a constructive plan of reorganization and at the same time permit the company to meet its financial obligations without making it necessary to resort to court action.

"The Commission on the other hand feels that the legal problems involved and the complicated financial structure of the company make it too difficult for it to accomplish reorganization under the Holding Company Act without aid of the court. The decision of these matters is by law entrusted to the Commission, and the Commission having rendered its decision, the management of the company in filing the court petition has adopted the only course left open to it.

"I believe that the prompt appointment of competent trustees who will exercise rigid control of the management and bring about continued reductions in expenses will conserve the interests of security holders and ensure the uninterrupted and efficient operation of the System."

Findings and Opinion of the Commission Denying Payments by A. G. & E. Corp.—

This proceeding arises upon an order issued by the Commission on Nov. 21, 1939, to Associated Gas & Electric Corp. to show cause why an order should not be entered, pursuant to Section 12 (c) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, to prevent the declaration or payment of further dividends on its capital stock. Previously, on Nov. 16, 1939, A. G. & E. Corp. filed an application pursuant to Rule U-12C-3, adopted by the Commission under Section 12 (c) of the Act, for permission to make five interest payments during the ensuing four-month period on its debentures due 1973 and its income debentures due 1978. On Dec. 12, 1939, A. G. & E. Corp. filed an application pursuant to Rule U-12C-3 for permission to pay interest, from time to time, during the ensuing six months on the 5% cumulative income note held by A. G. & E. Co., due 1980, in the unpaid principal sum of \$71,805,120. On Jan. 8, 1940 A. G. & E. Corp. filed a motion for an interim order permitting the payment of interest on the 5% cumulative note, in the sum of \$557,000. Counsel to A. G. & E. Corp. have requested that we dispose of that motion at this time, waiving oral argument thereon.

An understanding of the matters presented for decision requires a knowledge of some of the financial background of A. G. & E. Corp. and of various events leading up to the instant proceeding. We, therefore, first turn to a consideration of some of the relevant historical events which bear upon the immediate issues.

A. G. & E. Co. was incorporated in New York in 1906. The early growth of the A. G. & E. Co. system was comparatively slow; in 1921, the consolidated assets of A. G. & E. Co. and its subsidiaries amounted to less than \$7,000,000. In 1922, Howard C. Hopson and John I. Mange acquired control of A. G. & E. Co. Thereafter, under the guidance of Hopson, and Mange, the system rapidly expanded. The program of expansion was largely carried out through the acquisition of securities of other holding companies and public utility companies. The year of greatest expansion was 1929 when the consolidated fixed capital account of A. G. & E. Co. and its subsidiaries was swelled by approximately \$600,000,000. At the conclusion of that year, the consolidated fixed capital account was carried at \$900,000,000, an increment of approximately \$893,000,000 from the time Hopson and Mange obtained dominion over A. G. & E. Co.

A large portion of the above-mentioned securities was acquired by A. G. & E. Co. during a period of high prices. Counsel to the Public Utilities Division contends that the prices paid for those securities were extravagant. During the period of expansion, the system was financed primarily through the issuance by the A. G. & E. Co. of various classes of fixed interest-bearing debentures, preferred stock, class A and class B stock, and common stock. It was then the announced financial policy of A. G. & E. Co. to restrict to a minimum issues of bonds and preferred stocks of operating subsidiaries and to raise new money through the issuance of securities of A. G. & E. Co. A. G. & E. Co. publicly emphasized that in this manner its security holders had a more direct claim to the assets of the operating companies than was true in the case of other holding company security holders. It was represented that debenture holders, having virtually a first claim against the earnings of the operating companies, would have almost as secure a position as though they had direct claims against the operating companies.

The utility assets and securities acquired through the issuance of A. G. & E. Co.'s securities were vested in subholding companies, principally Associated General Electric Corp., Associated Properties, Inc., and Associated Utilities Investing Corp. In 1931 and 1932 the assets of the former two companies were taken over, and their liabilities assumed by Associated Utilities Investing Corp., one company merging with it and the other selling its assets to the latter company. The name of the surviving corporation was changed to Associated Gas & Electric Corp., the respondent herein. Subsequent to these transfers, A. G. & E. Co.'s holdings in the system were limited to its interests in A. G. & E. Corp. which, in turn, held the obligations of the subholding companies and public utility companies.

Henry Stix, Vice-President and Comptroller of A. G. & E. Corp., testified that the investments thus transferred to A. G. & E. Corp. were entered upon its books at the cost thereof to the system. At the time the transfers were effected, A. G. & E. Co. held all of the stock of A. G. & E. Corp., and A. G. & E. Co. and A. G. & E. Corp. had a "common board of directors." Thus, the same group of persons was on both sides of the transactions.

The indebtedness of A. G. & E. Corp. to A. G. & E. Co. for the assets transferred to it was initially evidenced by an open account credit from A. G. & E. Corp. and a note of A. G. & E. Corp. Subsequently, the open account indebtedness was converted into notes payable to A. G. & E. Co. By the end of 1932, A. G. & E. Co. had taken capital stock of A. G. & E. Corp. on the basis of \$100 per share of stock in exchange for the entire indebtedness, which aggregated \$669,800,000. The stock, however, was carried in the capital stock account of A. G. & E. Corp. at a stated value of \$1 per share, the balance of \$99 per share being credited to capital surplus. The net result of these transactions was that by Dec. 31, 1932, the debt liabilities of A. G. & E. Corp. to A. G. & E. Co. had been transmuted into the following credits on the books of A. G. & E. Corp.:

Stated capital.....	\$6,698,000
Capital surplus.....	663,102,000
	\$669,800,000

Under the laws of Delaware, the State in which A. G. & E. Corp. had been incorporated, dividends might be paid from the capital surplus. Such dividends would, of course, go to the sole stockholder, A. G. & E. Co. As a result of the foregoing process, it became possible for A. G. & E. Corp. would rank ahead of A. G. & E. Co.'s debentures.

On March 15, 1932, A. G. & E. Corp. issued to the public \$10,000,000 debentures bearing an interest rate of 8% and maturing on March 15, 1940. These debentures, known as the 8's of 1940, ranked ahead of the stock of A. G. & E. Corp. owned by A. G. & E. Co. Accordingly, the 8's of 1940 had a claim to the assets and earnings of the operating companies in the system prior to the claims of the debenture holders of A. G. & E. Co. \$8,589,980 of the 8's of 1940 are presently outstanding. As pointed out above, an application by A. G. & E. Corp. under Section 7 to extend the maturity of these debentures is now pending.

The expansion of the system in the manner described had led to the creation of \$270,000,000 of fixed interest debentures of A. G. & E. Co., in addition to junior securities. By 1933 A. G. & E. Co. had difficulty in meeting its interest obligations. By scaling its fixed charges and converting its fixed interest obligations into income debentures, the tension would be eased. To that end, a plan of debt readjustment known as the Re Cap plan was advanced. The plan was formally proposed to debenture holders of A. G. & E. Co. by a letter dated May 15, 1933.

The debenture holders of A. G. & E. Co. were informed in that letter that A. G. & E. Co. was having difficulty meeting interest payments; they were warned of the danger of bankruptcy, and the consequent disruption of the system and wastage of assets. To prevent bankruptcy, they were asked to convert their debentures under one of three options.

The plan had the effect of reducing the interest requirements of A. G. & E. Co. and A. G. & E. Corp. below the former interest requirements of A. G. & E. Co. Moreover, it resulted in the partial conversion of fixed interest charges of A. G. & E. Co. into charges of A. G. & E. Corp. which were contingent upon earnings of the latter. Failure to earn and therefore to pay interest upon its income debentures would not precipitate a default by A. G. & E. Corp. But A. G. & E. Co. can obtain cash to meet its own fixed interest obligations only by receiving dividends upon the stock of A. G. & E. Corp. or payments upon the notes issued by A. G. & E. Corp. to it. Both the stock and the notes are junior to the income debentures of A. G. & E. Corp. Hence, failure to pay full interest on A. G. & E. Corp.'s income debentures would preclude the payment of dividends to A. G. & E. Co. or any payments upon the notes of A. G. & E. Corp. held by A. G. & E. Co. Therefore, the income debentures of A. G. & E. Corp. constitute in substance and effect, if not in form, a fixed charge which must be met to avoid default by A. G. & E. Co.

The books of A. G. & E. Corp., as of Dec. 31, 1937, showed a "corporate surplus" credit balance of \$220,801.24. "Corporate surplus" is the term applied by A. G. & E. Corp. to the account which is ordinarily denominated earned surplus. We shall hereafter refer to A. G. & E. Corp.'s "corporate surplus" account as earned surplus. In March, 1938, A. G. & E. Corp. charged \$810,527 to earned surplus as of Dec. 31, 1937, adjusting retroactively an entry previously made. As a result of that charge to earned surplus, the books showed an earned surplus deficit in the amount of \$589,726. By resolution of the A. G. & E. Corp. board of directors and with the consent of the sole stockholder, A. G. & E. Co., this deficit was eliminated, on March 31, 1938, by a charge to capital surplus. This was, in effect, an attempt to accomplish an "accounting reorganization."

In August, 1939, after A. G. & E. Corp. was subject to the Commission's Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utility Holding Companies, it wrote down its investments, as of Dec. 31, 1937, in the approximate amount of \$173,000,000, presumably in recognition of depreciation in the value of these investments previous to that date. Of this sum, about \$147,000,000 was charged to capital surplus and about \$26,000,000 to reserve for contingencies.

In the interval between the time it registered under the Act (March 28, 1938) and Nov. 13, 1939, A. G. & E. Corp. paid no dividends on its stock. During that period, however, \$9,825,000 was paid to A. G. & E. Co. by A. G. & E. Corp. as interest upon the 5% cum. income note of \$80,000,000 and in partial payment of the principal of the \$10,000,000 non-interest-bearing note. On Nov. 8, 1939, the Commission promulgated Rule U-12C-3, which prohibits the payment by any registered holding company and the subsidiaries thereof, of principal or interest on any form of indebtedness, which payment is in effect the payment of a dividend out of capital or unearned surplus, without regard to the time the dividend was declared, unless approved by the Commission. That rule was designed to prevent the circumvention of Section 12 (c) of the Act and Rule U-12C-2 adopted thereunder. In view of the fact that the dividend on the two notes issued to A. G. & E. Co. could not be made without prior approval of the Commission, since they were both charged to capital surplus. Payments on the notes have not been made since promulgation of that rule. However, an application to pay interest on the \$80,000,000 5% cumulative income note is now pending. There is now before us for decision a motion to enter an interim order permitting payment of the note.

On Nov. 13, 1939, A. G. & E. Corp. declared a \$600,000 dividend on its stock, out of what is claimed to have been earned surplus, and all except \$90,000 of that amount has been paid to A. G. & E. Co. A. G. & E. Corp. now proposes to pay a further dividend of \$467,000 (plus the \$90,000 unpaid balance of the prior \$600,000 dividend) to A. G. & E. Co. The question of the validity of the latter proposed dividend is likewise before us.

A. G. & E. Corp. asserts that its proposed payment of \$557,000 in dividends will be charged to earned surplus. The latest available figures, based upon the books of A. G. & E. Corp. as of Oct. 31, 1939, show an earned surplus of \$669,791. But \$600,000 was charged to earned surplus account on Nov. 13, 1939, upon declaration of a dividend to A. G. & E. Co. Of this dividend, only \$90,000 remains unpaid. Hence, A. G. & E. Corp. presumably will pay the proposed \$557,000 dividend largely out of earnings (in an amount which does not as yet appear) realized since Oct. 31, 1939.

A. G. & E. Co. proposes to disburse the prospective dividends as follows:

Interest payable Jan. 15, 1940	\$262,946
Unpaid bills for current expenses	253,410
Estimated current expenses from Dec. 15, 1939 to Dec. 15, 1940	25,000
Estimated expenses of settlement of litigation	15,000
	\$556,356

Annual interest requirements of A. G. & E. Co. are conceded by counsel for A. G. & E. Corp. to be \$3,364,848. The expenses of A. G. & E. Co. are over \$700,000 a year. From October to December, 1941, \$4,654,200 of A. G. & E. Co.'s scrip matures. Annual requirements on A. G. & E. Co.'s "convertible obligations" are \$2,810,836 payable annually, if earned, and subject to other contingencies. The ability of A. G. & E. Co. to discharge these obligations appears to depend upon the receipt of future dividends on the stock of A. G. & E. Corp. or payments on the notes of A. G. & E. Corp.

Counsel for the Public Utilities Division urges that the Commission enter an order preventing the payment of dividends by A. G. & E. Corp. upon its capital stock.

Will the Proposed Dividend Be Paid Out of Capital Surplus?

To support his position that the only available source of the proposed dividend will be capital surplus, counsel to the Public Utilities Division alleges that there were a number of accounting improprieties which resulted in an inflation of the earned surplus account. We shall discuss such of these allegations as we believe clearly to be valid.

1. *Losses in Sales of Investments*—The transcript of the capital and corporate (earned) surplus accounts of A. G. & E. Corp. from June 7, 1922, to Dec. 31, 1937, the date of the "accounting reorganization," reveals that the great bulk of the losses which it suffered upon the sale of its investments was charged to capital surplus. The following transactions during that period were cleared through the capital surplus account:

Losses in sales of investments in stocks	\$4,614,163
Profits in sales of investments in stocks	2,207,943
	\$2,406,220
Losses in sales of investments in bonds	\$14,256,740
Profits in sales of investments in bonds	1,761,871
	\$12,494,869

The same transcript reveals that \$233,045 was charged to corporate (earned) surplus on account of losses on the sales of bonds, and \$673,280 representing profits realized from the sale of bonds and \$27,225 representing profits on the sale of stocks were credited to that account. Henry Stix explained the disparate treatment of profits and losses on the sale of different investments on the ground that in 1936 the system revised its theory of accounting, deciding thereafter to credit and charge profits and losses on the sale of its investments to earned surplus rather than capital surplus. Despite that professed change of policy, A. G. & E. Corp., as late as March, 1938, charged to capital surplus a loss of \$350,000 incurred in the sale of preferred stock of General Gas & Electric Corp.

2. *Cancellation of Indebtedness*—From June 7, 1922, to Dec. 31, 1937, the date of the accounting reorganization, charges of \$6,114,306 were made on the books of A. G. & E. Corp. to the capital surplus account on account of cancellation of debts owed by subsidiaries and affiliated companies to A. G. & E. Corp., and credits to that account in the amount of \$3,750,000 were made for the cancellation of debts by its stockholder. In respect of some transactions revealed by the record during the same period A. G. & E. Corp. credited earned surplus in the amount of \$1,005,720 on account of the cancellation of a debt which it owed to a subsidiary and \$1,200,000 because of cancellation of a debt owed by it to its stockholder. In other transactions during the same period, it charged \$1,870,000 to earned surplus to reflect the cancellation of debts owed by subsidiaries to it. It appears, therefore, that the company's policy in respect of accounting for cancellation of indebtedness was not consistent.

3. *Dividends*—From September, 1932, to October, 1936, cash dividends amounting to \$51,300,000 were declared and paid out of capital surplus by A. G. & E. Corp. At the end of each of those years, there was a credit balance in the earned surplus account. In our opinion, all available earned surplus should have been exhausted before recourse to capital surplus.

An "accounting reorganization" transcends in importance the routine of accounting entries. It breaks the continuity of the earned surplus and capital surplus accounts, and consolidates them up to the date of the reorganization. When such an event occurs, by a few strokes of the pen earned surplus deficit is eliminated against capital surplus. We need not labor the point that there is significance in the distinction between earned surplus and capital surplus. Sec. 12 (c) of the Act expressly recognizes the distinction; discrimination between the two is necessary to distinguish between contributed capital and the undistributed balance of earnings, and to permit of an accurate estimate of the earning power and earnings history of the enterprise.

An accounting reorganization permits a corporation to begin anew the accumulation of earned surplus. It, therefore, enables a company to pay dividends even though the total operations of the enterprise have resulted in an earned surplus deficit, such dividends ostensibly being paid out of earnings rather than contributed capital. It can be justified only if it accomplishes with respect to the accounts substantially what might be accomplished in a reorganization by legal proceedings—namely, the restatement of assets in terms of present conditions, corresponding modification of capital and capital surplus, and commencement of a new earned surplus account as of the date of the reorganization. In short, the enterprise must be put on substantially the same accounting basis as a new enterprise. And because the primary excuse for the device is that it accomplishes expeditiously what might otherwise have to be accomplished by legal proceedings, clear disclosure of the transactions should be made, and appropriate consents should be secured.

Judged by those standards, the "accounting reorganization" which A. G. & E. Corp. sought to effectuate was improper. The requisite readjustment of values in terms of present conditions was lacking. According to the testimony of its own witness, A. G. & E. Corp. at the time of the "accounting reorganization," was aware of the necessity of writing down a substantial amount of its assets. Yet no indication of that fact

appeared on the balance sheet. In August, 1939, the assets of A. G. & E. Corp. were written down \$173,000,000. Of this amount, \$147,000,000 was charged to capital surplus. The readjustment should have been made at the time of the "accounting reorganization," or not having been made at that time, regard for the interests of investors would at least have compelled disclosure of the contemplated write-down by some appropriate means, such as the creation of a reserve against which the assets might be written down.

Counsel to A. G. & E. Corp. seeks to justify the failure properly to readjust the carrying value of its assets at the time of the "accounting reorganization" on two grounds: (1) A revaluation of assets is not a necessary element of an "accounting reorganization," and (2) accounting authority recognizes the propriety of writing off assets against capital surplus after an "accounting reorganization" if the reserves created at the time of an accounting reorganization are insufficient. We are unable to accept either argument as affording justifiable basis for the practice followed by A. G. & E. Corp.

We must reject the proposition that an adjustment of assets is not a necessary element of an accounting reorganization. The Bulletin of the Committee on Accounting Procedure, American Institute of Accounts issued in Sept., 1939 stated with respect to accounting reorganizations that "the readjustment of values should be reasonably complete in order that there be no continuation of the circumstances which justify charges to capital surplus." It is true that the bulletin in which that principle is enunciated was issued after A. G. & E. Corp. attempted its "accounting reorganization." We regard the bulletin as merely expressing a sound principle of accounting. A breach in the continuity of the surplus accounts should be permitted to become a recurrent thing. Where the continuity of the surplus accounts is interrupted by an "accounting reorganization," that reorganization must be reasonably complete so as to obviate, so far as possible, the necessity of future reorganization of like nature.

Our judgment that we cannot recognize this "accounting reorganization" rests not only on the foregoing demonstration of its insufficiency, but on the broader ground that in view of the circumstances heretofore recited concerning the Re Cap plan of A. G. & E. Co. and the devices used to induce debenture holders of that company to become debenture holders of A. G. & E. Corp., we must decline to countenance the "accounting reorganization" for A. G. & E. Corp.

For all of the foregoing reasons, we cannot recognize the "accounting reorganization"; or, stating the matter differently, we cannot in this case recognize the device relied upon for altering the ordinary meaning of the concept of earned surplus, or permit a break in the continuity of the earned surplus account since the Re Cap plan. Treating earned surplus as an unbroken account since the Re Cap plan, there is admittedly no credit balance out of which dividends can now be paid.

Since the proposed dividend will be paid, if at all, only out of capital surplus, Rule U-12C-2 requires that A. G. & E. Corp. file an application with this Commission for approval of such a dividend. No such application has been filed. Until such an application is filed, the proposed dividend cannot lawfully be paid.

But under the circumstances, the filing of an application would serve no purpose, for the evidence adduced at the instant proceeding compels us to exercise our power to enter an order under Section 12 (c) of the Act to prevent the payment of the proposed dividend out of capital surplus.

Protection of financial integrity of companies in A. G. & E. Corp. system. Even if the earned surplus of A. G. & E. Corp. properly showed a credit balance, we would have to consider whether the proposed dividend would impair the financial integrity of companies in the A. G. & E. Corp. system, which, of course, includes A. G. & E. Corp. If protection of the financial integrity of companies in the A. G. & E. Corp. system necessitated prevention of the proposed dividend, we would be under a statutory duty to enter an order preventing the declaration or payment of the dividend, without regard to the source (capital or earned surplus) of the proposed dividend.

Our conclusion may be rested on still another ground. Many of the subsidiaries of the system are in none too good a cash position. In addition, the financial officers of A. G. & E. Corp. admitted on the record that some subsidiaries might effect substantial interest savings by refinancing if they could obtain sufficient equity money. A. G. & E. Corp. has not supplied funds to its subsidiaries since around 1932 (except to a limited extent by serving as a conduit from one subsidiary to another). One of the desirable functions of a holding company is to supply such funds, where not otherwise readily available and to preserve the financial integrity of companies in the holding company system, it must retain the wherewithal to supply them. Since A. G. & E. Corp.'s cash position now admittedly precludes it from furnishing such funds to its subsidiaries, its cash resources should be preserved.

It is argued that the financing plan of the Associated system in the past has been such as to make it unnecessary at the present time for the parent to be able to supply the operating companies with funds—in other words, since system borrowings in the past were at the top, the credit of the operating companies has been preserved, and they can obtain funds by their own borrowing. This obviously is not true with respect to the companies as to which it is admitted that advantageous refinancing (to say nothing of new borrowing) is not possible unless equity money replaces some of the present debt.

For the several reasons stated, we find that payment of dividends by A. G. & E. Corp. will impair the financial integrity of that corporation.

Since the foregoing findings require that we enter an order preventing the declaration or payment of the proposed dividend, it is unnecessary to consider whether such an order may be grounded upon the additional circumstances that the working capital of public utility companies in the A. G. & E. Corp. system must be safeguarded.

The motion for an interim order permitting payment of interest on the 5% income note.

The above discussion with reference to the proposed payment of dividends to A. G. & E. Co. is applicable also to the motion for an interim order permitting payment of interest on the 5% income note held by A. G. & E. Co. The amount of interest proposed to be paid is identical with the amount of the proposed dividend, and counsel for A. G. & E. Corp. frankly suggest in their brief that one type of payment is an alternative for the other. The note itself was declared out of capital surplus, and stands in the same position as a cash dividend declared, but not paid. Since A. G. & E. Co. is the sole stockholder of A. G. & E. Corp., its interest in A. G. & E. Corp. and its right to the income of A. G. & E. Corp. after payment of interest on the 8's of 1940 and the outstanding debentures would be substantially the same if the note and the cancelled debentures were cancelled. Payment of interest thereon would as much violate the policy of Sec. 12 (c) of the Act as would declaration and payment of cash dividends at this time, which, for the reasons recited above, we have decided that we must prevent. Therefore, we find that the payment of interest on this note would be in substance the payment of a dividend from unearned surplus which we could not permit on application under Rule U-12C-2, and such payment would impair the financial integrity of A. G. & E. Corp. by imperiling its ability to pay interest on the debts having prior claims to earnings. For these reasons we must deny the motion for an interim order.

Conclusion

Counsel for the respondent argue that it is unnecessary for us to enter orders forbidding payments of either dividends or interest by A. G. & E. Corp. to A. G. & E. Co. in view of the fact that all basis for such action can be removed by adoption of a plan of reorganization for the system under Section 11 (e) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act. Assuming that our powers under Section 11 (e) are broad enough to permit the clearing up of all the difficulties involved in this situation, the execution of such a plan involving a system as complicated as the Associated System is impossible in a period of less than several years. If we should permit the payments now proposed and the multitude of additional payments which the respondent admits would be necessary if A. G. & E. Co. is to meet its obligations pending the consummation of such a plan, we would be permitting for a period of years repeated payments in the face of our finding that such payments contravene the provisions of the statute.

The Commission recognizes that entering its order at this time will give the respondent scant opportunity to seek judicial review before A. G. & E. Co. must meet its interest obligations on Jan. 15. Because of the serious consequences which may flow from failure to meet the interest date, this Commission might be inclined to withhold an order forbidding the particular payment from A. G. & E. Corp. to A. G. & E. Co. proposed to be made on Jan. 15. However, the president of the respondent has indicated to us by letter that, after consultation with a majority of the directors and officers of A. G. & E. Corp. and A. G. & E. Co., and upon advice of counsel he is authorized to request that "the company has no intention of seeking judicial review of the Commission's decision and, therefore, will not in any way be embarrassed even though the order will appear to be issued so closely before the dividend date." We have therefore decided to issue the order at this time.

Earnings of Company and Subsidiaries—

Earnings and electric output of Associated Gas & Electric Co. and subsidiaries have continued to rise during recent months.

Output of electricity reached record proportions for December, the increase for the four weeks ended Dec. 29 being 18% over the same period a year ago.

The consolidated earnings of the company and subsidiaries for the first 11 months of 1939, Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, show a balance of income after all interest and other charges (exclusive of interest on the company's convertible obligations) of \$1,262,051. Based upon the improvement shown in recent months, the results for December should add substantially to the above net of \$1,262,051 for the first 11 months of 1939. The final result will compare with a loss for the year 1938 of \$654,337.

The operating results do not include any income from the substantial interest of the system in Jersey Central Power & Light Co. Earnings of the latter for the first 11 months of 1939, applicable to the system holdings, amounted to \$783,000.

Weekly Output—

For the week ended Jan. 5, Associated Gas & Electric System and the New England Gas & Electric Association Group report net electric output of 104,394,874 units (kw.h.) This is an increase of 14,234,328 units or 15.8% above production of 90,160,546 units for a year ago.—V. 150, p. 122

Associated Gas & Electric Corp.—Files as Bankrupt—

Following a petition for reorganization filed Jan. 10 by the Associated Gas & Electric Co. the Associated Gas & Electric Corp., a subsidiary, filed Jan. 11 a similar petition in Federal Court at Utica, N. Y.

In both cases Federal Judge Frederick H. Bryant signed orders directing that hearings be held on Feb. 20 in Malone to hear objections to the retention of any trustee who may be appointed in the meantime.

Both petitions are approved by the court and holders of various securities and their trustees are restrained by injunction from interfering. The petition filed Jan. 11 was signed by J. Lee Rice Jr., as Treasurer and was filed through George M. Lepine and Travis, Brownback and Paxson, 61 Broadway, New York City.

The petition of the corporation says the Associated Gas & Electric Co. owns all of the stock of the debtor, 671,000 shares, and \$73,419,797 in debentures and notes. Stock, debentures and notes are carried on the balance sheet at \$364,061,442 and constitute all the assets of the parent company.

The petition said the corporation could pay its running expenses, taxes and interest but could not meet the interest due on March 15 on the \$8,589,980 of 8% bonds.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Nov. 30 (Incl. Subs.)

Table with columns: 12 Months Ended Nov. 30—, 1939, 1938, Increase—, Amount, %.

Table with columns: Total operating revenues, Operating expenses, Maintenance, Provision for taxes.

Table with columns: Net operating revenue, Provision for retirements.

Table with columns: Operating income.

Note—Includes operations of acquired properties since dates of acquisition only.—V. 149, p. 3865.

Atlantic Gulf & West Indies Steamship Lines (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End. Nov. 30—, 1939—Month—, 1938, 1939—11 Mos.—, 1938, Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net oper. revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Int., rentals, &c., Net loss.

Atlantic Mutual Insurance Co.—New Trustee— At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, Clarence G. Michalis, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Seamen's Bank for Savings, was elected a trustee.—V. 150, p. 122.

Auburn Automobile Co.—Hearing Jan. 20— Hearing on company's amended reorganization plan will be held at U. S. District Court, Fort Wayne, Ind., on Jan. 20.—V. 149, p. 3402.

Automatic Voting Machine Corp.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Years End. Nov. 30—, 1939, 1938, 1937, 1936, Gross profit from sales, voting mach. rents, &c., Sell., adm. & gen. exps., Deprec. on plant eq., &c., Operating profit, Other income (net), Total income, Fed. inc. & excess profits taxes (est.), Net profit, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Dividend paid, Surplus Nov. 30.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30

Table with columns: Assets—, 1939, 1938, Liabilities—, 1939, 1938, Cash, Cts. of indebted., notes & accts. rec, Voting machs. (at cost) under rental agreement, Instal. cont. accts, Inventory, Cash dep. with bids, aLand, bldgs., machinery, &c., Advs. to agents, salesmen, &c., Pats. & goodwill, Unexp. ins. prems., prep.d. taxes, &c., Total.

a After depreciation of \$315,727 in 1939 and \$356,886 in 1938. b Authorized, 400,000 shares, no par value; issued, 359,571 (359,387 in 1938) shares, and to be issued, 429 (613 in 1938) shares in exchange for former classes of stock—360,000 shares at assigned value.—V. 148, p. 273.

Associated Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Dividends—

The board of directors has declared dividends of 28 cents per share on the 7% 1st pref. stock and 24 cents per share on the \$6 1st pref. stock, payable on Feb. 15 to holders of record on Feb. 1. Dividends of 49 cents and 42 cents, respectively, were paid on these issues of Nov. 15, Aug. 15, May 15, Feb. 15, 1939 and on Nov. 15, 1938.—V. 149, p. 3709.

Avondale Mills—Extra Dividend—

Company paid an extra dividend of four cents per share on its common stock on Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 15. Regular semi-annual dividend of four cents was paid on Oct. 1, last.—V. 147, p. 2236.

Avon Genesee & Mount Morris RR.—Abandonment—

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Dec. 12 issued a certificate permitting (1) abandonment, as to interstate and foreign commerce, by the Avon, Genesee & Mount Morris RR. of its entire line of railroad extending southerly from Avon to Sonyea, approximately 17.7 miles, all in Livingston County, N. Y. and (2) abandonment of operation of said line by C. E. Denney and John A. Hadden, trustees of the Erie RR.—V. 123, p. 321.

Baltimore American Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 10 cents per share in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of like amount on the capital stock, par \$5, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. See also V. 149, p. 254.

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End. Dec. 31—, 1939—Month—, 1938, 1939—12 Mos.—, 1938, Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Taxes accrued, Depreciation, Net operating revenue, fixed charges, Surplus, Dividend on pref. stock, Dividend on com. stock, Balance.—V. 149, p. 3709.

Beech Aircraft Corp.—Listing—

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has approved the corporation's application to list 35,651 additional shares of common stock, par \$1.—V. 149, p. 4166.

Berkshire Woolen Co.—Pays \$2 Dividend—

Company paid a dividend of \$2 per share on its common stock on Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 15. A year ago company paid a dividend of \$1 per share.—V. 133, p. 290.

Best & Co.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Jan. 26 to holders of record Jan. 19. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 26, 1939.—V. 149, p. 1017.

Beverly Gas & Electric Co.—Pays \$1 Dividend—

Company paid a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock on Jan. 13 to holders of record Jan. 8. This compares with 75 cents paid on Oct. 14 and on July 14, last, \$1 paid on Jan. 14, 1939, and dividends of 75 cents paid on Oct. 14 and on July 14, 1938.—V. 149, p. 407.

Biltmore Hats, Ltd.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 15 cents per share in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Jan. 18. An extra dividend of 12½ cents was paid on Jan. 25, 1939 and on Jan. 25, 1938.—V. 147, p. 3905.

Black & Decker Mfg. Co.—May Delist Stock—

Stockholders at their annual meeting on Jan. 29 will consider approving a recommendation of the Board of Directors that appropriate action be taken to delist company's common stock on the Baltimore Stock Exchange.—V. 150, p. 123.

Boston & Maine RR.—Soliciting Assents to Bond Adjustment Plan to Cost \$125,000—

The cost of soliciting assents to the road's bond adjustment plan will be \$125,000, the company has reported to the Securities and Exchange Commission. W. S. Trowbridge, Vice-President, will direct the solicitation and Lloyd W. Georseon has been employed to assist him at a salary of \$2,000 monthly, not to exceed \$20,000 in the aggregate, plus expenses. Solicitors will receive \$150 monthly and expenses.

The statement showed that between them the Boston Holding Co., a subsidiary of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR., and the Penroad Corp. hold 54% control of the B. & M. The Boston agency owns 219,189 common, 6,543 non-cumulative preferred, 4,151 shares of first preferred and 43,990 shares of prior preferred stock. The Penroad holds 27,565 common, 14,968 non-cumulative preferred, 114,550 first preferred and 44,354 shares of prior preferred stock.—V. 150, p. 123.

Boston & Providence RR.—Hearing Jan. 18—

The Interstate Commerce Commission has assigned oral arguments for Jan. 18 on a reorganization plan for the company.

The debtor company and principal creditors on Jan. 6 filed exceptions to a Commission Examiner's report which recommends inclusion of the B. & P. in the reorganized New Haven System on terms proposed by the management of the latter system.

Under the Examiner's recommendation B. & P. security holders would get \$3,039,213 in fixed interest securities of the New Haven System and \$1,407,520 each in new income bonds and preferred stock.

The Provident Institution for Savings of Boston, which hold the road's outstanding funded debt, objected to the Examiner's proposal on the ground that the consideration to be paid by the New Haven was not adequate.—V. 149, p. 4167.

Boston Revere Beach & Lynn RR.—Abandonment—

The company was authorized Jan. 5 by Federal Judge George C. Sweeney to abandon service on its entire system at midnight of Jan. 27.

Although the road had petitioned for abandonment on Jan. 10, Judge Sweeney extended the time until Jan. 27 because "some communities and transportation companies appear to be interested in acquiring the assets."—V. 149, p. 4020.

Brager-Eisenberg, Inc.—To Pay \$2.50 Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$2.50 per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 22 to holders of record Jan. 20. This compares with \$1.60 paid on Jan. 30, 1939 and \$2 in cash and \$3 in subordinated notes paid on Jan. 24, 1938.—V. 148, p. 573.

Broad Street Investing Co., Inc.—New Name—

See Broad Street Investing Corp.—V. 149, p. 3866.

Broad Street Investing Corp.—New Officers—Change of Name—

Hunt T. Dickinson has resigned as a Vice-President of the corporation. At a meeting of the board of directors held Jan. 4, Henry C. Breck and Thurston P. Blodgett were elected Vice-Presidents.

The company was formerly known as The Broad Street Investing Co., Inc., but effective December, 1938, the name was changed to the present title.—V. 149, p. 3866.

Brooklyn Daily Eagle, Inc.—Bids for Equity—

Wilnot L. Morehouse, Referee in Bankruptcy announced Jan. 4 that Charles C. Green, trustee of the company, had received a proposal to purchase the equity in the newspaper property for \$350,000. The offer, made by the F. D. S. Corp., was for the assets of the estate, subject to a lien claim against the machinery and equipment, Mr. Morehouse said.

The real estate was bought in at a foreclosure sale recently for \$900,000 by the Union Central Life Insurance Co. of Cincinnati, the mortgagee.

Mr. Morehouse has set Jan. 15 as the date for a meeting of the creditors to consider the proposal for the purchase of the equity.
The F. D. S. Corp. consists of Frank D. Schroth, President, who has been publisher of the paper for a year, and I. W. Killam, who represents the Mersey Paper Co. There are no other stockholders.
Mr. Morehouse said that if the bid of the F. D. S. Corp. was approved, Mr. Schroth would continue as publisher of the paper. The claims filed against the bankrupt, it was announced, were above \$4,000,000.—V. 149, p. 3403.

Burry Biscuit Corp.—Earnings—

Years Ended—	Oct. 28, '39	Oct. 29, '38	Oct. 30, '37
Gross income from operations	loss\$3,728	\$45,008	\$155,914
Discounts received on purchases	12,147	12,906	15,368
Profit on sale of securities (net)	—	—	2,866
Miscellaneous income	452	605	976
Total income	\$9,871	\$58,519	\$175,124
Cash discounts allowed	19,393	19,495	24,358
Miscellaneous expends	9,454	3,322	3,667
Provision for Federal income taxes	—	4,846	18,942
Prov. for surtax on undistrib. profits	—	508	5,520
Net income	loss\$18,978	\$30,349	\$122,636
Portion applic. to min. int. of former subsidiaries	—	—	1,619
Net profit	loss\$18,978	\$30,349	\$121,016
Dividends paid on preferred stock	—	29,610	29,700
Dividends on common stock	—	—	100,260
Earnings per share on common	—	\$0.002	\$0.23

Comparative Balance Sheet

Assets—	Oct. 20, '39	Oct. 29, '38	Liabilities—	Oct. 28, '39	Oct. 29, '38
Cash in banks and on hand	\$9,540	\$33,298	Accounts payable	\$123,159	\$113,421
x Accts. receiv.	203,567	172,507	Notes pay. to bank	50,000	—
Inventories	242,552	287,833	ser. notes payable	263,450	—
Investments	118,706	86,875	Accrued liabilities	46,509	39,869
y Property, plant & equip. (cost)	462,166	357,176	Prov. for Fed. inc. & profits tax	10,539	5,859
Pats. & trd. names, at nom. value	1	1	Res. for loss on pur. commitment	—	8,700
Deferred charges	43,992	30,883	6% cum. conv. pf. stock (par \$50)	493,500	493,500
			Com. stock (par 12 1/2 cents)	50,130	50,130
			Capital surplus	155,357	148,875
			Earned surplus	87,880	108,220
Total	\$1,080,523	\$968,575	Total	\$1,080,523	\$968,575

x After reserve for doubtful accounts, discounts and allowances of \$9,000 in 1939 and \$9,528 in 1938. y After reserve for depreciation and amortization of \$157,430 in 1939 and \$149,486 in 1938. z \$18,450 current and \$45,000 net current.—V. 148, p. 2114

(A. M.) Byers Co.—Earnings—

Years End. Sept. 30—	1939	1938	1937	c1936
Sales (net)	\$6,710,524	\$4,243,738	\$5,885,579	\$4,661,274
Cost of sales	4,650,104	3,387,702	4,410,497	3,623,381
Gross mfg. profit	\$2,060,420	\$856,036	\$1,475,082	\$1,037,893
Other income	14,614	36,187	33,096	32,575
Total income	\$2,075,034	\$892,223	\$1,508,178	\$1,070,468
Adm., gen. & sell. exp.	749,934	720,227	681,385	652,909
Prov. for deprec. &c.	484,047	478,836	514,145	507,541
Amortization of patents	90,909	90,909	90,909	90,909
Loss on properties	—	—	6,468	—
Int. on notes payable	—	—	4,002	—
Special charges	—	—	—	11,096
Idle plant exp. (net)	64,095	209,011	64,440	92,178
Prov. for contingencies	—	—	20,000	—
Prov. for Fed. & Pa. income taxes	149,800	—	33,606	—
a Orient Coal & Coke Co. charges	—	—	—	46,628
Net profit	\$536,250	loss\$606,760	\$93,223	loss\$330,793
Previous deficit	2,295,164	1,688,404	1,108,407	786,081
Miscellaneous debits	—	—	833,533	48,374
Total deficit	\$1,758,914	\$2,295,164	\$1,848,717	\$1,165,248
Miscellaneous credits	33,606	—	160,313	56,842
Profit & loss deficit	\$1,725,309	\$2,295,164	d\$1,688,404	\$1,108,407

a Idle plant expenses, net (excluding depreciation and depletion) \$16,053, and depreciation and depletion, \$30,574. c Consolidated statements, including Orient Coal & Coke Co. d Before charges in respect of preferred dividends and interest in arrears, totaling \$127,220, charged to paid-in surplus in accordance with resolutions of the board of directors.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30

Assets—	1939	1938	Liabilities—	1939	1938
x Land, bldgs., machinery & eqpt.	11,891,748	12,321,068	7% pref. stock	6,307,300	6,307,300
Goodwill	1	1	y Common stock	2,666,350	2,666,350
Inventories	1,837,387	1,834,017	Accounts payable	238,046	243,336
Investments	9,001	9,001	Acrr. gen. tax and expenses	241,962	105,906
a Inv. in & advs. to Orient Coal & Coke Co.	—	—	Wages payable	47,750	24,309
Accts. & notes rec.	802,895	532,162	Reserves	110,741	86,867
Cash in banks, &c.	819,683	412,541	Deficit	1,725,309	2,295,164
Patents	22,727	113,636	Paid-in surplus	8,308,678	b\$8,898,510
Deferred charges	35,934	38,796	Treasury stock	Dr776,192	Dr776,192
Total	15,419,326	15,261,223	Total	15,419,326	15,261,223

x After deducting reserve for depreciation and depletion of \$5,789,723 in 1939 and \$5,320,316 in 1938. y Represented by 266,635 shares of no par value, including treasury stock.

a Investment in and advances to Orient Coal & Coke Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary, \$1,821,196, less adjustment to reduce to nominal value, \$1,821,195; balance, \$1. b After deducting \$172,220 payment on account of cumulative dividends in arrears on preferred stock representing dividends originally due May 1, 1933, and Aug. 1, 1933, amounting in each case to \$1.25 per share, and interest at 5% per annum from date dividends were payable to date of payment, Sept. 30, 1937. In accordance with resolutions of the board of directors, the dividends on the preferred stock, together with interest thereon, amounting to \$172,220, have been charged to paid-in surplus.—V. 149, p. 4168.

California Oregon Power Co.—Earnings—

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938
Operating revenues	\$4,955,579	\$4,650,508
Operation	1,131,932	1,017,289
Maintenance and repairs	260,551	283,592
Appropriation for retirement reserve	376,681	300,000
Amortization of limited-term investment	7,270	7,270
Taxes	654,139	629,670
Provision for Federal income taxes	113,014	106,475
Net operating revenues	\$2,411,991	\$2,306,212
Rent for lease of electric plant	238,209	238,210
Net operating income	\$2,173,782	\$2,068,002
Dividend and interest revenues	814	583
Merchandise and jobbing (net)	Dr21,981	Dr46,702
Gross income	\$2,152,615	\$2,021,883
Interest on funded debt	842,500	842,500
Amortization of debt discount and expense	203,223	203,223
Other interest (net)	285	1,169
Amortiz. of preliminary costs of projects abandon.	99,074	61,930
Miscellaneous deductions	22,871	19,834
Net income	\$984,661	\$893,227

—V. 150, p. 124.

Canadian National Ry.—Earnings—

Earnings of the System for the 10 Day Period Ended Dec. 31			
	1939	1938	Increase
Gross revenues	\$5,480,606	\$4,455,374	\$1,025,232

Earnings of the System for the Week Ended Jan. 7			
	1940	1939	Increase
Gross revenues	\$3,620,164	\$2,807,257	\$812,907

—V. 149, p. 4168.

Canadian Oil Cos., Ltd.—Bonds Offered—An issue of \$1,250,000 4% sinking fund debentures, series A, is being offered at 100 and int. by Nesbitt, Thompson & Co., Ltd., Toronto.

To be dated Jan. 2, 1940, to mature Jan. 2, 1955. Principal and int. (J. & J) payable in lawful money of Canada at par at any branch in Canada (Yukon Territory excepted) of the bank designated on the debentures as the paying agent therefor. Coupon debentures in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500 registerable as to principal only. Red. as a whole or in part at any time at the option of the company on 30 days' notice at par plus accrued interest and the following premiums: if red. on or before Jan. 2, 1945, a premium of 1 1/2%; thereafter, on or before Jan. 2, 1950, a premium of 1% and thereafter, prior to maturity, a premium of 1/2 of 1%. Trustee, Montreal Trust Co. In the opinion of our counsel, these debentures will be a legal investment for funds of insurance companies registered under the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Acts, 1932, as amended.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding
4% sinking fund debentures, series A	\$2,500,000	\$1,250,000
Preference shares (\$100 par)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Common shares (no par)	192,000 shs.	143,764 shs.

These debentures will be direct obligations of the company but will not be secured by any hypothec, mortgage, pledge or other charge.

Company—Incorporated in 1908 under the laws of the Province of Ontario, and operates a complete refinery, which includes a topping and cracking unit and absorption gasoline plant, also a lubricating oil plant and grease plant. The refinery produces practically all products of petroleum, including gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil, various grades of lubricating oils, greases and paraffine wax and candles. Company's refinery is located at Petrolia, Ont., where storage facilities for crude oil and refined products have been installed. An addition was made to the refinery during the year 1935, with the installation of an up-to-date topping and cracking unit and with the erection of an absorption gasoline plant.

Company also engages in the distribution of all petroleum products throughout the Dominion of Canada with the exception of the Province of British Columbia.

Properties in Canada include a marine terminal at Montreal and a crude oil terminal at Froomfield, Ont., on the St. Clair River and approximately 125 branch warehouses and bulk plants, owned and operated by the company for wholesale distribution; also, approximately 175 owned service stations and 100 stations controlled by lease or otherwise, for retail distribution of products. In addition, there are approximately 2,500 independent dealers selling the company's products. Company owns and operates fleet of tank cars, and approximately 260 motor trucks for the distribution of products.

Earnings for Calendar Years

Years—	a Earnings	Co's Provision for Depreciation	b Earnings
1936	\$472,669	\$307,129	\$165,539
1937	785,360	467,053	318,307
1938	891,844	478,527	413,317

a Before providing for depreciation and income and profits tax. b After depreciation but before income and profits tax.

Purpose—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for capital expenditures already made; to provide funds for further capital expenditures; to retire bank loans; and for the general corporate purposes.

Sinking Fund—Provision will be made in the trust indenture for an annual sinking fund payment in cash and (or) debentures commencing Jan. 2, 1940, for the benefit of the debentures, series A, of an amount equal to 5% of the maximum principal amount of the said debentures, series A previously certified and delivered, together with interest at the rate of 4% per annum on the principal amount of the said debentures, series A theretofore purchased on account of or redeemed by means of the sinking fund. It is estimated that this sinking fund will retire approximately 70% of the debentures, series A by maturity.—V. 149, p. 2505.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Earnings—

Earnings for the Week Ended Jan. 7			
	1940	1939	Increase
Traffic earnings	\$2,434,000	\$2,126,000	\$308,000

—V. 150, p. 124.

Capital Administration Co., Ltd.—Vice-President Resigns—

Hunt T. Dickinson, has resigned as a Vice-President of this corporation and Broad Street Investing Corp. At a meeting of the Board of Directors held Jan. 4, Henry C. Breck and Thurston P. Blodgett were elected vice-presidents of said corporations.—V. 149, p. 2506.

Cariboo Gold Quartz Mining Co., Ltd.—Earnings—

3 Months Ended Oct. 31—		
	1939	1938
Gross income—bullion sales less Provincial mineral taxes and mint charges	\$435,874	\$1,102,719
Cost—mining, milling, development, and administration and general expense	222,259	557,670
Provision for depreciation, depletion and inc. taxes	70,201	196,943
Net earnings	\$143,414	\$348,106
Earnings per share	10.756 cts	26.11 cts

—V. 149, p. 3548.

Carriers & General Corp.—2 1/2-Cent Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of 2 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 26. Like amounts were paid on Dec. 23, Oct. 2, July 1 and April 1 last and compare with dividends of five cents paid in each of the four preceding quarters; 20 cents paid on Dec. 29, 1937; five cents paid on Oct. 1, July 1 and April 1, 1937; 15 cents paid on Dec. 24, 1936, and a regular quarterly dividend of five cents paid on Oct. 1, 1936.—V. 149, p. 3867.

Central Investors Corp.—Dividend Increased—

Directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, par 50 cents, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Dec. 30. Dividend of five cents was paid on Oct. 20 last and one of six cents was paid on July 20 last.—V. 147, p. 2240.

Central Power & Light Co.—Accumulated Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share on account of accumulation on the 7% prior lien preferred stock, \$7 dividend series and a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the prior lien preferred stock, \$6 dividend series, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Like amounts were paid in previous quarters.—V. 149, p. 2632.

Central RR. Co. of N. J.—Trustees—

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Jan. 4 ratified (conditionally) the appointments of Shelton Pitney and Walter P. Gardner as trustees of the property.—V. 150, p. 124.

Chain Store Real Estate Trust—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 20 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of like amount on the common stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20.—V. 148, p. 2260.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.—Plan Confirmed—

Federal Judge John P. Barnes at Chicago Jan. 10 signed the confirmation of the plan of reorganization for the company. In a memorandum accompanying his order the Judge found that the plan had been properly submitted to auditors that the requisite percentage of assents have been obtained, and that the assents had not been obtained by any means prohibited by law.

The order signed by Judge Barnes provides for appointment of a board of managers to direct operations of the road under a new charter. Member

of the Board would be Kenneth D. Steere, New York, now Chairman of the debtors' committee; Carroll M. Shanks, Newark, Chairman of the General Mortgage Protective Committee, and John W. Barriger 3d of Washington, chief executive of the railroad division of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.—V. 149, p. 4169.

Chicago Memphis & Gulf RR.—Assents to Extension—

It is stated that more than 50% of the bonds of the road (operated under lease by the Illinois Central RR.) have indicated their assents to the proposed plan for extending the maturity date on the \$735,000 of first mortgage bonds to Dec. 31, 1962, with a 3% interest rate for the extended period. The bonds mature Jan. 1, 1940.—V. 149, p. 3550.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Equip. Trust Clfs.

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Jan. 10 authorized the trustees to assume obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$2,680,000, 2 3/4% equipment-trust certificates, series S, to be issued by the First National Bank, Chicago, as trustee, and sold at par and accrued dividends to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in connection with the procurement of certain equipment. The Interstate Commerce Commission also approved the purchase of the certificates by the RFC.—V. 149, p. 4169.

Chicago Stadium Corp.—Earnings—

Earnings for Year Ended Sept. 30, 1939	
Income from attractions (after deducting admission taxes and amounts collected for sponsors)	\$504,197
Direct attraction expenses	265,004
Net proceeds from attractions	\$239,194
Merchandise, program, parking and advertising concessions	54,341
Stadium percentage of concessionaire's net income for fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 1939 (est. by concessionaire)	3,375
Stadium grill rental	2,541
Other income	2,286
Total income	\$301,736
General and administrative expenses	230,849
Financial items and depreciation	84,479
Net loss	\$13,592

Balance Sheet Sept. 30, 1939

Assets—Cash on deposit and on hand, \$132,875; receivables, \$5,167; deposits with trustee, \$2,135; land, building, furniture and equipment, less reserves, \$1,791,988; other assets, \$14,795; total, \$1,946,960.
Liabilities—Accrued property taxes, \$32,364; accounts payable, \$13,405; accrued interest on first mortgage bonds, \$11,350; accrued interest on second mortgage bonds, \$32,040; accrued social security taxes, \$1,267; advance collection on billboard rental, \$50; funded indebtedness, \$1,829,000; reserve for pending litigation, \$5,500; capital stock, 1,000 no par shares, \$1,000; surplus, \$20,985; total, \$1,946,960.—V. 145, p. 3814.

Citizens Gas Co., Stroudsburg, Pa.—Registers with SEC
 See list given on first page of this department.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Seeks Additional Stock of Peoria & Eastern—

The company (Big Four) applied Jan. 6 to the Interstate Commerce Commission for (authority to acquire additional stock of the Peoria & Eastern Ry.

The Big Four now owns 50,001 shares out of 99,950 outstanding shares of the Peoria & Eastern. It described this as "a bare majority," and explained that under the laws of Illinois various actions by railroad corporations must be approved by a two-thirds majority.

The Peoria & Eastern operates in Illinois and Indiana. Its charter will expire on Feb. 20, 1940, unless renewed. The Big Four said that unless it can vote two-thirds of the stock the charter might not be renewed.—V. 149, p. 2966.

Cleveland Ry. Co.—Dividend Payment Enjoined—

Disbursement of a dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock of the company, to have been paid on Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 21, has been temporarily enjoined by the Court of Common Pleas.

This dividend was declared by directors on Dec. 15. On Dec. 23 the City of Cleveland petitioned the Court for a temporary restraining order. A hearing was had before the Court on Dec. 26, 27 and 28, 1939.

During the hearing counsel for the company, in an effort to get the dividend in stockholders' hands on the date it was payable, offered to post a bond and agree that the payment would not prejudice any rights of the city. To this the city did not consent.

In granting the temporary restraining order against the company, the Judge ordered the city to post a bond of \$10,000 until the suit is heard on its merits and a permanent injunction is granted or denied.—V. 149, p. 4025.

Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of St. Louis—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 10. Extras of 15 cents were paid on Oct. 20 and on July 20, last.—V. 149, p. 2228, 103; V. 148, p. 275.

Colton Development Co., Ltd.—Earnings—

3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1939	1938	1937	1936
Profit	\$56,214	\$34,086	\$66,599	\$82,748
x After expenses, depreciation, &c., but before depletion.—V. 149, p. 3111.				

Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.—New Vice-Pres.

William C. Gittinger, sales manager of the company, has been elected Vice-President in charge of sales.—V. 149, p. 3111.

Columbia Pictures Corp.—Preferred Dividend—

Directors on Jan. 10 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 6 3/4 cents per share ordinarily due at this time and 3 3/4 cents per share on account of accruals on the \$2.75 preferred stock, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. These payments will bring the dividends on this issue up to date.—V. 149, p. 3865.

Commonwealth Edison Co.—Earnings—

12 Months Ended Nov. 30, 1939—	Co. & Sub. Cos.	x Co. Incl. Commonwealth Edison Co. Sub. Corp.	x Commonwealth Edison Co.
Operating revenues	\$145,341,541	\$95,994,161	\$95,994,161
Operating expenses and taxes	105,021,469	71,357,907	71,357,907
Net operating income	\$40,320,072	\$24,636,254	\$24,636,254
Other income	946,497	7,836,111	7,662,740
Gross income	\$41,266,569	\$32,472,365	\$32,298,994
Interest on funded debt	14,307,237	10,710,838	10,710,838
Interest on unfunded debt	358,628	268,254	270,233
Amortization of debt discount and expense	1,526,759	792,191	792,191
Interest charged to construction	Cr339,891	Cr295,683	Cr295,683
Divs. on pref. stock of subs. retired or acquired	271,276	-----	-----
Public com. stockholders' interests in income of subsidiaries—			
On stocks held by public at end of period	15,063	-----	-----
On stocks acquired (for periods prior to acquisition)	29,756	-----	-----
Net income	\$25,097,741	\$20,996,765	\$20,821,415

x The statements for periods prior to Dec. 31, 1938 include the earnings and expenses of Super-Power Co. of Illinois, a wholly-owned subsidiary liquidated Dec. 31, 1938. As a result of this liquidation the company acquired the assets and assumed the liabilities of that subsidiary.

Weekly Output—

The electricity output of the Commonwealth Edison Co. group (inter-company sales deducted) for the week ended Jan. 6, 1940 was 157,524,000 kilowatt hours compared with 138,750,000 kilowatt hours in the corresponding period last year, an increase of 13.5%.

The following are the output and percentage comparisons for the last four weeks and the corresponding periods last year:

Week Ended—	—Kilowatt-Hour Output—		Per Cent Increase
	This Year	Last Year	
Jan. 6, 1940	157,524,000	138,750,000	13.5
Dec. 30, 1939	151,952,000	139,216,000	9.1
Dec. 23, 1939	169,655,000	151,516,000	12.0
Dec. 16, 1939	169,554,000	146,939,000	15.4

Community Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—	1938—Month—	1939—12 Mos.—	1938—12 Mos.—
Operating revenues	\$416,963	\$396,554	\$4,814,757	\$4,653,964
Operation	178,229	173,441	2,050,333	2,029,028
Maintenance	20,757	17,912	220,999	230,858
Taxes	46,154	40,334	508,465	489,336
Net oper. revenues	\$171,823	\$164,866	\$2,034,960	\$1,904,742
Non-oper. income (net)	168	Dr201	6,054	10,847
Balance	\$171,991	\$164,665	\$2,041,014	\$1,915,589
Retirement accruals	40,317	39,695	481,697	437,370
Gross income	\$131,673	\$124,969	\$1,559,317	\$1,478,219
Interest to public	2,508	2,547	48,241	34,035
Int. to parent company	72,114	69,128	854,846	841,853
Amort. of debt discount and expense	1,027	1,027	12,327	13,068
Miscell. income deducts.	633	420	4,232	3,158
Net income	\$55,390	\$51,846	\$639,671	\$586,105
Divs. paid & accrued on pref. stocks:				
To public			102,619	104,007
To parent company			1,814	2,347
Balance applicable to parent company			\$535,237	\$479,751
Earns. from sub. cos. deducted in arriving at above:				
Interest earned			837,958	831,962
Interest not earned			16,888	9,892
Preferred dividends			1,814	2,347
Other			6,393	6,439
a Common dividend from sub.—not consolidated			125,029	186,449
Other income			269	306
a Total			\$1,523,590	\$1,517,146
Expenses, taxes & deductions from gross income			877,521	888,055
a Amount available for dividends and surplus			\$646,069	\$629,091
a Includes \$125,029 (1938—\$186,443) representing amount assigned to shares of common stock of General Public Utilities, Inc., received as a dividend.—V. 150, p. 125.				

Community Public Service Co.—65-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 65 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 25. Like amount was paid on Nov. 15, last and compares with regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share previously distributed.—V. 149, p. 2967.

(C. G.) Conn, Ltd., Elkhart, Ind.—Stock Offered—

American Industries Corp., Detroit, is offering at \$7.25 a share 74,904 shares (\$5 par) common stock. None of the proceeds from the present offering go to the company.

Of the stock being offered, 71,820 shares have been purchased from the Rudolph Wurlitzer Co. and the balance from two minority stockholders. Company manufactures band instruments.—V. 117, p. 2775.

Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc.—Weekly Output—

Consolidated Edison Co. of New York announced production of the electric plants of its system for the week ending Jan. 7, amounting to 147,300,000 kilowatt hours, compared with 139,300,000 kilowatt hours for the corresponding week of 1939, an increase of 5.8%.—V. 149, p. 4170.

Consolidated Electric & Gas Co.—To Sell Holdings—

Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an application (File 56-75) under the Holding Company Act for approval of the sale by it of 2,000 shares of common stock (no par) and \$209,000 of 5 1/2% first mortgage gold bonds, due July 1, 1987, of Citizens Gas Co. The securities are to be sold to Bioren & Co. of Philadelphia, for \$280,000, plus interest.—V. 149, p. 1471, 2683.

Consolidated Retail Stores, Inc.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—	1938—Month—	1939—11 Mos.—	1938—11 Mos.—
Sales	\$995,782	\$892,478	\$9,366,273	\$8,706,780

Consumers Power Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—	1938—Month—	1939—12 Mos.—	1938—12 Mos.—
Gross revenue	\$3,669,887	\$3,306,364	\$40,151,510	\$36,738,051
Oper. expenses & taxes	1,907,031	1,747,954	21,218,688	19,340,208
Prov. for depreciation	390,000	335,500	4,625,500	4,026,000
Gross income	\$1,372,856	\$1,222,910	\$14,307,322	\$13,371,842
Int. & other fixed chgs.	383,515	387,774	4,727,851	4,608,101
Net income	\$989,341	\$834,136	\$9,579,471	\$8,763,741
Dividends on pref. stock	285,389	285,389	3,424,822	3,424,821
Amort. of pref. stk. exp.	65,278	65,278	783,339	783,339
Balance	\$638,647	\$484,469	\$5,371,310	\$4,555,581

Bonds Called—

Company will redeem on May 1, 1940, all its outstanding first mortgage bonds, 3 3/4% series of 1935 due 1965 at 104 1/2%, at the principal office of City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 22 William Street, New York. Holders may receive the full redemption price at their option at any time prior to the redemption date by presenting their bonds at the offices of the bank, successor trustee.

Syndicate Closed—

The 3 3/4% bonds Jan. 11 were traded around 106, following the closing of the syndicate which marketed \$18,000,000 refunding bonds. The original offering price was 105 1/2, and since the day of their appearance these 3 3/4% have sold just fractionally higher.

[The Securities and Exchange Commission on Jan. 10 ordered that the time within which a request may be filed for rehearing on the Commission's order of Dec. 28, 1939 (with full opportunity to urge any objections thereto and to ask reconsideration thereof) or for reopening of the record in connection therewith, be extended for a period of 10 days from the date of this order.]—V. 150, p. 125.

Continental Can Co., Inc.—Interim Dividend—

The board of directors has declared an interim dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 25. Like amounts were paid in preceding quarters of 1939 and in 1938. During the year 1937 the company paid four quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share each.—V. 149, p. 3869.

Continental Shares, Inc.—Court Affirms Dissolution—

A State Court of Appeals at Cleveland, Jan. 3, affirmed an order for dissolution of the company.

The Appeals Court upheld a ruling that 381,000 preferred stockholders have claims of \$55,000,000 contrasted with a current value of \$6,500,000 for all assets of the company. About 2,500,000 common shares were issued for some \$60,000,000. The court ruled that assets be turned over to Maryland courts, which have ordered organization of a new corporation to dissolve Continental.

Excepted, however, are 151,132 shares of Cliffs Corp., owned by Continental, which were ordered distributed immediately to the investment trust's stockholders.—V. 149, p. 3258.

Corduroy Rubber Co.—Initial Dividends—

Company paid an initial dividend of 80 cents per share on the participating preferred stock and on the common stock on Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 15.—V. 146, p. 909.

Crosley Corp.—New Vice-President—

Raymond C. Cosgrove has been appointed Vice-President and General Manager of the corporation.—V. 149, p. 3112.

Crown Drug Co.—Sales—

Sales for the month of December were the largest sales for any month in the history of the company, even including the times when it was operating many more stores.

Sales for December, 1939, were \$907,362 as compared to \$831,170 for December, 1938, an increase of \$76,192, or 9.2%.

Sales for the first quarter of the company's fiscal year ended Dec. 31, 1939, were \$2,330,073 as compared to \$2,253,164 for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1938, an increase of \$76,909, or 3.41%.—V. 149, p. 3714.

Cuban American Sugar Co.—To Pay \$2 Pref. Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$2 per share on account of accumulations on the preferred stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Dividend of \$4 was paid on Sept. 28 last and one of \$2 was paid on Dec. 28, 1938.—V. 149, p. 4171.

Dayton Power & Light Co.—Asks SEC to Exempt \$25,000,000 in Bonds—

The company on January 10 asked the Securities and Exchange Commission to exempt from the Public Utility Holding Company Act a proposed \$25,000,000 offering of 3% first mortgage bonds due 1970.

The company intends to use the proceeds of the bond issue as follows: \$19,720,000 to redeem at 104½ the company's outstanding 3½% 1st & ref. mtge. bonds, due 1960, \$3,530,000 to install additional boilers and generators at one of its stations, and \$890,000 to increase its transformer capacity. The remainder will be added to working capital.

Principal underwriters and the amounts they will underwrite are: Morgan Stanley & Co., Inc., \$4,500,000; W. E. Hutton & Co., \$2,500,000; Smith, Barney & Co. and Harriman, Ripley & Co., Inc., \$2,000,000 each; Bonbright & Co., Inc., and Mellon Securities Corp., \$1,500,000 each; White, Weld & Co., Union Securities Corp. and Kidder, Peabody & Co., \$1,000,000 each.

Lee Higginson Corp., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Lehman Bros., \$600,000 each; Glorie, Forgan & Co., Jackson & Curtis, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., and Hayden Miller & Co., \$500,000 each.

Curtiss House & Co., \$150,000; Fahey Clark & Co., \$100,000; First Cleveland Corp., \$150,000; Hawley Huller & Co., \$200,000; McDonald-Coolidge & Co., \$250,000; Merrill Turben & Co., \$250,000; Maynard H. Murch & Co., \$150,000, and Field, Richards & Shepard, Inc., \$250,000.

Green & Brock, \$100,000; Banchoff Securities Co., \$300,000; Lowry, Sweeney, Inc., \$100,000; Almstedt Bros., J. J. B. Hilliard & Son and W. L. Lyons & Co., \$100,000 each.

A. G. Becker & Co., Ind., \$200,000; Central Republic Co., \$250,000; Harris, Hall & Co., Inc., \$300,000; The Wisconsin Co., \$250,000; First of Michigan Corp., \$150,000, and G. H. Walker & Co., \$150,000.—V. 149, p. 3258.

Decca Records, Inc.—20-Cent Common Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 20 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 27 to holders of record Feb. 13. Dividends of 30 cents were paid in April and August of 1939.—V. 149, p. 3553.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Equipment Trust Certificates—

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Jan. 8 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability in respect of not exceeding \$3,100,000 2½% equip. trust certificates of 1940, series C, to be issued by United States Trust Co., New York, as trustee, and sold at par and accrued dividends to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in connection with the procurement of certain equipment. The Commission at the same time approved the purchase of the certificates by the RFC.—V. 149, p. 4172.

Detroit & Canada Tunnel Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings

Years Ended Oct. 31—	1939	1938
Gross revenue—Tolls	\$597,407	\$565,255
Bus passengers & special coach hire	281,277	242,536
Non-operating revenues	9,776	6,275
Total gross revenues	\$888,460	\$814,066
Operation expenses	237,418	224,674
Maintenance expenses	74,809	67,219
Provisions for depreciation and amortization	168,228	158,671
Taxes	135,371	163,143
Interest on first mortgage bonds	105,019	112,446
Interest on land contract payable	28,649	10,729
Prov. for U. S. & Dom. of Canada income taxes	22,592	23,763
Miscellaneous deduction	10,509	—
Net income	\$105,865	\$53,419

Includes \$9,050 of surtax on undistributed profits, less \$2,237 allocated to net taxable income credited to surplus. y Provision for loss due to fluctuations in Canadian exchange. z After deducting \$714 allocated to taxable income credited to surplus.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31

Assets—	1939	1938
Property, plant and equipment	\$7,131,211	\$7,129,233
Participation certificates	—	1,917
Taxes applicable to future operations	45,265	52,270
Unexpired insurance, &c.	6,498	12,418
Materials and supplies	17,124	16,000
Cash in banks and on hand	615,046	1,265,266
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	4,557	3,997
Amount deposited for payment of dividends on un-exchanged common stock	4,120	—
Total	\$7,823,826	\$8,481,102
Liabilities—	1939	1938
Common stock	\$4,608,064	\$4,278,620
First mortgage 5% bonds, due Nov. 1, 1966	1,997,550	2,203,400
Land contracts payable	400,000	550,415
Domestic property taxes of the present and predecessor companies for the years 1932 to 1938, incl., unpaid because of litigation	—	640,677
United States and Dominion of Canada inc. taxes	21,287	28,344
Portion of land contractual payment due within one year	—	199,585
Accrued interest on land contract payment	653	10,729
Dividends payable	4,120	—
Other current liabilities	836	—
Deferred income	9,267	—
Other accounts payable and accrued expenses	25,553	52,005
Reserve for unredeemed tokens	—	7,800
Reserve for depreciation and amortization	481,643	313,556
Earned surplus	274,852	195,971
Total	\$7,823,826	\$8,481,102

x Represented by 119,698 no par shares. y Includes \$31,527 of unpaid domestic property taxes. z Authorized to be issued, 127,645 shares, of which 123,524 shares are outstanding and 4,120 shares are reserved for issuance in exchange for unrepresented bonds, debentures and other approved claims against the predecessor company.—V. 148, p. 1475.

(Jacob) Dold Packing Co.—Sale—

See Hygrade Food Products Corp.—V. 146, p. 2205.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—December Production—

In December production amounted to \$665,465 as compared with \$647,244 in November and \$602,529 in December, 1938.

Total bullion output for 1939 amounted to \$7,462,379 against \$7,293,289 in 1938. Output last year was \$7,293,289 in 1938. Output last year was second highest in the mine's history, being surpassed only by 1937, when production was \$7,484,436.—V. 149, p. 3714.

Divco-Twin Truck Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Years Ended Oct. 31—	1939	1938	1937
Net sales	\$1,914,739	\$1,572,060	\$1,552,239
Cost of goods sold	1,340,687	1,208,078	1,132,290
Sell., shipping, service adminis. & gen. expenses	313,099	280,514	286,184
Operating profit	\$260,953	\$83,468	\$133,765
Other income	19,162	18,019	15,716
Total income	\$280,115	\$101,487	\$149,480
Interest expense	4,946	1,076	1,666
Patent & patent litigation expense	7,422	5,668	—
Loss on abandonment of dies, tools & patterns	—	—	9,243
Expenses of moving to new plant	15,397	—	—
Miscellaneous deductions	745	222	113
Additional provision for prior year	—	107	24
Normal inc. tax for the current year	49,000	13,300	20,250
Surtax on undistributed profits	—	10,700	8,000
Net profit	\$202,605	\$70,414	\$110,186
Excess prov. for Fed. income taxes	3,521	—	—
Balance, earned surplus, at Nov. 1	191,861	151,147	118,079
Total	\$397,988	\$221,561	\$228,265
Dividends paid in cash on com. stock	89,000	22,200	66,000
Expenses incurred in connection with registration of outstanding common stock under Securities Act	—	—	11,117
Miscellaneous deductions	—	7,500	—
Earned surplus at Oct. 31	\$308,988	\$191,861	\$151,147
Shares common stock (par \$1)	222,500	222,000	220,000
Earnings per share	\$0.91	\$0.31	\$0.50

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31

Assets—	1939	1938	Liabilities—	1939	1938
Cash on deposit, in transit and on hand	\$203,509	\$107,063	Accts. pay. for purchases, payrolls and expenses	\$135,913	\$69,837
Trade notes and accounts	203,891	114,287	Accrued taxes and other expenses	38,936	3,434
Inventories	334,965	288,087	Bal. due on bidg. construction	6,026	—
Other assets	1,093	2,905	Fed. taxes on inc. —estimated	49,000	24,000
Property & equip.	473,935	117,391	RFC loan due Mar. 7, 1949	\$321,000	—
Patents—at nominal value	1	1	Reserve	—	9,000
Deferred charges	15,411	14,566	Deferred income	6,747	844
Total	\$1,232,810	\$644,300	Portion of accrued offic. compens., &c.	219,375	—
			Com. stk. (par \$1)	222,500	222,000
			Capital surplus	124,324	123,324
			Earned surplus	308,988	191,861
Total	\$1,232,810	\$644,300	Total	\$1,232,810	\$644,300

x After reserve for doubtful \$1,000. y Includes \$24,000 payment due within one year. z Portion of accrued officers compensation to be satisfied by issuance of 2,500 shares of common stock.

Listing of Additional Stock—

The company's application to list 2,500 additional shares common stock, par \$1 upon official notice of issuance has been approved by the New York Curb Exchange.—V. 150, p. 126.

Duquesne Light Co.—Earnings—

12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1939	1938
Operating revenues	\$31,572,439	\$29,339,771
a Net operating income	12,642,153	11,456,538
b Net income	10,094,069	8,839,887

a After operating expenses, maintenance, taxes, appropriation for retirement reserve, rents for lease of electric properties, &c. b After deductions for all interest charges, amortization of debt discount and expenses and other income deductions.—V. 149, p. 4173.

Dwight Mfg. Co.—Earnings—

Years Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938	1937
Manufacturing profits, before deprec. or income tax provision	\$448,054	\$110,232	\$872,265
Depreciation	151,936	152,787	136,113
Federal and State income tax prov.	57,900	—	114,500
Net operating profit	\$238,217	\$42,555	\$621,652
Earnings per share on capital stock	loss \$0.99	Nil	\$2.59

Note—During the past 12 months company manufactured 68,044,547 yards of cloth, and sold 71,442,918 yards.

Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30

Assets—	1939	1938	Liabilities—	1939	1938
Cash	\$688,293	\$724,081	Accounts payable	\$173,163	\$138,226
Accts. receivable	635,236	560,411	Accrued items	105,306	69,235
Inventories	1,367,343	1,288,111	Res. for inc. taxes	82,718	90,185
Deferred charges	59,343	58,414	Res. for conting.	144,500	144,500
Real est. & mach., less deprec.	2,514,488	2,451,928	Capital stock	3,000,000	3,000,000
Total	\$5,264,702	\$5,082,945	Capital surplus	639,528	639,528
			Earned surplus	1,119,487	1,001,270
Total	\$5,264,702	\$5,082,945	Total	\$5,264,702	\$5,082,945

—V. 149, p. 3870.

Easy Washing Machine Corp.—New Director—

The board of directors at its December meeting elected Harry W. Davies a director of the corporation to fill a vacancy existing on the board.—V. 149, p. 4027.

Eaton & Howard Management Fund A-1—Asset Value

The net asset value per share was \$18.15 on Dec. 31, 1939, exactly the same as at the close of 1938. During this period total net assets of the Fund increased over 27%; the number of shares outstanding increased from 95,379 to 121,801.

The managers report that at the close of 1939, approximately 9.3% of the assets of the Fund was held in cash, while 21.4% was invested in bonds, 20.5% in preferred stocks, and 48.8% was invested in common stocks.—V. 146, p. 3952.

Ebasco Services Inc.—Weekly Input—

For the week ended Jan. 4, 1940 the kilowatt-hour system input of the operating companies which are subsidiaries of American Power & Light Co., Electric Power & Light Corp. and National Power & Light Co., as compared with the corresponding week during 1939, was as follows:

Operating Subsidiaries of—	1940	1939	Increase—	Amount	%
American Power & Light Co.	118,629,000	107,399,000	11,230,000	10.5	
Electric Power & Light Corp.	62,277,000	54,783,000	7,494,000	13.7	
National Power & Light Co.	78,252,000	67,904,000	10,348,000	15.3	

The above figures do not include the system inputs of any companies not appearing in both periods.—V. 150, p. 127.

Eddy Paper Co.—Dividend Correction—

Company paid a dividend of 50 cents per share (not 25 cents per share as erroneously stated in our issue of Dec. 30, page 4173) on its common stock on Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 25. Previous payment was the 20-cent dividend disbursed on March 31, 1938.—V. 149, p. 1473.

Employers Group Associates—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of like amount on the common stock, both payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 17. Similar amounts were paid on Jan. 31, 1939.—V. 148, p. 127.

Years End. Nov. 30—	1939	1938	1937	1936
x Sales	\$30,701,868	\$27,865,271	\$36,086,253	\$35,118,199
Cost of mds., sell. gen. & admin. expenses	29,780,639	28,083,690	35,319,981	33,563,977
Prov. for depreciation	145,163	132,394	135,431	120,384
Interest paid	31,851	40,716	104,123	32,069
Gross income	\$744,214	loss\$391,529	\$526,718	\$1,401,769
Interest received	45,632	78,599	79,044	74,014
y Divs. received from non-consol. subsid's	63,050	66,125	26,410	105,331
Recov. on assets in excess of reserves provided	46,963	13,230	17,300	---
Other income	26,837	21,827	17,104	18,091
Total income	\$926,697	loss\$211,747	\$666,575	\$1,599,204
Tax refunds & excess res. no longer required	---	Cr\$85,880	---	---
Prov. for Fed. & State income taxes	136,654	13,833	108,951	290,061
Net profit	\$790,043	\$160,299	\$557,624	\$1,304,144
First pref. dividends	102,529	102,529	102,529	102,529
Second pref. dividends	86,673	86,796	86,808	86,820
Common dividends	131,191	264,422	537,430	271,311
Net surplus	\$469,650	def\$293,448	def\$169,143	\$843,484
Previous surplus	4,416,906	4,710,353	4,879,497	4,036,013
Earned surp. Nov. 30	\$4,886,556	\$4,416,906	\$4,710,353	\$4,879,497
Shares common stock outstanding (par \$25)	261,389	263,765	266,000	271,311
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$2.40	Nil	\$1.38	\$4.11

x Less discounts, returns and allowances. y Representing in part earnings of prior years.

	1939	1938	1939	1938
Assets—				
Factory, lands and bldgs., mach'y & equipment	1,263,910	1,337,301	1,500,000	1,500,000
Investments	310,737	251,365	1,500,000	1,500,000
Loans for trade	31,752	52,120	9,000,000	9,000,000
Land & dev. costs	73,621	51,896	1,820,000	1,650,000
Loans to empl's	59,080	56,528	388,670	430,571
Insur. deposits	70,705	78,947	288,879	147,764
Corp'n life insur.	190,835	173,692	81,877	68,866
Inventories	8,253,965	8,369,933	188,809	60,459
a Acc'ts. & notes rec.	6,853,425	6,052,158	Other current and accrued liab's	66,043
Adv. to empl's, &c.	17,326	16,831	Surplus	6,146,029
Cash	1,271,777	1,145,020	Treasury stock	Dr2,563,175
Total	18,397,133	17,585,788	Total	18,397,133

a After reserve for doubtful debts of \$293,943 in 1939 and \$276,287 in 1938.—V. 150, p. 127.

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month	1938—Month	1939—12 Mos.	1938—12 Mos.
Operating revenues	\$4,640,490	\$4,518,370	\$54,073,880	\$52,686,868
Operation	1,685,631	1,789,534	19,499,662	20,402,973
Maintenance	281,699	289,694	3,567,882	3,581,423
Taxes	551,938	502,874	6,960,225	6,370,916
Net oper. revenues	\$2,121,222	\$1,936,267	\$24,046,111	\$22,331,556
Non-oper. income (net)	Dr31,875	Dr39,428	Dr268,431	Dr414,564
Balance	\$2,089,347	\$1,896,839	\$23,777,680	\$21,916,992
Interest and amortiz.	645,938	678,717	8,076,285	8,146,522
Balance	\$1,443,409	\$1,218,122	\$15,701,395	\$13,770,470
Appropriations for retirement reserve	---	---	6,052,571	5,613,964
Balance	\$9,648,823	\$8,156,506	\$8,156,506	\$8,156,506
Dividends on preferred stocks, declared	---	---	2,320,906	2,287,459
Balance	\$7,327,917	\$5,869,047	\$7,327,917	\$5,869,047
Cumulative preferred dividends earned but not declared	---	---	2,131,237	1,568,268
Balance	\$5,196,680	\$4,300,779	\$5,196,680	\$4,300,779
Amount applicable to minority interests	17,590	19,319	17,590	19,319
a Balance	\$5,179,090	\$4,281,460	\$5,179,090	\$4,281,460
b Undeclared dividends	17,865	61,498	17,865	61,498
Earns. from sub. cos., included in charges above:	---	---	---	---
Preferred dividends, declared	---	---	178,713	135,477
Interest	---	---	68,863	121,035
Earnings from other sources	---	---	102,838	113,291
Total	\$5,547,369	\$4,712,761	\$5,547,369	\$4,712,761
Expenses, taxes and interest	---	---	256,049	260,418
c Balance of earnings	\$5,291,320	\$4,452,343	\$5,291,320	\$4,452,343
d Allowing for loss	---	---	See g	630,511
Balance applicable to stocks of Engineers Public Service Co.	\$5,291,320	\$3,821,832	\$5,291,320	\$3,821,832
Divs. on pref. stock of Engineers Public Service Co	2,297,980	2,323,556	2,297,980	2,323,556
Balance for common stock and surplus	\$2,993,340	\$1,498,276	\$2,993,340	\$1,498,276
Earnings per share of common stock	\$1.57	\$0.78	\$1.57	\$0.78
e Earnings per share of common stock	\$1.57	\$1.11	\$1.57	\$1.11

a Applicable to Engineers Public Service Co., before allowing for earned cumulative preferred dividends of a subsidiary company. b On preferred stock and amortization on bonds owned by parent company, included in charges above. c Of parent and subsidiary companies applicable to Engineers Public Service Co. stocks, before allowing for loss. d In investment in common stock of a subsidiary company, measured by cumulative dividends on preferred stocks of such company not earned within the year, less minority interest. e Before deducting unearned preferred dividends of a subsidiary company, less minority interest, which are not a claim against Engineers Public Service Co. or its other subsidiary companies. f Includes Federal income taxes of \$1,249,919. g Engineers Public Service Co. on May 31, 1938 set up in a reserve for depreciation in investments an amount representing the estimated loss in such investments. Such reserve having provided for a considerable period in advance for loss which may be sustained because of the accrual of unearned cumulative dividends on preferred stock of a subsidiary company held by the public, it is unnecessary to make further provision through the reduction of consolidated earnings by the part of such preferred dividends as is not earned during the 12 months' period amounting (after allowance for minority interest) to \$20,869.—V. 149, p. 3715.

Equitable Fire Insurance Co. (Charlestown, S. C.)—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 20 cents per share in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, par \$10, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 29. Extra of 10 cents was paid on July 1, last.—V. 148, p. 3844.

Fairchild Aviation Corp.—Unfilled Orders—

Unfilled orders were \$2,002,470 as of Nov. 30, 1939. Comparing with \$951,603 as of Nov. 30, 1938, this represents an increase of 110%.—V. 149, p. 3715.

Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp.—Listing—

The New York Curb Exchange has approved the company's application to list the 878,207 outstanding shares common stock, par \$1, with authority to add to the list, upon official notice of issuance, 208,445 additional shares of common stock.—V. 149, p. 1914.

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1939	1938	1937	1936
Interest and dividends	\$312,135	\$295,250	\$394,158	\$386,089
Rents	102,642	96,160	97,974	59,950
Sale of securities	---	---	18,352	16,168
Miscellaneous	1,559	3,986	2,774	2,608
Total	\$416,336	\$395,395	\$513,257	\$464,814
Operating expenses	74,829	86,967	95,173	96,007
Capital stock and income tax reserves, est.	66,720	66,720	54,720	36,720
Losses	20,164	4,011	---	---
Additions to res. for depr.	49,473	48,149	---	---
Profit	\$205,150	\$189,548	\$363,364	\$332,087

x Applied as follows: Dividends, \$232,000; depreciation, \$48,990; undivided profit, \$82,274 (\$51,096 in 1936.)

	1939	1938	1939	1938
Assets—				
Cash in office and depositions	689,535	948,533	2,320,000	2,320,000
Time and demand loans	413,105	360,698	6,900,000	6,900,000
Real estate	4,786,577	4,770,228	348,815	355,028
Bonds and mtges.	134,950	135,050	600,000	600,000
Stock and bonds	6,464,191	6,018,741	1,024,658	975,185
Fixtures	11,148	27,497	63,360	113,334
Accrued interest	38,878	38,535	---	---
Sundry	45,000	37,521	37,589	37,589
Total	12,583,443	12,336,802	12,583,443	12,336,802

—V. 148, p. 278.

First Boston Corp.—Dividend—

At the regular meeting of the board of directors held on Jan. 10, 1940, a dividend of \$1 per share was declared, payable Jan. 22 to holders of record Jan. 12. This compares with 40 cents paid on July 25, last, \$1 paid on Jan. 23, 1939 and a dividend of 50 cents per share paid on June 29, 1937.—V. 149, p. 1474.

Fisk Rubber Corp.—Meeting Adjourned to Jan. 19—Suit Filed to Halt Sale—

A meeting of stockholders to vote on dissolution was adjourned Jan. 9 until Jan. 19. No reason for the action was given. The meeting was a holdover of special session Dec. 30 when stockholders voted to sell the properties to United States Rubber Co. for approximately \$1,227,330. A two-thirds vote of both preferred and common stock is required to dissolve. A suit filed in Boston by Anthony P. Massare, Arlington, Mass., to prohibit the sale did not figure in the adjournment. Mr. Massare sought a Superior Court order voiding an agreement between the two corporations and appointment of a Master to appraise Fisk assets.—V. 150, p. 128.

Florida East Coast Ry.—Plan Opposed—

Holders of more than \$6,500,000 of the \$12,000,000 first mortgage bonds outstanding expressed opposition Jan. 4 to the reorganization plan of the company at a meeting in the Guaranty Trust Co.'s office, 140 Broadway, New York City.

Most of the bondholders in opposition were insurance companies and savings banks, represented by Eugene J. Conroy of the Prudential Insurance Co. He said his group opposed the plan of the first & refunding bondholders' committee.

Follansbee Brothers Co.—Plan Approved—

Judge R. M. Gibson in U. S. District Court at Pittsburgh Jan. 6 approved modifications of the reorganization plan filed Dec. 26, 1939.

The court also reconfirmed the reorganization plan in its present form. The court found that the modifications are not adverse to the interest of creditors, stockholders or other interested parties.—V. 149, p. 4174.

Fort Worth & Rio Grande Ry.—Abandonment—

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Dec. 28 issued a certificate permitting abandonment by the company of 2.73 miles of railroad in McCulloch County, Texas, and abandonment of operation thereof by the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry. lessee.

The Commission also authorized the purchase by the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Ry. of certain terminal properties at Brady, Texas of the Fort Worth & Rio Grande Ry.—V. 144, p. 3332.

Franco Oils, Ltd., Moose Jaw, Sask.—Stock Offered—

An issue of 50,000 shares of capital stock (no par value) is being offered (at market) by W. C. Pitfield & Co., Ltd., Montreal. The bankers have an option on 400,000 additional shares.

Transfer agent and registrar: Prudential Trust Co., Ltd. It is the intention of the company to apply for listing of its shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Montreal Curb Market.

Capitalization— Authorized 2,500,000 shs. Issued 1,768,564 shs. Capital stock (no par) ----- 2,500,000 shs. *1,768,564 shs.

* Of which 1,639,224 shares have been fully paid up and are non-assessable. The balance of 129,340 shares issued are not paid up and an aggregate amount of \$104,536 is to be paid in respect thereof.

Company— Incorp. under the Dominion Companies Act in 1929. Is actively engaged in the development of potential and proved natural gas and crude oil-bearing structures located in the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Company acts both as an operating and holding company in Alberta but only as a holding company in Saskatchewan, its operations in the latter Province being conducted through subsidiary and affiliated companies. Company, directly or indirectly through subsidiary and affiliated companies, is operating in the Lloydminster Field on both sides of the Provincial boundary; on the Battleview-Vermilion structure, located approximately 27 miles west of the town of Lloydminster; in the Cardston area in southern Alberta; and in the Unity-Vera area in Saskatchewan.

Directors are: Walter F. Thorn, Earl G. DeWolf, J. K. Swanson, Clarence O. Brown, John S. Smith, Joseph Y. Card, William J. Lawless.

Officers are: Walter F. Thorn, Pres. & Gen. Mgr.; John S. Smith, Vice-Pres.; Earl G. DeWolf, Mgr., and Jay D. Parker, Sec'y, 208 Scott Block, Moose Jaw, Sask.

General American Investors Co., Inc.—Annual Report

Frank Altschul, President, states in part: The decrease for the year in the net assets applicable to the outstanding securities of the company (after interest on the debentures and dividends on the preferred and common stocks aggregating \$1,096,760) was \$1,424,599. This decrease does not take into account \$198,991 paid for 2,000 shares of preferred stock acquired for the sinking fund.

Unrealized appreciation in the value of securities owned as of Dec. 31, 1939, as compared with cost, was \$3,845,294 (before taxes); the corresponding figure on Dec. 31, 1938 was \$5,881,368. The depreciation during the period was thus \$2,036,073. If the entire appreciation as of Dec. 31, 1939 were realized, taxes (other than the excess profits tax) payable thereon, at present rates, are estimated at approximately \$745,000, as compared with an approximate amount of \$1,124,000 as of Dec. 31, 1938, and in computing the net assets applicable to the outstanding securities as of these dates a deduction in these respective amounts has been made. The net decrease in assets resulting from the depreciation in the value of securities was thus \$1,657,073. There was, however, a net profit (after taxes) of \$437,591 on securities sold. The dividends paid for the period (\$441,705 on the preferred stock and \$325,055 on the common stock) were \$205,116 in excess of the net income from interest and dividends (before deducting \$7,920 for amortiza-

tion of discount on the debentures). The resulting decrease in net assets was thus, as mentioned above, \$1,424,599.
 Net income from dividends and interest, after all expenses and taxes, was \$891,643, equal to two and six-tenths times the interest and amortization of discount on the debentures, and after deducting such charges, to 125% of the dividends on the preferred stock.
 Valuing securities, as heretofore, at bid prices, the net assets of company, as of Dec. 31, 1939, applicable to its outstanding securities were \$29,158,239. This amount is equivalent to \$417.91 per \$1,000 of debentures, or, after providing for the debentures, \$313.31 per share of preferred stock. On the same basis, the net asset value per share of common stock (without giving effect to the possible exercise of the outstanding warrants) was \$11.81; the amount as of Dec. 31, 1938 was \$12.90 per share. If all warrants entitling holders to subscribe to common stock at less than the above net asset value as of Dec. 31, 1939 had been exercised on that date, the resulting net asset value would have been \$11.68 per share.

Income Account for Calendar Years				
	1939	1938	1937	1936
Dividends on stocks	\$1,087,143	\$872,878	\$1,482,197	\$1,552,973
Interest on bonds	y33,804	y17,942	58,602	37,068
Total income	\$1,120,947	\$890,820	\$1,540,800	\$1,590,042
Interest on debentures	330,000	330,000	330,000	330,000
Amort. of disc. on debts.	7,920	7,920	7,920	7,920
Taxes paid and accrued	37,510	55,358	191,428	134,304
Transfer, registration, trustee, custody of sec., legal, auditing and report expenses	42,258	38,278	43,010	44,765
Other expenses	149,535	133,086	130,756	137,942
Net income for year	\$553,724	\$326,178	\$837,686	\$935,110
x Includes \$10,715 realized on sale of securities received as dividends.				
y Includes \$7,900 (\$6,476 in 1938) received in preferred stock. z Including \$18,294 (\$56,226 in 1936) received in preferred stocks.				
Notes—(a) Net profit from sale of securities (on the basis of first-in, first-out)				\$465,245
Less—Provision for taxes thereon				27,654
Net profit credited to special account under surplus				\$437,591
(b) Aggregate unrealized appreciation in value of securities as compared with cost:				
Dec. 31, 1939				\$3,845,294
Dec. 31, 1938				5,881,368
Decrease				\$2,036,073
Deduction for taxes (other than the excess profits tax) at present rates on appreciation, if realized:				
Dec. 31, 1939				\$745,000
Dec. 31, 1938				1,124,000
Decrease				\$379,000
Decrease in appreciation after deduction for taxes				\$1,657,073

Statement of Surplus Years Ended Dec. 31

	1939	1938	1937	1936
Cap. surplus—previous balance	\$14,363,022	\$14,454,522	\$14,554,247	\$14,654,247
Excess of amt. paid on red. of 2,000 shs. of pref. over stated value	Dr98,991	Dr91,500	Dr99,725	Dr100,000
Total capital surplus	\$14,264,031	\$14,363,022	\$14,454,522	\$14,554,247
Profit and loss on secur. sold, previous balance	Dr\$208,368	Dr\$737,643	Dr\$720,781	Dr\$890,246
Prov. for Fed. transfer tax in 1935 restored to surplus				Cr15,703
Taxes applic. to security profits of prior years			Dr16,122	
Miscellaneous credit		a34,697		
Net profit on secur. sold during year	zCr437,591	zCr494,578	Dr739	xCr153,761
Net losses	prof\$229,223	\$208,368	\$737,642	\$720,782
Undistributed income—Balance as of Dec. 31	\$373,208	\$376,436		\$42,232
Miscellaneous credit		a120,294		
Net inc. for year ended Dec. 31 (as above)	553,724	326,178	837,686	935,110
Pref. dividends paid	\$926,932	\$822,908	\$837,686	\$977,341
Common dividends	441,705	449,700	461,250	977,341
	325,055			
Total undistributed current income	\$160,172	\$373,208	\$376,436	
x After deducting dividends paid of \$457,323 in 1936, from security profits. z After provision for taxes of \$27,654 (\$86,246 in 1938).				
a Credit for difference between tax reserve for prior years and requirements as subsequently determined.				

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31

Assets—	1939		1938	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Securities owned at cost	24,633,671	25,130,497		
Cash	1,663,600	1,444,037		
Divs. receiv. and interest accrued	82,174	62,620		
Rec. for sec. sold		34,799		
Unamort. disc. on debentures	95,700	103,620		
Total	26,475,146	26,775,573		
Liabilities—			1939	1938
6% pref. stock			3,600,000	3,700,000
Common stock			1,300,220	1,300,220
25-yr. 5% debts.			6,600,000	6,600,000
Int. acc. on debts.			137,500	137,500
Res. for taxes, &c.			76,000	152,000
Pref. divs. payable			108,000	111,000
Pay. for sec. pur.				246,992
Capital surplus			14,264,031	14,363,022
Profit on sec. sold			229,223	Dr208,368
Undistrib. income			160,172	373,208
Total			26,475,146	26,775,573

a Represented by 1,300,220 no par shares. c The value of securities owned at bid price was, as of Dec. 31, 1939, \$28,478,965.
 Note—Outstanding warrants entitle holders to subscribe to 500,000 shs. of common stock, as follows: 100,000 shares at \$10 per share, 100,000 shares at \$12.50 per share, 100,000 shares at \$15 per share, 100,000 shares at \$17.50 per share and 100,000 shares at \$20 per share. These warrants expire Oct. 15, 1953.—V. 150, p.1 28.

General Electric Co.—Orders Received—

Orders received by General Electric Co. during the fourth quarter of 1939 amounted to \$112,166,535, compared with \$63,419,265 in the final quarter of 1938, an increase of 77%, President Charles E. Wilson announced on Jan. 11.

Orders for the year 1939 were \$360,748,386, compared with \$252,176,223 for 1938, an increase of 43%.

Sales billed and net earnings for the year are not yet available, but will be given in the annual report for 1939, to be issued in the latter part of March.—V. 150, p. 128.

General Finance Corp.—Earnings—

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938
Volume of business	\$33,889,825	\$17,876,304
Net income after all expenses, interest, provision for losses and provision for Federal income tax	339,079	163,960
Net income per common share outstanding after payment of dividends on preferred stock	\$0.33	\$0.13

Georgia & Florida RR.—Earnings—

—Week End. Dec. 31—	—Jan. 1 to Dec. 31—	
1939	1938	
Operating revenues	\$26,100	\$23,548
	\$1,189,698	\$1,111,063

—V. 150, p. 128.

General Motors Corp.—December Car Sales—The company on Jan. 8 released the following statement:

December sales of General Motors cars and trucks in the United States and Canada, including export shipments, totaled 207,637 compared with 172,669 in December a year ago. Sales in November were 200,071. Sales for 1939 totaled 1,542,776 compared with 1,108,007 in 1938.

Sales to dealers in the United States totaled 188,839 in December compared with 150,005 in December a year ago. Sales in November were 180,133. Sales for 1939 totaled 1,364,426 compared with 935,163 in 1938.

Sales to consumers in the United States totaled 156,008 in December compared with 118,888 in December a year ago. Sales in November were 162,881. Sales for 1939 totaled 1,364,761 compared with 1,001,770 in 1938.

Total Sales of General Motors Cars and Trucks from All Sources of Manufacture United States and Canadian Factories—Sales to Dealers and Export Shipment:

	1939	1938	1937	1936
January	136,489	76,665	89,010	144,308
February	133,511	77,929	59,962	131,517
March	161,057	89,392	244,230	180,138
April	142,002	91,934	221,592	215,247
May	125,453	85,855	201,192	206,756
June	139,694	84,885	185,779	204,363
July	84,327	73,159	208,825	191,090
August	12,113	41,933	175,264	107,947
September	53,072	19,566	65,423	6,253
October	144,350	108,168	151,602	77,586
November	200,071	185,852	180,239	178,641
December	207,637	172,669	145,663	222,743
Total	1,542,776	1,108,007	1,928,781	1,866,589

Sales to Dealers in United States

	1939	1938	1937	1936
January	116,964	56,938	70,901	131,134
February	115,890	63,771	49,674	116,762
March	142,743	76,142	216,606	162,418
April	126,276	78,525	199,532	194,695
May	119,868	71,676	180,085	187,119
June	124,048	72,506	162,390	186,146
July	71,803	61,826	187,869	177,436
August	7,436	34,752	157,000	99,775
September	47,609	16,469	58,181	4,669
October	129,821	92,890	136,370	69,334
November	180,133	159,573	153,184	156,041
December	188,839	150,005	108,232	197,065
Total	1,364,426	935,163	1,680,024	1,682,594

Sales to Consumers in United States

	1939	1938	1937	1936
January	88,865	63,069	62,998	102,034
February	83,251	62,831	51,600	96,134
March	142,062	100,022	196,095	181,782
April	132,612	103,534	198,146	200,117
May	129,053	92,593	178,521	194,628
June	124,618	76,071	153,866	189,756
July	102,031	78,758	163,818	163,459
August	76,120	64,925	156,322	133,804
September	56,789	40,796	88,564	85,201
October	110,471	68,896	107,216	44,274
November	162,881	131,387	117,387	155,552
December	156,008	118,888	89,682	173,472
Total	1,364,761	1,001,770	1,594,215	1,720,213

Builds 25-Millionth Car—

This corporation built its 25,000,000th automobile on Jan. 11 and in honor of the automotive milestone an all-day celebration was staged. Marvin E. Coyle, general manager of the Chevrolet division, drove off a final assembly line the car embodying the productive effort of General Motors 31-year-old history.

Virtually all the ranking G. M. officials were present, including Board Chairman Alfred P. Sloan Jr., and President William S. Knudsen. The workers who built the auto presented Mr. Knudsen with a scroll bearing their signatures.

Mr. Knudsen told the employees the building of 25,000,000 cars was "an achievement of which all of us can be proud. It is well to remember that in no place except America could these things be accomplished."

Sells 21,000 Shares of Bendix Aviation Corp.—

The corporation sold 21,000 shares of Bendix Aviation Corp. common stock in November, according to report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. General Motors originally acquired 500,000 shares in April, 1929, (representing a 23.8% interest in the company) for \$15,000,000 cash and conveyance of all assets of Delco Aviation Corp. According to the SEC report General Motors held 479,000 shares on Nov. 30, 1939.—V. 150, p. 128.

General Telephone Allied Corp.—Pref. to Be Redeemed—

See General Telephone Corp.—V. 145, p. 3817.

General Telephone Corp.—Plans to Refinance Preferred Issues—

The corporation has formulated plans for refinancing its own preferred stock and the preferred shares of its affiliated company, General Telephone Allied Corp., with a new issue of preferred shares. The proposal, outlined briefly to stockholders in a letter by John Winn, President, also would establish General Telephone Allied as a subsidiary of General Telephone Corp., instead of continuing present arrangements with the former occupying a position of subsidiary and stockholder of the latter.

The refinancing operation contemplated would reduce combined preferred annual dividend requirements of General Telephone and General Telephone Allied Corp. by about \$75,000, and would result in increasing consolidated net earnings on General Telephone common by more than 10%.

General Telephone common stockholders will meet Feb. 20 to consider the proposal. Under the plan, General Telephone Corp. would sell about 135,000 shares of new \$2.50 annual dividend series preferred stock, with rights to convert each share into not more than two shares of common. It is likely that Paine, Webber & Co., Mich. J. M. Tully & Co., and Bonbright & Co., Inc. would act as a syndicate in the financing.

Proceeds from sale of the new preferred would be used to retire 73,513 shares of General Telephone's \$3 dividend series convertible preferred at \$50 a share on March 1 and the \$6 preferred shares of General Telephone Allied at \$106.50 a share. General Telephone Allied preferred, of which there were 34,244 shares outstanding is callable on 20 days' notice.

General Telephone Corp. would then be sole stockholder in General Telephone Allied Corp., having 100 shares of the latter's common stock. Under charter of General Telephone Allied Corp., no dividends could be paid on the common stock until the preferred shares all publicly held, were retired at 106 1/2.

Under the arrangement making it sole stockholder of General Telephone Allied Corp., General Telephone would assume control of 9,400 shares of the \$6 preferred stock of Interstate Telephone Co., a General Telephone subsidiary; 14,450 shares of 6% preferred stock of \$100 par value of Michigan Associated Telephone Co., another General Telephone subsidiary; 14,800 shares of \$6 preferred stock of Southwestern Associated Telephone Co.; and of 82,175 shares of its own stock held by General Telephone Allied Corp.—V. 149, p. 3873.

(A. C.) Gilbert Co.—Accumulated Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$2.62 1/2 per share on account of accumulations on the \$3.50 preferred stock, payable Jan. 18 to holders of record Jan. 13. This payment clears up all arrears on the issue.—V. 149, p. 2368.

Grand Union Co.—Registers with SEC—

Company has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering a proposed offering of 115,917 shares of capital stock. Of the shares registered, 28,962 shares will be offered at \$10 per share to holders of subscription warrants, and 86,955 shares will be offered to holders of dividend arrearage certificates who wish to exchange their certificates for stock at the rate of \$10 per share.—V. 149, p. 3873.

(W. T.) Grant Co.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31— 1939—Month—1938 1939—12 Mos.—1938
Sales \$18,868,285 \$17,996,444 \$103,361,697 \$97,313,495

To Pay 50-Cent Final Dividend—

Directors on Jan. 4 declared a final dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 23 to holders of record Jan. 11. Regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents was paid on Jan. 1 last. Final dividend of 25 cents was paid on Feb. 14, 1939, and one of 50 cents was paid on Jan. 20, 1938.—V. 149, p. 3717.

Great Northern Iron Ore Properties—75-Cent Dividend

Trustees have declared a distribution of 75 cents per share on the certificates of beneficial interest payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 16. A dividend of 50 cents was paid on Dec. 23, last; one of 75 cents was paid on Jan. 31, 1939, 50 cents paid on Dec. 20, 1938, and one of 75 cents was paid on Jan. 31, 1938.—V. 149, p. 3873.

(H. L.) Green Co., Inc.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31— 1939—Month—1938 1939—11 Mos.—1938
Sales \$6,228,023 \$5,951,545 \$32,598,212 \$30,399,916
Stores in operation 133 133
—V. 150, p. 128.

Guardian Realty Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Accum. Div.—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on account of accumulations on the 7% cum. pref. stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 30. Like amount was paid on Oct. 14, July 15 and April 15 ast.—V. 149, p. 2233.

Gulf States Utilities Co.—Earnings—

12 Months Ended Nov. 30— 1939 1938
Operating revenues \$10,296,511 \$10,744,630
a Balance after oper., maint. and taxes 5,450,753 4,537,042
b Balance for dividends and surplus 2,634,265 2,062,789
a Includes non-operating income (net). b After appropriation for retirement reserve.

Note—For comparative purposes only; includes operations for the entire period of Baton Rouge Electric Co. (except bus) and Louisiana Steam Generating Corp. properties acquired Aug. 25, 1938.—V. 149, p. 3874.

Hadley Mascot Gold Mines, Ltd.—Two-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of two cents per share on the capital stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. Last previous payment was the regular quarterly dividend of three cents paid on July 2, 1939.—V. 149, p. 3263.

Hat Corp. of America—Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31		1939		1938	
Assets—	1939	1938	Liabilities—	1939	1938
Cash	\$1,028,425	\$1,258,054	Accounts payable	\$167,829	\$129,837
b Notes and accts. receivable	1,166,539	1,243,760	Accrued salaries, wages, com., &c.	217,944	139,717
Life ins. policies	140,787	132,217	Prov. for Fed. and miscell. taxes	254,379	155,810
a Mds. inventory	1,686,826	1,401,069	6 1/2% pref. stock	2,786,400	3,005,500
Land	51,498	51,498	Class A com. stock (voting) (par \$1)	359,660	359,660
c Bldgs., machin'y and equipment	1,353,663	1,294,649	Class B com. stock non-vot. (par \$1)	109,660	109,660
d Land for plant ext.	21,900	21,900	e Capital surplus	1,753,244	1,704,349
Temenets on above land	5,959	7,088	Earned surplus	1,396,573	1,394,381
Prepaid taxes, insurance, &c.	24,991	23,580			
Goodwill, trade-marks, &c.	1,565,100	1,565,100			
Total	\$7,045,689	\$6,998,915	Total	\$7,045,689	\$6,998,915

a Certified by the management as to quantities and marketable condition of the inventory, and valued at the lower of cost or market. b After reserve for bad debts, discounts and allowances of \$322,080 in 1939 and \$330,911 in 1938. c After reserve for depreciation of \$831,038 in 1939 and \$696,547 in 1938. d After depreciation reserve of \$16,616 in 1939 and \$15,487 in 1938. e Upon the basis of treating \$89,100 (\$5,300, in 1938) par value of 6 1/2% cumulative preferred stock in the treasury as though retired. The corporation may at any time apply the 6 1/2% cumulative preferred stock against its charter obligation to provide a sinking fund for the retirement of preferred stock. f Includes \$38,000 for additional compensation to officers.

The consolidated earnings for the year ended Oct. 31, 1939 appeared in the Chronicle of Dec. 30, page 4176.—V. 149, p. 4176.

Haverhill Electric Co.—To Pay 75-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock payable Jan. 13 to holders of record Jan. 8. This compares with \$1 paid on Oct. 14, last; 75 cents paid on July 14, last and 63 cents paid on April 14, 1939.—V. 149, p. 2368.

(D. H.) Holmes Co., Ltd.—Bal. Sheet July 31, 1939—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash on hand	\$128,577	Notes payable	\$400,000
Accounts & notes receivable	945,543	Accounts payable	322,316
Investments	38,010	Reserve for taxes and contingencies	152,932
Merchandise	712,128	Capital stock	3,300,000
Merchandise in transit	149,926	Undivided profits	432,928
Real estate & buildings	2,090,984		
Fixtures and equipment	478,276		
Prepaid expenses	64,732		
Total	\$4,608,176	Total	\$4,608,176

—V. 144, p. 4009.

(Geo. A.) Hormel & Co.—Dividend Increased—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 27. Previously regular quarterly dividends of 37 1/2 cents per share were distributed.—V. 149, p. 3558.

Humphreys Mfg. Co.—Pays Stock Dividend—

Company paid a stock dividend of 100% on its common stock on Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 19.—V. 146, p. 3670.

Horn & Hardart Baking Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Years End. Sept. 30—	1939	1938	1937	1936
Sales	\$12,981,858	\$12,865,307	\$13,002,539	\$11,943,868
Material, costs, salaries, wages and other operating expenses	10,509,782	10,564,802	10,677,367	9,960,268
Maintenance & repairs	301,749	318,612	348,064	270,270
Taxes	403,151	404,843	340,156	268,954
Interest (net)	203,473	206,263	227,689	236,439
Net inc. before deprec. and Federal taxes	\$1,563,712	\$1,370,782	\$1,409,262	\$1,207,937
Divs., &c., received	224,381	125,991	175,589	156,600
Total income	\$1,788,093	\$1,496,773	\$1,584,851	\$1,364,537
Depreciation	487,174	497,234	513,034	552,266
Federal income tax	197,221	175,269	199,420	127,078
Loss on fixed assets retired (net)	202,649	105,654		
Net income	\$901,049	\$718,616	\$872,397	\$685,193
Dividends	596,946	596,969	597,156	522,511
Surplus	\$304,103	\$121,647	\$275,241	\$162,682
Shares cap. stock outstanding (no par)	99,491	99,491	99,526	99,526
Earnings per share	\$9.05	\$7.22	\$8.76	\$6.88

x Includes \$17,500 (\$6,715 in 1937) for surtax on undistributed profits. y Depreciation and amortization.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30

	1939	1938	1939	1938
Assets—			Liabilities—	
x Fixed assets	\$11,760,882	\$11,645,019	y Capital stock	2,137,025
Goodwill	92,000	92,000	Mortg. and ground rents	4,050,000
Investments	536,204	538,704	Accts. pay., trade	270,029
Treas. stock, 509 shares	36,637	36,637	Accts. pay. for construction (add'l commitments for completion & for equip. approximately \$700,000)	113,181
Cash at banks and on hand	1,238,810	1,026,797	Accrued expenses	319,313
Accounts receivable	23,623	28,975	Prov. for Fed. and State cap. stock and franchise tax	45,208
Inventories	227,469	215,845	Prov. for Federal & State taxes on inc.	238,767
Prepaid taxes, insurance, &c.	68,457	94,890	Res. for conting.	47,160
Deferred charges	67,776	56,068	Deferred credit	12,850
			Surplus	6,818,323
Total	14,051,858	13,734,934	Total	14,051,858

x After depreciation and amortization. y Represented by 100,000 no par shares including 509 shares in treasury.—V. 148, p. 128.

Hygrade Food Products Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Years Ended—	Oct. 28, '39	Oct. 29, '38	Oct. 30, '37	Oct. 31, '36
Gross profit from oper.	\$5,369,078	\$4,072,137	\$4,578,286	\$4,496,267
Sell., adm. & gen. exps.	4,499,094	3,860,313	3,961,242	3,747,874
Net oper. income	\$869,984	\$211,824	\$615,044	\$748,393
Other income	49,598	78,517	40,098	95,245
Total income	\$919,582	\$290,341	\$655,142	\$843,638
Provision for deprec'n.	193,389	191,025	178,818	163,585
Other taxes	337,052	289,540	238,435	133,017
Repairs & maintenance			206,953	152,056
Interest on bonded debt	147,398	152,326	162,467	160,646
Other interest, net	60,455	45,446	52,037	5,727
Other deduc'ns from inc.	29,267	34,970	15,931	26,312
Prov. for income taxes	28,000			35,000
Net oper. profit	\$124,020	loss \$422,967	loss \$199,497	\$167,298
Shares capital stock, par \$5, outstanding	276,508	276,514	276,610	276,610
Earnings per share	\$0.45	Nil	Nil	\$0.60

Consolidated Balance Sheet

Assets—	Oct. 28, '39	Oct. 29, '38	Liabilities—	Oct. 28, '39	Oct. 29, '38
Cash	\$219,922	\$479,232	Accts. payable and accrued accts.	\$763,674	\$503,743
a Notes and accts. receivable	1,675,362	1,482,743	Due to Jacob Dold Packing Co.	150,833	
Advances on mds. purchases	82,309		Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes & cont'g's	323,000	295,000
Inventories	1,412,732	1,194,279	Int. & ret. conv. fts.	2,421,019	2,604,209
Other assets	315,060	251,912	c Cap. stk. (par \$5)	1,822,536	1,382,569
b Land, buildings, mach., eq., &c.	4,608,711	4,486,519	Capital surplus	3,753,355	3,797,136
Goodwill	1	1	Deficit	343,831	467,851
Prepaid expenses	136,489	120,119			
Total	\$8,450,587	\$8,014,805	Total	\$8,450,587	\$8,014,805

a After allowance for doubtful accounts, discounts, &c., of \$70,644 in 1939 and \$84,906 in 1938, but including \$59,636 (\$22,679 in 1938) miscellaneous. b After allowance for depreciation of \$1,981,733 in 1939 and \$1,783,630 in 1938. c Authorized 500,000 shares, of which reserved for conversion of series A and B bonds, 47,274 (49,806 in 1938) shares issued, 300,709 shares, including 317 (327 in 1938) shares reserved for final settlement under plan and agreement dated Nov. 1, 1928, 22,871 shares reacquired, held in treasury, and 1,324 shares held by the trustees in connection with conversion of series A bonds.

Acquisition of Jacob Dold Packing Co.—

Samuel Slotkin, President, states: During the year ended Oct. 28, 1939, company, through a subsidiary, purchased the trade marks, brands and goodwill of The Jacob Dold Packing Co., and its plant located at Buffalo, N. Y., as well as its branch houses located at Syracuse and Utica, N. Y., together with the business in connection with such plant and branch houses. The business conducted from the Buffalo plant of Jacob Dold Packing Co. was subsequently transferred to company's own plant in Buffalo and operations were consolidated there. During the period of such transfer of the business of Jacob Dold Packing Co. and consolidating the operations at the one plant, considerable extraordinary expense was necessarily incurred, all of which expense has been absorbed in operations for the year under review.

Since the acquisition of Jacob Dold Packing Co. business at Buffalo, company's plant operations at that point have greatly improved, and with the plant now operating at its regular normal expenses, the results of operations of the Buffalo plant for the coming year should show a marked improvement over the past year.

Prior to Oct. 28, 1939, company's subsidiary sold certain of the machinery and equipment which was purchased as part of Jacob Dold Packing Co., Buffalo plant and was not required in such consolidated operations. Company's subsidiary, prior to Oct. 28, 1939 entered into a contract of sale for the entire plant of Jacob Dold Packing Co. located at Buffalo. This sale was consummated shortly after the close of company's fiscal year. These sales have resulted in a substantial reduction in carrying charges which is obviously beneficial.—V. 147, p. 4056.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938
Operating revenues	\$7,829,942	\$7,399,917
Uncollectible oper. rev.	23,071	21,233
Operating revenues	\$7,806,871	\$7,378,684
Operating expenses	5,216,306	5,091,760
Net oper. revenues	\$2,590,565	\$2,286,924
Operating taxes	1,259,289	1,154,160
Net operating income	\$1,331,276	\$1,132,764
Net income	1,191,469	972,698

—V. 149, p. 3718.

Indiana Associated Telephone Corp.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938
Operating revenues	\$139,997	\$128,931
Uncollectible oper. rev.	136	126
Operating revenues	\$139,861	\$128,805
Operating expenses	72,395	66,439
Net oper. revenues	\$67,466	\$62,366
Rent for lease of oper. property	47	73
Operating taxes	20,179	18,567
Net operating income	\$47,240	\$43,726
Net income	34,713	31,314

—V. 149, p. 3558.

Indianapolis Water Co.—Earnings—

12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1939	1938	1937	1936
Gross revenues	\$2,698,980	\$2,610,208	\$2,581,476	\$2,654,034
Oper., maint. & retire. or depreciation	827,899	815,175	805,101	824,304
All Fed. and local taxes	610,870	579,420	579,445	503,607
Net income	\$1,260,211	\$1,222,613	\$1,196,930	\$1,326,122
Interest charges	483,945	483,945	497,936	718,576
Other deductions	125,475	124,495	124,134	84,947
Bal. avail. for div.	\$650,791	\$614,173	\$574,859	\$522,598

—V. 149, p. 3558.

Indiana Harbor Belt RR.—Earnings—

Period Ended Nov. 30—	1939—Month—	1938	1939—11 Mos.—	1938
Railway oper. revenues	\$1,099,795	\$866,849	\$10,380,631	\$8,150,423
Railway oper. expenses	710,076	510,536	6,433,901	5,497,583
Net revenue from railway operations	\$389,719	\$356,313	\$3,946,730	\$2,652,840
Railway tax accruals	75,282	78,848	416,765	738,211
Equipmt. & joint fac. rents	134,707	122,819	1,029,434	811,278
Net ry. oper. income	\$179,630	\$154,646	\$2,000,531	\$1,103,351
Other income	2,643	2,862	24,757	28,676
Total income	\$182,273	\$157,508	\$2,025,288	\$1,132,025
Misc. deductions from inc.	8,627	3,025	68,166	33,453
Total fixed charges	36,865	36,942	405,466	408,125
Net income after fixed charges	\$136,781	\$117,541	\$1,551,656	\$690,449

—V. 149, p. 3875.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—U. S. Supreme Court Defers Case Pending Unification—

The U. S. Supreme Court, Jan. 8, granted a motion to defer consideration of a petition for review of a case in which the company is seeking to disaffirm a lease with the City of New York.

The motion was presented jointly by the receiver for the company and officials of New York City who asked that the high court defer consideration pending the result of unification of all transit lines in New York.

The Court was told that if the unification plan is completed the questions involved will become academic and the appeals will be withdrawn.

Charles Franklin, Counsel for the Manhattan Ry., said that the Supreme Court decision to defer consideration of joint appeals of I. R. T. and Manhattan Ry. parties on disaffirming city leases was a compliance with the petition presented to the court of all parties to the city transit unification plan in order to permit the plan being consummated.

Three dissenting groups representing junior interests refused to join in the petition, Mr. Franklin said, but the court granted the motion, nevertheless.—V. 149, p. 4177.

International Agricultural Corp.—Stockholders' Committee Opposed to Plan—

A committee acting on behalf of the common stockholders announces its opposition to the proposed plan of recapitalization of the corporation which is to be voted upon at the annual meeting of stockholders on Jan. 23.

The committee disapproves of the plan for the reason stated below, and asks the stockholders if they agree with their conclusions, to promptly execute and return to the committee the proxy in behalf of the committee.

The members of the committee are: Louis Lober, Chairman; Carroll S. Loeb and Frank Nelson, with James H. Pope, Secretary, 30 Broad St., New York City, and Ehrich, Royall, Wheeler & Waite, 20 Exchange Pl., New York City, as counsel.

The plan of recapitalization, says the committee, is somewhat obscure and boiled down and clarified, the essentials may be fairly stated as follows:

Present Position of the Corporation—Corporation has net current assets (without giving effect to the current operations since June 30, 1939) of \$6,546,096. Of the net current assets as of June 30, 1939, \$2,588,477 are shown as cash which would be converted into more than \$3,000,000 of cash after giving effect to the cash transactions which occurred since June 30, 1939.

The corporation's real estate, plant and its investment in the Union Potash & Chemical Co. are carried at approximately \$20,000,000. Corporation's indebtedness consists of the current liabilities of \$388,795, \$4,500,000 in face amount of first mortgage bonds due May 1, 1942, and an obligation for the purchase of further shares of the Union Potash & Chemical Co for the sum of \$1,500,000, which obligation is payable at such time prior to Oct. 27, 1940, as shall be designated by Union Potash & Chemical Co. Upon making this payment, the company's investment in Union Potash & Chemical Co will have amounted to the sum of \$2,540,000.

In addition to the issue of \$4,500,000 of bonds, the corporation has outstanding 100,000 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) with 79% of accumulated dividends thereon and 436,044 shares of common stock (no par).

As regards the funded debt the proposed plan would work out as follows:

Proposed issue of 4% convertible debentures	\$3,000,000	
Proposed issue of 10-year 3 1/2% serial notes	1,500,000	
Proposed issue of 10-year 4 1/2% serial notes	1,000,000	\$5,500,000
To payment of presently outstanding first mortgage collateral trust 5% bonds due May 1, 1942	\$4,500,000	
3% premium due by reason of paying above before maturity	135,000	4,635,000

Leaving an excess to be added to the corporation's working capital of \$865,000

The plan is not sufficiently explicit as to what the terms of the flotation of these new debentures and notes will be nor as to what bankers' commissions, legal expenses and other charges it may be subject. It is hardly likely that the net result of the issuance of these three sets of notes and debentures will result in the addition to working capital as much as \$865,000.

The proposed 4% debentures will bear the privilege of conversion into new common stock on a basis of not less than \$25 per share.

Each share of present 7% preferred stock will be exchanged for one share of new 5% cumulative convertible preferred (\$50 par) and one share of new common stock. Each share of new preferred will bear the privilege of conversion into two shares of new common stock.

Each seven shares of present common stock will be exchanged for one share of new common stock.

It is also proposed to set aside 20,000 shares of new common stock to be sold to the management upon such terms as the directors may see fit.

As presently constituted, in addition to the issue of \$4,500,000 of bonds, the corporation has outstanding 100,000 shares of 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) with 79% of accumulated dividends thereon and 436,044 shares of common stock. Manifestly, the present common stockholders own 100% of this issue of common stock. Under the recapitalization plan, the authorized common stock will be 650,000 shares. Assuming the acceptance of the plan by all the outstanding preferred stockholders, the disposition of all the debentures and the subsequent exercise of all privileges of conversion, including conversion of the debentures at 25 (which would eliminate \$3,000,000 in debentures and the preferred stock), and the issuance of 20,000 shares to the management, there will be outstanding a total of 502,292 shares of new common stock. On a percentage basis, this would mean that the common stockholders will own only 12.40% of this new issue of common stock following \$2,500,000 of notes.

The Claimed Justification of the Plan—The committee do not think that there is presently any occasion or justification for a plan of recapitalization so drastically diluting the interest of the common stockholders, the owners of the equity of the business. What possible justification can be urged by the management? The proponents of the plan apparently rely chiefly on the fact that the \$4,500,000 of bonds become due on May 1, 1942. But this is two and one-third years from now. As to this, it should be noted that this issue has been properly serviced and that these bonds have such a good market position that the corporation was able in October, 1939, as the statement accompanying the plan shows, to sell \$1,208,000 in face amount of these bonds (which the corporation then had in its treasury) to the New York Trust Co. at a premium of 3%, with an agreement by the purchaser to refund the interest collected in excess of 3 1/2%.

It should also be noted that the plan for the issuance of these three new series of debentures and notes does not disclose in any detail at what price or when or how they are to be marketed, except that the notes are to be privately marketed and the debentures publicly marketed at some time after the plan becomes effective.

The committee believes that the proposed bond and note issues should be entirely separate from any reconstitution of either the present preferred or common stock and that no conversion privilege should be attached to the proposed new bond issue. Since the interest on the existing bond issue has always been met, we believe there should be little difficulty at the proper time in refunding or obtaining an extension at a lower interest rate.

It is asserted by the proponents of the plan that the credit standing of the corporation is adversely affected by the accumulated unpaid dividends on the present preferred stock.

The committee cannot understand how dividends due to shareholders have any bearing on the dealings between the corporation and other per-

sons, except in connection with needless conversion privileges, and fail to see how the situation here presented would be remedied by the creation of a new preferred stock in view of the fact that the non-assenting present preferred stockholders are under no compulsion to exchange their stock for the new preferred stock.

As stated in the plan, before any dividend can be paid on the common stock, one-half of the corporation's earnings is to be set aside for the purchase and redemption of the 7% preferred stock, but no provision along this line is made with respect to the repurchase of the new preferred stock.

The committee feels this provision largely nullifies any claimed advantage as to disposing of accumulated unpaid dividends on the present preferred stock because the corporation may eventually be required to retire the non-assenting preferred stock at \$110 per share plus all dividend arrears, which presently amount to \$79.

The next point seemingly put forward by the proponents of the plan in justification of it is that it makes provision for additional working capital. The figures set out show that there is no need for new capital. The balance sheet and earnings statement attached to the plan show that this corporation is in a sound current asset position since it has approximately \$6,500,000 of net current assets, of which approximately \$3,000,000 is cash, and has total current liabilities of less than \$400,000, and the open contract to purchase an additional \$1,500,000 of Union Potash Stock. There is certainly not a drastic need for new capital because the proposed plan would produce at most \$865,000 and probably less than that.

Under the proposed plan, the cost of refunding and of procuring the new capital would include:

1. 3% premium on \$4,500,000 of bonds \$135,000
2. Discount, bankers' fees, legal fees and other costs of floating the new debentures and notes Amount unknown

The committee feels that the proponents of the plan have shown no need for new capital at this time and in any event that the cost of refunding and of procuring it as proposed is prohibitive.

Prospective Profits from Investment in Union Potash & Chemical Co.

It is the opinion of this committee, based upon an examination of earnings statements of three other potash companies engaged in the production of this highly important chemical and its compounds in the United States, that this operation should prove highly profitable and that the revenue derived therefrom should bulk large in the future earnings of International Agricultural Corp.

This committee believes, inasmuch as the entire expense and risk of developing this important potash deposit was borne by International without resort to additional stock issues, that the benefits therefrom should accrue to the outstanding stock as presently constituted. The proposed increase of the common stock would have the effect of diluting the present stockholders' equity in these benefits to an extent entirely unjustified by the circumstances. In the opinion of the committee, the status of both the preferred and common stocks should be left undisturbed for the next three years or so in order to give the forces that seem to indicate greatly improved earnings for the corporation a chance to assert themselves. With improved earnings, the matter of dealing with the present preferred stock should be solved with greater ease and less loss to the common stockholders.

Other Provisions of the Plan—The committee believes that the prices at which stock is to be offered to the management should be submitted to stockholders for approval and that such stock be issued only for cash and not on any installment plan. The corporation should also receive from purchasers of stock, escrow agreements for one year periods, so that stock cannot be sold during that period. The object of this would be to insure the employees' continued interest in the corporation's affairs rather than furnishing them with opportunities for buying stock from the corporation's treasury at prices below the market and immediately selling it at higher prices. The committee feels that it is for the stockholders rather than for the directors to set up a suitable plan for such control.

In connection with the disposal of the unissued and unreserved balance of the new common stock, the committee believes that this, too, should be submitted to the stockholders for approval in each case where the amount of stock involved is 1,000 shares or more.—V. 150, p. 129.

International Hydro-Electric System—Unlisted Trading

The New York Curb Exchange has removed from unlisted trading the class A stock purchase warrants.—V. 149, p. 3116.

International Match Realization Co., Ltd.—Report—

John C. Bancroft, President of the company, reports that the company had total assets of \$5,298,072 on Oct. 31, including \$167,829 cash, \$31,829 advances to the American Turkish Investment Corp. and \$5,098,289 securities owned. Debentures of the old International Match Corp. are listed at \$1. Surplus was \$4,467,998, including \$4,462,811 balance of dividends at prices available in bankruptcy for International Match.

Of \$7,921,451 available for liquidating dividends during the fiscal year ended on Oct. 31, dividend No. 4, of \$20 a share, required \$3,458,640, the report indicates.

Principal changes in the balance sheet, compared with the year before, arise from the sale of Guatemala bonds, receipt of a 3% dividend from the Irving Trust Co., trustee of International Match, and payments of the \$20 dividend to holders of the realization company's voting-trust certificates.

In connection with the receipt of the 3% dividend, Mr. Bancroft says the directors feel it advisable to write down to \$1 for conservative accounting purposes the remaining value of International Match debentures held. This does not represent, however, the Board's idea of what the eventual further recovery on this asset may be, he added.

Cash now held by the trustee is about \$3,700,000 plus about \$1,500,000 held by the Vulcan Match Co., all of whose stock is owned by the trustee. The cash is subject to possible claims, but further substantial liquidating dividends from the trustee are expected.

Some of the subsidiaries of the Swedish Match Co., of whose Class 'B' stock the Realization Co. now owns 523,349 shares, are located in belligerent countries, and the outbreak of war has, therefore, had an unfavorable effect, at least for the time being, on the outlook for the Swedish Match Co., the report reads.—V. 149, p. 732.

International Utilities Corp.—To Pay Dividend from Capital Surplus—

Corporation has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an application (File 51-37) for an order of the Commission approving the declaration and payment out of capital surplus of the regular quarterly dividend on its \$3.50 prior preferred stock on Feb. 1, 1940. The application states that there are outstanding an aggregate of 98,969 full shares of this stock and that the amount of the dividend at the rate of 87 1/2 cents a share is \$86,598.—V. 149, p. 4177.

Institutional Securities, Ltd.—Dividend—

Directors have declared an initial dividend of 20 cents per share on the Aviation Group shares payable March 1 to holders of record Jan. 31.—V. 149, p. 3718.

Interstate Department Stores, Inc.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—	1938	1939—11 Mos.—	1938
Sales	\$3,445,557	\$3,106,379	\$22,895,131	\$21,521,855
Stores in operation			39	39

—V. 149, p. 3719.

Investors Corp. (R. I.)—Dividends—

Company paid a dividend of \$1 per share on account of accumulations on the \$6 first preferred stock on Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec 20. This dividend payment clears up all back dividends on the issue.

As of Dec. 31, 1939 company owed back dividends of \$43.50 per share on the second preferred \$6 stock and \$43.50 per share on the convertible preferred \$6 stock; last previous distribution on both these issues was the \$1.50 dividend paid on Jan. 2, 1938.—V. 148, p. 3535.

Iowa Public Service Co.—Acquisition—

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Dec. 28 approved the acquisition by the company of the gas utility assets in Charles City, Iowa, including the franchise of Iowa Central Utilities Co., a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Utilities Service Corp., for a cash consideration of \$65,000.—V. 149, p. 3265.

Jamaica Public Service, Ltd.—Stock Split-Up Approved

Shareholders at a special meeting held Jan. 8, ratified unanimously a directors' proposal for division of capital stock on a three-for-one basis.

The capital change will increase the authorized no-par capital stock from 60,000 shares to 180,000 and the issued capital from 45,000 shares to 135,000.

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—1938	1939—12 Mos.—1938
Operating revenues	\$80,491	\$82,326
Operation	37,035	35,298
Maintenance	8,136	7,209
Taxes	3,755	5,078
Net oper. revenues	\$26,564	\$34,741
Non-oper. income (net)	Dr298	1,179
Balance	\$26,266	\$35,920
Retirement accruals	7,500	7,500
Gross income	\$18,766	\$28,420
Int. & amort., &c.	9,468	8,275
Net income	\$9,298	\$20,144
Dividends declared:		
J. P. S. Co., Ltd.—Preference		22,591
Preference B		16,494
Preference C		2,319
J. P. S. Ltd.—Capital		67,500

In August, 1938, the Jamaican income tax law was amended, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1937, the tax being approximately doubled. Taxes from Jan. 1, 1938, reflected above, have been adjusted to a comparable basis. The additional tax of \$23,857 applicable to the year 1937 was charged to earned surplus in July, 1938.

In December, 1939 the law was further amended, retroactive to Jan. 1, 1938. Taxes for the month of November, 1939, and for the 12 months ended Nov. 30, 1939 include approximately \$3,800,000 and \$7,600, respectively representing partial provision for such additional 1939 taxes. The additional tax of approximately \$10,500 applicable to the year 1938 will be charged to earned surplus in December, 1939.

Note—The operating companies' figures included above have been translated from pound sterling at the rate of \$4.86 2-3 to the £1.—V. 149, p. 3875.

Kawneer Co.—Year-End Dividend—

Company paid a year-end dividend of 30 cents per share on the common stock on Dec. 23 to holders of record Dec. 22.—V. 138, p. 3093.

Key West Electric Co.—Earnings—

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938
Operating revenues	\$195,333	\$176,688
a Balance after oper., maint. and taxes	86,594	78,470
b Balance for dividends and surplus	39,316	35,412

a Includes non-operating income (net) b After appropriations for retirement reserve.—V. 149, p. 3876.

Knickerbocker Fund—Earnings—

Earnings for the Period Dec. 16, 1938 to Nov. 30, 1939	
Income—Cash dividends	\$4,933
Interest earned	739
Total	\$5,672
Expenses	2,621
Net income	\$3,051

Balance Sheet Nov. 30, 1939

Assets	Liabilities
Common & preferred stocks	Prov. for taxes—Fed. income tax
United States Treasury bonds	Fed. capital stock tax
Cash	Principal (applic. to shares of beneficial int. of \$1 par value per share)
Interest & dividends receivable	Earned surplus
	Excess of cost of invest. over quoted market value
Total	Total

Note—Value of one share of beneficial interest on the basis of the above balance sheet, with investments at quoted market value, was \$6.68.—V. 149, p. 2977.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—1938	1939—12 Mos.—1938
Sales	\$25,887,725	\$25,498,618

Company operated 686 American and 59 Canadian stores in December as compared with 687 domestic and 58 Canadian in December, 1938.

December's volume was the third largest for the period in the history of the company and 1939 likewise was the third largest year, being exceeded only by 1937 and 1929.—V. 149, p. 3720.

(S. H.) Kress Co.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—1938	1939—12 Mos.—1938
Sales	\$15,232,484	\$14,428,795

Lamaque Gold Mines—Earnings—

3 Months Ended—	Nov. 30 '39	Nov. 30 '38	Nov. 30 '37	Aug. 31 '37
Gross bullion production	\$1,254,420	\$1,152,654	\$768,280	\$668,473
Expenses, &c.	702,490	732,374	546,394	536,961
Net profit	\$551,930	\$420,280	\$221,886	\$131,512

—V. 150, p. 131.

Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd.—Earnings—

Years Ended June 30—	1939	1938	1937	1936
a Proceeds of sales	£592,459	£495,978	£547,440	£451,705
Other operating income	2,817	4,697	4,299	3,148
Prof. on nitrate mfd. for or by other prod. (net)	4,284	53,004	21,327	—
Port operations	3,077	601	6,312	4,713
Commercial oper. (net)	1,852	3,398	2,303	3,390
Exchange differences	£13,348	£10,148	£4,163	£35,481
Interest earned—investments and deposits	6,511	6,392	4,373	407
Int. rec. Art. 27 Indeb.	16,191	15,292	30,666	28,347
Int. on current account with sales corp. (net)	—	—	—	29,467
Proceeds of equipment & plant sold & scrapped	6,588	—	—	—
Sundry adj. correspond'g to prev. yrs.' opera n.	—	2,398	867	—
Total	£647,131	£591,908	£621,750	£556,662
Oth. credits (non-recur.)	—	—	—	56,019
Total	£647,131	£591,908	£621,750	£612,681
Approp. to wkg. cap.res.	131,545	124,233	126,121	110,748
Oficina stoppage exps	8,887	11,092	9,044	9,126
Prov. for taxes on profits other than nitrate and iodine	663	583	1,261	1,057
Reorganization expenses	293	2,002	30,000	20,000
Other charges	243	277	567	675
Int. in acct. current with sales corporation (net)	—	—	1,696	—
Int. on fd. & def'd debt.	131,082	—	—	696,613
d Interest	—	—	—	28,347
e Exchange differences	—	—	2,569	6,427
Sundry adjust. to previous years operations	1,530	—	—	—
Exch. diff. arising from conversion of assets & liabilities, &c.	5,966	3,268	—	10,979
Net profit	£366,919	£450,453	£450,490	def't 271,295

a To, and participation in profits declared by, the sales corporation in respect of new production, nitrate and iodine, less cost. b Arising from the conversion of assets and liabilities. c See footnotes b and e. d Corresponding to years 1933-34, 1934-35 and 1935-36. Article 27 indebtedness.

e On sales of currencies of different rates of exchange as compared with closing rates. f Arising from the conversion of assets and liabilities.—V. 149, p. 3876.

Lambert Co.—New Director—

Arthur A. Ballantine, a member of the firm of Root, Clark, Buckner and Ballantine, was on Jan. 9 elected a director of this company to fill the vacancy created by the death of George H. Burr.—V. 149, p. 2693.

Lane Bryant, Inc.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—1938	1939—12 Mos.—1938
Sales	\$1,306,281	\$1,228,008
Units in operation	22	23

—V. 149, p. 3720.

Lane Co.—Pays Year-End Dividend—

Company paid a year-end dividend of \$2.50 per share on the common stock on Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec. 20. Regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share was paid on Oct. 1, last.—V. 148, p. 1811.

(A. C.) Lawrence Leather Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Period—	Oct. 28 '38 to Oct. 27, '39	Oct. 29 '37 to Oct. 28, '38	Jan. 2 '37 to Oct. 29, '37
Net sales	—	—	\$17,700,000
Profit from ops. before deprec. and interest	\$1,158,369	loss \$858,401	\$354,185
Provision for depreciation	363,130	411,002	294,117
Profit	\$795,239	loss \$126,9403	\$60,068
Other income	38,926	35,043	32,978
Total profit	\$834,165	loss \$123,360	\$93,046
1st mtge. Bonds of England, Walton & Co., Inc.	—	18,484	25,921
Other interest	24,432	21,791	28,060
Miscellaneous deductions	637	—	—
Loss on disposal of fixed prop. (net)	77,180	—	—
Normal Federal income taxes	107,000	—	4,130
Surtax on undistributed profits	—	—	9,560
Special profit and loss credit	22,180	x\$6,293	—
Profit for period	\$647,096	loss \$118,8342	\$25,375

x Consists of \$18,159 excess provision for Federal and State income taxes prior years, \$51,065 special dividend paid by mutual insurance company, and \$17,069 profit on redemption of bonds of England, Walton & Co., Inc. (net).

Consolidated Balance Sheet

Assets	Oct. 27, '39	Oct. 28 '38	Liabilities	Oct. 27 '39	Oct. 28 '38
Cash	399,220	325,129	Notes pay., banks	—	700,000
Marketable securities, at cost	239,706	22,603	Accounts payable	556,801	358,626
x Accts. & notes receivable	2,546,602	1,782,194	Accr'd liabilities	291,669	277,593
Inventories	4,807,822	5,126,994	Prov. for Fed. inc. tax	—	107,000
Inv. & other assets	222,443	229,811	Reserves	397,176	390,191
y Property, plant and equipment	3,750,467	3,981,520	Capital stock (par \$10)	10,000,000	10,000,000
Prepaid exps. and deferred charges	73,691	98,367	Cap. sur., donated	—	1,275,000
Total	11,839,951	11,566,618	Earned surplus	a\$487,305	d1434,791

x After reserve for doubtful accounts and notes of \$39,975 in 1939 and \$34,060 in 1938, and reserve for cash discounts of \$37,730 in 1939 and \$21,131 in 1938. y After reserves for depreciation of \$4,642,704 in 1939 and \$4,711,928 in 1938. z Market value \$41,184. a Subsequent to Oct. 28, 1938.—V. 148, p. 585.

Lehigh Valley Coal Co.—Note Interest—

The interest due Jan. 1, 1940, on the five-year secured 6% notes, class A, extended to 1943, "plain" and "stamped," is being paid.—V. 149, p. 4178.

Lehigh Valley RR.—Federal Court Upholds Black Tom Awards—

Justice Jennings Bayley in the Federal District Court at Washington, Jan. 3 upheld the legality of the German-American mixed claims Commission and its \$50,000,000 award to the victims of the Black Tom and Kingsland munitions explosions. The courts, the jurist said, cannot prevent payment of the claims.

Last October shortly after the awards had been announced by the Commission, the Z. & F. Assets Realization Corp. of New York City, who represents a group of claimants who had been awarded damage claims nine years ago, came into the District Court with an injunction suit to restrain the Commission from paying the latest award. The Commission, the corporation held, was illegal because it had acted in the absence of a representative of the German Government.

In 1930 the Commission had dismissed the claims of the Lehigh Valley RR., Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Bethlehem Steel Co. and others on the ground that the Imperial German Government had not been proved an accessory to the sabotage on the munitions dumps which occurred on the eve of America's entrance into the World War.

The hearings were reopened last spring when the American Government announced it had new evidence, in the form of a secret code message, of the complicity of the Imperial German Government in the explosions. The German representative, Dr. Victor Heuckling abruptly walked out of the Commission hearing.

Justice Bailey made his decision by granting a summary judgment to dismiss the injunction filed by the Lehigh Valley RR. which had intervened in the case. The railroad, represented during the injunction proceedings by William D. Mitchell, former United States Attorney General in the Hoover Administration, has been awarded \$10,000,000.—V. 149, p. 4178.

Lerner Stores Corp.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938
Sales	\$6,659,422	\$6,264,396

—V. 149, p. 3720.

Lionel Corp.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Feb. 29 to holders of record Feb. 10. This compares with 25 cents paid on Dec. 15, last; 30 cents paid on Feb. 28, 1939; 20 cents on Jan. 3, 1939; 70 cents on Feb. 28, 1938, and a dividend of 30 cents paid on Jan. 3, 1938.—V. 149, p. 3267.

Loew's, Inc.—Suit Brought to Recover Funds—

Two minority stockholders, acting for themselves and other minority stockholders, brought suit Dec. 28 in New York Supreme Court against the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., and its affiliates: the Chase National Bank and Chase Securities Corp.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Clarence Dillon, President of Dillon, Read & Co., and Loew's, Inc., for an accounting to recover funds allegedly due them as a result of the defendants' control of a majority of Loew's stock.

The suit states that through an involved series of financial operations involving Fox film interests as well as Loew's the defendants, and particularly A. T. & T. and its affiliates, including Western Electric Co., Inc. of New York, eventually obtained control of most of Loew's stock and then "unlawfully diverted" the profits, corporate funds and assets of Loew's "for the purpose of unlawful profit." The minority stockholders state that most of these alleged unlawful profits were obtained by "excessive, improvident, unfair and unconscionable contracts" forced upon Loew's by the defendant groups.

The suit seeks to have all the above contracts and transactions, some dating back several years, set aside and declared null and void, and that following an accounting damages be paid the minority stockholder interests according to the results of such an accounting. The suit is brought in the names of Norman Wolf and Manes Fuld, who own respectively 100 and 65 shares of Loew's common stock.—V. 149, p. 4033.

Louisville Ry.—To Extend Bonds—

The company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement under which it proposes to extend until Aug. 1, 1942,

\$1,300,000 of its second mortgage 40-year 4 1/2% bonds; due March 1, 1940, and to retire the remaining \$529,000 of the issue.
The company said that it is negotiating an agreement with the Louisville Trust Co. under which that company would purchase \$1,100,000 of the bonds and deposit them for extension by Feb. 29. The company proposes to pay brokers a Commission of \$5 for each bond which is obtained for deposit. See also list given on first page of this department.—V. 148, p. 1812.

Lucky Tiger-Combination Gold Mining Co.—Listing and Registration—

The New York Carb Exchange removed from listing and registration at the close of business on Jan. 10, the common stock, par \$10.—V. 148, p. 4034.

Lukens Steel Co.—Tenders—

Bankers Trust Co., as trustee for first mortgage 20-year 8% bonds, announced that it will receive at the corporate trust department of its New York office up to Feb. 8, 1940, sealed proposals for the sale to it of sufficient of these bonds (including those extended to 1955) to exhaust the sum of \$16,580 now in the sinking fund, at prices not exceeding 107 1/2 and accrued interest.—V. 149, p. 3692.

McKesson & Robbins, Inc.—Group Requests Evaluation of Intangibles—

An application by the Granger committee for common stockholders for an order authorizing the trustee to employ an appraiser to evaluate the corporation's goodwill, trade mark and trade name, has been referred to Federal Judge Alfred C. Coxe for a hearing. The committee believes that the items, carried on the balance sheet at \$1 have not only great value to the corporation but could be sold for large sums of money.
The committee also asks for a valuation of fixed assets, now carried at \$9,520,000, and of reserves, pointing out that "a fair evaluation of these assets will show that there is a substantial equity for the common stockholders, not only on an earnings basis but also on an assets basis, and that the thousands of investors in common stock are entitled to participate equitably in the reorganization plan as a matter of right."—V. 149, p. 4034.

Manhattan Ry.—Foreclosure Sale Jan. 25—

The sale of the road at foreclosure will be held Jan. 25 at New York County Courthouse in Foley Square. The upset price has been placed at \$17,005,000 which does not include cash in the hands of the trustee for Manhattan bonds nor claims of Manhattan security holders against the Interborough System. The foreclosure sale will represent part of the mechanics for perfecting the Interborough-Manhattan unification procedure with the City of New York. The only bid which should be submitted should be that of the Merle-Smith protective committee for Manhattan bonds. This committee has contracted to transfer free title to the city. Edwards H. Childs, special master will conduct the sale.—V. 149, p. 3877.

Masonite Corp.—Earnings—

16 Weeks Ended—	Dec. 23 '39	Dec. 17 '38	Dec. 18 '37
x Net profit	\$441,059	\$219,512	\$339,847
Shares common stock	539,210	539,210	536,740
Earnings per share	\$0.77	\$0.35	\$0.58

x After depreciation, Federal income taxes, &c.
Sales for the four periods amounted to \$2,619,316 as against sales of \$1,715,758 for the corresponding period of last year. This is an increase of \$903,557, or 52.7%.—V. 149, p. 3562.

May Department Stores—To Pay 75-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 22 to holders of record Jan. 12. This dividend was declared in lieu of the dividend usually payable March 1. Regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents was paid on Dec. 1, last.—V. 149, p. 1768.

Mayflower Hotel Corp., Washington, D. C.—Stock Certificate to Be Issued After Feb. 1—

The voting agreement pursuant to which the stock of the corporation has been held by voting trustees will terminate Feb. 1, 1940. Holders of voting trust certificates attached to 15-year 5% first mortgage sinking fund bonds are entitled to exchange their certificates for certificates of stock to be issued on and after Feb. 1, 1940, and the voting trustees have required that all voting trust certificates be so exchanged.
Until holders of voting trust certificates surrender them they are not stockholders and may not vote the stock to which they are entitled.

It is necessary that these exchanges be made before the closing of the transfer books for the annual stockholders' meeting. The voting trustees and the corporation have therefore arranged that voting trust certificates attached to bonds may be received now in advance of the exchange date in order to expedite detachment of the certificates from the bonds and the issue of stock. For those who send their certificates in before Feb. 1, 1940, stock certificates will be prepared for issue and held to be mailed on or shortly after Feb. 1. Bonds with voting trust certificates attached should be sent to American Security & Trust Co., 15 St. and Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.—V. 149, p. 1331.

Melville Shoe Corp.—Dividends—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the new common stock and a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the new 5% preferred stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 19. Company was recently reorganized. See V. 149, p. 3722, for record of dividend payments on old common stock.

New Chairman, &c.—

J. Franklin McElwain of Boston, President of the J. F. McElwain Co. and one of the country's leading shoe manufacturers, was on Jan. 5 elected Chairman of the Board of this corporation. The McElwain Co., makers of the Thom McAn men's and boys' shoes, was merged with Melville Shoe Corp. on Dec. 15 last, following a favorable vote by stockholders of both companies.

New members of the board elected at the meeting include Governor Francis P. Murphy, of New Hampshire, a McElwain Vice-President and director, who, prior to his election as Governor, was General Manager of the company's Nashua and Manchester factories; Robert C. Erb, who is at present the McElwain Treasurer and General Manager, and Seward M. Paterson, McElwain Vice-President.

Joseph L. Merrill, Melville director of many years' standing, was elected to the office of Vice-President in charge of finances.

Other members of the Melville board are: Ward Melville, President; William J. Cobb and William Fitch Allen, Vice-Presidents; Frederick S. Little and Joel E. Fisher, Secretary.

Sales—

Period End. Dec. 16—	1939—4 Weeks—	1938—	1939—52 Weeks—	1938—
Sales	\$3,243,704	\$3,016,996	\$38,012,551	\$35,717,196

Metropolitan Chain Properties, Ltd.—Bonds Called—

All of the outstanding first mortgage 6% convertible sinking fund gold bonds have been called for redemption on Feb. 5 at 102 and accrued interest. Payment will be made at the Montreal Trust Co., Montreal, the Royal Bank of Canada, West Montreal, and the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.—V. 137, p. 3336.

Michigan Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—	1938—	1939—11 Mos.—	1938—
Operating revenues	\$3,741,590	\$3,471,720	\$39,734,464	\$36,811,596
Uncollectible oper. rev.	13,307	8,280	105,612	250,564
Operating revenues	\$3,728,283	\$3,463,440	\$39,628,852	\$36,561,032
Operating expenses	2,326,418	2,074,981	24,255,485	23,161,009
Net oper. revenues	\$1,401,865	\$1,388,459	\$15,373,367	\$13,400,023
Operating taxes	518,149	495,319	5,613,385	4,918,109
Net oper. income	\$883,716	\$893,140	\$9,759,982	\$8,481,914
Net income	826,274	830,349	9,168,531	7,914,743

To Build New Stations—Phones in Service—

Company has filed application with the Federal Communications Commission for permission to construct stations through which it would be planned to provide coastal-harbor radio-telephone service to craft playing

the Detroit River, Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River, and the lower portion of Lake Huron.

Company had 742,397 telephones in service Jan. 1, 1940, a gain of 61,604 for the year and 4,908 for December, 1939. In Detroit and suburbs there were 389,918 telephones in service an increase of 33,841 during 1939 and 2,850 in December, 1939.—V. 149, p. 3722.

Michigan Gas & Electric Co.—Dividends—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% prior lien stock and one of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 prior lien stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Dividends are in arrears on both issues.—V. 149, p. 3562.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—Abandonment—

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Dec. 20 issued a certificate permitting abandonment by the company of the line of railroad extending from Thief River Falls in an easterly direction to Goodridge, approximately 18.67 miles, all in Pennington County, Minn., and abandonment of operation thereof by the Minnesota Northwestern Electric Ry. Co., lessee.

Interest on Guaranteed 1st Ref. 5 1/2%—

The interest due Jan. 1, 1940, on the guaranteed first refunding mortgage 5 1/2% series B bonds, due 1978, is being paid by the Canadian Pacific Ry. pursuant to its guarantee.—V. 149, p. 4180.

Mississippi Power Co.—Tenders—

Company announced that tenders are being invited for the sale to the New York Trust Co., trustee, of the company's first and refunding mortgage bonds 5% series due 1955 to a principal amount of \$1,552,000, at prices not to exceed 104 and accrued interest. Tenders will be received at the offices of the trustee, 100 Broadway, New York, up to 10 a. m., Jan. 31, 1940. The \$1,552,000 being used for this purpose is part of a total of \$2,000,000 proceeds from the sale of certain of the company's properties to the Tennessee Valley Authority last December, the remainder having already been used for the same purpose.—V. 150, p. 132.

Mississippi & Skuna Valley RR.—To Issue Stock—

The company has asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$150,000 of common stock, consisting of 2,000 shares par \$75. The stock would be exchanged for the 2,000 presently outstanding shares having a par value of \$100 per share and the holder of each share would get \$25 in cash.—V. 135, p. 1326.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—Sales—

Gross sales for December, 1939, were \$66,020,061 compared with \$57,084,529 a year ago, an increase of \$8,935,532 or 15.65%. For the 11 months to Dec. 31, 1939, \$471,835,169 compared with \$408,044,956 a year ago. This is an increase of \$63,790,213, or 15.63%.—V. 149, p. 3722.

Morart Gravure Corp.—Registers with SEC—

See list given on first page of this department.

(John) Morrell & Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Years Ended—	Oct. 28 '39	Oct. 29 '38	Oct. 30 '37	Oct. 31 '36
d Net sales	\$98,709,294	\$90,987,225	\$89,636,642	\$82,118,373
b Operating profit	4,227,831	2,778,188	644,649	1,741,001
Depreciation	674,572	658,794	615,313	579,033
Federal capital stock tax and local taxes	872,911	724,891	603,112	368,750
Interest	86,701	100,049	96,767	54,030
Federal taxes	473,326	245,226	-----	119,698
Surtax on undiv. profits	-----	33,000	-----	-----
Pprofit on oper. of English subsidiaries	Cr29,551	-----	-----	-----
Net profit	\$2,149,871	\$1,016,227	loss\$670,543	\$619,490
Dividends	772,146	192,849	462,838	1,041,335
Surplus	\$1,377,725	\$823,378	def\$1,133,381	def\$421,895
Shs. of com. stk. outst'd (no par)	389,000	385,698	385,698	385,698
Earnings per share	\$5.52	\$2.64	Nil	\$1.60
b Operating profit of all companies incl. miscellaneous income, which in 1939 amounted to \$18,464; 1938, \$39,456 (incl. \$18,601 transferred from reserve for workmen's compensation) 1937, \$12,040 and 1936, \$20,350, after expenses, incl. repairs and maintenance of properties. d All companies.	-----	-----	-----	-----

Consolidated Balance Sheet

Assets—	Oct. 28, '39	Oct. 29, '38	Liabilities—	Oct. 28, '39	Oct. 29, '38
Cash sur. val. life	2,187,180	2,055,497	Accounts payable	807,677	666,433
Insurance	489,066	508,968	Bank loans	3,985,000	2,500,000
Accts. receivable	4,213,593	4,249,458	Sundry deposit and loans accounts	515,461	590,577
Claims	27,701	23,603	Accruals	451,316	429,534
Inventories	8,635,012	7,393,322	Insurance reserves	156,234	164,870
Invest. & advances	58,894	142,315	Res. for inc. taxes	495,675	312,246
Invests. in subs.	1,553,830	-----	Reserves	381,144	675,361
Capital assets	12,890,749	12,114,534	x Capital stock	15,206,043	15,062,787
Deferred charges	198,766	192,624	Profit & loss surp.	7,656,241	6,278,515
Total	29,654,790	26,680,323	Total	29,654,790	26,680,323

x Represented by 389,000 (385,698 in 1938) no par shares.
Note—Attention is directed to the fact that whereas assets and liabilities of the English company have heretofore been consolidated in the balance sheets submitted in previous annual reports, this year the English company is shown as an investment. The change has been made in the interests of conservatism in view of the disturbed and uncertain European situation.

For the purposes of consolidated accounts the net current working assets of the subsidiaries operating in England have been translated at the current rate of exchange at Oct. 28, 1939 and on this basis amount to \$1,166,594. In accordance with the practice established in 1935 the exchange loss at Oct. 28, 1939 on revaluation of net current and working assets, amounting to \$198,891 has been charged to the reserve for foreign exchange fluctuations which is shown on the consolidated balance sheet at \$181,144.—V. 149, p. 3414.

Mountain States Power Co.—Hearing on Plan—

A hearing has been set for Jan. 15, in Security and Exchange Commission's Washington offices on an amendment to an application and declaration (File 52-S) of Mountain States Power Co. regarding a proposal by the company to amend a plan of reorganization submitted to its creditors and shareholders by providing for the issuance and private sale of \$7,500,000 of 4 1/4% first mortgage bonds, due Jan. 1, 1965, the obtaining of a \$600,000 bank loan and the issuance of a 3% promissory note to evidence such loan, and the payment in full in cash of presently outstanding bonds of the corporation in lieu of the satisfaction thereof by the delivery of new 5% bonds as provided in the plan previously submitted.—V. 149, p. 3722.

Narragansett Electric Co.—Notes Authorized—

The Securities and Exchange Commission has authorized the company to issue unsecured promissory notes up to \$3,220,500 in order to obtain funds with which to pay interest on outstanding bonds and to retire outstanding bank loans.—V. 149, p. 4035.

National Discount Corp.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of like amount on the common stock, both payable Dec. 23 to holders of record Dec. 15.—V. 148, p. 738.

National Liberty Insurance Co. of America—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 10 cents per share in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of like amount on the capital stock, par \$2, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. Extra of 10 cents was paid on Aug. 15, last. See also V. 149, p. 263.

National Electric Welding Machine Co.—Earnings—

Income Account for the Year Ended Oct. 31, 1939	
Sales, net of returns and allowances	\$726,060
Cost of sales	502,931
Gross profit	\$223,129
Selling, administrative and general expenses	141,337
Profit from operations	\$81,792
Other income (incl. \$3,309 discounts earned)	3,501
Total income	\$85,293
Discounts allowed	5,759
Interest paid	315
Income tax	16,034
Excess profits tax	874
Net income for the year	\$62,310
Dividends paid	22,800

Note—Allowances for depreciation aggregating \$19,953 are deducted in the above income account.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31, 1939

Assets		Liabilities	
Demand deposits in bank & cash on hand	\$53,057	Accounts payable, vendors	\$35,046
Notes & accts. receivable	90,605	Accrued expenses	55,060
Inventories	109,769	Div. notes, called for red. Aug. 17, 1938, unclaimed balance	185
Prepaid expenses	6,893	Capital stock (\$1 par)	\$80,000
Land, bldgs., mach. & eqpt. & office eqpt.	\$217,900	Earned surplus	32,390
Def. comm. & exps. for sale of capital stock, bal. being amortized at \$3,493 per ann.	24,457		
Total	\$502,681	Total	\$502,681

x After allowance for depreciation of \$81,324.—V. 149, p. 2090.

Nation-Wide Securities Co. (Colo.)—Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 15 7-10 cents per share on the common stock payable Feb. 1. Dividend of 1 1/2 cents was paid on Dec. 23, last, and one of three cents was paid on Nov. 1, last.—V. 149, p. 4036.

Nehi Corp.—Stock Increase Voted—

The New York Curb Exchange has been notified by this corporation that stockholders authorized an increase in common shares from 254,000 to 1,078,000 shares, on Jan. 2. The directors have not yet acted with respect to the contemplated stock dividend of 400%, the Curb announcement said.—V. 149, p. 3564.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Note Issue Approved—

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has approved the issuance by the company of \$500,000 second series serial notes to bear interest of not exceeding 3 1/2% and to mature in not more than 15 years. The price is to be not less than par and the Commission for negotiating the loan is not to exceed 3/4 of 1% of the principal amount of the notes. Proceeds are to be applied to the payment of an outstanding note held by the First National Bank, Boston, amounting to \$315,000 and to an open account of New England Gas & Electric Association amounting to \$185,000.—V. 149, p. 3415.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—	1938	1939—12 Mos.—	1938
Sales	\$9,062,744	\$8,768,376	\$52,271,577	\$49,032,700

Borrows \$1,000,000—

The company as of Dec. 30, last, borrowed \$1,000,000 on 3% promissory notes from the Irving Trust Co., the proceeds of the loan to be used for additional working capital and for expenditures for new stores and enlargement and modernization of present locations during 1940.

Giving effect to the new loan, company as of the close of 1939 had outstanding an aggregate of \$2,490,000 of 3% promissory notes. On Dec. 30, last, it paid \$200,000 of its notes due Dec. 31, 1939, and \$310,000 due Dec. 31, 1940.

As of the close of last year the company also paid off its \$1,000,000 of five-year 3 3/4% notes.—V. 149, p. 4036.

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—				
	1939—Month—	1938	1939—11 Mos.—	1938
Operating revenues	\$6,527,893	\$6,363,111	\$70,871,434	\$68,095,420
Uncollect. oper. rev.	18,929	27,071	211,276	295,312
Operating revenues	\$6,508,964	\$6,336,040	\$70,660,148	\$67,800,408
Operating expenses	4,618,281	4,780,643	49,636,664	50,654,675
Net oper. revenues	\$1,890,683	\$1,555,397	\$21,023,484	\$17,145,733
Operating taxes	697,829	552,713	7,664,695	6,522,899
Net oper. income	\$1,192,854	\$1,002,684	\$13,358,789	\$10,622,834
Net income	793,328	604,082	8,978,269	6,307,313

New York Athletic Club—Earnings—

Earnings for Year Ended Nov. 30, 1939	
Income from dues, initiation fees, &c.	\$473,012
Expenses, taxes, &c.	402,603
Interest on first and general mortgage bonds	90,972
Loss	\$20,563
Provision for depreciation	113,504
Net deduction from surplus	\$134,067

Balance Sheet Nov. 30, 1939

Assets		Liabilities	
Clubhouse prop. & eqpt.	\$5,735,622	First & gen. mtge. bonds	\$4,548,600
Trust funds	25,701	Second mortgage bonds	919,000
Cash & accts. receivable	353,700	Trust funds	25,702
Inv. of stores & supplies	32,541	Current & accrued liabilities	114,834
Prepaid expenses	27,508	Unearned income	176,101
		Surplus	390,837
Total	\$6,175,074	Total	\$6,175,074

New York Central RR.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—				
	1939—Month—	1938	1939—11 Mos.—	1938
Railway oper. revenues	\$30,922,179	\$27,556,001	\$309,285,185	\$269,579,065
Railway oper. expenses	23,328,998	21,201,892	232,680,192	215,252,127
Net rev. from ry. ops.	\$7,593,181	\$6,354,109	\$76,604,993	\$54,326,938
Railway tax accruals	1,819,649	1,727,253	30,461,788	29,844,901
Equip. & joint facil. rents	1,502,954	1,468,523	13,454,136	11,703,382
Net ry. oper. income	\$4,270,578	\$3,158,333	\$32,689,069	\$12,778,655
Other income	1,902,244	1,200,770	12,874,925	13,234,843
Total income	\$6,172,822	\$4,359,103	\$45,563,994	\$26,013,498
Misc. deducts. from inc.	127,091	116,567	1,433,059	1,513,961
Total fixed charges	4,108,818	4,137,955	43,748,101	44,912,977
Net income after fixed charges	\$1,936,913	\$104,581	\$382,834	\$20,413,440

New York Westchester & Boston RR.—City to Purchase Lines within City—

A memorandum of understanding for the acquisition by New York City of the property within the city limits for a price of \$1,850,000 was signed in Mayor LaGuardia's office at City Hall Jan. 9.—V. 149, p. 3270, 4182.

New York Hanseatic Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31—

Assets			
	1939	1938	
Cash and bullion in banks	\$1,166,111	\$1,116,653	
Bankers' accepts. on hand & pledged as collateral	1,570,254	1,459,525	
Federal National Mortgage Association notes		513,723	
U. S. Govt. securs. on hand and pledged as coll.	6,782,986	20,349,003	
Securities	806,535	1,271,589	
Securities, contracts	40,404	120,547	
Bankers' acceptances sold		9,946	
Loans and advances		85,400	
Due from banks and others	51,032		
Accrued int. receiv. and deferred items	26,378	56,083	
Total	\$10,443,699	\$24,982,471	
Liabilities			
Due to customers	\$144,347	\$60,540	
Loans payable	4,840,000	16,390,000	
Security contracts	1,326,005	5,102,043	
Securities purchased but not yet received	898,893	75,256	
Dividends payable		9,946	
Bankers' acceptances sold	40,000	80,000	
Unearned discount, interest & reserve for taxes, &c.	45,266	118,499	
Reserves for contingencies	360,219	360,219	
Capital stock	2,000,000	2,000,000	
Surplus	788,970	785,969	
Total	\$10,443,699	\$24,982,471	

—V. 149, p. 4037.

New York Telephone Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—				
	1939—Month—	1938	1939—11 Mos.—	1938
Operating revenues	\$17,965,545	\$17,384,644	\$194,129,138	\$187,905,711
Uncollectible oper. rev.	56,246	74,662	791,452	981,440
Operating revenues	\$17,909,299	\$17,309,982	\$193,337,686	\$186,924,271
Operating expenses	11,926,930	11,901,015	127,846,910	128,058,141
Net oper. revenues	\$5,982,369	\$5,408,967	\$65,490,776	\$58,866,130
Operating taxes	2,843,932	2,887,228	30,959,110	29,205,594
Net operating income	\$3,138,437	\$2,521,739	\$34,531,666	\$29,660,536
Net income	2,775,892	2,016,696	31,581,991	26,143,342

Norfolk Southern Ry.—Reorganization—

The Norfolk Southern Ry. Co., a new corporation, has formally applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to acquire at equity foreclosure sale the properties of Norfolk Southern RR.

The Federal Court at Norfolk has approved a plan of reorganization for the Norfolk Southern RR., and an application is now pending before the ICC for the issuance of the securities necessary to effect the reorganization. The new company said that receivers of the old road intended to ask authority to abandon the Suffolk & Carolina branch outside of terminals at Edenton and Elizabeth City, N. C.

North American Investment Corp.—Accumulated Div.

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1.37 1/2 per share on account of accumulations on the 5 1/2% cum. pref. stock, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 8.—V. 147, p. 2096.

North Texas Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—				
	1939—Month—	1938	1939—12 Mos.—	1938
Operating revenues	\$112,482	\$112,974	\$1,360,846	\$1,357,699
Operation	62,376	64,161	750,899	756,079
Maintenance	16,396	16,674	195,686	210,871
Taxes	11,618	11,923	148,116	141,126
Net oper. revenues	\$22,092	\$20,215	\$266,145	\$249,623
Non-oper. income (net)			21	16
Balance	\$22,092	\$20,215	\$266,166	\$249,639
Retirement accruals	12,734	10,809	151,896	132,174
Gross income	\$9,358	\$9,406	\$114,270	\$117,465
Int. on equip. notes, &c.	863	304	10,241	5,101
Bal. before bond int.	\$8,495	\$9,103	\$104,029	\$112,364
Int. on bonds (3% fixed)	3,309	3,490	40,915	48,324
Balance	\$5,185	\$5,612	\$63,114	\$64,040
3% income interest on bonds			37,931	43,258
Net income after income interest			\$25,183	\$20,782

a Includes North Texas Co. only from date of incorporation on March 2, 1938.—V. 149, p. 3724.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Equipment Trust Certificates—

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Jan. 5 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of not exceeding \$5,000,000 2 3/4% serial equipment trust certificates, to be issued by the First National Bank, New York, as trustee, and sold at par and accrued dividends to the Reconstructin Finance Corporation in connection with the procurement of certain equipment. The Commission also authorized the purchase of the certificates by the RFC.—V. 149, p. 4183.

Northern States Power Co. (Del.)—Weekly Output—

Electric output of the Northern States Power Co. system for the week ended Jan. 6, 1940, totaled 29,685,298 kilowatt-hours, an increase of 15.4% compared with the corresponding week last year.—V. 150, p. 134.

Northeastern Water & Electric Corp.—50-Cent Div.—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 10 to holders of record Jan. 5. Like amount was paid on Oct. 31, last, and previous dividend was the 25-cent distribution made on July 15, 1938.—V. 149, p. 3271.

Northwest Airlines, Inc.—New Chairman—

Sheve M. Archer, President of Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., has been elected Chairman of the Board of this company, subject to approval by the Civil Aeronautics Authority. At the same time, Edwin White, President of Kalman & Co., St. Paul investment bankers, was elected a director to fill the vacancy created by resignation of Richard C. Lilly.

The board of directors also appointed an executive committee consisting of Mr. Archer, Croil Hunter, President of the company, George R. Gardner, N. Y. Whyatt and Jos. T. Johnson.—V. 149, p. 4037.

Northwestern National Life Insurance Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31—

Assets						Liabilities					
	1939	1938		1939	1938		1939	1938		1939	1938
Cash	\$4,474,631	2,038,733	Res'v on policies	\$58,299,646	54,432,560	Claims reported, but proofs not received	158,955	107,552	Res. for claims unreported	115,000	95,000
U. S. Govt. securs. and bonds	24,313,613	24,295,794	Present value of death, disability and other claims pay. in install'ts	4,278,366	3,672,861	Premiums & int. paid in advance	343,384	347,956	Res. for taxes pay.	296,115	311,471
Canadian Government securities	443,403	443,984	Other reserves	3,476,093	3,254,818	Other reserves	3,476,093	3,254,818	Profits for dist. to policyholders	2,780,703	2,654,076
Other bonds	23,567,508	23,762,804	Misc. conting. res.	1,914,431	1,836,270	x Surplus to policyholders	3,543,487	3,429,049			
1st mtge. bonds	7,292,650	4,525,481									
Policy loans	9,565,148	9,629,528									
Real estate											
Real estate sold under contract	2,882,675	2,919,471									
Premiums due & def'd	2,009,826	1,932,079									
Int. due & accrued & other assets	655,726	593,739									
Total	\$75,205,180	70,141,613	Total	\$75,205,180	70,141,613						

x Including \$1,100,000 paid-in capital.—V. 148, p. 133.

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NY PA NJ Utilities Co.—RFC Refuses to Lend Funds—

Jesse Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, disclosed Jan. 11 that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation had refused to make a \$26,000,000 loan to the company, a part of the Associated Gas & Electric System. Mr. Jones said the company wanted some of the money to "work upstream" meaning to the top holding companies.

To Acquire Securities of Subsidiaries.—

The Securities and Exchange Commission, Jan. 3, announced that company filed an application (File 46-196) under the Holding Company Act for approval of the acquisition of \$8,594,100 of securities of subsidiary and associate companies.

The securities are to be acquired from Metropolitan Edison Co., Staten Island Edison Co., Associated Investing Corp., Associated Power Corp. General Utility Investors Corp., and Southeastern Investing Corp. for \$8,062,550. All of the securities are either bonds or debentures having no voting powers, nor are any of them convertible into voting securities, it is stated.

Associated Investing Corp., Associated Power Corp., General Utility Investors Corp., and Southeastern Investing Corp. also filed an application for approval of the sale of the securities.—V. 149, p. 3566.

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Jan. 5 announced a public hearing on Jan. 22 in the Commission's Washington offices on the declaration (File 43-275) of NY PA NJ Utilities Co. regarding the issuance and sale of \$26,500,000 of secured promissory notes and on the company's application to acquire certain securities to be pledged to secure such notes from Associated Investing Corp., Associated Power Corp., General Utility Investors Corp., and Southeastern Investing Corp. The application of the our companies for permission to sell the securities to NY PA NJ Utilities Co. also will be considered at the hearing.—V. 149, p. 3566.

Ohio Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings—

Period End.	Nov. 30—1939	Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938
Operating revenues	\$3,820,304	\$3,572,086	\$40,660,042
Uncollectible oper. rev.	8,295	10,338	70,985
Operating revenues	\$3,812,009	\$3,561,748	\$40,589,057
Operating expenses	2,255,124	2,179,851	24,959,071
Net oper. revenues	\$1,556,885	\$1,381,897	\$15,629,986
Operating taxes	565,453	Cr632,361	5,755,509
Net operating income	\$991,432	\$2,014,258	\$9,874,477
Net income	987,689	1,767,886	9,786,806

Ohio Forge & Machine Corp.—Year-End Dividend—

Company paid a year-end dividend of \$1.50 per share on its common stock on Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 5. This compares with 50 cents paid on Dec. 15, 1938; \$3 paid on Dec. 15, 1937, and an initial dividend of 50 cents paid on Dec. 21, 1936.—V. 147, p. 3466.

Old Colony Investment Trust—To Pay 25-Cent Dividend

Directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 24 to holders of record Jan. 8. This compares with 20 cents paid on Jan. 25, 1939; 20 cents on Jan. 27, 1938 and 35 cents paid on Jan. 20, 1937.—V. 149, p. 1484.

Ohio Water Service Co.—Bonds Offered—An underwriting group headed by Coffin & Burr, Inc., offered on Jan. 12 at 103 and int. a new issue of \$3,750,000 1st mtge. bonds, 4% series due 1964. Associated in the offering are Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; W. C. Langley & Co.; Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.; Graham, Parsons & Co., and Central Republic Co.

Dated Dec. 1, 1939; due Dec. 1, 1964. Interest payable (J. & D.) in N. Y. City. Red. at option of company at any time prior to maturity, in whole or in part, upon at least 30 days' notice, at 107 through Nov. 30, 1942, thereafter at 106 through Nov. 30, 1945, thereafter at 105 through Nov. 30, 1948, thereafter at 104 through Nov. 30, 1951, thereafter at 103 through Nov. 30, 1954, thereafter at 102 through Nov. 30, 1959, thereafter at 101 through Nov. 30, 1962, thereafter at 100½ to maturity, together in each case with interest accrued to the redemption date. Coupon bonds in denom. of \$1,000 and registrable as to principal only. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee.

The issue has been authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Company owns and operates five water systems furnishing water for residential, commercial, industrial and municipal purposes and for fire protection to approximately 14,850 customers in Massillon, Struthers, Washington Court House, Circleville and Marysville, Ohio having a total population estimated to exceed 62,000. Company also owns and operates a system supplying untreated water to 19 railroad and industrial customers in the Mahoning Valley in and near Youngstown, Ohio, and at wholesale to one municipality. It also owns and operates an ice plant in Marysville and facilities for fishing and boating on reservoirs supplying water to its Mahoning Valley System. The company is a subsidiary of Federal Water Service Corporation.

Capitalization—The following tabulation shows the capitalization as it will be upon the issue of the bonds offered, the incurring of a bank loan and the redemption of the first mortgage 5% gold bonds, series A, due Feb. 1, 1958:

	Authorized	Outstanding	Amount to Be
Common stock, class A	100,000 shs.	a40,522 shs.	
First mortgage bonds, 4% series due 1964 (Dec. 1, 1964)			\$3,750,000
Bank loan			c100,000

a Stated value of common stock, \$3,155,897, equivalent to \$77.88 plus per share. b Amount authorized by indenture is unlimited, except for the limitations imposed thereon by the restrictions and provisions contained in the indenture, as amended by the supplemental indenture dated Dec. 1, 1939. c The bank loan will be not in excess of \$100,000, will bear interest at 2½% and will mature in three approximately equal annual instalments, subject to the right of the company to anticipate payment in whole or in part.

Sinking Fund—An annual sinking fund commencing Dec. 1, 1942 is provided for the bonds of the 4% series due 1964, sufficient to retire 4-5 of 1% of the bonds of this series annually to and including Dec. 1, 1951 and 1% annually thereafter. It is estimated that this sinking fund will retire 20% of the bonds offered hereby prior to their maturity.

Purpose—Net proceeds from the sale of the bonds, estimated at \$3,741,250, after \$27,500 estimated expenses, will be applied to the redemption, on or about March 16, 1940, of all the company's outstanding first mortgage 5% gold bonds, series A, due Feb. 1, 1958 outstanding in the principal amount of \$3,820,000 at 102% plus int. The difference between the amount required for such redemption, estimated at \$3,928,233, and the amount of the net proceeds will be provided by the company in part from its general funds and in part from the proceeds of the bank loan.

Earnings Summary for Stated Periods

	Calendar Years			Year End, Nov. 30, 1939
	1936	1937	1938	
Operating revenues	\$629,134	\$672,155	\$594,914	\$665,872
Operation	161,850	160,734	159,069	168,324
Maintenance & repairs	30,357	27,667	24,378	23,466
Prov. for retirement & replacements	26,500	39,000	48,000	48,000
Taxes (other than inc. taxes)	61,273	67,831	68,123	67,971
Income taxes (Federal)	8,855	17,792	8,508	19,937
Net earnings	\$340,299	\$359,131	\$286,836	\$338,174
Other income	2,370	4,164	3,023	3,927

Income before int. and Other deducts. \$342,669 \$363,295 \$289,859 \$342,101

Such income before interest and other deductions for the year ended Nov. 30, 1939 is 2.28 times the annual interest requirement of \$150,000 on the \$3,750,000 bonds of the 4% series offered hereby, and the average of such income before interest and other deductions for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 is 2.21 times such annual interest requirement.

Underwriters—The names of the principal underwriters and the respective amounts thereof which they have severally agreed to purchase are as follows:

Name	Amount
Coffin & Burr, Inc.	\$1,000,000
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.	1,000,000
W. C. Langley & Co.	400,000
Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.	400,000
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.	400,000
Graham, Parsons & Co.	275,000
Central Republic Co.	275,000

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings—

Year Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938
Operating revenues	\$13,614,792	\$13,299,234
Operation	4,636,725	4,827,966
Maintenance and repairs	769,623	887,276
Appropriation for retirement reserve	1,300,000	1,200,000
Amortization of limited-term electric investments	19,197	19,197
Taxes	1,466,800	1,447,792
Provision for Federal and State income taxes	540,792	463,722
Net operating income	\$4,881,656	\$4,453,280
Other income (net)	29,161	1,727

Gross income \$4,910,817 \$4,455,007
 Interest on funded debt 1,657,519 1,673,432
 Amortization of debt discount and expense 268,210 270,252
 Other interest (net) 103,069 65,445
 Miscellaneous deductions 31,218 41,785

Net income \$2,850,801 \$2,404,093

—V. 149, p. 4183.

Orange Crush, Ltd.—Earnings—

Years End. Oct. 31—	1939	1938	1937	1936
Operating profit	\$62,623	\$78,878	\$69,634	\$37,994
Interest, discount, &c.	707	2,220	742	795
Total profit	\$63,331	\$79,099	\$70,376	\$38,789
Deprec. on fixed assets	12,366	11,082	21,278	20,400
Interest and exchange	2,148	915	766	704
Prov. for doubtful acct's. receivable	177	424	1,410	1,544
Prov. for income taxes	8,500	10,500	9,929	6,043
Net income	\$40,140	\$56,177	\$36,994	\$10,098
Preferred dividends	21,000	21,000	21,000	

Balance Sheet Oct. 31, 1939

Assets—Cash on hand and in banks, \$19,525; accounts receivable (less reserve \$3,915), \$19,132; due from affiliated and subsidiary companies, current, \$15,362; invent. (at cost), \$25,721; invest. in market shares (market value \$77,665), 67,327; due from affiliated and subsidiary companies, \$55,335; advertising supplies prepaid expenses, &c., \$14,677; cash surrender value of life insurance, \$11,032; investment in capital stock of subsidiary, allied and other companies, as valued by the directors, with subsequent additions at cost (less reserve of \$6,000), \$25,636; investment in real estate, \$6,307; containers on hand and with customers (valued based on prices chargeable to customers \$26,889), \$33,211; fixed assets (net), \$141,211; total, \$434,477.

Liabilities—Bank overdraft (secured), \$11,854; note payable, trade (secured), \$6,000; accounts payable, trade, \$10,454; accrued salaries, taxes, &c., \$6,473; dividends payable, \$10,709; reserve for Dominion and Provincial income taxes, (estimated), \$8,573; customers' deposits, refundable after return of containers, \$10,595; 30,000 preference shares without nominal or par value—stated value, \$240,000; 45,500 common shares without nominal or par value, stated value, 45,500; surplus, \$84,319; total, \$434,477.—V. 150, p. 135.

Outboard Marine & Mfg. Co.—40-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 40 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 9 to holders of record Jan. 25. This compares with 80 cents paid on Sept. 25, last; 60 cents paid on Aug. 10 last; 40 cents paid on May 10 last; 30 cents on Feb. 10, 1939; 75 cents paid on Sept. 23, 1938; 50 cents on Aug. 10, 1938; 30 cents on Feb. 10, 1938, and a dividend of \$1 paid on Sept. 25, 1937.—V. 149, p. 3724.

Outlet Co.—Extra Common Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Jan. 22. Extras of 25 cents were paid on Nov. 1, last and on Jan. 24, 1939.—V. 149, p. 2374.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939	Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938
Operating revenues	\$6,020,367	\$5,809,040	\$65,850,117
Uncollectible oper. rev.	18,800	12,500	209,500
Operating revenues	\$6,001,567	\$5,796,540	\$65,640,617
Operating expenses	4,351,589	4,042,467	46,551,986
Net oper. revenues	\$1,649,978	\$1,754,073	\$19,088,631
Rent from lease of oper. property		70	610
Operating taxes	775,017	795,063	8,838,985
Net operating income	\$874,961	\$959,080	\$10,250,256
Net income	1,475,660	1,566,248	16,734,878

—V. 149, p. 4183.

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated, Inc.—Earnings—

The company reports for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 1939, after taxes, estimated net loss of 102,814 pounds sterling and estimated profit of 13,410,404 bolivianos, before adjustment to reflect decrease in depletion charges resulting from computation on the new basis, under which, effective from Jan. 1, 1939, net book value of mining properties is to be prorated over estimated remaining tonnage of ore on a production basis. This compares with profit of 29,125 pounds sterling and profit of 1,913,613 bolivianos for the same period in 1938. Profits of subsidiary companies are not taken up until declared as dividends. Production for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 1939 was 5,108 tons of fine tin as against a production of 6,065 tons for the same period in 1938. As reported in circular letter of Dec. 14, 1939, it is estimated that the depletion charge in sterling for the full year on the new basis above mentioned will be approximately 105,000 pounds sterling instead of approximately 229,000 pounds sterling, which it would have been on the old basis employed in arriving at the above nine months' estimate. Tin in concentrates shipped, but not sold at Sept. 30, 1939 was valued in inventory at £215 as against £186 at Sept. 30, 1938. Operations

subsequent to June 7, 1939, were subject to Bolivian Government decree of that date.—V. 149, p. 4037.

Payne Furnace & Supply Co.—Accumulated Dividend—
Directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on account of accumulations on the convertible preferred class A and class B stocks payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 9.—V. 149, p. 2374.

(J. C.) Penney Co.—Sales—
Sales for the month of December, 1939, were \$43,215,041 as compared with \$38,930,482 for December, 1938. This is an increase of \$4,284,559 or 11.01% and represents the largest December and the largest volume of business for any year in the history of the Penney Company.
Total sales from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1939, inclusive, were \$282,133,127 as compared with \$257,963,946 for the same period in 1938. This is an increase of \$24,169,181 or 9.37%.—V. 149, p. 3723.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.—Definitive Debentures Ready—

The Chase National Bank announced that 4½% debentures, due 1974, will be ready for delivery on Tuesday, Jan. 9, in exchange for temporary debentures at its corporate trust department.

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1940, first mortgage bonds 3½% series due 1969, due Aug. 1, 1969, in temporary form may be exchanged for definitive bonds at the corporate trust department of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, 140 Broadway.—V. 149, p. 4183.

Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. Co.—Buys New Plant Site—
The company announces the purchase of two tracts totaling 50 acres on Delaware River at Cornwells Heights, as a site for its new \$2,000,000 plant. The plant will replace present Philadelphia operations at Delaware and Oregon Aves.

The Salt company recently sold its 62-acre property at Delaware and Oregon Aves., Philadelphia, to the Philadelphia Electric Co. The company has been 72 years at the Philadelphia address. The new site gives 2,000 feet water frontage and will provide, the company said, "increased production facilities for present products and more adequately provide for producing new products now under development."—V. 149, p. 3568.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Registers with SEC—

Company on Jan. 4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement (No. 2-4279, Form A-2) under the Securities Act of 1933 covering \$10,962,000 of refunding mortgage and collateral trust bonds, 3½% series due 1970.

According to the registration statement the net proceeds from the sale of the bonds will be applied, together with other available funds of the company, to the redemption on or about March 1, 1940 of \$10,962,000 of first refunding mortgage gold bonds, series B, 4½%, due March 1, 1938.

The underwriters and the amounts to be underwritten by each are as follows:

White, Weld & Co.....	\$2,397,000	Baker, Watts & Co.....	215,000
First Boston Corp.....	1,700,000	Alex. Brown & Sons.....	215,000
Minsch, Monell & Co., Inc	1,700,000	Jackson & Curtis.....	215,000
Joseph W. Gross & Co.....	1,000,000	Mackubin, Legg & Co.....	215,000
Kidder, Peabody & Co.....	1,000,000	Spencer Trask & Co.....	215,000
Bonbright & Co., Inc.....	700,000	Whiting, Weeks & Stubbs,	215,000
Lee Higginson Corp.....	430,000	Inc.....	215,000
Stone & Webster and		Yarnall & Co.....	215,000
Blodgett, Inc.....	430,000		

The underwriting spread will be 2%. It is stated.

The prospectus states that to facilitate the offering it is intended to stabilize the price of the bonds. This is not an assurance, it states, that the price will be stabilized or that the stabilizing, if commenced, may not be discontinued at any time.

The price at which the bonds are to be sold to the public and the redemption provisions will be furnished by amendment to the registration statement.—V. 150, p. 135.

Peoria & Eastern Ry.—Bond Maturity Being Discussed—

A group of institutional holders, representing about half of the road's first 4's, due April 1, 1940, met Jan. 4 with New York Central System officials to discuss methods of meeting this maturity. A subcommittee was named to continue negotiations with the road, and it is expected that a decision concerning the treatment of the maturity will be reached in the near future.

Peoria & Eastern first 4's are guaranteed as to interest but not as to principal by the Central, and the road is operated by the latter under an operating agreement. There are about \$8,400,000 of the bonds outstanding.—V. 148 p. 2910.

Philadelphia Suburban Water Co.—Earnings—

12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1939	1938	1937	1936
Gross revenues.....	\$2,449,010	\$2,478,383	\$2,478,746	\$2,523,402
Expenses—Opers. (incl. maintenance).....	673,354	672,037	675,088	654,673
Taxes (not incl. Fed. inc. tax).....	129,793	132,275	144,077	155,068
Net earnings.....	\$1,645,863	\$1,666,071	\$1,659,581	\$1,713,659
Interest charges.....	676,000	676,162	676,450	676,171
Amort. & other deducts.....	11,810	14,960	24,725	30,576
Federal income tax.....	93,976	103,250	103,890	108,197
Retire. exps. (or deprec.).....	242,207	237,775	232,626	229,902
Bal. avail. for divs.....	\$621,870	\$633,924	\$621,889	\$568,812

—V. 149, p. 3568.

Piper Aircraft Corp.—Earnings—

Period—	Year		10½ Mos.	
	Sept. 30 '39	Sept. 30 '38	Sept. 30 '39	Sept. 30 '38
Sales, less returns, discounts and commissions.....	\$1,768,652	\$768,145		
Cost of sales.....	1,481,101	630,062		
Gross profit.....	\$287,551	\$138,083		
Selling expenses.....	82,226	55,471		
General and administrative expenses.....	77,756	41,618		
Operating profit.....	\$127,568	\$40,994		
Other income.....	12,286	4,632		
Total income.....	\$139,854	\$45,626		
Interest paid or accrued.....	5,119	7,579		
Provision for doubtful accounts.....	4,439	2,611		
Loss on equipment abandoned.....	6,506	15,645		
Experimental expense.....	494			
Loss by fire, &c.....	29,084	75,000		
Provision for Federal and State income taxes.....				

x Net profit before deducting portion of organization expense..... \$94,213 x\$14,031
Dividends paid on preferred stock..... 12,095 4,250
x After provision for depreciation of \$22,705 in 1939 and \$17,300 in 1938.
y Includes surtax on undistributed profits.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30, 1939

Assets—Cash in banks and on hand, \$34,751; notes receivable—customers, \$2,500; accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$9,509), \$79,124; inventories, \$350,514; deposits on merchandise purchases and due from vendors, \$3,476; cash surrender value of life insurance, \$971; prepaid advertising, interest, taxes, supplies and insurance, \$9,871; fixed assets (less allowance for depreciation of \$42,263), \$180,364; investments, \$1,004; deferred charge to future operations, \$9,644; total, \$672,218.

Liabilities—Notes payable, \$25,561; accounts payable, \$142,251; accrued liabilities, \$59,431; dealers' deposits, \$9,440; advances by William T. Piper, officer, \$7,190; mortgage bonds payable—instalments due Nov. 17, 1939, \$2,000; mortgage bonds payable—instalments due Nov. 17, 1939, \$2,000; mortgage bonds payable—instalments due Nov. 17, 1942, \$61,000; convertible preferred stock, no par value. Cumulative dividends at the rate of 60 cents per share per annum. Redeemable on call at, and preferred on dissolution, to \$12 per share and accrued dividends—authorized 21,500 shares, issued 21,500 shares, \$196,250; common (par \$1), \$90,126; paid-in surplus, \$6,378; earned surplus, \$72,611; total, \$672,218.—V. 148, p. 1489.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—	1938	1939—11 Mos.—	1938
Railway oper. revenues.....	\$2,318,797	\$1,615,179	\$17,338,646	\$12,899,599
Railway oper. expenses.....	1,513,098	1,290,220	13,481,636	11,516,688
Net rev. from ry. opers.....	\$805,699	\$324,959	\$2,957,010	\$1,337,911
Railway tax accruals.....	Dr255,347	Dr166,640	Dr1,822,380	Dr1,448,193
Equip. & joint facil. rents.....	Cr203,449	Cr145,518	Cr2,157,288	Cr1,836,875
Net ry. oper. income.....	\$753,801	\$303,837	\$3,291,918	\$1,726,593
Other income.....	14,760	14,085	143,833	150,557
Total income.....	\$768,561	\$317,922	\$3,435,751	\$1,877,150
Misc. deducts. from inc.....	104,647	37,927	628,551	319,343
Total fixed charges.....	3,374	3,382	37,764	39,156

Net income after fixed charges..... \$660,540 \$276,613 \$2,769,436 \$1,518,651
—V. 149, p. 4184.

Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt Corp.—Eliminates Funded Debt

Corporation has liquidated its funded indebtedness through the redemption of its outstanding first mortgage 11-year 4½% bonds amounting to \$1,380,000. The company recently sold its airplane propeller division to the Curtiss Wright Corp. and at the time John P. Hoelzel, President of Pittsburgh Screw, said that cash involved in the deal was ample if so desired to pay off his company's funded debt. Presumably a part of this money was used in retiring the outstanding bonds.

Company now has no bank loans and no cash obligations other than current ones.—V. 150, p. 135.

Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp.—Interest—

The Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. provided the funds to pay off the last of the Pittsburgh Terminal Coal Corp. Jan. 1, 1939, bond coupons for which the railway is guarantor.

The road paid the July 1, 1939, coupons last September and while no payment has yet been made of Jan. 1, 1940, coupons, it is expected the road will provide funds for that purpose within the grace period.—V. 149, p. 2703.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—Reconstruction Loan—

The Interstate Commerce Commission on Dec. 29 approved conditionally the extension of time of payment, for a period ending not later than Dec. 31, 1940, of loans by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to the company, in the amount of \$4,201,607, maturing Dec. 31, 1939.—V. 149, p. 4184.

Plomb Tool Co.—Registers with SEC—

See list given on first page of this department.

Porto Rican-American Tobacco Co.—Court Orders Plan

Federal Judge Henry W. Goodard has signed an order directing Gordon Auchincloss, trustee, to file a plan of reorganization for the company, or to report his reason why a plan cannot be effected on or before March 1. Judge Goodard will hold a hearing on March 15 at which time objections may be made. All creditors and stockholders are to be given a copy of the plan on or before March 5.—V. 149, p. 3726.

Postal Telegraph Land Lines System—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—	1938	1939—11 Mos.—	1938
Telegraph & cable oper. revs.....	\$1,711,695	\$1,730,486	\$19,232,903	\$19,172,128
Repairs.....	117,928	121,632	1,145,675	1,268,305
Deprec. & amortization.....	159,691	156,154	1,756,605	1,733,927
All other maintenance.....	116,165	85,024	1,200,190	1,081,622
Conducting operations.....	1,322,651	1,364,897	14,296,653	14,207,203
Relief depts. & pensions.....	50,313	46,629	544,857	489,827
All other gen. & misc. exp.....	34,050	35,430	389,841	410,074

Net telegraph & cable operating loss..... \$89,103 \$79,280 \$100,918 \$18,830
Uncoll. oper. revenues..... 5,000 5,000 55,000 55,000
Taxes assign. to oper..... 87,236 82,715 916,917 958,349

Operating loss..... \$181,339 \$166,995 \$1,072,835 \$1,032,179
Non-oper. income..... 1,345 3,194 23,053 32,447

Gross loss..... \$179,994 \$163,801 \$1,049,782 \$999,732
Other deductions..... 247,823 249,613 2,732,969 2,760,652

Net deficit..... \$427,817 \$413,414 \$3,782,751 \$3,760,384
—V. 149, p. 3881.

Procter & Gamble Co.—Extra Dividend—

Directors on Jan. 9 declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, both payable on the common shares on Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 25. Like amounts were paid on Nov. 15, last.—V. 149, p. 3569.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey—Unit Seeks to Merge 26 Companies—Proposal Would Simplify Corporate Structure, Reducing Annual Fixed Charges \$2,500,000—

The corporation has moved to consolidate 26 traction properties controlled or leased through its subsidiary, Public Service Coordinated Transport, thus simplifying its corporate structure and reducing annual fixed charges on outstanding securities by more than \$2,500,000 annually.

Under the plan, 16 leased companies and 10 wholly owned by Public Service Coordinated Transport would be merged into the Coordinated company, and outstanding stock would be replaced with a new issue of \$15,953,000 of new first & refunding mortgage bonds to be issued under a new mortgage, and 2,855,609 shares of no par common stock of \$10 stated value would be issued to Public Service Coordinated Transport.

The merger proposal deals with old street railway companies, whose facilities have mainly been replaced by buses, and would put sufficient stock in the hands of Public Service Coordinated Transport to merge 10 underlying and presently leased companies, with Public Service Corp. proposing to forgive \$7,000,000 in debt of underlying companies. There would be effected in this manner a reduction of \$14,000,000 in the amount of securities outstanding.

The plan, if approved by the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners, would provide public holders of outstanding securities the same annual return in dollars that they now receive from securities held.

Securities on which fixed interest and dividends were payable by the Transport system totaled \$77,626,427 as of Sept. 30, 1939. Securities upon which the company would have to meet interest payments under the plan would amount to \$26,794,500. Annual fixed charges would be reduced to \$1,124,211 from \$3,632,660.

The Commission has set Feb. 6 for a hearing on the application.—V. 150, p. 135.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938
Operating revenues.....	\$16,367,637	\$15,769,379
a Balance after operation, maint. and taxes.....	7,234,492	6,812,708
b Balance for dividends and surplus.....	2,112,957	1,499,100

a Includes non-operating income (net). b After appropriations for retirement reserve.—V. 149, p. 3882.

Puget Sound Pulp & Timber Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Sept. 30—	1939—3 Mos.—	1938	1939—9 Mos.—	1938
Net profit.....	\$17,153	loss\$15,437	\$2,332	loss\$69,434

x After taxes, depreciation, depletion, &c.—V. 149, p. 1486.

(George) Putnam Fund—Adds Stocks—

Trustees report that as of Dec. 31, 1939, common stock holdings of the Fund amounted to 67% of total assets. This compares with 59% in common stocks on Sept. 30, 1939, and was the largest proportion in equity issues reported at the close of any quarter during the year.

Total net assets of the Fund at the end of 1939 were approximately \$2,430,000, an increase of over 26% from the figure of \$1,910,000 last Sept. 30. The number of shares outstanding increased from 132,665 to 173,175 during the fourth quarter. Net asset value per share amounted to \$14.03 on Dec. 31, 1939, compared with \$14.97 at the close of 1938.—V. 149, p. 3727.

Pullman Co.—Earnings—

[Revenues and Expenses of Car and Auxiliary Operations]

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938
Sleeping car operations:			
Total revenues	\$4,093,804	\$4,463,846	\$54,027,053
Total expenses	4,310,299	3,980,793	48,583,987
Net revenue	x\$216,495	\$483,053	\$5,443,066
Auxiliary operations:			
Total revenues	\$160,883	\$162,028	\$1,914,199
Total expenses	138,902	131,542	1,562,814
Net revenue	\$21,981	\$30,486	\$351,385
Total net revenue	x\$194,514	\$513,540	\$5,794,451
Taxes accrued	137,501	319,845	3,872,809
Operating income	x\$332,015	\$193,695	\$1,921,642
x Loss.—V. 149, p. 3882.			\$2,914,043

Radio Corp. of America—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938
Telegraph & cable operating revenue			
	\$105,279	\$87,431	\$1,067,874
Deprec. & amortization	6,960	10,282	83,821
Relief depts. & pensions	417	417	4,585
All other general & misc. expenses	78,338	67,752	784,479
Net telegraph & cable oper. revenues	\$19,564	\$8,980	\$194,989
Uncollectible oper. revs.	100	100	1,100
Taxes assignable to oper.	7,387	2,445	68,741
Operating income	\$12,077	\$6,435	\$125,148
Non-operating income	745	119	7,117
Gross income	\$12,822	\$6,554	\$132,265
Deductions from gr. inc.	154		1,716
Net income	\$12,668	\$6,554	\$130,549
—V. 149, p. 4184.			\$161,739

Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—Final Hearing Held in Reorganization—

The final hearing in the reorganization proceedings was held Jan. 9 before Federal Judge William Bondy. Hamilton C. Rickaby, representing Atlas Corp., proponents of the plan of reorganization, informed the Court that before the end of January all assets of the company, now in the hands of Irving Trust Co. as trustee, would be transferred to the new company. Jan. 8 was the last day for subscribing to the new common issue of 500,000 shares. Mr. Rickaby stated that 250,728 shares were subscribed to by Rockefeller Center, Inc., and other unsecured creditors, leaving 249,272 shares to be taken up by Atlas Corp. at \$3 a share under the underwriting agreement. Since Atlas's underwriting compensation will be \$102,000, Atlas will receive these shares at a net cost of \$645,816.—V. 149, p. 4039

R. C. A. Communications, Inc.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938
Telegraph & cable oper. revs.			
	\$660,439	\$498,156	\$5,936,441
Deprec. & amortization	38,959	51,885	502,917
Relief depts. & pensions	2,900	2,900	31,900
All other gen. & misc. exp.	352,972	311,048	3,556,356
Net telegraph & cable oper. revenues	\$265,608	\$132,323	\$1,845,268
Other oper. revenues	29,021	29,856	320,628
Other oper. expenses	39,040	37,851	418,369
Uncoll. oper. revenues	1,000	1,000	11,000
Taxes assign. to oper.	68,017	34,189	478,829
Operating income	\$186,572	\$89,139	\$1,257,698
Non-oper. income	5,975	5,875	109,516
Gross income	\$191,647	\$95,014	\$1,367,214
Deduct'ns from gross inc.	22,070	20,034	238,242
Net income	\$169,577	\$74,980	\$1,128,972
—V. 149, p. 3882.			\$367,882

Reo Motor Car Co.—Successor to List Stock—

The Committee on Stock List of the New York Stock Exchange, Jan. 10, received from the Reo Motor Car Co. assurance that it will receive from the company on or before April 1, 1940 an application for listing of the securities of the reorganized company in conformity with Exchange requirements. The Committee will continue listing of the capital stock, \$5 par value, of the company pending consideration of the application, including audited balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 1939.—V. 150, p. 135.

Reserve Investing Corp.—Accumulated Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1.25 per share on account of accumulations on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 5. Similar payments were made on Dec. 22 and on Oct. 14, last, and in preceding quarters.—V. 149, p. 4040.

Richmond Insurance Co. (N. Y.)—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 15 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of like amount on the common stock, par \$5, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 11. Similar payments were made on Feb. 1, 1939, 1938 and 1937.—V. 148, p. 288.

Rike-Kumler Co.—To Pay \$1 Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock no par value, payable Jan. 23 to holders of record Jan. 12. This compares with 50 cents paid on July 17, last, and a dividend of 25 cents was paid on Jan. 23, 1939 this latter being the first dividend paid since Jan. 25, 1936 when \$1 per share was distributed.—V. 149, p. 121.

Rochester American Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 20 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 8. Similar payments were made on Jan. 14, 1939, and on Jan. 15, 1938, 1937 and 1936.—V. 148, p. 134.

Rutland RR.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938
Railway operating revs.			
	\$288,431	\$251,487	\$3,156,286
Railway operating exps.	242,801	258,153	2,833,768
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$45,630	x\$6,666	\$322,498
Railway tax accruals	Dr19,609	Dr27,887	Dr213,732
Equip't & joint facility rents	Cr26	Cr1,424	Dr29,321
Net ry. operating inc.	\$26,047	x\$33,129	\$79,445
Other income	3,661	3,977	48,457
Total income	\$29,708	x\$39,152	\$127,902
Misc. deduct. from inc.	439	433	5,143
a Total fixed charges	33,744	33,899	372,886
Net deficit after fixed charges	\$4,475	\$63,484	\$250,127
x Deficit. a Includes interest accrued on outstanding bonds but unpal'd			\$862,712
—V. 149, p. 4185.			

Rose's 5, 10 & 25 Cent Stores—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—1938	1939—12 Mos.—1938
Sales	\$1,195,601	\$1,063,567
Stores in operation	110	104
—V. 149, p. 4185.		

Ryerson & Haynes, Inc.—Earnings—

Earnings Year Ended Sept. 30, 1939

Net sales	\$774,085
Cost of products sold	673,117
Selling, administrative and general expenses	109,163
Operating loss	\$8,194
Rentals and royalties received and miscellaneous income	6,841
Loss	\$1,353
Interest expense	7,168
Miscellaneous losses and deductions	7,227
Net loss	\$15,748

Note—The net loss for the year is after provision for depreciation in the amount of \$31,208 and amortization of special tools and dies in the amount of \$8,043.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30, 1939

Assets—Cash, \$4,591; trade accounts receivable (less reserve of \$1,000), \$67,480; inventories, \$37,692; other assets, \$2,189; property, plant and equipment (less reserves for depreciation of \$188,925), \$183,129; special tools and dies, less amortization, \$14,960; undivided interest in land and buildings being purchased on land contract, less reserve of \$181 for depreciation of buildings, \$6,030; intangible assets, \$13,424; prepaid insurance, taxes and interest, \$2,204; total, \$357,700.

Liabilities—Notes payable for purchases, \$111,398; accounts payable, \$65,752; accrued taxes, interest and royalties, \$4,723; land contract payable, final instalment, \$1,702; chattel mortgage, secured by machinery and equipment, due Aug. 1, 1940, \$25,000; instalments payable within one year on long-term indebtedness, \$3,954; long-term indebtedness, \$14,151; common stock (par \$1), \$205,400; paid-in surplus, \$269,250; appreciation surplus (arising from revaluation of land and buildings), \$13,406; earned surplus, deficit, \$357,037; total, \$357,700.—V. 146, p. 608.

St. Anthony Oil Corp. (Calif.)—Stock Offered— Norman B. Courteney & Co., Los Angeles, are offering 25,000 shares of common stock at par (\$10 per share).

Corporation has an authorized capital stock of 100,000 shares (par \$10). There are 10,000 shares now outstanding.

Corporation was incorporated by John A. Woodward and Hoke Woodward on March 18, 1938, in California.

John A. Woodward and Hoke Woodward who have been in the oil development business for approximately 17 years and 10 years respectively, organized the corporation on March 18, 1938. Hoke Woodward owned all of the capital stock of Sliding Roofs, Inc. (Calif.). This corporation acquired the valuable Gordon lease and caused the same to be transferred to the corporation upon its formation shortly thereafter. Since the organization of the corporation, it has engaged in and intends to engage in the business of acquiring, leasing, owning, holding, developing, operating, drilling and generally engaging in the oil business.

The major assets of the corporation are in the Rosecrans Oil Field which is located in Los Angeles County.

If all of the 25,000 shares are sold at par, the gross proceeds therefrom will be \$250,000. After deduction of 20% commission allowed to the underwriter, such proceeds will equal \$200,000. It is the present intention of the corporation to apply substantially all of the proceeds to the development of about 75 acres of the Gordon lease in the Rosecrans Oil Field, as to which 75 acres the corporation owns a 5-6th working interest at this time. No particular allocation of the proceeds from this issue has been made.—V. 149, p. 3970.

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings

Year Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938
Operating revenues	\$8,666,358	\$8,433,388
Operation	3,097,660	3,065,428
Maintenance and repairs	742,891	606,053
Depreciation	1,380,000	1,350,000
Amortization of limited-term investments	460	
Taxes	1,141,967	1,099,056
Provision for Federal income taxes	276,636	230,314
Net operating income	\$2,026,744	\$2,082,536
Other income	2,472	448
Gross income	\$2,029,216	\$2,082,984
Interest on funded debt	620,000	620,000
Amortization of debt discount and expense	61,954	61,954
Other interest (net)	Cr10,519	Cr17,757
Miscellaneous deductions	7,817	7,028
Net income	\$1,349,964	\$1,411,760
—V. 149, p. 3728.		

Savannah Electric & Power Co.—Earnings—

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938
Operating revenues	\$2,334,830	\$2,227,390
a Balance after operation, maint. and taxes	1,066,256	987,030
b Balance for dividends and surplus	399,842	364,206
a Includes non-operating income (net). b After appropriations for retirement reserve.—V. 149, p. 3883.		

Scott Paper Co.—New Treasurer—

Company, on Jan. 8, elected G. Willing Pepper to the office of Treasurer and to membership on the board of directors. Mr. Pepper was formerly a partner of Smith, Barney & Co., investment bankers.—V. 149, p. 4185.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Sales—

Period Ended Dec. 30—	1939—4 Weeks—1938	1939—48 Weeks—1938
Sales	\$76,113,727	\$60,633,795
—V. 149, p. 4041.		\$619,294,199
		\$503,244,563

Securities Corporation General—To Pay Dividends—

Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an application (File 51-36) for an order of the Commission approving the declaration and payment of dividends on its \$6 series and \$7 series cumulative preferred stock.

The proposed dividend on the \$6 series stock is the regular quarterly dividend payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20 at the rate of \$1.50 a share. There are 4,731 shares of this stock issued and outstanding and the payment of the dividend will cost \$7,097, it is stated.

The proposed dividend on the \$7 series stock is the regular quarterly dividend payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20 at the rate of \$1.75 a share. There are 1,843 shares of this stock issued and outstanding and the payment of the dividend will cost \$3,225, it is stated.—V. 149, p. 3123.

Seiberling Rubber Co.—Preference Stock Offered—

An underwriting group headed by E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., offered Jan. 9 28,000 shares of \$2.50 cum. conv. prior preference stock at \$50 per share. Other members of the underwriting group are: Central Republic Co.; A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.; Hayden, Miller & Co.; L. S. Carter & Co., Inc., and Schwabacher & Co.

History and Business—Company was incorp. in Delaware on Nov. 16, 1921. Company is engaged primarily in the manufacture and sale of rubber tires and tubes for automobiles, trucks, buses, trailers, tractors and farm implements. Distribution of tires and tubes is made principally in the replacement field. During the past six years sales by the company in this field have averaged over 80% of its tire and tube sales on a unit basis. Company sells tires for original equipment upon specification by purchasers of automobiles, trucks and buses. Company also supplies tires and tubes to certain bus, trucking and taxicab companies on a mileage

basis. Although certain of the company's dealers sell tires under instalment plans, the company itself sells no tires on an instalment basis. A substantial portion of the company's sales is comprised of truck and bus tires, such sales in the past several years constituting over 40% of the company's annual dollar volume of sales.

In addition the company manufactures and sells accessories such as repair and retreading materials, and rubber heels and soles, mats, extruded goods and other rubber products. Recently the company has added to its automotive accessories related lines, including batteries, spark plugs, tools, and other automotive articles, and radios, bicycles and miscellaneous items, such related line items being purchased from others and resold to distributors and dealers.

During the past five fiscal years export sales of the company's products, effected through agents and distributors in more than 50 foreign countries, have ranged between approximately 6.5% and 10% of the company's annual net sales during that period and during the last fiscal year were approximately 7% of the company's net sales.

Kemitec Products, Inc., approximately 95% of the common stock of which is owned by the company, manufactures and sells small quantities of shade cloth and allied products.

The manufacture and sale of products in Canada is conducted by Seiberling Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd., about 66% of the common stock of which is owned by the company. This subsidiary maintains branch offices in Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg and has distributors in St. Johns, Quebec, Calgary, Regina, Saskatoon and Vancouver.

Property—Company's plant site consists of approximately 18.7 acres located within the city limits of Barberton, Ohio. In addition to the plant site the company owns approximately nine acres of adjoining unoccupied land and an undivided one-half interest in an additional 25 acres nearby.

The initial plant was constructed at various times from 1905 to 1918 and was acquired by the company in 1922. Since that time new buildings have been erected, essentially doubling the active floor space. The plant comprises about 40 building units, principally of brick and steel fireproof construction, having an aggregate floor space of approximately 450,000 square feet and equipped for milling, calendaring and otherwise preparing crude rubber, for tire building, for tire and tube curing, and for manufacturing the other rubber goods produced by the company.

A small plant located in New Castle, Pa., formerly operated by the company, is no longer used.

Capitalization Adjusted to Reflect Present Financing

\$2.50 cum. conv. prior pref. stock (no par).....	34,000 shs.	28,000 shs.
5% (cum.) class A pref. stock (par \$100).....	35,255 shs.	18,870 shs.
5% (non-cum.) class B pref. stock (par \$100).....	1,618 shs.	1,398 shs.
Common stock (no par).....	500,000 shs.	271,106 shs.

Earnings Years Ended Oct. 31 (Including Wholly-Owned Subsidiary)

	1939	1938	1937
Net sales.....	\$9,328,467	\$8,142,386	\$8,807,425
Cost of goods sold.....	6,737,768	6,055,911	7,195,232
Selling, gen. and admin., &c oper. exp.....	1,685,059	1,505,899	1,465,103
Operating profit.....	\$905,640	\$580,575	\$147,089
Other income.....	74,441	67,588	70,972
Total income.....	\$980,081	\$648,164	\$218,062
a Other charges.....	28,510	39,895	1,763
b Decrease in reserve.....	\$951,570	\$608,268	\$216,298
	e8,074	49,435	10,421

Net income before interest and provision for Fed. inc. and profits taxes..... \$943,495 \$657,703 \$226,720

a Exclusive of interest on debentures and other interest expense, less interest income. b For loss on investments in and amounts due from subsidiary companies, not consolidated, and provision for loss on non-current notes and accounts receivable. c Increase.

Note—The foregoing does not include the results of operations of Seiberling Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd., Kemitec Products, Inc., or Seiberling Acceptance Corp., except that the company's equity in the net profits or losses of these subsidiaries has been provided for in the "reserve for loss on investments in and amounts due from subsidiary companies, not consolidated."

For some years prior to Dec. 28, 1938 the company had outstanding \$2,350,000 6% debentures upon which the annual interest requirement amounted to \$141,000. These debentures were purchased by the company on that date and have been canceled and retired and, as a result, this interest requirement was eliminated.

Purpose of Issue—Net proceeds (estimated to be \$1,250,807) are to be used as follows: (a) All indebtedness owing by the company to First Central Trust Co., Akron, Ohio, and Chase National Bank, New York at time company receives the proceeds from the sale of the prior preference stock will be paid. As of Dec. 13, 1939, indebtedness owing to these banks amounted to \$140,546. (b) Approximately \$337,500 will be advanced by company in American funds to Seiberling Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd., for the purpose of discharging \$375,000 of indebtedness owing by that subsidiary to the Royal Bank of Canada. (c) Balance will be added to the company's general funds.

Dividend arrearages upon the class B preferred stock amount to \$75.38 per share, or an aggregate of \$105,381. Company proposes to pay these dividend arrearages from its current funds as soon as practicable after completion of the sale of the prior preference stock.

Prior Preference Stock—The prior preference stock is senior to the class A preferred stock, the class B preferred stock and the common stock. The holders of prior preference stock shall be entitled to receive cumulative dividends at the rate of, but not exceeding, \$2.50 per share per annum, payable Q-J. Holders of prior preference stock shall have no right to vote for the election of directors or for any other purpose; provided that if dividends on the prior preference stock shall be in arrears in an amount equal to at least four quarterly dividend payments, each holder of prior preference stock shall be entitled at all elections of directors and for all other purposes to a number of votes for each share held which shall be the quotient (or if such quotient be a fraction, then the next largest whole number) resulting from dividing the number of shares of common stock then outstanding and entitled to vote by the number of shares of prior preference stock then outstanding (exclusive of treasury shares).

Company may at any time redeem the whole or any part of the prior preference stock by paying therefor in cash (i) in the case of shares redeemed through the sinking fund, the sum of \$50 per share and (ii) in the case of shares redeemed otherwise than through the sinking fund, the sum of \$52.50 per share, plus in either case accrued dividends to the date fixed for redemption.

Upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the company the holders of prior preference stock shall be entitled, before any distribution shall be made to any class of stock junior to the prior preference stock, to be paid in cash (i) in the case of a voluntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the sum of \$52.50 per share and (ii) in the case of an involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the sum of \$50 per share.

No holder of stock of any class shall be entitled as a matter of right to subscribe for or purchase any part of any new or additional issue of stock of any class whatsoever or of securities convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase stock of any class whatsoever, whether now or hereafter authorized, and whether issued for cash, property, services or otherwise.

Conversion Rights—The holder of each share of prior preference stock may at his option at any time on or before July 1, 1949 convert his prior preference stock into common stock on the basis of the ratio which the conversion price applicable at the time of such conversion bears to 50. Directors are authorized to fix the conversion prices for determining such conversion ratio. By resolutions adopted Jan. 3, 1940, directors fixed the conversion prices as follows: To and incl. Jan. 1, 1942, \$9 per share; thereafter, to and incl. Jan. 1, 1944, \$12.50 per share; thereafter, to and incl. Jan. 1, 1946, \$15 per share; thereafter, to and incl. Jan. 1, 1948, \$20 per share; thereafter, to and incl. July 1, 1949, \$25 per share.

Underwriters—The names of the several principal underwriters and the respective number of shares of prior preference stock which they severally have agreed to purchase are as follows:

E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., New York.....	11,200 shs.
Central Republic Co., Chicago.....	5,000 shs.
A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., Chicago.....	4,000 shs.
Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland.....	4,000 shs.
L. S. Carter & Co., Inc., New York.....	2,800 shs.
Schwabacher & Co., San Francisco.....	1,000 shs.

Balance Sheet as at Oct. 31, 1939

Assets—	Liabilities—	
Cash.....	Bank loans (secured).....	\$176,030
Notes, accts. &c. rec. (less res).....	Acceptances payable, trade.....	280,233
Inventories.....	Accounts payable, trade.....	441,104
Other current assets.....	Federal income, &c., profits taxes.....	97,669
Seiberling Rubber Co. consol. Inv., &c. in affiliated companies, not consolidated.....	Accrued expenses.....	78,803
Other non-current inv. & rec. Property, plant & equipment (less depreciation).....	Other accounts payable.....	4,305
Unused real estate (less depr.).....	Deferred royalty income.....	2,500
Deferred charges.....	Reserve for contingencies.....	500,000
Developments and patents.....	Pref. stock, class A.....	1,887,000
	Preferred stock, class B.....	139,800
	Common stock (271,106 shs.).....	271,106
	Capital surplus.....	2,032,120
	Deficit.....	322,738
Total.....	Total.....	\$5,587,939

—V. 149, p. 4185.

Skelly Oil Co.—May Refinance Bonds and Preferred Stock
Negotiations, it is understood, are being conducted by the company with a banking group with a view to refinancing the fixed debt and preferred stock.

The fixed debt comprises an issue of \$9,000,000 of 4% debentures due Jan. 1, 1951, and the preferred stock is a 6% cumulative issue of \$6,450,000 outstanding, an aggregate of \$15,450,000. If negotiations are concluded satisfactorily, it is likely that new financing will comprise a substantial issue of low rate fixed debt and a serial bank loan.

25-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 10. Like amount was paid on Dec. 22, last, and compares with 50 cents paid on Nov. 15, last, and on Dec. 15 and July 25, 1938.—V. 149, p. 3277.

Solar Aircraft Co.—Registers with SEC—

See list given on first page of this department.—V. 149, p. 2705.

Southern Ry.—Earnings—

	Fourth Week of Dec.—	Jan. 1 to Dec. 31—
	1939	1938
Gross earnings (est.).....	\$3,436,650	\$3,375,992
	\$132,662,569	\$119,129,786

Changes in Personnel—

Company on Jan. 6 announced four changes in executive personnel to become effective on Feb. 1. These were: Retirement of John B. Munson of Cincinnati, Vice-President, after nearly 60 years' continuous service on railroads, more than half a century of which was spent with the Cincinnati New Orleans & Texas Pacific Ry. and other Southern railway companies.

Appointment of George H. Kerr of Washington as Vice-President to succeed Mr. Munson. Mr. Kerr has been an Assistant Vice-President.

Election of William T. Turner as Vice-President of the New Orleans & Northeastern RR. Co. and the New Orleans Terminal Co., to succeed J. E. Fitzwilson, retiring after 50 years' continuous service. Mr. Turner at present is Freight Traffic Manager of the Southern System in Washington.—V. 149, p. 4186.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—	1938	1939—11 Mos.—	1938
Operating revenues.....	\$7,859,478	\$7,393,052	\$84,918,357	\$80,345,790
Uncollectible oper. rev.....	34,151	31,686	352,971	347,332

Operating revenues.....	\$7,825,327	\$7,361,366	\$84,565,386	\$79,998,458
Operating expenses.....	5,020,792	4,810,671	53,806,094	51,732,135

Net oper. revenues.....	\$2,804,535	\$2,550,695	\$30,759,292	\$28,266,322
Operating taxes.....	1,073,326	994,686	11,585,042	10,725,723

Net operating income.....	\$1,731,209	\$1,556,009	\$19,174,250	\$17,540,581
Net income.....	1,493,629	1,321,959	16,567,272	15,617,313

Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.—Files Declaration on New Securities—

Company has filed a declaration with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering the proposed offering of \$16,000,000 first mortgage bonds, series A, due 1970, \$7,500,000 5% preferred stock cumulative and 71,000 shares of common stock.

Proceeds from the proposed issues will be used to retire, at 104, \$16,000,000 first mortgage 4% bonds, series A, due 1960, and to retire 107, \$8,834,000 7% preferred stock.

The underwriters and the amounts of bonds and preferred stock which they will underwrite are as follows:

	Bonds	Pref. Shares
Bonbright & Co., Inc.....	\$2,250,000	10,865
Harriman, Ripley & Co., Inc.....	2,250,000	10,865
Glore, Forgan & Co.....	800,000	3,750
A. G. Becker & Co., Inc.....	800,000	3,750
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.....	1,250,000	6,035
Harris, Hall & Co., Inc.....	1,250,000	6,035
Blyth & Co., Inc.....	900,000	4,345
The First Boston Corp.....	900,000	4,345
Central Republic Co.....	650,000	3,140
W. C. Langley & Co.....	650,000	3,140
Lee Higginson Corp.....	650,000	3,140
Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.....	650,000	3,140
Tucker, Anthony & Co.....	650,000	3,140
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.....	500,000	2,415
The Wisconsin Co.....	350,000	1,610
H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc.....	300,000	1,450
A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.....	250,000	1,205
Stern, Wampler & Co., Inc.....	250,000	1,205
Bacon, Whipple & Co.....	150,000	725
Blair, Bonner & Co.....	150,000	725
Granbery, Marache & Lord.....	150,000	725
The Illinois Co of Chicago.....	150,000	725
Bartlett, Knight & Co.....	100,000	480
Barrow, Leary & Co.....	-----	2,000
Mahan, Ditmar & Co.....	-----	1,000
Kauscher, Pierce & Co., Inc.....	-----	1,000

Spiegel, Inc.—Sales—

Period Ended Dec. 31—	1939—Month—	1938	1939—12 Mos.—	1938
Sales.....	\$6,650,149	\$5,607,719	\$2,981,982	\$4,732,671

Springfield Gas Light Co.—To Pay Larger Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 30 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 6. Previously regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were distributed.—V. 148, p. 1659.

Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., Inc.—Indictments

The Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission Jan. 4 reported that the Federal Grand Jury for the Southern District of New York returned an indictment against six defendants for violations of the anti-manipulative provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Mail fraud and conspiracy in connection with transactions in the common stock of Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., Inc. The defendants named in the 15 count indictment are Ery Kehaya of N. Y. City, President and director of company, and former director of the Axton-Fisher Tobacco Co., Inc., Harry J. Rothman, a broker-dealer of New York City, Harry D. Meyer of Bronxville, New York, former officer and director of company, and Louis C. George, former Vice-President of B. E. Buckman & Co. securities dealer of Madison, Wis., with branch offices throughout the mid-west. The indictment also named as defendants the Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., Inc. and Standard Commercial Export and Finance Corp.

The indictment charged that the defendants through Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., Inc., acquired control of the Axton-Fisher Tobacco Co., Inc. It is charged in the indictment that the defendants thereafter manipulated the common stock of Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., Inc. on the New York Stock Exchange by means of "wash sales," "matched orders"

and "touting" of the stock through customers' men employed by various brokerage houses in New York and throughout the country.

The defendants effected transactions among themselves, it is charged in the indictment, for the purpose of creating an apparent market activity in the stock. The indictment also charged that in 1937 when Kehaya was hard pressed for cash, the defendants within a period of two months unloaded large blocks of the Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., Inc. stock and that immediately thereafter the defendants withdrew their support from the market. As a result, it is charged in the indictment, the market price of the stock collapsed.

United States Attorney John T. Cahill, whose office presented the case to the Grand Jury, estimated that the public lost upwards of \$4,000,000. (Standard Commercial Tobacco, Inc., and Standard Commercial Export & Finance Corp., have pleaded not guilty to charge of mail fraud and violation of Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 before Judge William Bondy in Federal Court. Ery Kehaya and Harry Meyer, also indicted, pleaded not guilty and bail was set at \$2,000. Judge Bondy tentatively set trial date for Jan. 15.)

Decision Reserved on Sale of Axton Stock—

Federal Bankruptcy Referee Robert P. Stephenson on Jan. 2 reserved decision after argument on the motion of John M. Harlan, trustee for Standard Commercial Tobacco Co., to set aside an order under which 80,610 class B common shares of Axton-Fisher Tobacco Co. stock, constituting Standard's chief asset, was sold to a syndicate headed by Maurice Wertheim & Co. at \$14 a share. The order was signed May 4, 1939, by Federal Judge Alfred C. Cox. —V. 148, p. 3700.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Weekly Output—

Electric output of the public utility operating companies in the Standard Gas & Electric Co. system for the week ended Jan. 6, 1940, totaled 126,884,878 kilowatt-hours, an increase of 16.0%, compared with the corresponding week last year. —V. 150, p. 136.

Standard Oil Co. of Calif.—Additional Loan—

The company has taken up the remaining portion of \$5,000,000 of an authorized \$25,000,000 borrowing arranged with a group of banks last August. The \$5,000,000 is in the form of 10-year 2.15% unsecured installment notes, and funds were received on Dec. 27, last. Installments aggregating \$500,000 each are payable on Aug. 22, 1945-47-48 and the remainder of \$3,000,000 on Aug. 24, 1949. The \$20,000,000 was borrowed on similar terms and conditions on Aug. 24, last. —V. 149, p. 3124.

Studebaker Corp.—Sales—

Studebaker sales of passenger cars and trucks in December are understood to have been the largest for any month since August, 1928, and to have brought the total for the full year 1939 well above 110,000 units to top unit sales for any year since 1928. In 1938, the company sold 52,605 cars. —V. 149, p. 3584.

Sun Glow Industries, Inc.—Earnings—

Earnings for 11 Months Ended Nov. 30, 1939

Net income after all charges	\$90,523
Earnings per share on 100,000 common shares	\$0.86

—V. 145, p. 3511.

Sunray Oil Corp.—Earnings—

9 Months Ended Sept. 30—

	1939	1938
Net income after all charges including taxes	\$418,050	\$532,586
Earnings per share on common stock	\$0.17	\$0.22

—V. 149, p. 3125.

Telautograph Corp.—Five-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 5 cents per share on the capital stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Like amount was paid on Dec. 15 and on Aug. 1, last; dividends of 10 cents are paid on May 1 and Feb. 1, 1939, and on Dec. 15 and Aug. 1, 1938; and previously regular quarterly dividends of 15 cents per share were distributed. —V. 149, p. 3278.

Terre Haute Water Works Corp.—Bonds Called—

Corporation has called for redemption on Feb. 10, 1940, all of its outstanding first mortgage 6% bonds, series A, due 1949, and all of its outstanding first mortgage 5% bonds, series B, due 1956, at 101 and accrued interest. Holders of the bonds may surrender them immediately at the New York office of Bankers Trust Co. and receive the full redemption price, with interest to Feb. 10. —V. 122, p. 1612.

Transamerica Corp.—25-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 15. Like amount was paid on July 31, last, and previously regular semi-annual dividends of 37½ cents per share were distributed. —V. 149, p. 269.

Triumph Explosives, Inc.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 2½ cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of five cents per share on the capital stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 22. —V. 149, p. 3279.

United Air Lines Transport Corp.—Merger Hearings—

Hearings on United's application to absorb Western Air Express Corp. began Jan. 8 before Civil Aeronautics Authority. Officials said the current hearing would delve into the financial structure of both companies, include a full investigation into the economic reasons for the proposed consolidation and its economic effect on competing companies and the general public.

It is stated that a sufficient number of Western Air Express shares have been deposited to authorize the merger with or purchase of assets by United Air Lines. Consummation of the deal, however, awaits authorization by the Civil Aeronautics Authority.

W. A. Paterson, President of United, announced Jan. 4, that 70% of Western Air stock had been deposited. He said that further deposits are invited, although non-depositing stock will receive equal consideration. Terms call for one-third share of United, or \$1.66 in cash plus one-sixth share of United for each share of Western. —V. 149, p. 4188.

United Corp.—Changes in Portfolio—

The corporation reports that, during the period Oct. 1, 1939 through Dec. 31, 1939, securities were added to its portfolio through purchases in the open market as follows:

	Class	Shares	Cost
General Electric Co.	Common	3,300	\$131,332
General Mills, Inc.	Common	200	17,892
Gulf Oil Corp.	Capital	2,300	97,064
Procter & Gamble Co.	Common	700	44,058
Pullman, Inc.	Capital	2,300	84,480
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.	Capital	9,500	130,755
* Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey)	Capital	3,300	154,091
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co.	Common	1,700	195,383

* 61 100-200 shares received as a stock dividend on Dec. 15, 1939.

The acquisitions represent an aggregate investment of \$855,056. All of the securities purchased during this period were acquired under the corporation's investment program and subsequent to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of an order of the Securities and Exchange Commission dated March 13, 1939, as amended by an order dated Sept. 15, 1939, under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, approving a program for the investment of not more than \$8,000,000 of the corporation's current funds during the period of 10 months ending Jan. 13, 1940. During this period the corporation sold in the open market 3,600 shares of the common stock of Niagara Hudson Power Corp. Securities constituting the assets of New York United Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary, were transferred in liquidation to the United Corp. on Oct. 3, 1939. —V. 150, p. 137.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Weekly Output—

Electric output for the U. G. I. system compares for the week just closed and the figures for the same week last year are as follows: week ending Jan. 6, 1940, 109,022,588 k. w. h.; same week last year, 95,214,158 w. h., an increase of 13,808,430 k. w. h. or 14.5%. —V. 150, p. 137.

U. S. Steel Corp.—December Shipments—

See under "Indication of Business Activity" on a preceding page. —149, p. 3730.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Stock Exchange Ruling—

Referring to the plan of reorganization of the corporation, dated Feb. 1, 1939, as amended, in proceedings for reorganization under the Bankruptcy

Act, confirmed by order of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, dated Jan. 2, 1940, which provides for the organization of a new corporation to be known as *Ogden Corp.*; for the transfer of all of the assets and properties of the present corporation to the new corporation; and that holders of 30-year 5% gold debentures, due 1959, and 5½% 20-year gold debentures, due 1947, of the present corporation, will be entitled to receive, in respect of each \$1,000 principal amount thereof, securities of the new corporation, on the following bases:

- (1) \$400 of new five-year sinking fund 4½% debentures;
- (2) six shares of new 5% preferred stock of \$50 par;
- (3) 78,472 shares of new common stock of \$4 par, in the case of the 30-year 5% gold debentures, due 1959; or 78,264 shares of new common stock of \$4 par value, in the case of the 5½% 20-year gold debentures, due 1947;

(Scrip to be issued for fractional shares of new common stock). The Committee on Floor Procedure rules that Exchange contracts made on and after Jan. 11, 1940, in Utilities Power & Light Corp. 30-year 5% gold debentures, due 1959, and 5½% 20-year gold debentures, due 1947, shall be subject to the condition that the Committee may in its discretion rule that settlement of such contracts, unless previously effected, may be made by delivery either of the respective debentures or the equivalent in the new securities of the Ogden Corp., as stated above. —V. 150, p. 137.

Virginia Electric & Power Co.—Earnings—

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—

	1939	1938
Operating revenues	\$19,246,714	\$19,111,041
a Balance after operation, maint. and taxes	7,851,158	7,483,149
b Balance for dividends and surplus	3,810,912	3,470,643

a Includes non-operating income (net). b After appropriations for retirement reserve. —V. 149, p. 4045.

Virginian Ry.—Dividends on New Stock—

Directors have declared three regular quarterly dividends of 37½ cents per share each of the new \$25 par 6% preferred stock, payable Feb. 1, May 1, and Aug. 1 to holders of record the 20th of each preceding month. —V. 149, p. 4189.

Vultee Aircraft, Inc.—Stock Offered—The first public offering of shares of this company took place Jan. 10, when an underwriting group headed by Blyth & Co., Inc., and Emanuel & Co. placed on the market 300,000 shares of capital stock at \$10 per share.

History and Business—Company was organized in Delaware in 1939 and acquired, as at Oct. 31, 1939, the assets and business of, and assumed the liabilities pertaining to, the Vultee Aircraft Division of the Aviation Manufacturing Corp.

The general character of the business done and intended to be done by the company is the development, design, construction, manufacture and sale of aircraft, and the sale of aircraft accessories such as engines, propellers and equipment, manufactured by and purchased from others. Company and its predecessors have been engaged in this business since Jan. 26, 1932. The management, executive personnel and departmental organization are substantially the same as were those of Vultee Aircraft Division. The number of employees on Dec. 1, 1939, was 1,129.

In 1933 there was introduced the first Vultee model, an eight-passenger, single-motored, low-wing monoplane of which 27 were sold to American Airlines, Inc. and other customers. Shortly after the introduction of this model it became apparent that the traveling public preferred multi-motored transport airplanes and orders became unavailable for the Vultee single-motored transport plane. It was therefore decided to supplement the commercial business of the company by the development of military aircraft. In 1936 the first Vultee Attack Bomber was produced. Of this model orders were obtained in 1936 for one completed airplane and for parts and materials for 29 additional planes to be assembled in an aircraft factory in a foreign country. Since 1936, Vultee Attack Bombers of the original or succeeding models, either completely assembled or partially fabricated, have been sold to four foreign countries. Company has unfilled orders, obtained in Nov., 1939, for two completed Attack Bombers and 75 partially fabricated Attack Bombers for export but not to England, France or their Allies. Seven Attack Bombers for the United States Army Air Corps were recently completed. The current Vultee Attack Bomber is known as the Vultee V-12 and is a low-wing-all-metal monoplane powered with a Wright or Pratt & Whitney engine. It is designed for heavy load-carrying capacity and long range, combined with speed and a high degree of maneuverability. Manufacturing rights have been sold to two foreign countries.

As of Nov. 30, 1939, the total unfilled orders on the books of the company (by reason of assignment from or agreement with Aviation Manufacturing Corp. or otherwise) for various models of aircraft and spare parts amounted to \$6,086,749. This backlog includes orders for export to several foreign governments (not including England, France or their Allies) and, in addition, an order for Basic Trainers from the United States Army Air Corps for sales value of \$3,027,036.

Predecessors of the Company—Gerard F. Vultee, an aeronautical engineer now deceased, was one of the founders of Airplane Development Corp. (Calif.) organized Jan. 26, 1932, for the purpose of developing and manufacturing aircraft to be sold under the trade name "Vultee."

As of Nov. 30, 1934 Aviation Manufacturing Corp. (Del.) acquired all the stock of Airplane Development Corp. Thereafter on July 31, 1936 its business and assets were transferred to Aviation Manufacturing Corp., and were designated as its Vultee Aircraft Division, under which name the business was conducted up to the date of the acquisition of said assets and going business by Vultee Aircraft, Inc. Airplane Development Corp. was dissolved Dec. 7, 1936.

The board of directors of Vultee Aircraft, Inc. has authorized that the assets acquired and the related reserves be recorded on its books in the same amounts as were carried on the books of its predecessor, no valuation being required to reflect goodwill, going concern value or other similar intangible asset and no consideration being given to present property values in comparison with the ledger values thereof. The asset values recorded on the books of Vultee Aircraft Division represent cost to that division or its predecessor of the assets transferred to Vultee Aircraft, Inc., with the exception of inventories, which are valued at the lower of cost or market, and patterns, dies, jigs, &c. and license agreement which have been reduced by amortization. None of such asset values recorded on the books of Vultee Aircraft Division include profits to affiliated interests. The reserves for depreciation applicable to property, plant and equipment transferred to Vultee Aircraft, Inc. were provided by Vultee Aircraft Division and its predecessor by charge to profit and loss on a consistent application of the "straight line" method.

The company's plant is located at Downey, Calif., about 15 miles south-east of the center of Los Angeles, on a site containing about 72 acres, part of which is used as a landing field with a hard-surfaced runway about 2,860 feet long.

Application of Proceeds—It is expected that of the estimated net proceeds to the company from the issue and sale of 300,000 shares of capital stock to be sold by it, \$91,903 will be used to pay the unpaid balance of Vultee Aircraft Division's agreed share of the expenses of Aviation Manufacturing Corp.'s Export Department and New York office for 11 months ended Oct. 31, 1939 assumed by the company and to repay any moneys advanced by Aviation Manufacturing Corp., between the date when the company was organized and the date when the proceeds are available to the company (such advances being estimated at \$400,000 up to Jan. 15, 1940). A part of the net proceeds will be used to pay for improvements and additions to the company's plant and equipment and for development expenses, but only to the extent not paid for out of such advances, as follows: Machinery and equipment, approximately \$193,000; new buildings and additions to present buildings, approximately \$416,000; completion of production engineering and tooling for unfilled orders from the U. S. Army Air Corps now on hand, approximately \$232,000.

The balance of the net proceeds amounting to not less than approximately \$1,277,500, after deduction of the above estimated amounts to be devoted to specific uses, will be used by the company in the furtherance of its business either for meeting development expenses or for the purchase of inventories and as working capital required to fulfill orders already on hand or that may be received in the future.

Capitalization—The outstanding capitalization of the company, giving effect to the issuance and sale of the 300,000 authorized and unissued shares of capital stock offered and of the 37,500 shares of capital stock referred to under "options," will be as follows:

Capital stock (\$1 par)	Authorized	Outstanding
	1,000,000 shs.	787,500 shs.

Management and Control—The following persons have been elected and are serving as directors and officers, but it is contemplated that some of such directors may be replaced by others not presently chosen: Richard W. Millar (Pres.), W. H. Beal, V. C. Schorlemmer (Vice-Pres. & Treas.), Don I. Carroll (Vice-Pres.), R. W. Palmer (Vice-Pres.), P. A. Hewlett (Vice-Pres.), L. I. Hartmeyer (Secy.), G. T. Bovee (Asst. Secy. & Asst. Treas.), Harold Kondolf (Secy.) and A. I. Lodwick.

Company was caused to be organized on Nov. 14, 1939 by Aviation Manufacturing Corp. with the concurrence of The Aviation Corp. which owns all of the capital stock of Aviation Manufacturing Corp. Both of these companies have their principal offices at 420 Lexington Ave., N. Y. City. On Nov. 30, 1939 Aviation Manufacturing Corp. sold to The Aviation Corp. 350,000 of the 450,000 shares of capital stock of the company then owned by it.

On Dec. 15, 1939, The Aviation Corp., parent of the company, owned 350,000 shares of capital stock (\$1 par) of the company, equivalent to 77.78% of the total number of outstanding shares of capital stock of the company; and Aviation Manufacturing Corp. owned 100,000 shares of capital stock (\$1 par) of the company, equivalent to 22.22% of the total number of outstanding shares of capital stock of the company. On that same date Aviation & Transportation Corp. owned 29.71% of the capital stock of The Aviation Corp. (before allowance for the recent issuance of 206,000 shares of capital stock of The Aviation Corp. to Locomotive Manufacturing Co., a portion of which is expected eventually to be distributed to Aviation & Transportation Corp. as a direct and indirect creditor thereof) and The Aviation Corp. owned all of the stock of Aviation Manufacturing Corp.

The entire 100,000 shares of capital stock of the company owned, as of Dec. 15, 1939, by Aviation Manufacturing Corp. are to be deposited by it with Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New York, for delivery upon exercise of warrants.

Options—In addition to the 300,000 shares of authorized but unissued stock of the company offered 37,500 shares of the authorized and unissued capital stock have been reserved for sale at \$10 per share to officers and supervisory executives of the company pursuant to options as allotted by the board of directors. These options may be exercised to the extent of not exceeding one-third of the total amount of stock allotted in 1940, and in 1941 to the extent of all or any balance of the optioned stock which an optionee was entitled to but did not purchase in 1940, plus not exceeding an additional one-third and in 1942 to the extent of the balance of the optioned stock not previously purchased, provided the officer or executive receiving the same is then living and in the company's employ. In case of any optionee's death or the termination of his employment for any cause, the optionee's right, or the right of his estate, to purchase any balance of optioned stock, the rights of which have not accrued, terminates immediately. Options upon 26,000 shares of the 37,500 shares of authorized and unissued capital stock of the company so reserved, have been allotted to seven officers.

In addition to the options granted by the company, its parent, The Aviation Corp., has granted to six of its officers, some of whom are also officers or directors of the company, options to purchase from The Aviation Corp. an aggregate of 19,000 shares of capital stock of the company at a price of \$10 per share. Said options are exercisable at any time on or before Dec. 1, 1940. The 19,000 shares so optioned by The Aviation Corp. to its own officers are a part of the 350,000 shares of the company's stock acquired by The Aviation Corp. from its subsidiary, Aviation Manufacturing Corp.

Underwriters—The names of the several principal underwriters and the amount of shares severally underwritten by them are as follows:

Name	Shares	Name	Shares
Blyth & Co., Inc.	35,000	A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.	10,000
Emanuel & Co.	35,000	Stern, Wampler & Co., Inc.	10,000
G. M.-P. Murphy & Co.	25,000	Cavanaugh, Morgan & Co., Inc.	10,000
Schroder Rockefeller & Co., Inc.	25,000	O'Melveny-Wagonseller & Durst	5,000
Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.	25,000	Hill Richards & Co.	5,000
Dean Witter & Co.	25,000	Page, Hubbard & Asche	5,000
Hayden, Stone & Co.	20,000	Brush, Slocomb & Co.	5,000
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.	20,000	Sutro & Co.	5,000
Carlton M. Higbie Corp.	15,000	Eastland, Douglass & Co.	5,000
Schoellkopf, Hutton & Pomeroy, Inc.	10,000	Irving Lundborg & Co.	5,000

Warrants—Aviation Manufacturing Corp. is to deliver to the several underwriters, in proportion to their respective underwriting commitments, warrants to purchase an aggregate of 100,000 shares of the issued and outstanding capital stock now owned by Aviation Manufacturing Corp. and received by it in consideration, among other things, for the transfer to the company of all the assets of the Vultee Aircraft Division. Each such warrant will be in bearer form and will provide in substance that the holder thereof may on or before Dec. 31, 1940 receive such portion of the 100,000 shares as may be designated in such warrants, upon surrender of such warrant to the depositary and the payment of \$10 for each share so deliverable. Warrants not exercised on or before Dec. 31, 1940 shall be void. The warrants will be issued by Continental Bank & Trust Co., New York, as depositary under a deposit agreement with Aviation Manufacturing Corp. providing in substance and among other things that certificates for the shares of stock to which the warrant holders are entitled on the terms above mentioned will be held by such depositary and that such depositary will from time to time, as requested, deliver over to Aviation Manufacturing Corp. all money received upon the exercise of such warrants.

The company is advised by the several underwriters that they intend, severally, to offer warrants to the public on the following basis:

The initial public offering price of the warrants will be related to the current price of the capital stock of Vultee Aircraft, Inc. and will, for each share of such stock deliverable upon exercise of the warrants, be the sum of (1) a maximum of \$2 (in case the current price of the stock equals or exceeds \$10 per share) and a minimum of 25c., plus (2) the excess, if any of the current price of the stock over \$10 per share. The price of the stock referred to above, in the event the stock is then listed on any national securities exchange will be that which is reflected by sales on such exchange or, in the event that the stock is not then listed on any national securities exchange, will be that reflected by over-the-counter sales of or bids for the stock. Attention is called to the fact that one or more of the underwriters acting severally and in the regular course of their respective businesses, in their discretion, may buy or sell shares of stock over-the-counter, for their own respective accounts and may maintain bids for the stock and the current price of the stock may not therefore, reflect a price based solely upon supply and demand but may be influenced by any transactions in or bids for the stock made by one or more of the several underwriters or otherwise at the time the warrants are being offered but the foregoing is no assurance that any underwriter will buy or sell or maintain bids for the stock or that if any underwriter should do so that it will continue to do so.

The initial public offering of the warrants will not be made until approximately 30 days after the termination of the selling group agreement between the several underwriters and selected dealers in connection with the proposed public offering by such underwriters of 300,000 shares of capital stock, but it is intended that thereafter each such underwriter, for its own account shall, at such time or times of from time to time as such underwriter, in its own discretion, may determine, publicly offer the warrants owned by such underwriter and that all such offerings shall be made on or before Dec. 31, 1940. The selling group agreement will terminate on Feb. 9, 1940, unless extended, but it may be terminated at any time as therein provided.

Income Account of Predecessors

	11 Mos. End. Oct. 31, '39	Year Ended Nov. 30, '38	11 Mos. End. Nov. 30, '37	11 Mos. End. Nov. 30, '36
Gross sales, less trade discounts, &c.	\$1,266,348	\$4,571,707	\$1,380,739	\$975,532
Cost of goods sold	1,268,002	3,099,134	962,564	671,142
Other expenses	794,495	947,432	343,424	275,899
Gross profit	loss \$796,149	\$525,140	\$74,751	\$28,491
Other income	18,398	16,616	5,432	6,023
Total income	loss \$777,750	\$541,756	\$80,183	\$34,514
Uninsured prop'y losses	1,378	1,424		
Net income	loss \$779,129	\$540,331	\$80,183	\$34,514

The operations included in the above consist of the operations of Airplane Development Corp. for the seven months ended July 31, 1936 and the operations of Vultee Aircraft Division of Aviation Manufacturing Corp. for the periods from Aug. 1, 1936 to Oct. 31, 1939.—V. 149, p. 4045.

WESTGATE-GREENLAND OIL COMPANY

Analysis on request

Steelman & Birkins

60 Broad St.
NEW YORK

Bell System Teletype N. Y. 1-211

Walgreen Co.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—1938	1939—12 Mos.—1938
Sales	\$7,989,754	\$7,670,718 \$71,125,239 \$68,020,017

—V. 149, p. 4045.

Washington Gas Light Co.—Registrar—

The Marine Midland Trust Co. of New York has been appointed registrar for 475,000 shares of no par value common stock of this company.—V. 150, p. 137.

Wellington Fund, Inc.—Assets Rise During 1939—

The preliminary report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1939 shows total assets of \$5,169,139 compared with \$4,465,065 on Dec. 31, 1938. In commenting on the report, Walter L. Morgan, President, pointed out that the net per share asset value after payment of dividends amounting to 90 cents was \$14.49 at the close of 1939 in comparison with \$14.01 at the close of 1938, or an increase of 9.85% during the year after taking into consideration the dividends paid.—V. 149, p. 3732.

Western Auto Supply Co.—Sales—

Period End. Dec. 31—	1939—Month—1938	1939—12 Mos.—1938
Sales	\$5,500,000	\$4,136,000 \$45,321,000 \$36,375,000

—V. 149, p. 3733.

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

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938
Operating revenues	\$2,138,581	\$2,220,328
a Balance after operation, maint. and taxes	731,553	782,399
b Balance for dividends and surplus	171,819	205,625

a Includes non-operating income (net). b After appropriations for retirement reserve.—V. 149, p. 4046.

Western Union Telegraph Co., Inc.—Earnings—

Period End. Nov. 30—	1939—Month—1938	1939—11 Mos.—1938	
Teleg. & cable oper. revs.	\$7,607,179	\$7,378,894 \$86,726,114 \$83,081,781	
Repairs	519,942	539,378	5,643,865
Deprec. & amortiz.	683,495	685,910	7,659,332
All other maintenance	455,213	444,680	5,015,982
Conducting operations	4,694,129	4,709,652	52,541,822
Relief depts. & pensions	188,194	185,292	2,063,579
All other gen. & miscell. expenses	168,596	198,998	1,977,704
Net teleg. & cable oper. revenues	\$897,610	\$614,984	\$11,823,830
Uncoll. oper. revenues	30,928	29,515	348,404
Taxes assign. to ops.	487,468	490,359	5,431,896
Operating income	\$379,214	\$95,110	\$6,043,530
Nonoperating income	92,298	90,089	1,323,903
Gross income	\$471,512	\$185,199	\$7,367,433
Deducts. from gross inc.	593,103	593,988	6,538,665
Net income	\$x121,591	\$x408,789	\$828,768

*x Deficit.—V. 150, p. 138.

Westgate Greenland Oil Co.—Earnings—

	Earnings for Fiscal Years Ended Aug. 31	1939	1938
Oil and gas sales		\$800,710	\$1,032,555
Operating expense		268,101	266,582
Gross production tax		19,444	27,281
Development expense		146,755	248,511
Depletion		84,727	90,047
Depreciation		67,185	93,036
Net operating income		\$214,498	\$307,094
Other operating income		21,135	16,371
Income from sale of royalty interests & miscell.		110,025	113,792
Total income		\$345,658	\$437,257
Administrative and other expenses		116,559	111,480
Accrued Federal and State income tax		21,980	30,113
Net income		\$207,119	\$295,664
Per share		\$0.26	\$0.37

Balance Sheet as of Aug. 31, 1939

Assets	Liabilities
Cash in banks	Accounts payable
Accounts receivable	Accrued payroll
Advances and lease sales	Accrued Federal & c. taxes
Capital assets	Miscell. taxes payable & accr.
Other assets	Capital stock
	Earned surplus
	Profit on sales of lease interests
	Surplus through revaluation
Total	Total

Company organized in Nevada in April, 1936, is engaged in the business of buying, developing, operating and selling oil and gas leases and owning royalty interests. Over a period of years, valuable producing properties have been acquired in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, and California. As of a recent date the company had interests in a total of 181 producing wells on 7,909 acres of fully developed or partially developed producing properties.

Dividends are paid monthly, the base rate being one cent per share per month with occasional extras. In the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, 1939, a total of 19 cents per share was paid. An extra dividend of two cents was paid Dec. 15.

Earnings have exceeded dividend payments in recent years by a substantial figure: 26 cents a share in the year ended Aug. 31, 1939; 37 cents

n 1938; 18 cents in 1937 and 46 cents in 1936, an average of over 31 cents a share per annum since the formation of the present company.

Company is under the active management of O. G. Bitler and J. H. Reveley, President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. [Steelman & Birkins, New York, have prepared a circular describing the operations of the company.]—V. 149, p. 3375.

(H. F.) Wilcox Oil & Gas Co.—To Pay 10-Cent Common Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 25. Last previous distribution was made on May 10, 1928 and amounted to 25 cents per share.—V. 149, p. 2711.

WJR, The Goodwill Station—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, par \$5, payable Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec. 18. Extra of 20 cents in addition to regular quarterly dividend of 40 cents was paid on Oct. 31, last, and an extra of 25 cents was paid on Dec. 22, 1938.—V. 149, p. 2532.

Woodall Industries, Inc.—Earnings—

3 Months Ended Nov. 30—	1939	1938
Net profit after deprec., int., Fed. inc. taxes, &c.---	\$68,674	\$8,324
Earnings per share on capital stock-----	\$0.23	\$0.03

Dividend Resumed—

Directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 20. Last previous dividend was the 25 cent distribution made on Sept. 15, 1937.—V. 149, p. 3282.

Wright-Hargreaves Mines, Ltd.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of five cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, both payable in United States funds on April 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 2, last. See also V. 149, p. 3129.

Yellow Cab Co. (Balt.)—Accumulated Dividend—

Company paid a dividend of \$7 per share on account of accumulations on the preferred stock, on Dec. 28 to holders of record Dec. 27.—V. 131, p. 494

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN

PROVISIONS—RUBBER—HIDES—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Jan. 12, 1940.

Coffee—On the 6th inst. futures closed net 1 point higher to 1 point lower. Transactions totaled only 7 lots. The news contained nothing of real interest. The few sales effected were said to be some speculative covering over the week-end. The tone of the market for the week was steady and prices were 6 to 8 points higher. Trading, however, was very light, and there was little in the news to serve as an incentive for operations either way. On the 8th inst. futures closed 3 points net lower for the Santos contracts, with sales totaling 12 lots. Trading continued dull in the local market. In Brazil spot Rio 7s were up 200 reis to 16,000 milreis per 10 kilos. This compares with a low of 15,000 milreis on Dec. 11. A feature of the market during recent weeks has been the steady tone of Brazilian offers in the face of abnormally small exports. Today it is said the East Coast of Colombia Steamship Conference has agreed to keep freight rates unchanged until Aug. 31, although reserving the right to increase the rate by \$1 per ton. On the 9th inst. futures closed 2 points net lower for the Santos contracts, with sales totaling only 12 lots. No business reported in the Rio contracts. Santos coffee futures ranged from 1 to 2 points lower in quiet trading. Yesterday, hard Santos 4s and type 5 Rios, as officially quoted on the Santos spot market were 100 reis per 10 kilos higher. Generally actuals here were quiet. Manizales were definitely available at 9c. Further details on Venezuela's plan to protect coffee growers by installing a minimum price, were received. Apparently the seller is guaranteed a fixed minimum price, depending on the quality of the coffee, but in addition, such sellers must obtain the authorization of authorities before selling below such minimum. The United States visible supply of Brazilian coffee dipped about 93,000 bags overnight, and at 890,275 bags is the smallest since early Sept. On the 10th inst. futures closed 1 to 3 points net lower for the Santos contracts, with sales totaling only 9 lots. There was no business reported in the Rio contracts. Santos coffee futures trading was confined to 500 bags of July at 6.35c., unchanged. In Brazil, spot Rio 7s were off 200 reis per 10 kilos. While Brazilian offers were unchanged and Santos receipts were still nil, mild prices were slightly easier. It was said that afloat Manizales could be had at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., while Feb.-Mar. shipments were held $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. higher than that. Brazilian exports to this country continued very small.

On the 11th inst. futures closed 5 to 4 points net higher for the Santos contracts, with sales totaling only 8 lots. Santos coffee futures were unchanged in the early afternoon, trading being confined to March contracts at from 6.18 to 6.19c., the latter price unchanged from last night. With receipts at the port of Santos from the interior still only 1,000 bags for yesterday, or but 3,000 so far this year—and a clearance of 33,300 bags for New York on the steamship Brazil, the stock dropped to 2,190,000 bags, the lowest in some time. Last night the official Santos spot price on hard 4s advanced 100 reis per ten kilos. Milds appeared steadier at yesterday's lower levels, with little doing. Brazils were unchanged in price. Today futures closed 1 point up to unchanged compared with previous finals of the Santos contracts. Sales of Santos totaled only 7 lots. Santos coffee futures were 1 to 2 points higher in quiet trading, with September at 6.24c., up

1 point. In Brazil the official Santos spot price on soft 4s was up 100 reis yesterday. There were reports that the Colombian Federation of Growers was supporting prices in the primary market. At least offers of Manizales at under 9c. were very small, possibly 1,000 bags. American roasters were showing more interest. Brazilian shipments continue small, but the receipts at ports from the interior are even smaller and the port stocks have been reduced. It was reported by air mail to the exchange that the National Coffee Department in acquiring Santos coffee for equilibrium purposes to apply against Rio, Espirito and Parana quotas is now paying 53 milreis per bag against a previous price of 50 milreis.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

December-----	March-----	3.65
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Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

March-----	6.25	September-----	6.41
May-----	6.31	December-----	6.48
July-----	6.36		

Cocoa—On the 6th inst. futures closed net 6 to 9 points lower. The feature of the trading was hedge selling. There was also some liquidation, with some scattered trade demand. Prices at the close of the short session were 26 to 30 points net lower than on the previous Friday. With manufacturers more or less on the sidelines, trade support was inadequate to check the decline induced by hedge selling. Volume during the week was exceptionally light. Outside buying was at a minimum, speculative interests being mainly on the sales; side of the market. Local closing: Jan., 5.40; Mar., 5.50; May, 5.58; July, 5.64; Sept., 5.73. On the 8th inst. futures closed 3 to 5 points net lower. Transactions totaled 112 lots. In contrast with other commodities the cocoa futures market was firm, although trading continued dull. Prices during early afternoon were 2 to 3 points net higher, with Mar. selling at 5.52c. The turnover to that time was 67 lots. Manufacturer buying absorbed scattered liquidation. No offerings by primary countries were reported. Warehouse stocks decreased 1,700 bags over the week end. They now total 1,102,606 bags compared with 953,902 bags a year ago. Local closing: Mar., 5.46; May, 5.53; July, 5.61; Sept., 5.69; Dec., 5.80. On the 9th inst. futures closed 3 to 5 points net lower. Transactions totaled 201 lots. Liquidation by tired Wall Street longs caused cocoa futures to sag 3 to 4 points in a narrow market. During early afternoon Mar. stood at 5.43c. on a turnover of 151 lots. Manufacturers were reported buyers on a scale down. Warehouse stocks continued to diminish. An overnight loss of 6,800 bags brought the total down to 1,095,890 bags. That is about 300,000 bags under the season's peak. A year ago stocks totaled 952,502 bags. Local closing: Mar., 5.43; May, 5.49; July, 5.56; Sept., 5.64; Dec., 5.75. On the 10th inst. futures closed 4 to 5 points net higher. Transactions totaled 97 lots. Short covering in the cocoa futures market rallied prices 10 to 12 points today when the trade heard rumors that a vessel with a cargo of cocoa for New York had been damaged at sea and the cargo possibly lost. On the bulge offerings increase, with the result that prices lost part of their early gains. This afternoon the market stood 7 to 9 points net higher, with Mar. at 5.52c., up 9 points. Sales to that time totaled 90 lots. Trade interests were the best buyers. Warehouse stocks decreased 3,100 bags overnight. They now total 1,092,791 bags against 951,854 bags a year ago. Local closing: Mar., 5.47; May, 5.54; July, 5.61; Sept., 5.69.

On the 11th inst. futures closed 11 to 15 points net lower, with sales totaling 135 lots. Trading in cocoa futures slowed down very materially today, only 35 lots changing hands to early afternoon. The market had a steady tone because of absence of selling pressure. On the other hand manufacturers were showing little interest. The trade heard that the S.S. "Zarembo," which was forced to halt at the port of Bermuda for repairs after a storm, was in that harbor for an unde-

terminated stay. The vessel has on board 77,800 bags of cocoa from West Africa. Certificated warehouse stocks here decreased 800 bags overnight. They now total 1,091,958 bags compared with 948,977 bags a year ago. Local closing: Mar. 5.36; May 5.42; July 5.49; Sept. 5.55; Dec. 5.65. Today futures closed 4 to 6 points net lower. Transactions totaled 151 lots. Trading in cocoa futures was more active, but the trend continued downward under further liquidation induced by the general weakness of markets, which has discouraged longs. Manufacturers were content to absorb contracts on a scale down. Sales to early afternoon totaled 83 lots. At that time Mar. was selling at 5.32c., off 4 points. Warehouse stocks decreased 7,400 bags. They now total 1,084,537 bags, compared with 949,583 bags a year ago. Local closing: Mar. 5.30; May 5.36; July 5.45; Sept. 5.49.

Sugar—On the 6th inst. futures closed unchanged to 3 points up for the domestic contract, with sales totaling only 81 lots. The world sugar contract closed unchanged to 1/2 point lower, with sales of 23 lots. The markets continue to show a lack of firmness. As a matter of fact, trading in both markets was very dull. In the market for raws there was virtually no sales recorded. Domestic prices were nominally unchanged, with buyers interested generally at 1.90c. and sellers asking 1.93c. and 1.95c., depending upon position. In the refined section following the 10-point drop in prices on Friday, the market was unchanged. Refiners throughout the country were quoting 4.60c., while beets were held at 4.40c. and offshore refined at 4.45c. to 4.50c. On the 8th inst. futures closed 4 points off to 1 point up for the domestic contract, with sales totaling 73 lots. The world sugar contract closed 1 1/2 to 3 points down, with sales totaling 131 lots. The sugar markets ruled heavy and lower today. In the domestic market Jan. broke 4 points on circulation of 14 notices of delivery. That had an unsettling effect on other positions, some of which sold off 2 points. However, trading was dull, reflecting a general disposition to await developments in the raw and refined sugar markets. No sales of raws were reported, but what may prove the beginning of another general cut in the price of refined sugar was noted in the announcement by the Savannah Sugar Co. that it has cut prices 10c. a hundred to \$4.50 throughout its territory. This afternoon the National followed the cut. The Cuban Institute will meet tomorrow to decide on the 1940 crop. A tentative figure of 2,977,862 tons was suggested last week, but the cut of 200,000 tons it represents has aroused sturdy opposition. On the 9th inst. futures closed 3 points to 1 point net lower for the domestic contracts, with sales totaling 204 lots. The world sugar contracts closed 1/2 point up to 1 point down, with sales totaling 241 lots. The decline in sugar markets continued. Domestic futures lost 2 to 3 points on what appeared to be hedge selling. A factor in futures was the easier tone of the raw market where the price dropped 2 points to 2.80c. duty paid basis when American paid that price for Puerto Ricos clearing tomorrow. It was rumored but not confirmed that the same refiner yesterday obtained an unnamed quantity of Cuban sugar in port for 1.79c. a pound, equivalent to 1.69c. a pound duty paid. That was believed to be connected with notices issued for futures. Sucrest, an independent refiner, announced a price of 4.35c. a pound for refined sugar, Jan.-Mar. shipment, or 15 points under the prices of other refiners. On the 10th inst. futures closed unchanged to 1 point off for the domestic contracts, with sales totaling 129 lots. The world sugar contracts closed 1/2 point up to 1/2 point down, compared with previous finals, with sales totaling 43 lots. In the domestic market much of the buying was attributed to undoing of hedges against sugar which had been sold. It was revealed today that a refiner had bought 22,500 bags of Cubas, second half Jan. shipment, at 1.89c. It was said also that further lots were done at 1.90c. Additional Cubas were offered for Jan. shipment at 1.90 to 1.92c., while buyers were reported willing to pay 1.90c. for Feb. shipment sugars. One lot of 1,500 tons of Feb.-Mar. Philippines were offered at 2.90c. The Cuban Sugar Institute delayed decision on the size of the next crop. In the world sugar market prices improved 1/2 to 1 1/2 points when shorts covered Mar. contracts and advanced the quotation 1 1/2 points to 1.51c.

On the 11th inst. futures closed 1 to 2 points net higher for the domestic contracts, with sales totaling 144 lots. The world sugar contracts closed 1 1/2 to 1 point higher on all deliveries except May, which closed 12 points off. World contract sales were 116 lots. Sugar markets were firm. Domestic futures stood 1 to 2 points higher during early afternoon when light buying found a few contracts on offer. Mar. at that time was selling at 1.98c., up 2 points. The raw sugar market was steady. It was reported that yesterday McCahan took two cargoes of Jan. shipment Cubas at 1.90c. a pound. Today no firm offers were around. It was believed that Feb. shipment Cubas could be bought at prices ranging from 1.92c. to 1.95c. Buyers were willing to pay 1.90c. The refined sugar market was quiet. It was reported that refined was selling in certain parts of the South as low as 4.40c. a pound. In the world market contracts this afternoon were 1/2 to 1 1/2 points higher, with May selling at 1.50c. Today futures closed 2 to 3 points net higher for the domestic contracts, with sales totaling 262 lots. The world sugar contracts closed 5 to 6 points net higher, with sales totaling 104 lots. News that the Cuban sugar crop for 1940 would be smaller than recently suggested, caused a reversal of the recent trend in the

sugar market. Prices rebounded strongly. In the domestic market recoveries ranged from 3 to 4 points, while in the world sugar market gains ran from 4 to 5 points. In the raw market it was learned that a refiner paid 1.90c. a pound for a cargo of Cubas, second half Feb. shipment, and also paid 2.80c. for 1,000 tons of Louisiana raws. In refined an attempt to stimulate buying was seen in announcements of refiners, one of whom reduced his price 5 points to 4.30c. a pound.

Prices closed as follows:

January	1.86	July	2.00
March	1.91	September	2.04
May	1.96		

Lard—On the 6th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher net. Trading was light during the short session today, with fluctuations held to a very narrow range. Towards the end of the week the export trade in American lard was reported quiet, but early in the week substantial quantities of lard were sold to the United Kingdom and to Scandinavian countries. There was not much activity in hogs today, but prices held steady at Friday's finals. Scattered sales were uncovered at prices ranging from \$4.60 to \$5.85. Western hog marketings were light today, and totaled 19,500 head against 33,600 head for the same day last year. On the 8th inst. futures closed 5 to 7 points net lower. The opening range was unchanged to 2 points lower. Trading was moderately active, with no feature of interest. Export clearances of lard over the week-end totaled 297,480 pounds, the destination "Europe". Hog receipts at Chicago were 37,000 head. Western hog receipts totaled 121,900 head, against 94,900 head. Prices on hogs at Chicago remained steady, and during the day scattered sales were reported at prices ranging from \$5.15 to \$5.90. On the 9th inst. futures closed 5 to 12 points net lower. The opening range was 2 to 5 points off compared with previous finals. No lard exports were reported from the Port of New York today. Western hog marketings today totaled 142,400 head, against 73,500 head for the same day a year ago. These heavier receipts influenced a drop of 15c. to 25c. in the price of hogs. Sales of hogs ranged from \$5. to \$5.70. Hog receipts at 11 markets last week, including Chicago, totaled 379,090 head, compared to 267,664 head for the corresponding week last year. On the 10th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower. Opening prices were 5 points down from previous finals. The lard market at one time showed maximum declines of 10 to 12 points. Towards the close there was a rally and most of these losses were recovered. There were no lard shipments reported from the Port of New York today. Hog prices at Chicago declined 15c. to 25c., with the late top price \$5.50. Hog receipts for the Western run totaled 117,600 head against 83,500 head for the same day last year.

On the 11th inst. futures closed unchanged to 7 points lower. The market for lard futures started off 2 points higher on all deliveries, but showed no appreciable action the rest of the day. Export clearances of lard totaled 23,250 pounds, with the destination "Europe." Hog receipts at Chicago today totaled 19,000 head. Western hog receipts were fairly large and totaled 83,000 head, against 85,000 head for the same day last year. Hog sales at Chicago today ranged from \$5 to \$5.55. Today futures closed 10 to 3 points net lower: The lard market ruled heavy today in the face of light hog receipts and advance in hog prices. The weakness of grains and other commodity markets appeared to more than offset the effect of the lighter hog receipts. Hog prices at Chicago rose to \$5.80 in a 10 to 20c. higher market.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January	5.95	5.90	5.85	5.82	5.82	5.77
March	6.50	6.42	6.30	6.27	6.27	6.17
May	6.67	6.60	6.47	6.45	6.40	6.35
July	6.85	6.77	6.65	6.62	6.57	6.52
September	7.00	6.92	6.80	6.77	6.75	6.72

Pork—(Export), mess, \$18.75 (8-10 pieces to barrel); family (50-60 pieces to barrel), \$17.25 (200 pound barrel). Beef: (export), steady. Family (export), unquoted. Cut meats: pickled hams: picnic, loose, e. a. f., 4 to 6 lbs., 11c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 10 1/4c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 9 3/4c. Skinned, loose, e. a. f. —14 to 16 lbs., 15 1/4c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 14 1/2c. Bellies: clear, f. o. b. New York—6 to 8 lbs., 12 3/4c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 12 1/2c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 11 1/4c. Bellies: clear, dry salted, boxed, N. Y. —16 to 18 lbs., 8c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 7 3/4c.; 20 to 25 lbs., 7 3/4c.; 25 to 30 lbs., 7 3/4c. Butter: creamery, firsts to higher than extra and premium marks: 27 1/2c. to 32c. Cheese: State, held '38, 21 to 22c. Eggs: mixed colors: checks to special packs: 15 to 22c.

Oils—In linseed oil, although two crushers continue to quote 10.5c., oil is offered by others at 10.2c. Quotations: Chinawood: tanks, "regular" trade—26 bid, no offer; independent, nearby, drums—28 to 29. Coconut: crude: tanks, .03 3/8 bid; Pacific Coast, spot—.03 bid. Corn: crude: West, tanks, nearby—.06 1/4 bid. Olive: denatured, drums, spot, affloat—96 bid. Soy bean: tanks, West—.05 1/4 to .05 3/4. New York, l. e. l., raw—.075 bid. Edible: coconut, 76 degrees—.09 3/8 bid. Lard: ex. winter prime—9 1/4 offer; strained—9 offer. Cod: crude: Norwegian, dark filtered—64 offer; light 70 offer. Turpentine: 34 1/2 to 36 1/2. Rosins: \$5.65 to \$7.60.

Cottonseed Oil sales, yesterday, including switches, 179 contracts. Crude, S. E., val. 5 7/8. Prices closed as follows:

January	6.80@	6.95	May	7.00@
February	6.90@	n	June	7.05@
March	6.88@	6.89	July	7.09@
April	6.93@	n	August	7.15@

Rubber—On the 6th inst. futures closed unchanged to 6 points lower. Transactions totaled only 260 tons. The market ruled quiet during the short session. The outside market was also quiet, with little or no business reported. Spot standard No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets in the actual markets remained unchanged at 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. per pound. Certificated rubber stocks in licensed Exchange warehouses showed another increase on Saturday to 3,110 tons. Local closing: Jan., 18.91; Mar., 19.00; May, 18.72; July, 18.43; Sept., 18.20. On the 8th inst. futures closed 41 to 10 points net higher. Transactions totaled 107 lots. Increased activity in rubber futures at advancing prices developed when cables reported that export taxes on rubber may be increased by primary countries. More activity also was reported in the spot rubber market here. In futures the turnover to early afternoon was 680 tons, of which 10 represented exchanges for physicals. The market at that time was 28 to 33 net higher, with Mar. at 19.33 and May at 19c., respectively. British dealer interests were credited with buying Mar. and May rubber. Offerings were light. In London prices were unchanged to 1-16d. higher. Singapore also was steady. Local closing: Jan., 19.32; Mar., 19.30; May, 19.00; July, 18.68; Sept., 18.45; Dec., 18.30. On the 9th inst. futures closed 22 to 10 points net higher. Transactions totaled 200 lots. Rubber futures continued the advance which set in yesterday. Opening 3 to 17 points net higher, the market during early afternoon stood 14 to 18 points above last night's close. Trading showed a tendency to broaden, sales to early afternoon having been 1,540 tons against 1,070 all day yesterday. Of the total 280 tons were exchanged for physicals. A British dealer interest was credited with buying nearby positions, while commission houses bought the distant deliveries. Firmness in the primary markets was a factor in futures. It was reported in trade circles that the factory demand for actual rubber had improved. London closed steady 1-16d. to $\frac{1}{4}$ d. higher. Singapore also was higher. Local closing: Jan., 19.52; Mar., 19.50; May, 19.22; July, 18.83; Sept., 18.62; Dec., 18.40. On the 10th inst. futures closed 13 points higher to 1 point lower, compared with previous finals. Transactions totaled 144 lots. Crude rubber futures continued to advance under buying apparently influenced by rumors of higher export taxes on British and Dutch rubber. Demand for Mar. in particular was good, and forced the price to new high levels for the movement, widening the premium over later positions. During early afternoon Mar. stood at 19.63c., up 13 points. July was up 7 points and Sept. at 18.68 was 6 points higher. Sales to that time totaled 1,200 tons, of which 250 tons were exchanged for physical rubber. Ten tons were tendered for delivery on the Jan. contract, bringing the total so far this month to 210 tons. London closed quiet and steady, unchanged to 3-32d. higher. Singapore also closed higher. Local closing: Mar., 19.63; May, 19.25; July, 18.89; Sept., 18.63; Dec., 18.39.

On the 11th inst. futures closed 18 to 21 points net lower. Transactions totaled 122 lots. Trading in rubber futures was quiet owing to a reported slackening of demand for physical rubber following the recent activity in that department. Local traders and commission houses were sellers, while demand was on a scale down. The opening was 23 points lower on near positions, but only 9 lower on distant deliveries. After the initial dealings, the tone of the market became somewhat firmer on a turnover which to early afternoon reached 600 tons, of which ten were exchanged for physical rubber. Thirty tons were tendered for delivery on Jan. contracts, bringing the total so far to 240 tons this month. London closed dull, unchanged to $\frac{1}{4}$ d. lower. Singapore also was unchanged to $\frac{1}{4}$ d. lower. Local closing: Jan., 19.40; Mar., 19.45; May, 19.02; July, 18.70; Sept., 18.42. Today futures closed 42 to 27 points net lower. Transactions totaled 116 lots. Liquidation in rubber futures continued when it was seen that other markets failed to rally. Trading was not heavy, but demand was poor, with the result that the market broke more than 21 to 32 points, with Mar. selling at 19.24c. and May at 18.70c. this afternoon. The turnover to that time was 790 tons. Ten tons were tendered for delivery on Jan. contracts. A report which influenced sentiment was that demand for physical rubber, which had been in evidence recently, had subsided. London closed $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ d. lower. Singapore also was lower. Local closing: Mar., 19.12; May, 18.60; July, 18.40; Sept., 18.15.

Hides—On the 6th inst. futures closed net 1 point lower to 1 point higher. The opening range was 2 to 7 points off from previous finals, but the list recovered most of the initial losses during the later dealings. Transactions totaled 3,480,000 pounds. Certificated stocks of hides in warehouses licensed by the exchange decreased by 8,679 hides to a total of 956,282 hides in store. There was little of interest in the spot market. Local closing: Mar., 15.01; June, 15.27; Sept., 15.52; Dec., 15.74. On the 8th inst. futures closed unchanged to 4 points net higher. Transactions totaled 106 lots. Prices of raw hide futures held firm during the morning at the opening range of 3 to 9 points higher. Sales to early afternoon totaled 2,040,000 pounds. Certificated stocks of hides in warehouses licensed by the exchange decreased by 1,093 hides to a total of 955,189 hides in store. Total withdrawals from certificated stock so far this month amount to 14,790 hides. In the early morning buying was general, but local houses were sellers in the later dealings as prices receded somewhat from their earlier highs. Local closing: Mar.,

15.02; June, 15.30; Sept., 15.54. On the 9th inst. futures closed 20 to 22 points net lower. Transactions totaled 162 lots. Raw hide futures opened 2 to 9 points higher and then receded somewhat in mixed trading. Transactions totaled 4,280,000 pounds. Mar. sold at 14.91 off 11 and June at 15.21, off 9, during early afternoon. Certificated stocks of hides in warehouses licensed by the exchange decreased by 4,592 hides to a total of 950,597 hides in store. Total withdrawals from certificated stocks so far this month amount to 19,382 hides. Local closing: Mar., 14.80; June, 15.10; Sept., 15.33; Dec., 15.54. On the 10th inst. futures closed unchanged to 4 points lower compared with previous finals. Transactions totaled 279 lots. Raw hide futures opened 10 to 21 points lower. Transactions totaled 5,800,000 pounds to early afternoon, with Mar. then selling at 14.73, off 7 points, and June at 14.98, off 12 points. Certificated stocks of hides in warehouses licensed by the exchange decreased 725 hides to a total of 949,872 hides in store. Total withdrawals from certificated stocks so far this month amount to 20,107 hides. Sales of spot hides by large packers were reported. Local closing: Mar., 14.80; June, 15.06; Sept., 15.31; Dec., 15.52.

On the 11th inst. futures closed 10 to 14 points net lower. Transactions totaled 260 lots. The Dec. contract closed 6 points net higher. Raw hide futures opened 9 to 10 points higher and prices held firm throughout the morning on sales of 4,640,000 pounds. Mar. sold at 14.92, up 12 points; June at 15.17, up 11 points and Sept. at 15.44, up 13 points during early afternoon. There was mixed speculative and trade buying. Certificated stocks of hides in warehouses licensed by the exchange decreased by 840 hides to a total of 949,032 hides in store. Total withdrawals from certificated stocks so far this month amount to 20,947 hides. Local closing: Mar., 14.70; June, 14.94; Sept., 15.17; Dec., 15.38. Today futures closed 15 to 18 points net lower. Transactions totaled 304 lots. Raw hide futures opened 4 to 6 points lower and declined further, though prices held fairly steady throughout the morning on sales of 6,160,000 pounds. Mar. sold at 14.58, off 12 points; June at 14.81, off 13 points and Sept. at 15.09, off 8 points. Commission houses and trade interests sold in sympathy with the decline in tocks. Certified stocks of hides in warehouses licensed by the Exchange, increased by 3,722 hides to a total of 952,754 hides in store. Local closing: Mar., 14.55; June, 14.76; Sept., 14.99; Dec., 15.20.

Ocean Freights—Charterers have been fairly active in the freight market the past several days. Charters included: Grain: River Plate to Ireland, Feb.-Mar., 70s per ton. New York to Scandinavia, prompt loading, no price given. Grain Booked: Two loads New York to Antwerp, Jan., 65c. per 100 pounds (bulk basis). Ten loads, New York to Antwerp, Jan., 65c. per cwt. Ten loads, New York to Antwerp, Feb., 65c. per cwt. Time: A steamer (Greek), delivery New Zealand, redelivery Mediterranean via Chile, Mar., \$4 per ton. Another steamer, round trip Chilean trade, redelivery Mediterranean, Jan.-Feb., \$4.10 per ton. Round trip East Coast-South American trade, Jan., \$3.20 per ton. Another vessel, round trip, trans-Atlantic trade, Jan., \$6.50 per ton. Vessel, three months, West Indies trade, Jan., \$3. Another vessel, coast South American trade, Jan.-Feb., \$10,000 per month. A steamer, east coast South American trade, Jan.-Feb., \$9,500 per month.

Coal—Latest advices report that anthracite coal production is slightly lower for the week ended Dec. 30th, the total production of Pennsylvania anthracite being 1,020,000 tons, showing a decrease of 212,000 tons from the total of 1,232,000 tons reported for the week of Dec. 23d, but was 6,000 tons above the corresponding week of 1938, the Department of the Interior reports. Cumulations for the calendar year 1939 amounted to 50,807,000 tons, an increase of about 10% from the 46,099,000 tons produced during 1938. 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 Dec. 23d have amounted to 1,832 cars, as compared with 1,598 cars during the same week in 1938, showing an increase of 234 cars, or approximately 11,700 tons. Shipments of anthracite for the current calendar year up to and including the week ended Dec. 23d have amounted to 88,658 cars, as compared with 78,422 cars during the same period in 1938, showing an increase of close to 511,800 tons.

Wool—The wool situation has changed very little the past week. However, the undertone of the Boston market is reported fairly firm, but the trend of prices is decidedly uncertain. During the past week further softness developed in wools such as Texas eight months and scoured pulled wools. The Texas eight months which at the close of the year was quoted 90 to 92c., receded to 87 to 89c. Fall clothing remained unchanged at 73 to 75c. Scoured pulled wools continued in downward trend—the group price losing 3c. and reaching the low point of the decline in force since the war rise culminated in the closing days of Sept. The decline of the week was in the medium to low grades. It is reported that although mills are not buying domestic wool at this time, nor benefitting immediately from imports, there is a lot of raw material passing through the cards. Nov. was the 11th consecutive month during which consumption exceeded that of the corresponding month of a year ago. It is said that substantial replenishment will be necessary in the near future.

Silk—On the 8th inst. futures closed 7 to 15 cents net higher with sales totaling 82 lots. Silk futures here followed the Japanese markets up. Japan on resumption of trading after the New Year holidays abroad advanced 116 to 136 yen over prices quoted here last Friday. That brought about a violent response here, with prices rising as much as 21½c.

It was the first extended advance here since trading limits were raised to 25c. March No. 1 sold at \$4.26 and May at \$4.21. Seventy bales were tendered on January contracts, making a total of 470 bales. The price of crack double extra silk in the New York spot market advanced 20½c. a pound to \$4.35½. In Japan spot grade D silk rose 85 yen to 2,395 yen a bale. Local closing: No. 1 contracts: Jan., 4.16, March, 4.15; May, 4.15½; July, 4.16; Aug., 4.13. On the 9th inst. futures closed 17½c. to 23c. net lower. Weak Japanese cables were followed by a slump of the limit of 25c. in the silk futures market here, but at that level demand was sufficient to rally prices somewhat. During early afternoon March No. 1 stood at \$4, off 15c. May at \$3.99½, was 16c. lower. Sales to that time totaled 950 bales, all in the No. 1 contract. Forty bales were tendered for delivery against March. In the uptown spot market crack double extra silk dropped 19c. to \$4.16½c. a pound. On the Yokohama Bourse prices closed 112 to 153 yen lower. Spot grade D silk was 55 yen lower to 2,340 yen a bale. Local closing: No. 1 contracts: Jan., 3.96; March, 3.97½; May, 3.95½; July, 3.93; Aug., 3.92. On the 10th inst. futures closed 8½c. to 11c. net lower. Transactions totaled 143 lots. Silk futures broke further under liquidation and Japanese selling influenced by weakness in the Japanese markets. The opening range was 13 to 22c. lower, but a portion of those losses was wiped out when shorts covered, leaving the market 11½ to 13½c. lower during early afternoon on a turnover of 910 bales, all in the No. 1 contracts. In the uptown spot market crack double extra silk slumped 15c. to \$4.01½ a pound. Twenty bales were tendered for delivery on January No. 1 contracts, making 530 bales so far. Ten bales were tendered on the No. 2 contract. In Yokohama spot grade D silk broke 140 yen to 2,200 yen. Local closing: No. 1 contracts: Jan., 3.87½; March, 3.87½; May, 3.85½; July, 3.83½; Aug., 3.81.

On the 11th inst. futures closed 6 to 13½c. net lower. Transactions totaled 71 lots, all in the No. 1 contracts. A rally in the Japanese silk market was followed by a recovery in futures here. A scattered buying interest was reported in a dull market, absence of selling pressure being the feature. During early afternoon Mar. No. 1 stood at \$3.91½, up 4c., and May at \$3.89½, also up 4c. Sales to that time totaled only 180 bales, all on the No. 1 contract. Twenty bales were tendered for delivery on the Jan. No. 1 contract, making the total 550 bales so far. Crack double extra spot silk was 6c. higher at \$4.07½. Japanese futures were up 3 to 40 yen. Spot was up 35 yen. Local closing: No. 1 Contracts: Jan. 3.81; Mar. 3.80; May 3.75½; June 3.75; July 3.70. Today futures closed 27c. to 15½c. net lower. Transactions totaled 313 lots, all in the No. 1 contract. In No. 2 contracts Mar. and May deliveries were off the permissible 25c., with sales of 2 lots. Active silk futures broke the permissible limit of 25c. under a deluge of selling which flowed into the ring from Japan as well as from home interests. Up to early afternoon sales had reached 2,230 bales on the No. 1 contract and 20 bales on the No. 2. Renewed efforts of the Japanese Government to regulate the Japanese market were reported behind a bad break in Japanese markets. Thirty bales were tendered on Jan. No. 1 contract, making 580 bales so far. The price of crack double extra silk uptown was 28½c. lower at \$3.79 a pound. On the Yokohama Bourse prices broke 161 to 190 yen a bale. Spot grade D silk sold at 2,150 yen a bale, off 85 yen. Local closing: No. 1 Contracts: Jan. 3.54; Mar. 3.55; May 3.50½; July 3.54½; Aug. 3.41.

COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 12, 1940

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 181,553 bales, against 169,951 bales last week and 189,049 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1, 1939, 5,028,390 bales, against 2,824,165 bales for the same period of 1938-39, showing an increase since Aug. 1, 1939, of 2,204,225 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total
Galveston	3,841	4,757	5,784	4,036	2,945	4,299	25,662
Brownsville	—	—	40	—	—	—	40
Houston	2,802	3,832	6,887	2,544	3,327	10,764	30,156
Corpus Christi	—	621	—	—	—	—	621
New Orleans	11,061	14,236	42,748	17,480	11,398	16,660	113,583
Mobile	1,184	869	1,260	2,554	1,565	556	7,988
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	5	5
Savannah	98	185	101	162	489	653	1,688
Charleston	47	—	—	11	—	300	358
Lake Charles	—	—	—	—	—	16	16
Wilmington	—	40	15	—	5	—	61
Norfolk	58	—	5	76	100	40	279
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	1,096	1,096
Totals this week	19,091	24,540	56,840	26,864	19,829	34,389	181,553

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1, 1939, and the stocks tonight, compared with last year:

Receipts to Jan. 12	1939-40		1938-39		Stock	
	This Week	Since Aug 1, 1939	This Week	Since Aug 1, 1938	1940	1939
Galveston	25,662	1,295,498	10,755	860,269	872,259	776,729
Brownsville	40	40,618	x	x	—	—
Houston	30,156	1,516,390	10,975	896,399	856,882	874,074
Corpus Christi	621	176,076	1,598	276,841	50,871	65,784
Beaumont	—	66,133	—	16,678	94,935	31,859
New Orleans	113,583	1,636,853	8,911	641,713	911,236	699,153
Mobile	7,988	105,370	1,796	41,844	86,099	63,115
Pensacola & G'pt	—	25,809	—	9,226	65,132	25,496
Jacksonville	5	1,791	—	1,741	1,696	1,894
Savannah	1,688	49,311	2,882	29,976	133,220	151,161
Charleston	358	38,031	23	15,538	39,738	39,025
Lake Charles	16	45,835	11	38,533	10,373	10,659
Wilmington	61	6,415	2	10,225	10,055	16,360
Norfolk	279	12,351	696	10,815	26,937	28,730
New York	—	—	—	—	2,650	100
Boston	—	—	—	—	813	2,276
Baltimore	1,096	11,889	1,178	13,194	975	1,225
Totals	181,553	5,028,390	38,827	2,862,992	3,163,871	2,768,243

In order that comparison may be made with other year we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1939-40	1938-39	1937-38	1936-37	1935-36	1934-35
Galveston	25,662	10,755	40,081	10,494	25,417	21,415
Houston	30,156	10,975	37,741	7,624	34,431	13,124
New Orleans	113,583	8,911	29,830	31,103	23,471	20,262
Mobile	7,988	1,796	4,639	4,867	4,898	1,778
Savannah	1,688	2,882	5,440	4,167	730	735
Charleston	358	23	2,241	1,209	1,013	4,611
Wilmington	61	2	2,720	82	607	1,310
Norfolk	279	696	1,396	1,647	342	313
Other ports	1,778	2,787	2,476	2,047	1,844	3,540
Total this wk.	181,553	38,827	121,714	61,240	92,756	65,908
Since Aug. 1	5,028,390	2,862,992	5,740,900	5,114,257	5,544,037	3,371,722

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 119,886 bales, of which 49,631 were to Great Britain, 31,978 to France, nil to Germany, 9,963 to Italy, 6,252 to Japan, 650 to China and 21,412 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 75,434 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 3,253,375 bales, against 1,999,044 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Jan. 12, 1940 Exports from—	Exported to—							Total
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	China	Other	
Galveston	18,866	4,571	—	4,215	1,479	—	2,613	31,744
Houston	—	8,612	—	—	—	—	3,079	11,691
New Orleans	24,887	18,795	—	5,748	4,773	650	15,250	70,103
Mobile	4,358	—	—	—	—	—	4,358	4,358
Charleston	1,520	—	—	—	—	—	1,520	1,520
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	470	470
Total	49,631	31,978	—	9,963	6,252	650	21,412	119,886
Total 1939	9,571	6,220	10,370	4,427	19,343	10,478	15,025	75,434
Total 1938	55,687	7,858	21,863	7,427	13,332	—	37,433	143,600

From Aug. 1, 1939 to Jan. 12, 1940 Exports from—	Exported to—							Total
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	China	Other	
Galveston	203,254	88,053	1,563	77,726	112,145	27,510	275,920	786,171
Houston	282,315	76,203	10,781	114,921	142,062	120,709	263,382	1,010,373
Corpus Christi	71,308	27,424	14,971	14,507	36,681	10,390	24,626	199,907
Brownsville	8,496	6,861	4,334	—	4,309	—	3,922	27,922
Beaumont	—	—	—	—	—	—	185	185
New Orleans	314,896	191,562	8,169	88,244	39,567	36,100	159,356	837,894
Lake Charles	14,125	1,135	—	491	4,179	—	8,234	28,164
Mobile	45,222	4,339	—	606	5,561	2,959	601	59,288
Jacksonville	500	—	211	—	—	—	50	761
Pensacola	6,182	75	—	—	—	—	196	6,453
Savannah	36,683	—	486	—	9,262	2,357	100	48,888
Charleston	20,277	1,575	—	—	—	—	—	21,852
Wilmington	6,773	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,773
Norfolk	7,686	1,825	1,271	—	—	—	—	15,507
Gulfport	7,834	—	—	—	—	—	—	284
New York	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6,700
Boston	50	100	—	—	—	—	—	2,833
Los Angeles	30,120	950	200	50	85,907	6,729	31,647	155,603
San Francisco	8,578	—	—	—	19,354	774	1,117	29,823
Seattle	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	10
Total	1,064,299	400,102	41,986	296,545	459,027	207,528	783,888	3,253,375
Total 1938-39	285,388	317,056	296,187	187,820	494,677	37,364	380,552	1,999,044
Total 1937-38	1,154,345	585,046	622,266	313,852	164,311	29,991	678,220	3,548,031

In addition to above exports, our telegrams tonight also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Jan. 12 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Other Foreign	Coast-wise	
Galveston	27,500	13,300	—	56,900	6,000	103,700
Houston	43,019	6,500	—	42,320	170	92,009
New Orleans	35,035	24,463	—	2,341	—	61,839
Savannah	1,000	—	—	—	—	1,000
Charleston	—	—	—	—	—	39,738
Mobile	4,956	—	—	—	—	4,956
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	81,143
Other ports	—	—	—	—	—	26,937
Total 1940	111,510	44,263	—	101,561	6,170	263,504
Total 1939	9,201	6,007	7,403	46,021	8,362	76,994
Total 1938	44,291	26,048	12,256	40,922	10,137	133,654

Speculation in cotton for future delivery during the past week was moderately active, with price trend generally lower; in fact, the cotton futures market ruled heavy during most of the week. The chief depressing factor was the foreign selling. Weakness in the securities market, with an undercurrent of talk about possible moves toward peace, helped bring selling here. In addition, dullness in the spot trade with uncertainty about the basis pending steps to release low grades from old loan stocks on a swap arrangement rendered the outlook more uncertain.

On the 6th inst. prices closed 5 to 19 points net higher. Easier markets at Bombay and Alexandria, Egypt, had little or no influence on the local market. First quotations were 2 points higher to 3 points lower in comparatively quiet trading. Continuation of wire-house selling, which appeared in the final minute of trading on Friday, carried values off to losses of a few points in the first few minutes of the session. The only other sizable offerings were credited to brokers with Southeastern mill connections. After these offerings had been absorbed by the trade and locals, the market displayed a steady tone. From a slow start, activity picked up toward the mid-day closing. Southern selling was light. Washington advices indicated that recent trade reports on the volume of cotton-loan repossessions had been exaggerated. These advices quoted Commodity Credit Corp. officials that repossessions thus far are somewhat more than 1,000,000 bales. Previous Southern advices had said that as much as 50% of the nearly 4,000,000 bales of 1938 loan cotton had been repossessed. On the 8th inst. prices closed steady, 1 point off to 6 points higher, compared with previous finals. In the face of the break abroad, the local market had a steady opening with first prices 2 points higher to 3 points lower. Some foreign buying orders were executed, chiefly for Bombay account, while there was also small trade price fixing. Against this, selling developed in a small way through spot houses, presumably representing hedge selling. Trade participation in the market was restricted by quiet conditions in the cotton goods markets as well as less active spot markets. Southern advices reported some inquiry by domestic mills, but for the most part they have raw cotton commitments placed well ahead and are not inclined to enter the market at the moment. In contrast with the fluctuations here of less than 50c. a bale, Liverpool prices broke approximately \$3 a bale from early gains and then recovered part of their losses. The English market was affected by hedging against accumulations of cotton on consignment at the ports there. Southern spot markets today were 10 points higher to 1 point lower. Sales at reporting markets totaled 10,902 bales, compared with 6,679 bales a year ago. On the 9th inst. prices closed 3 to 9 points net lower. At the opening the market was unchanged to 4 points lower, only a partial response to easiness at Liverpool. Bombay was credited with buying here, although the East Indian market eased. The belief was expressed here that the prospective action by the Commodity Credit Corp. in releasing low-grade cotton from 1934 loan stocks in exchange for better grades of more recent crops, would permit increased competition by American growers with East Indian cotton. This prospective move, announced Monday, also was causing an easier basis for lower grade cotton in the South. Increased Wall Street liquidation accounted for final losses of 3 to 9 points in the cotton futures market today. Easier foreign cotton markets, reactions in other commodities and less active demand also contributed to the action of cotton. Southern spot markets today eased 3 to 10 points, with middling quotations ranging from 10.34 up to 11.20c. and averaging 10.83c. at the 10 designated markets. Sales in spots for the day totaled 23,328 bales, against 9,504 bales a year ago at reporting spot markets. On the 10th inst. prices closed 4 points up to 5 points off, compared with previous finals. The market ruled dull during most of the session, with prices ranging within the narrow limits of 6 to 8 points. During the early trading quotations slipped off a few points when lower prices abroad brought scattered liquidation here for Liverpool and Bombay accounts together with hedge selling and commission house offerings. On the other side of the market spot interests, trade firms and New Orleans interests were buyers. Later, trade price fixing and buying against sales in Liverpool proved sufficient to rally the market to about the previous closing level. Demand converged on the Mar., May and July positions. Some Japanese buying was indicated. Foreign selling tapered off. The excitement in the Liverpool market appeared to have completely died down. Liverpool was 4 points lower on the opening, but closed unchanged to 1 English point higher. Both Bombay and Alexandria markets were lower.

On the 11th inst. prices closed 6 to 17 points net lower. Cotton was lower today in sympathy with weakness in foreign markets and a heavy stock market, prices losing around 10 points in rather quiet trading. The opening range was 6 to 11 points off compared with previous finals. Lower markets abroad and foreign liquidation here were the depressing factors in the early trading. Selling for Bombay accounts was the early feature. It was apparent in the March, May and July deliveries. Selling orders also came from Liverpool and the Continent. Bombay and Liverpool brokers were credited with selling 15,000 bales in the initial trading. While a certain amount of hedge selling by the South and liquidation from Wall Street sources also was done, it was in smaller volume than the foreign selling. There was considerable selling of March against purchases of May at 27 and 28 points difference. The principal support came from spot houses which were buyers of May and July chiefly. There was trade demand for the near months. Sales in the Southern spot markets yesterday totaled 18,000 bales compared with 23,000 bales on Tuesday. Today prices closed 5 to 12 points net lower. Cotton suffered its most severe decline on the opening. After that initial setback it steadied and held at about an even

keel throughout the session at levels 4 to 12 points net lower. The market opened 4 to 12 points off as a result of foreign selling, which appeared to come from all directions. Bombay was credited with further liquidation. Liverpool offered cotton here and the Continent also was lined up on the selling side. In addition, there was the inevitable hedge selling by the South. On the buying side were New Orleans interests, the trade, local operations, and spot firms. Weakness in Liverpool had a depressing effect. That market came 7 to 13 points (American) lower than due. After the initial decline trade demand improved while foreign pressure diminished. Purchases to fix prices were made and helped to stabilize the market, arresting the decline. A large spot firm was a buyer of May against sales of March.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland 1/8 (nominal)	11.46	11.46	11.43	11.45	11.26	11.21
Middling upland 15-16 (nom'l)	11.66	11.66	11.63	11.65	11.46	11.41

Premiums and Discount for Grade and Staple—The table below gives the premiums and discounts for grade and staple in relation to the base grade. Premiums and discounts for grades and staples are the average quotations of 10 markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Old Contract—Basis Middling 7/8-inch, established for deliveries on contract on Jan. 18, and staple premiums represent 60% of the average premiums over 7/8-inch cotton at the 10 markets on Jan. 11.

Old Contract—Basis Middling 15-16 inch, established for deliveries on contract on Jan. 18, and staple premiums and discounts represent full discount for 7/8 inch and 29 32 inch staple and 75% of the average premiums over 15 16 inch cotton at the 10 markets on Jan. 11.

	Old Contract			New Contract				
	3/8 Inch	15-16 Inch	1 In. and Up	3/8 Inch	29-32 Inch	15-16 Inch	31-32 Inch	1 In. and Up
White—								
Mid. Fair	.52 on	.63 on	.72 on	.35 on	.43 on	.52 on	.58 on	.63 on
St. Good Mid.	.47 on	.57 on	.66 on	.29 on	.37 on	.47 on	.52 on	.58 on
Good Mid.	.41 on	.51 on	.60 on	.23 on	.31 on	.41 on	.47 on	.52 on
St. Mid.	.28 on	.39 on	.48 on	.11 on	.19 on	.28 on	.34 on	.39 on
Mid.	Basis	.11 on	.20 on	.18 off	.10 off	Basis	.06 on	.12 on
St. Low Mid.	.45 off	.36 off	.28 off	.63 off	.56 off	.47 off	.42 off	.36 off
Low Mid.	1.04 off	.94 off	.88 off	1.21 off	1.16 off	1.06 off	1.03 off	.98 off
*St. Good Ord.	1.59 off	1.51 off	1.48 off	1.76 off	1.73 off	1.64 off	1.62 off	1.59 off
*Good Ord.	2.15 off	2.08 off	2.05 off	2.32 off	2.30 off	2.21 off	2.19 off	2.17 off
Extra White—								
Good Mid.	.41 on	.51 on	.60 on	.23 on	.31 on	.41 on	.47 on	.52 on
St. Mid.	.28 on	.39 on	.48 on	.11 on	.19 on	.28 on	.34 on	.39 on
Mid.	Even	.11 on	.20 on	.18 off	.10 off	Even	.06 on	.12 on
St. Low Mid.	.45 off	.36 off	.28 off	.63 off	.56 off	.47 off	.42 off	.36 off
Low Mid.	1.04 off	.94 off	.88 off	1.21 off	1.16 off	1.06 off	1.03 off	.98 off
*St. Good Ord.	1.59 off	1.51 off	1.48 off	1.76 off	1.73 off	1.64 off	1.62 off	1.59 off
*Good Ord.	2.15 off	2.08 off	2.05 off	2.32 off	2.30 off	2.21 off	2.19 off	2.17 off
Spotted—								
Good Mid.	.07 on	.17 on	.24 on	.11 off	.02 off	.07 on	.12 on	.18 on
St. Mid.	.06 off	.05 on	.12 on	.24 off	.15 off	.06 off	Even	.05 on
Mid.	.61 off	.50 off	.42 off	a.78 off	a.71 off	a.60 off	a.55 off	a.49 off
*St. Low Mid.	1.28 off	1.18 off	1.13 off	1.46 off	1.42 off	1.29 off	1.27 off	1.23 off
*Low Mid.	1.89 off	1.85 off	1.82 off	2.07 off	2.06 off	1.99 off	1.98 off	1.97 off
Tinged—								
Good Mid.	.47 off	.39 off	.33 off	*.65 off	*.60 off	*.52 off	*.49 off	*.44 off
St. Mid.	.68 off	.61 off	.54 off	*.86 off	*.81 off	*.74 off	*.70 off	*.65 off
*Mid.	1.26 off	1.23 off	1.21 off	1.44 off	1.43 off	1.39 off	1.38 off	1.36 off
*St. Low Mid.	1.83 off	1.81 off	1.81 off	2.00 off	1.99 off	1.97 off	1.97 off	1.97 off
*Low Mid.	2.32 off	2.32 off	2.32 off	2.49 off	2.49 off	2.49 off	2.49 off	2.49 off
Yellow Stained—								
Good Mid.	1.03 off	.96 off	.89 off	*1.20 off	*1.16 off	*1.08 off	*1.05 off	*1.00 off
*St. Mid.	1.37 off	1.35 off	1.33 off	1.55 off	1.54 off	1.52 off	1.51 off	1.50 off
*Mid.	1.86 off	1.86 off	1.86 off	2.04 off	2.04 off	2.03 off	2.03 off	2.03 off
Gray—								
Good Mid.	.58 off	.51 off	.42 off	*.76 off	*.71 off	*.63 off	*.59 off	*.52 off
St. Mid.	.73 off	.66 off	.57 off	.90 off	.87 off	.78 off	.74 off	.67 off
*Mid.	1.26 off	1.21 off	1.17 off	1.44 off	1.41 off	1.35 off	1.33 off	1.30 off

* Not deliverable on future contract. a Middling spotted shall be tenderable only when and if the Secretary establishes a type for such grade.

New York Quotations for 32 Years

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Jan. 12 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1940	11.21c.	1932	5.90c.	1924	34.35c.	1916	12.50c.
1939	8.85c.	1931	6.15c.	1923	27.80c.	1915	8.05c.
1938	8.63c.	1930	9.60c.	1922	18.25c.	1914	12.60c.
1937	13.04c.	1929	17.25c.	1921	17.65c.	1913	13.10c.
1936	11.85c.	1928	19.45c.	1920	39.25c.	1912	9.65c.
1935	12.55c.	1927	13.40c.	1919	31.70c.	1911	14.90c.
1934	11.65c.	1926	20.70c.	1918	32.65c.	1910	14.95c.
1933	6.25c.	1925	24.30c.	1917	18.05c.	1909	9.45c.

Market and Sales at New York

	Spot		Contract		Total	
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Saturday	---	---	100	---	100	---
Monday	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tuesday	200	---	---	---	200	---
Wednesday	300	---	---	---	300	---
Thursday	500	---	100	---	600	---
Friday	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total week	1,000	---	200	---	1,200	---
Since Aug. 1	68,498	---	27,700	1,200	96,198	1,200

	Spot Market Closed		Futures Market Closed	
	Old	New	Old	New
Saturday	Nominal	---	Firm	Firm
Monday	Nominal	---	Steady	Steady
Tuesday	Nominal	---	Steady	Steady
Wednesday	Nominal	---	Steady	Steady
Thursday	Nominal	---	Barely steady	Barely steady
Friday	Nominal	---	Steady	Steady

Futures—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday Jan. 6	Monday Jan. 8	Tuesday Jan. 9	Wednesday Jan. 10	Thursday Jan. 11	Friday Jan. 12
Jan. (1940) (old)						
Range	11.17-11.23	11.17-11.18	11.15-11.21	11.07-11.12	10.97-11.02	
Closing	11.22n	11.23	11.18n	11.21	11.07	10.97
Jan. (new)						
Range	11.39n	11.40n	11.35n	11.38n	11.24n	11.15n
Closing	11.39n	11.40n	11.35n	11.38n	11.24n	11.15n
Feb. (old)						
Range	11.19n	11.18n	11.14n	11.16n	11.02n	10.95n
Closing	11.19n	11.18n	11.14n	11.16n	11.02n	10.95n
Feb. (new)						
Range	11.36n	11.37n	11.32n	11.35n	11.22n	11.15n
Closing	11.36n	11.37n	11.32n	11.35n	11.22n	11.15n
Mar. (old)						
Range	10.96-11.20	11.06-11.15	11.06-11.11	11.05-11.12	10.97-11.07	10.90-10.96
Closing	11.11-11.20	11.13-11.15	11.11C	11.12	10.98-10.99	10.93-10.94
Mar. (new)						
Range	11.34-11.34	11.34-11.35	11.23-11.30	11.33-11.33	11.20-11.21	11.09-11.15
Closing	11.34	11.34-11.35	11.29-11.30	11.33	11.20-11.21	11.15
Apr. (old)						
Range	10.99n	10.99n	10.94n	10.97n	10.85n	10.80n
Closing	10.99n	10.99n	10.94n	10.97n	10.85n	10.80n
Apr. (new)						
Range	11.15n	11.17n	11.12n	11.16n	11.05n	10.96n
Closing	11.15n	11.17n	11.12n	11.16n	11.05n	10.96n
May (old)						
Range	10.66-10.84	10.76-10.84	10.76-10.82	10.75-10.83	10.73-10.83	10.66-10.69
Closing	10.81-10.84	10.84	10.79	10.83	10.73	10.67
May (new)						
Range	10.83-10.83	10.99-10.99	10.96n	10.90-10.91	10.90n	10.78-10.78
Closing	10.97n	11.01n	10.96n	10.99n	10.90n	10.78
June (old)						
Range	10.65n	10.66n	10.61n	10.62n	10.53n	10.46n
Closing	10.65n	10.66n	10.61n	10.62n	10.53n	10.46n
June (new)						
Range	10.84n	10.86n	10.80n	10.81n	10.72n	10.62n
Closing	10.84n	10.86n	10.80n	10.81n	10.72n	10.62n
July (old)						
Range	10.33-10.50	10.42-10.50	10.41-10.48	10.37-10.45	10.33-10.43	10.24-10.29
Closing	10.48-10.50	10.49-10.50	10.43-10.44	10.42-10.43	10.33	10.26-10.27
July (new)						
Range	10.59-10.59	10.66-10.70	10.65-10.72	10.61-10.63	10.57-10.57	10.44-1.48
Closing	10.71n	10.71n	10.65n	10.63	10.55n	10.46
Aug. (old)						
Range	10.71n	10.71n	10.65n	10.63n	10.55n	10.46n
Closing	10.71n	10.71n	10.65n	10.63n	10.55n	10.46n
Sept. (old)						
Range	10.36n	10.38n	10.31n	10.30n	10.17n	10.08n
Closing	10.36n	10.38n	10.31n	10.30n	10.17n	10.08n
Oct. (old)						
Range	9.93-10.04	9.98-10.06	9.94-10.06	9.91-9.97	9.80-9.94	9.70-9.74
Closing	10.00-10.04	10.06	9.97	9.97	9.80-9.81	9.70
Nov. (old)						
Range	9.98n	10.00n	9.94n	9.93n	9.76n	9.66n
Closing	9.98n	10.00n	9.94n	9.93n	9.76n	9.66n
Dec. (old)						
Range	9.87-9.90	9.84-10.00	9.88-9.99	9.86-9.90	9.73-9.87	9.62-9.67
Closing	9.90n	10.00	9.91n	9.90n	9.73n	9.62n

Range for future prices at New York for the week ended Jan. 12, 1940, and since trading began on each option:

Option for	Range for Week	Range Since Beginning of Option
1940—		
Jan.—Old	10.97 Jan. 11	7.29 Jan. 27 1939
Jan.—New	11.23 Jan. 8	11.45 Dec. 13 1939
Feb.—Old	11.09 Jan. 11	8.37 Aug. 30 1939
Feb.—New	11.35 Jan. 8	11.35 Jan. 4 1940
Mar.—Old	10.90 Jan. 12	7.36 Apr. 20 1939
Mar.—New	11.20 Jan. 6	11.28 Dec. 13 1939
Apr.—Old	11.09 Jan. 11	8.19 Aug. 28 1939
Apr.—New	11.35 Jan. 8	11.45 Dec. 13 1939
May—Old	10.66 Jan. 6	7.54 May 17 1939
May—New	10.78 Jan. 12	10.92 Jan. 3 1940
June—Old	10.78 Jan. 12	8.05 Sept. 1 1939
June—New	10.99 Jan. 8	11.07 Jan. 3 1940
July—Old	10.24 Jan. 12	7.63 Sept. 1 1939
July—New	10.50 Jan. 6	10.60 Jan. 3 1940
Aug.—Old	10.44 Jan. 12	7.90 Sept. 1 1939
Aug.—New	10.72 Jan. 9	10.82 Jan. 3 1940
Sept.—Old	9.70 Jan. 12	8.08 Aug. 31 1939
Sept.—New	10.06 Jan. 8	9.54 Dec. 7 1939
Oct.—Old	9.70 Jan. 12	8.25 Nov. 1 1939
Oct.—New	10.06 Jan. 8	10.14 Jan. 3 1940
Nov.—Old	9.62 Jan. 12	9.32 Dec. 20 1939
Nov.—New	10.00 Jan. 8	10.07 Jan. 3 1940

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, from which we have compiled the following table. The figures are given in bales of 500 lb. gross weight.

New York	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Open Contracts Jan. 11
1940—							
January—Old	2,600	---	2,000	200	800	1,600	*5,800
January—New	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
March—Old	33,500	18,900	23,000	20,000	19,000	44,900	536,600
March—New	2,100	200	200	400	200	300	4,400
May—Old	29,100	25,400	24,500	25,400	27,100	48,200	566,200
May—New	1,200	200	400	200	200	200	36,000
July—Old	46,900	15,000	23,600	13,800	17,900	45,900	685,500
July—New	2,600	200	200	600	300	100	56,500
October—Old	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
October—New	26,100	12,500	12,000	24,700	7,000	23,300	326,200
December—Old	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
December—New	6,800	800	3,400	4,300	4,800	4,700	41,200
Inactive months	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
August, 1940—Old	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
August, 1940—New	---	---	---	---	---	---	200
Total all futures	151,000	73,200	89,300	89,400	77,300	169,000	2,258,600
New Orleans	Jan. 3	Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 8	Jan. 9	Open Contracts Jan. 9
1940—							
January—Old	1,650	100	---	---	---	100	1,050
January—New	---	---	---	---	---	---	200
March—Old	9,450	7,200	8,700	2,700	4,950	6,600	89,750
March—New	---	---	---	---	---	---	250
May—Old	9,700	9,550	7,700	4,250	5,800	4,000	92,150
May—New	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,500
July—Old	12,050	13,050	13,000	5,050	6,550	4,100	92,350
July—New	---	---	---	---	---	---	3,950
October—Old	---	---	---	3,200	---	---	---
October—New	10,600	5,600	9,650	---	2,700	4,550	50,700
December	1,400	900	3,050	100	150	2,800	10,000
Total all futures	44,850	36,400	42,100	15,300	20,150	22,150	341,900

* Includes 400 bales against which notices have been issued, leaving net open contracts of 5,400 bales.

The Visible Supply of Cotton—Due to war conditions, cotton statistics are not permitted to be sent from abroad. We are therefore obliged to omit our usual table of the visible supply of cotton and can give only the stock at Alexandria and the spot prices at Liverpool.

	1940	1939	1938	1937
Stock in Bombay, India	705,000	786,000	622,000	794,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	394,000	462,000	362,000	404,000
Middling uplands, Liverpool	8.98d.	5.19d.	5.02d.	7.20d.
Egypt, good Giza, Liverpool	11.77d.	---	---	---
Broach, fine, Liverpool	8.17d.	4.11d.	4.19d.	5.95d.
Peruvian Tanguis, g'd fair, L'pool	9.33d.	5.89d.	6.27d.	8.63d.
C. P. Oomra No. 1 staple, super-fine, Liverpool	8.13d.	4.11d.	4.34d.	5.92d.

At the Interior Towns the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks tonight, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year—is set out in detail below:

Towns	Movement to Jan. 12, 1940						Movement to Jan. 13, 1939					
	Receipts		Shipments	Stocks		Receipts		Shipments	Stocks			
	Week	Season	Week	Jan. 12	Jan. 12	Week	Season	Week	Jan. 13	Jan. 13		
Ala., Birm'man	807	32,637	1,620	27,076	273	67,203	598	60,895				
Eufaula	9	15,314	455	10,062	20	11,959	199	9,149				
Montgomery	6,424	42,801	642	67,881	655	81,681	2,195	95,001				
Selma	672	26,523	2,739	67,177	94	43,281	696	80,976				
Ark., Blythev.	1,296	162,392	4,926	177,920	264	129,970	1,210	172,720				
Forest City	49	29,930	537	53,210	---	38,923	213	52,400				
Helena	481	64,308	2,302	59,565	100	59,761	1,500	61,640				
Hope	431	38,993	2,797	45,968	10	38,634	132	48,814				
Jonesboro	31	8,017	489	34,136	7	19,277	4	36,631				
Little Rock	1,222	88,957	3,041	158,991	1,131	101,200	1,726	143,603				
Newport	8	38,095	2,300	47,376	6	39,628	---	42,696				
Fine Bluff	3,545	119,787	10,291	106,290	313	128,930	1,519	132,224				
Walnut Rge	88	62,293	1,422	47,907	9	45,267	200	45,229				
Ga., Albany	771	12,133	109	15,199	3	12,641	628	18,988				
Athens	100	38,886	100	47,608	2,780	25,734	430	38,847				
Atlanta	5,254	84,460	4,335	118,217	1,311	97,375	4,200	145,498				
Augusta	1,198	114,410	2,825	144,180	1,716	92,147	2,528	155,939				
Columbus	500	8,500	900	31,300	---	6,900	---	35,400				
Macon	570	30,036	2,774	31,539	44	25,870	468	37,948				
Rome	57	16,064	75	38,559	165	16,156	70	32,588				
La., Shrevept	100	104,679	1,000	75,660	3	85,203	357	89,773				
Miss., Clarksd	2,506	142,838	6,022	78,698	794	118,613	3,885	77,877				
Columbus	429	17,292	2,012	39,347	8	26,142	95	43,061				
Greenwood	1,622	217,064	7,524	122,								

Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—

Week Ended Jan. 12	Saturday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	½ In.	15-16 In.	½ In.	15-16 In.	½ In.	15-16 In.	½ In.	15-16 In.	½ In.	15-16 In.	½ In.	15-16 In.
	Galveston	10.91	11.11	10.94	11.14	10.86	11.06	10.88	11.08	10.78	10.98	10.70
New Orleans	11.15	11.35	11.25	11.45	11.20	11.40	11.02	11.22	10.88	11.08	10.78	10.98
Mobile	10.96	11.06	10.98	11.08	10.95	11.05	10.97	11.07	10.83	10.93	10.78	10.88
Savannah	11.18	11.33	11.15	11.30	11.05	11.20	11.07	11.22	10.94	11.09	10.88	11.03
Norfolk	11.20	11.35	11.20	11.35	11.15	11.30	11.15	11.30	11.05	11.20	11.00	11.15
Montgomery	10.72	10.82	10.75	10.85	10.70	10.80	10.75	10.83	10.65	10.75	10.55	10.65
Augusta	11.10	11.25	11.09	11.24	11.05	11.20	11.07	11.22	10.93	11.08	10.88	11.03
Memphis	10.60	10.80	10.65	10.85	10.60	10.80	10.60	10.80	10.50	10.70	10.45	10.65
Houston	10.90	11.10	10.90	11.10	10.85	11.05	10.85	11.05	10.75	10.95	10.65	10.85
Little Rock	10.50	10.70	10.55	10.75	10.50	10.70	10.50	10.70	10.40	10.60	10.35	10.55
Dallas	10.39	10.59	10.38	10.58	10.34	10.54	10.34	10.54	10.20	10.40	10.15	10.35

New Orleans Contract Market—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday Jan. 6	Monday Jan. 8	Tuesday Jan. 9	Wednesday Jan. 10	Thursday Jan. 11	Friday Jan. 12
Jan. (1940)						
(Old)	11.22b	11.32b	11.27b	11.29b-32a	11.15 Bid	1101b1107a
(New)	11.32b	11.42b	11.37b	11.39b	11.25 Bid	11.11 Bid
Mar. (Old)	11.15	11.25	11.20	11.22b-23a	11.06-11.08	11.03
(New)	11.27b	11.37b	11.32b	11.34b	11.18 Bid	11.15 Bid
May (Old)	10.86-10.88	10.95	10.88	10.92	10.83	10.96
(New)	10.98b	11.07b	11.00b	11.04b	10.95 Bid	10.88 Bid
July (Old)	10.51-10.54	10.60-10.61	10.51	10.53-10.54	10.42-10.43	10.37-10.38
(New)	10.66b	10.75b	10.66b	10.67b	10.57 Bid	10.52 Bid
Oct. -----	10.03b-05a	10.08	9.98	9.99b	9.83b-9.84a	9.73-9.75
Dec. -----	9.96b-9.98a	10.01b-03a	9.90b-9.92a	9.92b-9.93a	9.76b-9.77a	9.68
Tone -----						
Spot	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Old futures	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
New fut'es	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

Sales and Deliveries of Cotton Under Export Plan Totalled 5,867,000 Bales on Jan. 2—Sales and deliveries of cotton and cotton products as of Jan. 2, 1940, under the cotton export program, totaled 5,867,000 bales, the Department of Agriculture announced Jan. 8. This total includes sales and deliveries of cotton products equivalent to 290,000 bales. Since the last announcement, Dec. 21, 1939, sales of 46,569 bales of cotton have been canceled under provisions of the program permitting war cancellations. These cancellations were deducted in arriving at total sales and deliveries. It was further reported by the Department:

Exporters under the program have the option of declaring either their sales for export or their actual deliveries for export in order to qualify for payments on cotton sold abroad. The current total, as a result, does not include sales which have not yet been exported and which exporters have chosen to declare at the time of delivery for export.

The total quantity of cotton actually shipped out of the United States from the beginning of the 1939 marketing season, Aug. 1, 1939, to Jan. 2, 1940, amounted to 2,978,809 bales, compared with 1,906,570 bales for the same period in 1938. For December, 1939 exports amounted to 717,000 bales, compared with 379,000 for the same month in 1938.

The Department's previous announcement was given in our issue of Dec. 30, page 4194.

CCC Plans to Exchange Low-Grade 1934 Loan Cotton for Better Grades—In order to help supply the demand for low grade cotton, the Department of Agriculture announced Jan. 6 that the Commodity Credit Corporation, as soon as the necessary plans can be made, will exchange 1934 loan stocks for cotton of better grades and staple. Most of the low grade cotton of the types desired, said the Department, is held under the 1934 loan. With the demand for cotton exceeding this year's production, buyers are purchasing cotton held under the 1938 loan to which the farmers hold title, the Department says. It adds that the cotton held under the 1938 loan, however, is on the whole of a better grade and staple than is called for by the prevailing market demand. Under the present plan, it is further said, firms and individuals can buy 1938 cotton and trade it for cotton equal in value from the 1934 loan stocks. In this way farmers will benefit by cashing in on the equities they now hold in the 1938 crop.

Adjustments will be made for the location of the cotton to be exchanged. The Commodity Credit Corporation will accept only American Upland cotton, grown outside of irrigated districts, which is middling, white or better in grade, and of staple lengths ranging from 3/4 inch to 1 1/4 inches. Preference will be given to offers calling for the delivery to the CCC of the following grades and staples: Good middling, white, of 3/4 inch, 15-16 inch, and 1-16 inch staple length strict middling, white, of 15-16 inch, 1 inch and 1 1/4 inch staple length.

Catalogs showing the location, grade and staple length of cotton to be offered for exchange are now being printed and will be made available as soon as possible. A charge of \$5 will be made for each catalog, which may be obtained by writing to CCC, Washington, D. C. The order must be accompanied by a cashier's check or a certified check.

Full details of the exchange will be made public prior to the release of the catalog. Types of various grades and staples offered for exchange by the CCC will be displayed in sample rooms. The locations of the sample rooms will be announced at a later date.

If the 1934 loan stocks are not made available, current domestic and foreign demand cannot be met and a decrease in the sale and the consumption of American cotton probably will result. The CCC has about 800,000 bales of low grade cotton under the 1934 loan.

Mid-December Swings in Cotton Prices World-Wide, CEA Reports—The Commodity Exchange Administration indicated Jan. 5 that the wide swings in cotton futures prices on Dec. 12, 13 and 14 were associated with price movements on foreign markets. The price of cotton futures in New York increased sharply from Dec. 6 to Dec. 13. This increase amounted in all to about 1.4 cents per pound or \$7.00 per bale. The most striking increases were on Dec. 12 and 13. On Dec. 14 prices at New York fell by amounts of \$2.50 to \$3.00 per bale for different futures. Since this break the cotton futures markets have regained most of the ground lost. The announcement further stated:

An investigation of trading by those having large interests in cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange did not reveal concentrated selling by large operators on Dec. 14. A few individuals sold in large

quantities but their trades were more than counterbalanced by buying by other large traders. Total purchases by traders having positions in excess of 5,000 bales exceeded sales by over 70,000 bales.

The price movements on the New York market seem to have been associated with even more drastic fluctuations abroad. The most violent price changes occurred on the market at Alexandria, Egypt. A very rapid rise in cotton futures prices at Alexandria was followed by a recession on Dec. 13, 14 and 15. The decline on these three days was equal to more than 3 cents per pound. The Liverpool market had also been rising faster than New York, but suffered a reaction on the 14th and 15th. Bombay was the only important foreign market on which prices did not decline on the 14th. Weakness did not develop there until the following week.

No evidence of large operations between American and foreign markets was found. Interests in foreign markets of large American traders amounting to over 365,000 bales changed by only 1,600 bales on Dec. 14. Those foreign interests for whom information could be secured had positions in the New York market totaling approximately 200,000 bales. On Dec. 14 their purchases exceeded their sales on the New York market by more than 26,000 bales. The evidence so far available indicates that the action and reaction in our markets was in sympathy with price movements abroad. Steps have been taken in foreign countries to curb sharp price movements which have been interpreted as arising from speculative excesses.

Returns by Telegraph—Telegraphic advices to us this evening indicate that there was some rain in the western half of the cotton belt, but dry in the eastern half. Temperatures have been below normal.

	Rain Days	Rainfall Inches	Thermometer		
			High	Low	Mean
Texas—Galveston	3	0.68	68	30	49
Amarillo	2	0.28	52	4	24
Austin	5	0.52	76	25	51
Abilene	1	0.16	72	17	45
Brownsville	2	0.06	80	48	64
Corpus Christi	1	0.11	80	33	57
Dallas	1	0.10	72	15	44
Del Rio	1	0.10	75	37	56
El Paso	1	0.11	62	32	47
Houston	1	0.25	75	26	51
Palestine	dry		73	20	47
Port Arthur	2	0.37	70	27	49
San Antonio	2	0.35	77	31	54
Oklahoma—Oklahoma City	1	0.07	42	—	21
Arkansas—Port Smith	1	0.07	49	5	27
Little Rock	1	0.65	59	13	36
Louisiana—New Orleans	1	dry	75	32	59
Shreveport	1	0.28	72	21	47
Mississippi—Meridian	2	0.98	64	21	43
Vicksburg	2	0.07	66	24	45
Alabama—Mobile	2	1.24	66	27	45
Birmingham	3	1.88	52	18	35
Montgomery	2	1.13	61	25	43
Florida—Jacksonville	2	0.07	72	32	52
Miami	1	0.62	81	54	68
Pensacola	1	0.91	70	28	49
Tampa	1	0.95	72	38	55
Georgia—Savannah	3	0.58	64	32	48
Atlanta	2	2.21	39	21	30
Augusta	2	1.95	53	25	39
Macon	1	1.56	51	24	38
South Carolina—Charleston	2	1.01	53	32	43
North Carolina—Charlotte	2	1.06	39	19	29
Asheville	2	0.36	42	14	28
Raleigh	2	1.16	47	16	32
Wilmington	3	0.72	58	26	42
Tennessee—Memphis	3	0.79	52	12	20
Chattanooga	3	0.72	43	19	31
Nashville	3	0.57	45	9	27

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:

	Jan. 12, 1940	Jan. 13, 1939
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge	1.3
Memphis	Above zero of gauge	0.7
Nashville	Above zero of gauge	9.3
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge	1.2
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge	5.8

Receipts from the Plantations—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports:

Week End.	Receipts at Ports			Stocks at Interior Towns			Receipts from Plantations		
	1939	1938	1937	1939	1938	1937	1939	1938	1937
	Oct. 13	290,322	205,107	379,066	3262,486	3110,218	1904,035	433,993	434,230
20	230,932	200,646	323,319	3399,830	3275,615	2051,912	368,276	366,043	471,196
27	243,288	150,872	313,437	3486,871	3387,084	2129,804	330,329	263,541	392,329
Nov. 3	231,212	256,332	263,182	3533,182	3460,497	2226,923	277,523	329,745	388,719
10	237,671	92,125	245,688	3543,918	3510,308	2387,570	248,407	141,936	406,335
17	202,576	125,857	195,034	3549,579	3518,088	2459,694	208,237	133,637	267,158
24	178,607	88,143	160,560	3536,990	3524,821	2501,559	166,018	94,876	202,425
Dec. 1	227,545	89,957	169,367	3534,867	3508,828	254,908	225,422	73,964	213,711
8	210,127	77,815	165,506	3498,072	3496,222	2610,850	173,332	65,209	230,448
15	257,101	64,534	169,711	3449,968	3471,589	2640,423	206,997	39,901	199,284
22	240,688	54,236	139,333	3389,066	3448,226	2663,852	179,786	30,873	162,762
29	189,049	44,595	141,563	3346,020	3434,970	2658,348	232,095	31,339	147,067
Jan. 5	169,951	42,596	125,656	3265,094	3400,270	2619,799	89,025	7,896	86,716
12	181,553	38,827	121,714	3189,004	3369,048	2613,016	105,463	7,605	128,497

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1, 1939, are 5,854,619 bales; in 1938-39 they were 4,387,145 bales and in 1937-38 were 7,555,218 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 181,553 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 105,463 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 76,090 bales during the week.

Alexandria Receipts and Shipments—We have only now received the Alexandria movement for the week ended Dec. 14, which we present below. As these reports have not been coming in regularly, we can only publish the reports as received.

Alexandria, Egypt, Dec. 14	1939	1938	1937
Receipts (cantars)—			
This week	418,000	275,000	280,000
Since Aug. 1	4,839,593	3,944,037	5,319,506

	This Week	Since Aug. 1	This Week	Since Aug. 1	This Week	Since Aug. 1
Exports (bales)—						
To Liverpool.....	5,300	75,041	5,700	49,242	5,300	78,618
To Manchester, &c.....		61,395	7,200	59,090		71,462
To Continent and India.....	12,050	248,367	16,900	251,651	17,750	302,609
To America.....	2,900	30,254	600	7,640	500	11,075
Total exports.....	20,250	415,057	30,400	367,623	23,550	463,764

Note—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs.

This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Dec. 14 were 418,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 20,250 bales.

Shipping News—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 119,886 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

	Bales		Bales
NEW ORLEANS—		GALVESTON—	
To Great Britain.....	24,877	To Great Britain.....	18,866
To France.....	18,795	To France.....	4,571
To Italy.....	5,748	To Italy.....	4,215
To Japan.....	4,773	To Japan.....	1,479
To China.....	650	To Greece.....	2,613
To Holland.....	9,750	MOBILE—	
To Belgium.....	1,400	To Great Britain.....	4,358
To Denmark.....	475	CHARLESTON—	
To Norway.....	500	To Great Britain.....	1,520
To Sweden.....	2,925	NORFOLK—	
To South America.....	200	To Belgium.....	170
HOUSTON—		To Denmark.....	300
To France.....	8,612	Total.....	119,886
To Holland.....	1,457		
To Belgium.....	1,622		

Cotton Freights—Current rates for cotton from New York are no longer quoted, as all quotations are open rates.

Foreign Cotton Statistics—Regulations due to the war in Europe prohibit cotton statistics being sent from abroad, and we are therefore obliged to omit the following tables:

World's Supply and Takings of Cotton.

India Cotton Movement from All Ports.

Liverpool Imports, Stocks, &c.

Liverpool—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.		Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	Moderate demand	Moderate demand
Mid. up'ds	CLOSED	9.48d.	9.20d.	9.27d.	9.11d.	8.98d.
Futures Market opened		Steady at 1 to 3 pts. decline	Steady at 5 to 8 pts. decline	Quiet but st'y, 4 to 5 pts. dec.	Steady at 5 to 8 pts. decline	Steady, unch'gd to 2 pts. adv.
Market, 4 P. M.		Steady at 9 to 10 pts. dec.	Steady at 2 to 4 pts. decline	Quiet, st'y, unch'd to 2 pts. adv.	Barely st'y 17 to 21 pts. dec.	Quiet but st'y, 7 to 8 pts. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 6 to Jan. 12	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	Close	Noon	Close	Noon	Close	Noon	Close	Noon	Close	Noon	Close	Noon
New Contract	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
January, 1940	9.13	8.95	8.85	8.93	8.92	8.93	8.76	8.72	8.63	8.63	8.65	8.65
March	9.09	8.92	8.81	8.89	8.88	8.89	8.72	8.70	8.60	8.62	8.62	8.62
May	9.05	8.89	8.78	8.85	8.84	8.85	8.69	8.66	8.56	8.58	8.58	8.58
July	8.96	8.80	8.69	8.76	8.75	8.77	8.61	8.58	8.48	8.50	8.50	8.50
October	8.70	8.53	8.42	8.49	8.48	8.50	8.35	8.33	8.23	8.25	8.25	8.25
December			8.48	8.44			8.45	8.28		8.20		8.20
January, 1941			8.46	8.42			8.43	8.26		8.18		8.18
March			8.43	8.39			8.41	8.23		8.15		8.15
May			8.40	8.37			8.38	8.21		8.13		8.13
July			8.38	8.36			8.37	8.19		8.12		8.12

Manchester Market—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for home trade is good. We give prices today below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1939				1938			
	32s Cop Twist	8½ Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest	Cotton Midd'l Up'ds		32s Cop Twist	8½ Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest	Cotton Midd'l Up'ds	
Oct.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.
13..	13 @ 13½	11 3 @ 11 6	6.27	8½ @ 9½	9 @ 9 3	5.24		
20..	13 @ 13½	11 3 @ 11 6	6.35	8½ @ 9½	9 @ 9 3	5.19		
27..	13 @ 13½	11 3 @ 11 6	6.38	8½ @ 9½	9 @ 9 3	5.20		
Nov.								
3..	13½ @ 14	11 3 @ 11 6	6.22	8½ @ 9½	9 @ 9 3	5.09		
10..	14 @ 14½	11 4½ @ 11 7½	7.01	8½ @ 9½	9 @ 9 3	5.05		
17..	14 @ 14½	11 6 @ 11 9	7.10	8½ @ 9½	9 @ 9 3	5.08		
24..	14½ @ 15	11 9½ @ 12	7.51	8½ @ 9½	9 @ 9 3	5.22		
Dec.								
1..	15 @ 15½	12 @ 12 3	7.95	8½ @ 9½	9 @ 9 3	5.14		
8..	15½ @ 16	12 3 @ 12 6	8.19	8½ @ 9½	8 10½ @ 9 1½	4.97		
15..	Nominal	Nominal	8.59	8½ @ 9½	8 10½ @ 9 1½	4.16		
22..	Nominal	Nominal	8.78	8½ @ 9½	8 10½ @ 9 1½	5.24		
29..	16½ @ 16¾	12 6 @ 12 9	8.70	8½ @ 9½	8 10½ @ 9 1½	5.25		
Jan.								
5..	19 40	12 6 @ 13 1½	9.29	8½ @ 9½	8 10½ @ 9 1½	5.30		
12..	Nominal	12 3 @ 12 4	8.93	8½ @ 9½	8 10½ @ 9 1½	5.19		

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 12, 1940.

Flour—The undertone of the flour market has been easy during most of the week, influenced largely by the decided reactionary tendency of the wheat markets, which in turn were influenced by the bearish weather reports in the drought-stricken areas. About a week ago it was reported that some consumers would come into the market for sup-

plies if prices eased somewhat. However, flour values have declined about 40c. to 50c. a barrel, but no appreciable consumer demand has developed. Cars of flour on hand in the local terminals showed a moderate decrease this week compared with a week ago.

Wheat—On the 6th inst. prices closed unchanged to ¼c. lower. Hope that the long drought may be broken effectively in the Southwest winter wheat belt by snow and rain in the last 48 hours, and additional precipitation expected the next few days, caused selling in the Chicago wheat pit today. Prices slumped a cent at one stage, but later recovered all or part of the loss, as dealers returned to the buying side to even up short accounts for over the week-end. The drought that has persisted for more than four months in much of the richest wheat-producing region, has been relieved materially by intermittent snows and rains the last two weeks. While there is still serious moisture deficiency—the unsettled weather has brought a definite change in the situation. However, more moisture will be needed right along through May, crop experts said. They are uncertain as to whether wheat has been materially benefited, inasmuch as the crop is dormant. Much planted wheat had not germinated or sprouted before cold weather began. On the 8th inst. prices closed ½ to ¾c. net lower. Wheat losses of almost a cent a bushel today in the fifth consecutive session of declining prices, put quotations about 4c. below the highs recorded last Tuesday and 5 to 7c. below the season's best figures. The improved grain belt moisture situation, with snows of 5 to 8 inches or more spread over much of the area, accounted for most of the selling, although some crop experts expressed doubt that the precipitation will have any material effect in improving winter wheat yields. Some buying, which helped the rally of wheat, was attributed to lifting of hedges in connection with Government purchase of 299,880 barrels of graham flour for relief distribution. Grain men said less wheat is required to produce graham flour than in the case of regular flour, but that the purchase involved approximately 1,000,000 bushels. Prices and successful bidders were not made public. On the 9th inst. prices closed 1½ to 2c. net lower. Wheat rose almost a cent in the early dealings, then reacted to around previous closing levels. In the final hour prices slumped about 3c. from early highs and closed 1½ to 2c. lower than yesterday's finals. Fundamental trade factors apparently remained unchanged, so that most of the activity was of a technical nature, with the trade largely professional. Some selling was regarded as spreading operations against purchases at Winnipeg, where wheat is 10 to 15c. cheaper, but when the downturn got under way it put into operation numerous stop-loss orders that augmented the liquidation. The improved domestic moisture situation, with prospects of moderating temperatures and possibly more precipitation in some localities, continued to exert an influence. On the 10th inst. prices closed ¾ to ¾c. net higher. Rapid and fairly wide price swings characterized the wheat pit today in Chicago, with values closing near the day's best levels. Fluctuations were within a range of about 2c. Firmness in Winnipeg, where gains of better than a cent were scored, and increased buying at the decline here (Chicago Board) erased early losses of about a cent and replaced them with corresponding gains. Increased war activity contributed to the upturn, which, however, was held in check much of the time by more favorable domestic crop reports. Intensified air and sea warfare and reports of a large purchase of Canadian wheat by Great Britain helped lift values early, following an irregular opening. Purchase of Canadian wheat by Great Britain, estimated at 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 bushels, gave Winnipeg a firm opening, which encouraged the upturn here. Tending to check the rise was continued weakness at Buenos Aires, where wheat has lost about 4c. this week, and reports of more moisture in the domestic grain belt also had a bearish influence.

On the 11th inst. prices closed 1¼ to 2¾c. net lower. The market had a weak appearance during most of the session on the Chicago Board today. Prices slumped more than 2c. a bushel and closed at about the lows of the day. Selling, which became heavy as the price decline forced execution of numerous stop loss orders, was largely associated with failure of the Winnipeg market and other world markets, including Chicago, to respond to news of big European purchases of wheat in the international trade. Exporters estimated buying yesterday and today, mostly of Canadian and Australian wheat for shipment to Great Britain, involved approximately 100,000,000 bushels, according to reliable reports. Veteran dealers could not recall when so much wheat ever had been contracted for in such a short period. However, because the transactions involved in most cases operations between governments, virtually no buying came into the futures pits here, or at Winnipeg and Buenos Aires. The actual wheat purchases, mostly from Australia and Canada, had little market effect except in a sentimental way.

Today prices closed ½ to 1¼c. net lower. Wheat prices tumbled about 2c. a bushel again today before enough buying appeared to right the market and cause a moderate rally. Prices reached the lowest level in a month. Stop loss selling, closing out of lines because of need of additional margin, and liquidation inspired by continued weakness of securities dominated the trade much of the time. Reports of large-scale buying of Southern Hemi-

sphere wheat by the United Kingdom, probably referring to yesterday's news concerning contracting for almost half of the Australian surplus, had a depressing effect on North American markets. Grain traders said the recent reaction in wheat, of which today's market was merely a part, apparently is based on improved moisture condition in the winter wheat belt together with continued slow domestic milling demand and large world supplies. Private estimates indicated probable world carryover next July 1 may be 1,400,000,000 bushels, which would be about 200,000,000 bushels larger than last July 1, and a new all-time record. Open interest in wheat tonight was 86,634,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK

No. 2 red	Sat. 123 1/2	Mon. 123	Tues. 121 1/2	Wed. 122 1/2	Thurs. 120	Fri. 118 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO

May	Sat. 103 1/2	Mon. 103 1/2	Tues. 101 1/2	Wed. 102	Thurs. 99 3/4	Fri. 98 3/4
July	101 1/2	100 3/4	98 3/4	99 1/2	97 1/2	96 1/2
September	100 3/4	99 3/4	98	98 3/4	96 3/4	95 3/4

<i>Season's High and When Made</i>			<i>Season's Low and When Made</i>		
May	109 1/2	Dec. 19, 1939	May	63 1/2	July 24, 1939
July	107 1/2	Dec. 19, 1939	July	77 1/2	Oct. 9, 1939
September	104 1/2	Jan. 3, 1940	September	95	Jan. 12, 1940

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

May	Sat. 86 1/2	Mon. 86 3/4	Tues. 86 3/4	Wed. 87 1/4	Thurs. 86 1/2	Fri. 85 1/2
July	87 1/2	87 3/4	87 1/4	88	87	86 3/4
October	88 3/4	89	88 1/2	89 3/4	88 1/2	87 1/2

Corn—On the 6th inst. prices closed unchanged to 5/8c. lower compared with previous finals. Corn prices dipped as much as 5/8c. at one stage, but there was some buying credited to exporters. Sales abroad amounted to 2 cargoes negotiated yesterday. Receipts were larger, but bookings were small. On the 8th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/8c. down. Corn prices dipped about 1/8c. at one stage in sympathy with wheat, but support credited to cash and export interests helped the rally. Increased feeding demand because of wintry weather tended to check offerings and country selling, with bookings only 9,000 bushels. On the 9th inst. prices closed 5/8c. to 7/8c. net lower. Corn moved largely in sympathy with wheat. A cargo of No. 2 yellow was sold for shipments from the Gulf to Holland and shippers sold 76,000 bushels in the Chicago market, while booking 64,000 to arrive. Some late selling reflected weakness of hogs and lard, and expectations that tomorrow's government report may show unusually large supplies on farms. On the 10th inst. prices closed 1/8c. to 3/8c. net lower. Corn futures were held to a slightly lower price level, despite some support from local and cash interests.

On the 11th inst. prices closed 3/8 to 7/8c. net lower. The corn market ruled heavy during most of the session, influenced largely by the bearish action of wheat futures. All this in spite of the fact that Government figures indicated corn disappearance from farms since Oct. 1 was the heaviest in 12 years. Larger livestock population is expected to require 150,000,000 bushels more corn this season than was the case last year. Today prices closed 1/8 to 1/2c. net lower. Corn prices at one stage of the session showed a drop of 1c., although receipts were small and little selling came from the country. Export sales of United States corn to the United Kingdom were estimated at 1,000,000 bushels, the largest business in recent weeks.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 74 1/2	Mon. 74 1/2	Tues. 73 3/4	Wed. 73 1/2	Thurs. 73 1/2	Fri. 73 1/2
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO

May	Sat. 59 1/2	Mon. 59	Tues. 58 1/2	Wed. 58	Thurs. 57 1/2	Fri. 57 1/2
July	59 3/4	59 3/4	59	58 3/4	58	57 3/4
September	60 1/2	60 1/2	59 3/4	59 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2

<i>Season's High and When Made</i>			<i>Season's Low and When Made</i>		
May	63 1/2	Sept. 7, 1939	May	42	July 26, 1939
July	61 1/2	Dec. 19, 1939	July	52 1/2	Oct. 23, 1939
September	61 1/2	Jan. 4, 1940	September	57 1/2	Jan. 12, 1940

Oats—On the 6th inst. prices closed net unchanged to 1/8c. lower. Trading in oats was quiet, with the undertone relatively steady. On the 8th inst. prices closed 3/8c. lower to 1/8c. up. Elevator men said demand for quality oats at some country points failed to bring out any material offerings. On the 9th inst. prices closed 1/8c. to 1/2c. net lower. Demand for good quality oats at substantial premiums over futures strengthened May contracts. On the 10th inst. prices closed 1/8c. higher. Trading was light and without special feature.

On the 11th inst. prices closed unchanged to 3/4c. down. There were no unusual developments in this market, trading being quiet and without special interest. Today prices closed 1/4 to 1/2c. net lower. This market was influenced more or less by the heaviness of the other grains.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO

May	Sat. 39 3/4	Mon. 40	Tues. 39 3/4	Wed. 40 1/4	Thurs. 40	Fri. 39 3/4
July	35 3/4	35	34 3/4	35	35	34 1/2
September	33 3/4	33 1/2	32 3/4	33	32 3/4	32 1/2

<i>Season's High and When Made</i>			<i>Season's Low and When Made</i>		
May	40 3/4	Jan. 9, 1940	May	27 1/4	July 24, 1939
July	36 1/4	Dec. 19, 1939	July	30 1/2	Oct. 9, 1939
September	33 3/4	Jan. 3, 1940	September	31 1/2	Dec. 23, 1939

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

May	Sat. 40 1/2	Mon. 39 3/4	Tues. 39 3/4	Wed. 40 3/4	Thurs. 40	Fri. 40
July	38 3/4	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 1/2
October	38 3/4	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 3/4	37 3/4	36 3/4

Rye—On the 6th inst. prices closed net unchanged to 1/8c. higher. There was very little activity and nothing worth while in the news. On the 8th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/2c. lower. There was very little of interest in this market trading being more or less routine. On the 9th inst. prices closed 3/8c. to 5/8c. net lower. The rye futures market ruled

heavy in sympathy with the other grains. The bearish weather reports also encouraged some short selling. On the 10th inst. prices closed 1/4c. net higher. There appeared to be little incentive in the news, and traders showed little inclination to operate in a substantial way. The undertone of the rye futures market, however, was fairly steady.

On the 11th inst. prices closed 1/4c. up to 7/8c. net lower. The net gain was in the May delivery, the relative strength of this option being due largely to short covering. On the other hand, weakness was rather pronounced in the other deliveries, due in no small measure to switching operations. Today prices closed 1 1/8 to 7/8c. net lower. The rye futures market ruled weak today as a result of liquidation, influenced in turn by the weakness in wheat and continued bearish crop reports.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO

May	Sat. 73 1/2	Mon. 72 3/4	Tues. 72 1/4	Wed. 72 1/2	Thurs. 70 3/4	Fri. 69 3/4
July	72	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	69 3/4
September	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2	69 3/4	68 3/4

<i>Season's High and When Made</i>			<i>Season's Low and When Made</i>		
May	77 1/2	Dec. 26, 1939	May	43 3/4	Aug. 12, 1939
July	76	Dec. 18, 1939	July	52 1/2	Oct. 9, 1939
September	75 1/2	Dec. 26, 1939	September	67 1/2	Jan. 12, 1940

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

May	Sat. 76 1/2	Mon. 76 3/4	Tues. 76 3/4	Wed. 77 3/4	Thurs. 77 3/4	Fri. 77
July	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2
October	75 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

May	Sat. 51 1/2	Mon. 51 1/2	Tues. 51 3/4	Wed. 52 1/2	Thurs. 52	Fri. 52
July	50 3/4	50 3/4	50 3/4	51 1/2	50 3/4	51
October	50 3/4	50 3/4	50 3/4	51 1/2	50 3/4	51

Closing quotations were as follows:

FLOUR		GRAIN	
Spring pat. high protein	6.30@6.50	Oats, New York—	
Spring patents	6.20@6.30	No. 2 white	53 1/2
Clears, first spring	5.10@5.30	Rye, United States c.f.	87 1/2
Hard winter straights	6.30@6.40	Barley, New York—	
Hard winter patents	6.50@6.60	40 lbs. feeding	65 1/2
Hard winter clears	Nominal	Chicago, cash	54-66N
		Prices Withdrawn	
		Fancy pearl (new) Nos.	
		1.2-0.3-0.2 4.50@6.50	

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:

Receipts at—	Flour	Wheat	Corn	Oats	Rye	Barley
	bbls 196 lbs	bush 60 lbs	bush 56 lbs	bush 32 lbs	bush 56 lbs	bush 48 lbs
Chicago	202,000	98,000	1,077,000	133,000	7,000	249,000
Minneapolis	—	729,000	184,000	184,000	339,000	604,000
Duluth	—	302,000	162,000	37,000	154,000	42,000
Milwaukee	15,000	2,000	82,000	4,000	13,000	339,000
Toledo	—	145,000	140,000	12,000	14,000	—
Indianapolis	—	23,000	223,000	10,000	9,000	—
St. Louis	114,000	117,000	183,000	46,000	3,000	38,000
Peoria	46,000	29,000	183,000	47,000	41,000	33,000
Kansas City	11,000	268,000	221,000	6,000	—	—
Omaha	—	72,000	101,000	18,000	—	—
St. Joseph	—	12,000	40,000	29,000	—	—
Wichita	—	130,000	1,000	—	—	—
Sioux City	—	1,000	19,000	1,000	3,000	3,000
Buffalo	—	4,000	161,000	13,000	—	12,000
Total wk '40	388,000	1,932,000	2,777,000	540,000	583,000	1,320,000
Same wk '39	668,000	2,238,000	3,708,000	1,164,000	221,000	1,021,000
Same wk '38	372,000	2,375,000	10,872,000	1,088,000	281,000	1,953,000
Since Aug. 1						
1939	10,176,000	218,169,000	132,173,000	59,436,000	17,186,000	72,172,000
1938	9,912,000	18,901,000	158,188,000	61,118,000	17,803,000	59,329,000
1937	8,772,000	202,413,000	137,729,000	70,510,000	19,881,000	59,407,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Jan. 6, 1940, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour	Wheat	Corn	Oats	Rye	Barley
	bbls 196 lbs	bush 60 lbs	bush 56 lbs	bush 32 lbs	bush 56 lbs	bush 48 lbs
New York	158,000	2,000	2,000	11,000	—	17,000
Philadelphia	28,000	37,000	153,000	2,000	—	41,000
Baltimore	8,000	417,000	173,000	12,000	12,000	49,000
New Orleans*	30,000	95,000	260,000	22,000	—	—
Galveston	—	3,000	2,000	—	—	—
St. John W.	72,000	260,000	—	—	—	—
Boston	15,000	2,000	—	6,000	—	—
Halifax	—	64,000	—	—	—	—
Total wk '40	311,000	880,000	590,000	53,000	12,000	107,000
Since Jan. 1						
1940	311,000	880,000	590,000	53,000	12,000	107,000
Week 1939	264,000	1,122,000	926,000	60,000	18,000	29,000
Since Jan. 1						
1939	264,000	1,122,000	926,000	60,000	18,000	29,000

* 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, Jan. 6, 1940, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat	Corn	Flour	Oats	Rye	Barley
	Bushels	Bushels	Barrels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
New York	255,000	81,000	41,246	—	—	46,000
Baltimore	545,000	—	—	52,000	—	—
New Orleans	—	578,000	2,000	—	—	—
St. John West	260,000	—	72,000	—	—	—
Halifax	64,000	—	—	—	—	—
Total week 1940	1,124,000	659,000	115,246	52,000	—	46,000
Same week 1939	1,447,000	1,887,000	84,996	2,000	—	16,000

a Complete flour data from Canadian ports not available.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1, 1939, is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour		Wheat		Corn	
	Week Jan. 6 1940	Since July 1 1939	Week Jan. 6 1940	Since July 1 1939	Week Jan. 6 1940	Since July 1 1939
	Barrels	Barrels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
* Total 1940	115,246	2,570,241	1,124,000	63,777,000	659,000	12,427,000
Total 1939	84,996	2,784,709	1,447,000	85,691,000	1,887,000	53,075,000

* Detailed figures not available.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 6, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS

United States—	Wheat Bushels	Corn Bushels	Oats Bushels	Rye Bushels	Barley Bushels
Boston	—	411,000	—	—	—
New York	895,000	410,000	29,000	243,000	1,000
Philadelphia	251,000	1,381,000	15,000	5,000	4,000
Baltimore	746,000	921,000	20,000	104,000	2,000
New Orleans	683,000	747,000	82,000	3,000	—
Galveston	3,004,000	6,000	—	—	—
Fort Worth	8,500,000	280,000	237,000	12,000	18,000
Wichita	3,178,000	2,000	—	—	—
Hutchinson	7,165,000	—	—	—	—
St. Joseph	3,418,000	762,000	102,000	18,000	17,000
Kansas City	24,410,000	2,300,000	94,000	479,000	39,000
Omaha	8,041,000	3,605,000	260,000	128,000	50,000
St. Louis	953,000	754,000	270,000	53,000	18,000
Indianapolis	6,259,000	2,028,000	233,000	6,000	160,000
Peoria	1,484,000	2,034,000	264,000	161,000	—
Chicago	6,955,000	13,975,000	1,544,000	1,019,000	528,000
" afloat	—	—	—	199,000	—
Milwaukee	494,000	1,415,000	414,000	694,000	2,293,000
Minneapolis	15,436,000	5,034,000	4,022,000	3,426,000	7,678,000
Duluth	14,695,000	3,668,000	993,000	1,821,000	1,080,000
Detroit	135,000	3,000	6,000	3,000	240,000
" afloat	130,000	—	—	—	—
Buffalo	4,510,000	2,297,000	1,463,000	1,254,000	1,301,000
" afloat	5,933,000	2,107,000	324,000	649,000	1,198,000

Total Jan. 6, 1940... 117,275,000 44,476,000 10,425,000 10,275,000 14,688,000
 Total Dec. 30, 1939... 118,690,000 43,638,000 11,115,000 10,308,000 14,536,000
 Total Jan. 7, 1939... 111,378,000 48,079,000 15,778,000 8,267,000 10,733,000

Note—Bonded grain not included above: Oats—Buffalo, 921,000 bushels; Buffalo afloat, 320,000; Erie, 171,000; total, 1,412,000 bushels, against none in 1939. Barley—New York, 733,000 bushels; Buffalo, 915,000; Buffalo afloat, 149,000; Baltimore, 501,000; Philadelphia, 41,000; total, 2,450,000 bushels, against none in 1939. Wheat—New York, 6,425,000 bushels; Buffalo, 3,960,000; Buffalo afloat, 3,692,000; Duluth, 2,731,000; Erie, 255,000; Albany, 7,598,000; Portland, 642,000; Boston, 1,924,000; Philadelphia, 2,922,000; Baltimore, 7,599,000; total, 37,518,000 bushels, against 7,526,000 bushels in 1939.

Canadian—	Wheat Bushels	Corn Bushels	Oats Bushels	Rye Bushels	Barley Bushels
Lake, bay, river & seab'd	65,650,000	—	2,763,000	408,000	1,291,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	51,320,000	—	972,000	820,000	945,000
Other Can. & other elev.	192,662,000	—	6,269,000	1,303,000	5,046,000
Total Jan. 6, 1940	309,632,000	—	10,004,000	2,531,000	7,282,000
Total Dec. 30, 1939	310,855,000	—	10,247,000	2,426,000	7,261,000
Total Jan. 7, 1939	158,482,000	—	8,637,000	2,023,000	7,486,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ended Jan. 5 and since July 1, 1939 and July 1, 1938, are shown in the following:

Exports	Wheat			Corn		
	Week Jan. 5, 1940	Since July 1, 1939	Since July 1, 1938	Week Jan. 5, 1940	Since July 1, 1939	Since July 1, 1938
	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels
No. Amer.	2,469,000	96,520,000	127,852,000	676,000	12,198,000	56,461,000
Black Sea	792,000	23,380,000	63,624,000	343,000	1,802,000	7,176,000
Argentina	2,737,000	92,637,000	30,331,000	1,582,000	62,156,000	86,206,000
Australia	—	11,293,000	45,587,000	—	—	—
India	—	—	7,344,000	—	—	—
Other countries	72,000	16,736,000	21,016,000	642,000	29,637,000	27,476,000
Total	6,070,000	240,566,000	295,754,000	3,243,000	105,793,000	177,319,000

Weather Report for the Week Ended Jan. 10—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Jan. 10, follows:

The weather of the week was characterized by persistently low temperatures throughout the central and eastern portions of the country, and widespread, substantial snowfall. Following a practically uninterrupted long period of abnormally warm weather, the preceding week had abnormally low temperatures east of the Rocky Mountains and conditions for the week just closed were quite similar, both as regards the intensity of the cold weather and areas covered. The mean temperature charts for the two successive weeks were remarkably similar, though the averages for the interior valleys and the East were somewhat lower this week than for that preceding. In both cases abnormally warm weather prevailed west of the Rocky Mountains.

Data shows that, except southern Florida, the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, and parts of the upper Lake region, the weekly mean temperatures were generally from 6 degrees to about 20 degrees below normal everywhere from the Great Plains eastward. West of the Rocky Mountains they were rather uniformly from 4 degrees to 10 degrees above normal.

The minima were considerably below zero throughout much of the Ohio Valley and as far south as Missouri and Oklahoma in the trans-Mississippi States, but subfreezing did not extend into southern Florida nor extreme southern Texas. The lowest temperature reported from first-order stations in the Ohio Valley was 11 degrees below zero at Indianapolis, Ind., and in the northern Great Plains 25 degrees below zero at Williston, N. Dak. A low reading of 12 degrees below zero was noted as far south as Springfield, Mo.

Moderate to fairly heavy precipitation occurred over much of the country. The amounts were light in the northern Great Plains, locally in the far Southwest, the Northeast and in a few localities elsewhere, but over large areas the falls were about half an inch or more. Precipitation was unusually heavy in the Pacific area, especially California where the amounts reported ranged from 1.5 inches at San Diego, in the extreme south, to 5.3 inches at Redding, in the upper Sacramento Valley. Amounts were heavy also in most of the Great Basin of the West.

The rains and snows of the week, generally snow in central and northern States east of the Rocky Mountains, provided potential soil moisture that will be decidedly beneficial, when the snow melts, over large areas which have been persistently dry. A favorable feature of the situation is

the uniformity of the snow blanket, with comparatively little driftin From the Rocky Mountains westward unusually heavy precipitation wa the rule in most sections, which will be decidedly beneficial.

While the unseasonably low temperatures in central and eastern portions of the country were hard on livestock and, together with the widespread snow-cover, were decidedly unfavorable for outside operations, no widespread, serious harm resulted from the cold weather. There was some frost damage to tender vegetation in the extreme South, but hardly winter crops were not widely harmed. Grains and grasses were well protected over most sections where the low temperatures obtained. The stock-water situation continues quite a problem in parts of the interior, being aggravated in many places by frozen streams and ponds; in some central-northern sections streams are frozen to the bottom.

Small Grains—While the current situation in the main winter wheat area is decidedly favorable, with nearly the entire belt snow-covered, and good prospect for needed soil moisture when the snow melts, no immediate change in the general outlook is apparent. In the western belt where severe and damaging drought had prevailed, the result of the current unusually heavy snow naturally is undetermined for the present. Snow-fall up to 12 inches has occurred in some western sections; in Kansas there is at present a general, rather uniform blanket of 5 to 10 inches, with recent precipitation bringing about a half inch of moisture.

In Oklahoma precipitation was decidedly favorable, but more is needed. In Texas wheat shows some improvement and the condition is now fairly good, except locally. From the Rocky Mountains westward the relatively high temperatures and ample moisture received during the week were decidedly favorable; wheat is doing well in the Pacific Northwest.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 12, 1940.

Favored by brisk winter weather prevailing during the larger part of the week, retail trade made a satisfactory showing. Best reports continued to come from the industrial sections where better employment and larger payrolls stimulated consumer buying. Early January promotion sales met with a satisfactory response. Department store sales the country over, for the week ended Dec. 30, according to the Federal Reserve Board, were 8% higher than for the corresponding week of last year, with New York and Brooklyn stores showing a gain of 9.3%, while in Newark establishments the increase reached 20.4%. For the entire month of December an increase in the dollar volume amounting to 4% was recorded, the largest gains, of 9%, being shown by the Cleveland and Minneapolis districts, and the lowest increases, 1%, by the New York and San Francisco districts.

Trading in the wholesale dry goods markets gave indications of an imminent pickup in sales, partly of a seasonal character, and in part owing to the impending wholesalers' and retailers' annual conventions. Some additional orders on January sales promotion merchandise were placed for immediate delivery. Good activity prevailed in muslin sheets, and active interest existed in the forthcoming openings of some of the major fall lines. Sentiment was prevalently cheerful, influenced by the belief that inventories everywhere are in sound condition and require early replenishment. Business in silk goods continued to be hampered by the high price of the raw material, and the resulting steady diversion of the demand to the synthetic field. Trading in rayon yarns remained active and it was reported that little yarn, notably of the finer counts, is at present available for the numerous new users. A particularly tight situation was said to exist in the acetate division, where the demand is running considerably in excess of production.

Domestic Cotton Goods—Trading in the gray cloths markets continued spotty with prices showing an increasingly irregular trend, owing to scattered concessions offered by producers early in the period under review. Subsequently sentiment improved somewhat, due to reports of a marked increase in the movement of finished goods, but at the end of the week trading lapsed into its previous sluggishness, chiefly under the influence of the reaction in the raw cotton market and the moderate decline in security prices. Business in fine goods improved slightly. Piques moved in fair volume and there was continued interest in pigmented taffetas. Closing prices in print cloths were as follows: 39-inch 80's, 7 1/8 to 7 1/4; 39-inch 72-76's, 6 1/8 to 7c.; 39-inch 68-72's, 6 1/8 to 6 1/4; 38 1/2-inch 64-60's, 5 3/8 to 5 1/2; 38 1/2-inch 60-48's, 4 1/2.

Woolen Goods—Trading in men's wear fabrics was hesitant as users awaited the opening of the new fall lines expected to show price advances ranging from 30c. to 40c. a yard. Some activity continued in overcoatings for spot shipment, although available supplies remained extremely limited. Some belated reorders on spring materials came into the market, and a fair call continued for tropical worsteds for early delivery. Mill operations lacked uniformity and a number of plants reported a distinct decline in activities because of diminishing order accumulations. Reports from retail clothing centers continued to make a good showing, with store inventories in some instances reported to be the smallest in several seasons. Business in women's wear materials expanded moderately, reflecting the improved flow of goods in distributive channels. An active call again prevailed in tweeds and a fair volume of business was done in mossy crepes and twill worsteds.

Foreign Dry Goods—Trading in linens continued to be adversely affected by the sharp price advances reported from the foreign primary centers. Business in burlap remained quiet but prices showed a slightly steadier undertone, reflecting the apparent cessation of recent reselling activities. Domestically lightweights were quoted at 7.05c., heavies at 10.05c.

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MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of December, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 148 of the "Chronicle" of Jan. 6. The total of awards during the month stands at \$88,998,645. This total does not include Federal Emergency Relief Administration or Public Works Administration loans or grants actually made or promised to States and municipalities during the month. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in December was 278 and the number of separate issues was 333.

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
3750	Acaadia Parish, Fifth Ward D. D. No. 1, La.		1960	\$20,000		
3749	Ada County S. D. No. 12, Idaho	2 1/2	1941-1950	280,000	100.34	2.45
3903	Akron, Ohio	2 1/2	1940-1958	7714,000	100.35	1.55
4203	Albany County, N. Y.	1.60	1940-1949	600,000	100.35	1.55
4203	Albany County, N. Y. (3 issues)	1.60	1947-1949	776,000		1.96
3900	Alliance, Neb.	1 1/2-2	1940-1959	20,000	100.33	3.46
3900	Alpha, N. J.	3 1/2	1941-1950	140,000	100.41	2.42
4067	Altoona S. D., Pa.	2 1/2	1941-1950	31,142	100	5.00
4063	Ames, Iowa (2 issues)	5	1941-1959	74,500		
3900	Anoka, Neb.	4 1/2	1941-1956	8,000	100	4.50
4205	Armour, S. Dak.	4 1/2		712,000		
155	Armour, S. Dak.	4		25,000	99	4.13
4206	Augusta, Wis.	4	1942-1961	110,000	100	4.00
3900	Baker, Mont. (2 issues)	4		91,500	100.11	0.98
3750	Barnstable, Mass.	1	1940-1949	74,345,000		
4202	Bayonne, N. J.	3 3/4	1940-1959	220,000		
4202	Bayonne, N. J.	3 3/4		30,000		
4205	Beaufort County, S. C.	3	1941-1955	14,500	100	3.25
4064	Beaverton, Mich.	3 1/2-3 1/2	1941-1955	260,000	100	3.25
3900	Beemer, Neb.	3 1/2	1944	60,000		
4068	Bellaire, Texas	3 1/2-3 1/2	1940-1954	217,000	100.23	4.21
3751	Belmar, N. J.	4 1/2	1940-1954	85,000	107.78	2.13
4064	Berlin, N. H.	2 1/2	1940-1964	7107,000		
3751	Biloxi, Miss.	4 1/2	1941-1950	8,000		
3906	Bingen, Wash.	4		7,400	100	4.00
4204	Bisbee, N. Dak.	4		6,500		
3900	Blair, Neb.	3 1/2		7280,000		
4063	Board of Regents, Western Kentucky State College, Ky.	3	1941-1960	260,000	101.36	2.32
4200	Boise Junior College, Dist., Idaho	2 1/2	20 years	39,000		
4067	Boley, Okla.	4	1941-1955	85,000		
3750	Bowling Green, Ky.	2 1/2	1942-1957	716,000	101.86	2.05
3906	Brentwood Special Tax S. D. No. 151, Ia.	6	1941-1965	30,000	107.66	5.23
4066	Bridgeport, Ohio	2 1/2	1941-1950	11,000	100.42	2.43
155	Buton, Okla. (2 issues)			32,000		
3755	Brookville, Pa.	3 1/2	1940-1948	12,000	106.43	2.46
4066	Brookside, Ohio	4	1941-1950	6,170		
3899	Brunswick, Md.	3.20	1941-1979	7161,000	100.47	3.17
154	Bucyrus, Ohio	1 1/2	1941-1949	18,000	100.45	1.67
4204	Canton, Ohio (2 issues)	1 1/2	1941-1945	155,800	100.56	1.35
156	Canyon, Texas	3		75,000		
156	Canyon, Texas	4 1/2		7,000		
3904	Carbondale, Pa.	4 1/2	1942-1959	360,000	100.10	4.49
3749	Casey, Ill.	3 1/2	1941-1959	125,000		
3750	Cedar Springs, Mich.	3 1/2	1940-1952	712,900	100.38	2.94
4202	Chadron, Neb.	3 1/2	1940-1954	2724,000	100	3.25
3748	Chambers County, Ala.	2 1/2	1941-1956	30,000		
3906	Chesterfield County, Va.	3	1945-1966	79,000	101.29	2.90
3904	Chesterfield County, Va.	3 1/2	1945-1966	50,000	101.54	3.13
3904	Chesterfield County, Va.	3 1/2	1940-1979	5,910,000		
3894	Chester Munic. Authority, Pa.	3-3 1/2	1940-1949	125,000	100.16	1.46
3898	Cherokee, Mass. (2 issues)	1 1/2	1940-1949	30,043	100.18	
3898	Cherokee, Iowa	3 1/2	1941-1942	4,000	100.50	1.82
3898	Cherokee, Iowa	2	1940-1947	16,400	100	5.00
4066	Chesapeake S. D., Ohio	5	1942-1951	80,000	100.09	
4068	Chisago County, Wash.	2 1/2-2 1/2		4,000	100.65	3.40
3756	Clear Lake, S. Dak.	3 1/2	1941-1950	1,000,000	106.02	1.74
3903	Cleveland, Ohio	4	1940-1944	780,000	101.03	1.67
156	Clintonville, Wis.	1 1/2	1940-1949	15,000	100.24	2.72
4204	College Corner, Ohio	2 1/2	1941-1955	5,000	100.26	2.44
4202	Columbia S. D., Miss.	2 1/2	1941-1945	80,000		
4205	Columbia, S. C.	2 1/2	1942-1961	330,000	100.18	2.48
3748	Contra Costa County, Calif.	2 1/2	1944-1951	1,900	100	3.00
3900	Cottonwood Co. S. D. 105, Minn.	3	1941-1952	6,000	95.25	5.00
4068	Coupeville, Wash.	5		731,000		
3751	Cozad, Neb.	1 1/2	1940-1949	175,000	100.66	1.62
3905	Cranston, R. I.	2 1/2		15,500	100.16	
4204	Crawford County, Ohio	2 1/2	1941-1965	700,000	101.29	2.63
3754	Cuyahoga County, Ohio	2 1/2		6,500		
3751	Dakota City, S. D., Neb.	3	1940-1951	5,734	100.08	2.22
4067	Dallas, Ore.	2 1/2	1957-1959	776,000	103.22	1.80
4063	Davenport, Iowa	2	1941-1970	11,236,000	102.51	3.80
3748	Decatur, Ala.	4		73,378,000	100	3.62
3900	Detroit, Mich.	3 1/2-4	1940-1958	33,600	100.38	3.10
4203	Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.	2.20	1946-1955	120,000	101.31	1.74
156	Douglas County, Wis.	3 1/2	1941-1943	45,000	100.08	1.80
4201	Dubuque County, Iowa	2	1940-1944	70,000	100	1.00
4204	Dunkirk, N. Y.	1.80	1941-1960	7135,000	100.01	3.62
3900	Durant, Miss. (2 issues)	3 1/2-3 1/2	1940-1947	34,000	100.10	1.37
4204	East Aurora, N. Y. (2 issues)	1.40		79,000	103.92	1.15
152	East Chicago, Ind.	2 1/2	1946-1955	114,000	100.06	1.99
4203	East Orange, N. J.	2		34,800		
4062	Eldorado S. D., Ill.	4	1942-1946	5,000		
4062	Elizabeth, Ill.	4 1/2	1940-1964	25,000	100	5.00
3754	Elizabeth City, N. C.	5	1940-1949	100,000	100.07	0.99
4065	Elmira, N. Y.	1	1943-1955	25,000		
3898	Elwood, Ind.	2		24,000		
3901	Emerson, N. J.	2		795,000		
4203	Emerson, N. J.	4		52,500	102	0.80
4205	Enid, Okla.	1	1943-1947	360,000	100.10	1.64
4203	Essex Co., N. J. (3 issues)	1.65	1940-1949	264,000	100.18	1.04
3901	Essex Co., N. Y. (2 issues)	1.10		730,000	99.18	4.15
153	Evesham Township, N. J.	4				

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4062	Fayette County, Ill.	4		40,000		
3756	Ferris Ind. S. D., Texas	3-3 1/2		40,000		
4068	Fennimore, Wis.	3 1/2	1941-1950	29,000	109.21	2.22
4064	Flathead Co. S. D., Mont.	2	1940-1954	718,500	100.26	1.96
4202	Forest, Miss.			30,000		
3754	Forest City, N. C.	2 1/2-3	1941-1942	713,000	100.007	2.96
4201	Fort Dodge, Iowa	3	1945-1950	33,500	100	3.00
4063	Franklin Twp., Iowa	4	10 yrs.	4,000	100	4.00
3755	Freewater, Ore.	3	1944-1954	735,500		
3750	Frostburg, Md.	3.10	1955-1959	35,000	100.52	3.06
156	Gaines Co. Road Precincts Nos. 1 & 2, Texas	3-3 1/2	20 yrs.	250,000	100.015	
4066	Gaston Co., N. C.	2 1/2-2 1/2	1941-1958	140,000	100.10	2.39
3753	Geneva, N. Y.	0.80	1940-1944	720,000	100.02	0.79
4203	Geneva, N. Y.	1.10	1940-1948	69,000	100.18	1.05
4201	Gladwin, Mich.	2 1/2-3	1941-1959	19,750	100	
4200	Granite City Park Dist., Ill.	2 1/2		55,000	100.075	
4202	Greenville, Miss. (2 issues)	3		35,000		
4200	Greenville, Ill.	3 1/2	20 yrs.	32,000		
4205	Guthrie, Okla.	2-2 1/2	1942-1958	25,000	100	
4065	Hackensack, N. J.	2 1/2	1941-1953	7195,000	100.26	2.46
4065	Hackensack, N. J.	1.40	1940-1944	50,000	100.01	1.39
3754	Harmon Co. S. D. No. 12, Okla.	3-3 1/2	1941-1946	6,000	100	
3906	Harris Co. Water Control & Impmt. District No. 2, Texas			152,000		
3897	Harrison, Ark.	3 1/2		2,000	99.88	
3897	Harrison S. D., Ark.	4 1/2		40,000	104.93	
4200	Helena, Ark.	3 1/2	10 years	16,000	110.20	
4065	Hempstead, N. Y. (2 issues)	1 1/2	1940-1949	195,000	100.31	1.44
3200	Hempstead S. D. No. 12, N. Y.	2.30	1940-1969	325,000	100.31	2.28
4204	Herkimer, N. Y.	2.60	1940-1942	4,465	100.36	2.41
4066	High Point, N. C.	3 1/2-4	1945-1968	7413,000	100.02	3.94
4065	Hillsdale Township, N. J.	4 1/2	1947-1955	127,000	100.55	4.44
4205	Hillsboro, Texas	2 1/2	1941-1958	722,000	100.31	2.72
3752	Hohokus, N. J.	2	1940-1944	13,000	100.21	1.93
3899	Hauma, La.	3-3 1/2	1942-1959	85,000	100.06	3.23
4068	Huntington, W. Va.	3 1/2	1941-1953	7410,000		
4204	Huron County, Ohio	3 1/2	1942-1943	8,000	100	.075
3897	Imperial County S. D., Calif.	5		4,000		
4201	Indian Creek Twp. Sch. Twp., Ind.	3 1/2	1941-1944	5,400	102.64	2.89
3749	Iowa City, Iowa (2 issues)	2.14	1949-1954	9,514	103.41	
4065	Irvington, N. J.	2.14	1949-1954	8,000	100	5.00
4205	Irvona, Pa.	5	1943-1950	275,000	100.13	2.24
3901	Islip, N. Y. (3 issues)	1.70	1940-1955	8,000	100.45	1.63
4064	Jackson Co. Supervisors Dist. Nos. 1 and 2, Miss.	2.10	1940-1964	75,000		
3748	Jacksonville, Fla.	3 1/2-3 1/2	1952-1953	450,000	100.14	2.09
4201	Jeannerette, La.	3-3 1/2	1942-1960	25,000	100.01	3.19
156	Jefferson County, Wis. (2 issues)	1 1/2	1947-1950	370,000	100.55	1.42
3904	Johnston S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1940-1957	95,000	105.50	
3904	Johnstown S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1940-1943	7235,000	100.44	1.57
3900	Judith Basin Co. S. D. 22, Mont.	3 1/2		719,506	100	3.7

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3751	Plain, Minn.	2	1942-1956	28,000	101.12	1.88
3749	Polk Co., Iowa	1 1/2	1946-1949	267,000	100.31	1.46
4066	Port Chester, N. Y. (2 iss.)	1.40	1940-1949	98,000	100.28	1.34
3904	Port of Bandon, Ore.	4 1/2	1941-1945	10,000	98	5.17
3748	Prescott S. D., Ark.	2 1/2	1941-1950	190,000	102.20	---
3748	Prescott S. D., Ark.	5	1941-1944	26,000	102.20	---
3749	Princeville, Ill.	3	---	12,000	---	---
4068	Provo, Utah	4 1/2	1942-1954	850,000	---	---
4203	Raritan Twp., N. J.	4	---	732,000	---	---
3902	Richfield, Otsego, Exeter, Columbia & Warren S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	2 1/2	---	4,500	100.07	---
4206	Richmond, Va.	1 1/2	1941-1960	800,000	100.30	1.47
3898	Rock Island, Ill.	2 1/2	1941-1950	53,100	106.39	1.44
4068	Rock Springs, Wyo.	2 1/2	1940-1954	75,000	100.01	2.12
3752	Roselle, N. J.	2 1/2	1954-1956	730,000	100.14	2.73
4063	Roseville Twp. S. D., Ill.	3 1/2	---	27,000	108.63	---
3902	Rotterdam, N. Y. (2 iss.)	1 1/2	1940-1949	50,000	100.36	1.43
4068	Russell Co., Va.	2 1/2	1941-1970	81,000	100.19	2.73
155	Sabina, Ohio	2 1/2	1941-1954	42,000	100.85	2.13
3901	Saddle River Twp., N. J.	3.70	1940-1944	15,500	100.06	3.68
3900	St. Ignace, Mich. (2 iss.)	2 1/2	1940-1953	25,000	100.42	2.70
3900	St. Joseph S. D., Me.	2 1/2	1960	90,000	100.08	2.24
4064	St. Louis Co., Minn.	1	1941-1944	621,000	100.35	0.90
3898	St. Petersburg R. & B. Dist. No. 13, Fla.	3 1/2	1950-1961	1,252,000	100.01	3.91
3902	Sandlake & Poestenkill S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	1.90	1940-1954	45,000	100.42	1.84
4200	San Francisco, Calif. (2 iss.)	1 1/2	1940-1948	741,000	100.00	1.40
3745	Shasta Co., Calif.	1 1/2	1940-1944	130,000	100.04	1.23
4066	Silver Lake, Ohio	3 1/2	1941-1950	714,000	---	---
3754	Solvay, N. Y.	1.70	1940-1949	25,000	100.22	1.66
3754	Somers, N. Y.	1 1/2	1940-1943	12,000	100.12	1.45
3905	South Carolina (State of)	1 1/2	1940-1944	1,000,000	100.31	1.14
3901	South River, N. J.	4.30	1962	5,000	103.76	4.04
4203	South River, N. J.	4	---	7395,000	---	---
4200	Stockton Poor Dist., Calif.	4	1948-1959	120,000	---	---
3750	Stuart Co., Iowa	3 1/2	---	75,500	---	---
4200	Stamford, Conn.	3 1/2	1940-1944	173,000	100.28	0.66
3155	Summertown S. C.	4	---	9,500	100.01	---
4202	Sunflower Co. Sup. Dist., Miss.	3 1/2	---	794,000	---	---
3898	Sutherland, Iowa	2 1/2	---	13,500	100	4.00
3898	Sutherland, Iowa	2 1/2	---	5,000	100	2.75
3903	Tarboro, N. C.	2 1/2	1940-1950	721,000	100.02	2.79
3902	Tarrytown, N. Y.	2.20	1940-1950	50,000	100.77	2.12
4200	Tell City, Ind.	2	1944-1950	16,000	101	1.86
3749	Tift Co., Ga.	4	1941-1965	50,000	116.31	2.54
4066	Toledo, Ohio	---	---	7273,000	---	---
3902	Tonawanda S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	2.40	1940-1959	70,000	100.42	2.35
4063	Topeka Twp., Kan.	4	1942-1969	210,000	---	---
3755	Trafford, Pa.	2 1/2	1945-1955	25,000	100.50	2.44
4067	Union County, S. C.	2 1/2	1941-1960	100,000	100.62	2.68
4064	University of Minnesota, Minn.	1 1/2	1941-1950	400,000	100.07	1.48
4063	Urbana, Ill.	3	1941-1948	16,000	106.34	---
4063	Van Buren Township, Ind.	2 1/2	1941-1959	41,750	---	---
4063	Vernon Township, Ind.	2 1/2	1942-1960	19,000	100.31	2.22
4068	Waco, Texas (2 issues)	3	1941-1969	170,000	102.20	2.82
4068	Walworth Co., S. Dak.	2	1941-1945	8,500	100.29	3.92
4068	Ward County, Texas	2	1940-1943	150,000	100	2.00
4201	Waukegan Park Dist., Ill.	3 1/2	1955	25,000	100	3.50
3754	Waynesville, Ohio	3 1/2	1941-1950	2,000	100.44	3.68
3756	Webster Ind. S. D., Texas	3 1/2	1953-1955	40,000	100.25	---
151	West Haven, Conn.	2 1/2	---	165,000	100.15	---
3897	West Helen, Ark.	4 1/2	---	5,500	105.50	---
3753	West Paterson, N. J.	4 1/2	1940-1955	781,000	100.35	4.20
4064	West Point, Miss.	3	---	11,000	100.23	---
3755	West Salem, Ore.	5	1955-1959	35,000	100	5.00
3898	Wichita, Kan. (2 issues)	2	1-10 years	79,101	---	---
3751	Willmar, Minn.	3 1/2	1940-1943	2,480	100	3.50
3904	Willoughby, Ohio	2 1/2	1944-1953	780,000	100.14	2.73
3755	Wilmerding, Pa.	2 1/2	1944-1966	50,000	101.16	2.16
4066	West Bolivar & Clarksville S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	2	19 0-1950	25,000	100.41	1.93
3899	Worcester, Mass.	1 1/2	1940-1949	140,000	100.87	1.08
4063	Wright Co., Iowa	1 1/2	1942-1945	780,000	100.75	1.09

Total bond sales for December (278 municipal issues covering 333 separate issues) \$88,998,645
 d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later year
 k Not including \$63,173,658 temporary loans or funds obtained by States and municipalities from agencies of the Federal Government. r Refunding bonds.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
3754	Deer Park, Ohio	1 1/2	1941-1945	\$11,000	100.63	1.58
3754	Deer Park, Ohio	2	1941-1960	51,000	100.91	1.85
3753	Dickinson, Prospect U. D., N. Y.	2	1940-1942	4,000	---	---
3903	Elmore, Ohio (August)	3 1/2	1940-1949	6,160	100.60	3.38
4066	Losan, Ohio	2 1/2	1941-1950	10,000	100.31	2.70
3755	McIntosh County, S. D. 4, Okla.	4 1/2	1944-1948	5,000	100.10	---
3754	Normanna Twp., N. Dak.	---	1941-1950	5,000	---	---
4200	Pekin, Ill. (July)	2 1/2	1941-1954	798,000	97	2.50
3756	Travis County Impt. and Control District No. 1, Texas	5	20 years	485,000	100	5.70
3749	Vevay, Ind. (August)	---	1954-1958	4,500	---	---

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for November. These additional November issues will make the total sales (not including temporary or RFC and PWA loans) for the month \$80,060,136.

The following items included in our totals for the previous months should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
3903	Chesapeake S. D., Ohio (October)	---	---	\$16,400	---	---
3902	East Lenor Sanitary Dist., N. C. (August)	---	---	12,000	---	---
3755	Malthuer County S. D. No. 26, Ore. (September)	---	---	36,000	---	---
3749	Vevay, Ind. (July)	---	---	4,500	---	---

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN DECEMBER

Page	Name	Rate	Maturity	Amount	Price	Basis
3906	Barrle, Ont.	4	---	\$80,000	103.79	3.45
4068	Canada (Dominion of)	---	---	\$25,000,000	---	---
156	Canada (Dominion of)	---	---	\$25,000,000	---	---
3756	Georgetown, Ont.	3 1/2	1940-1944	19,846	101.66	---
3906	Granby, Que.	4	1-15 years	90,000	102.26	3.81
3906	Greater Vancouver W. D., B. C. (3 issues)	3-3 1/2	1940-1964	325,000	---	---
3906	Halifax, N. S. (2 issues)	3 1/2	1941-1947	275,000	100.02	3.49
4068	Kingston, Ont. (4 issues)	3-3 1/2	1940-1955	76,680	101.59	3.09
3756	Kitchener, Ont.	2 1/2	1-10 years	45,000	99.82	2.55
4068	London, Ont.	3 1/2	1940-1943	200,000	100.75	2.20
3756	Ontario (Province of)	3 1/2	1951	49,000,000	---	---
3756	Ontario (Province of)	2 1/2	1944	3,000,000	---	---
3906	Owen Sound, Ont.	3 1/2	1940-1959	53,000	101.85	3.02
4068	Parshoro, N. S.	4	1940-1954	27,500	---	---
3906	Pickering Twp., Ont.	4	1-20 years	11,000	103.27	3.78
3756	Prince Edward Island (Prov. of)	3 1/2	9 years	320,000	99.95	3.51
4068	Sayabec, Que.	4	1940-1949	34,500	97.50	4.57
3906	Sydney, N. S.	4	1945-1954	150,000	99.20	4.09
3906	Three Rivers, Que.	4	1940-1953	549,306	96.65	---
3906	Warton, Ont.	3 1/2	1-10 years	3,000	99	---

Total long-term Canadian debentures sold in Dec. \$14,257,826
 * Temporary loan; not included in total for month. d Callable.

News Items

California—Municipal Bond Market Reviewed—The interesting pattern of the California municipal bond market through 1939, during which local political considerations influenced wide price fluctuations, is traced in a review prepared for distribution by Kaiser & Co. of San Francisco.

Opening the year near their all-time high prices, issues of the State and its political subdivisions remained fairly firm during the first half-year, but declined precipitately in the third quarter under the influence of "Ham 'n Eggs" and the impending European war. Gaining strength in the fourth quarter, however, the California municipal bond market recovered an average of 75 basis points from October 1 until the day prior to the special election on November 7, and finished 1939 with the general price level near its high for the year.

Connecticut—Changes in List of Legal Investments—The following bulletin (No. 1), showing the latest revisions in the list of investments considered legal for savings banks, which was given in full here on Dec. 2—V. 149, p. 3586—was made public by the State Bank Commissioner on Jan 5:

Additions
 Central Vermont Public Service Corp., first and refunding... 3 1/2s, 1966
 Consumers Power Co., first mortgage... 3 1/2s, 1969

Deduction
 Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Attention is called to Sec. 7 of the Neutrality Act of 1939, approved Nov. 4, 1939:
 "Whenever the President shall have issued a proclamation under the authority of Sec. 1 (a), it shall thereafter be unlawful for any person within the United States to purchase, sell, or exchange bonds, securities, or other obligations of the government of any State named in such proclamation, or of any political subdivision of any such State, or of any person acting for or on behalf of the government of any such State, or political subdivision thereof, issued after the date of such proclamation," etc.
 This, of course, applies to Canadian issues dated subsequent to Nov. 4, 1939.

New Jersey—Governor Proposes Balanced Budget for 1940-41—Budget expenditures of \$83,306,560 were recommended on Jan. 9 to the 164th State Legislature by Governor A. Harry Moore, who urged the legislators to establish a "new precedent of living within our income," according to an Associated Press dispatch from Trenton.

The Governor proposed a general State fund budget of \$40,260,804 for the 1940-41 fiscal year starting next July 1, and a highway fund budget of \$43,045,755 for the current calendar year, of which the State Highway Department would receive only \$19,138,000.

The message listed estimated general fund revenues for the next fiscal year, compiled by Comptroller Frank J. Murray, of \$42,032,250, including \$2,000,000 expected to be gained from horse racing and pari-mutuel betting, against the \$41,318,455 estimated income for the current fiscal year ending June 30. Estimated revenues of the highway fund, received almost exclusively from motorists' fees, were put at \$46,169,000, against \$46,311,691 for 1939.

The Governor cautioned the Legislature against additional appropriations, which were held largely responsible by Mr. Murray for a \$5,027,537 deficit last fiscal year.

The general budget was \$905,417 higher than Governor Moore's recommendations of last year, and the highway fund budget was \$5,024,755 higher—a combined increase of \$5,930,172.

Governor Moore said his general budget was \$6,284,727 below departmental requests, that it absorbed an estimated deficit for the current fiscal year of \$1,792,266, and provided for a free balance of \$432,160.

The highway budget, he said, absorbed an estimated deficit for 1939 of \$3,100,000 and left a free balance in the fund of \$23,244.

The Governor said his recommendations were \$4,208,848 less than was spent during the fiscal year ended last June 30, and that they were about the same as expenditures authorized for the current fiscal year by the 1939 Legislature.

New York, N. Y.—Labor Opens Fight on City Pay Rate—Determined resistance to the city's interpretation of prevailing rates of pay was expressed on Jan. 9 by the Central Trades and Labor Council and the State Federation of Labor as both organizations pledged themselves to fight for payment of the actual prevailing rates to city employees.

Controller Joseph D. McGoldrick has taken the position that the tenure of employment offered by the city, its pension privileges and other advantages may be counted as factors in determining the wages to be paid to city employees.

In accordance with this reasoning he has fixed rates for some occupations which are lower than the prevailing rates in private industry. His theory is now under attack in the courts, where groups of employees affected by it have brought action to enforce the payment of wages by the city on a scale equal to that paid by private employers.

Thomas A. Murtha, new President of the Central Trades and Labor Council, said:
 "The State law very clearly provides that the prevailing rate shall be paid. The prevailing rate is the prevailing hourly rate. Labor has fought for many years to establish its wage standards, and it does not intend to permit them to be destroyed."

"The line of reasoning of the Controller's office is quite false. The city is a part of the State, and it must obey the laws of the State. The prevailing rate of pay principle was written into the laws of New York in recognition of the fact that if the State or any unit thereof were allowed to undermine labor's wage standards, it would be only a short time before private employers would undertake to follow suit. That would not be in the interest of the workers immediately concerned, nor, in the long run, would it be in the interest of any wage-earner anywhere."

"The Central Trades and Labor Council pledges its whole-hearted support of the fight by mechanics in the city service against the attempt to nullify the prevailing rate of wages principle. This Council will do everything within its power to have the illegal action of the Controller's office halted."

Tennessee (State of)—Bond Maturity Calendar Prepared—The maturities on the State's bonded debt are laid out in a calendar prepared as of Dec. 31 by the Nashville Securities Co. of Nashville. Tabular information is presented on the amount, purpose, rate, date and month of maturity for each obligation. Copies may be obtained upon request to the said company.

United States—Few New Taxes Added by States in 1939—Few new taxes were added by Legislatures to State statute books in 1939, a survey by the Federation of Tax Administrators showed on Jan. 8. The adoption of the tobacco tax by five States, the use tax by four, and the income tax by the District of Columbia were the only major changes in the tax map during the year. All of the seven State tax proposals submitted to voters were defeated.

An excise tax on the receipts from the performance rights of musical compositions—first introduced this year—was adopted by Vermont, Florida, Kansas and North Dakota, but is not looked upon as a major revenue producer, according to the Federation.

Adoption of the tobacco tax by Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Wisconsin, brought to 26 the number of States deriving revenue from the smoker.

The use tax, which supplements sales taxes already in effect by making similar levies on articles purchased outside the State for use in the State, was made effective in New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota and South Dakota. Of the 23 States with sales taxes, all but six now have use taxes.

The income tax levied on wage-earners in residence in the District of Columbia will be at a rate of 1 to 3% on incomes of \$5,000 or more. Thirty-four States and the District now tax personal or corporate income or both.

Today's picture of major taxes in the 48 States is shown in the accompanying table. All States have gasoline, motor vehicle, and unemployment compensation (payroll) taxes. Death taxes are levied in all States but Nevada.

Taxes Currently Effective in the States

(Gas, auto, payroll taxes, all States. Inheritance tax, all States but Nevada)

State—	Property	Income	Sales	Use	Tobacco	Alcoholic Beverages
Alabama	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Arizona	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Arkansas	x	x	x	x	x	x
California	x	x	x	x	x	x
Colorado	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Connecticut	x	x	x	x	x	x
Delaware	x	x	x	x	x	x
Florida	x	x	x	x	x	x
Georgia	x	x	x	x	x	x
Idaho	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Illinois	x	x	x	x	x	x
Indiana	x	x	x	x	x	x
Iowa	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kansas	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kentucky	x	x	x	x	x	x
Louisiana	x	x	x	x	x	x
Maine	x	x	x	x	x	x
Maryland	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Massachusetts	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Michigan	x	x	x	x	x	x
Minnesota	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mississippi	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Missouri	x	x	x	x	x	x
Montana	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nebraska	x	x	x	x	x	x
Nevada	x	x	x	x	x	x
New Hampshire	x	x	x	x	x	x
New Jersey	x	x	x	x	x	x
New Mexico	x	x	x	x	x	x
New York	x	x	x	x	x	x
North Carolina	x	x	x	x	x	x
North Dakota	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Ohio	x	x	x	x	x	x
Oklahoma	x	x	x	x	x	x
Oregon	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Pennsylvania	x	x	x	x	x	x
Rhode Island	x	x	x	x	x	x
South Carolina	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
South Dakota	x	x	x	x	x	x
Tennessee	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Texas	x	x	x	x	x	x
Utah	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Vermont	x	x	x	x	x	x
Virginia	x	x	x	x	x	x
Washington	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
West Virginia	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wisconsin	x-1	x	x	x	x	x
Wyoming	x	x	x	x	x	x
Dist. of Columbia	x	x	x	x	x	x

a States taxing real property, intangibles, and tangible personality: x
States taxing real property and tangible personality: x-1.

b Kansas, Mississippi, and Oklahoma, dry States, levy taxes on 3.2% beer and wine.

Survey of Municipal Finance Field Shows Many Developments in 1939—

The extension of State control over municipal accounts, an intensified professional spirit among city finance officers and the development of new local revenue sources highlighted development in the municipal finance field during 1939, the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada said on Jan. 9.

As the new year starts, the disposition of tax-delinquent and tax-reverted land stands out as the administrative and legal problem most in need of attention, the Association said.

In the accounting field, State control over local accounts and audits was extended in at least five States: Connecticut, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Hampshire and Wyoming, the Association said. Massachusetts and Rhode Island reorganized their general accounting systems. Local developments were numerous: Indiana's three largest counties installed modern tax-accounting machinery, Portland, Ore., Nashville, Tenn., Peoria, Ill., and New York City undertook extensive revisions of their accounting systems, and Sentiment against competitive bidding for municipal audits became stronger.

Relatively minor events typified developments in the municipal revenue field. There was an increased use of parking meters to control traffic and obtain more revenue according to the Association. A few cities adopted tobacco taxes. Several Florida municipalities imposed garbage collection charges to offset revenue loss through homestead exemptions. A few State governments passed laws distributing larger shares of State-collected revenues to localities.

The desire of many local finance officers during 1939 to attend and participate in training schools was evidence of an intensified professional spirit, the Association said. The value of such training as preparation for more responsible positions was shown in the number of finance officers promoted last year. The desire by cities for better trained officials was shown, also, by the \$1,000 gift to the Association from the City of Louisville, Ky., to establish an annual award to finance officers for outstanding public service.

The trend toward State-wide pension or retirement plans for local employees continued as such plans were enacted in California, Illinois and North Carolina. Several large cities adopted retirement programs for all employees. Coverage of all public employees under the Federal Social Security Act was discussed frequently and, the Association said, such coverage seems inevitable if legal obstacles can be met.

The Association said that although Congress last year gave up the idea of taxing income from State and municipal bonds, it probably will discuss the proposal again this year and next. Interest rates on municipal bonds experienced a rapid drop in May and June, and, because of the European situation, a correspondingly sharp increase in August and September. However, at the close of the year interest rates on municipal borrowing seemed headed for a new low, according to the Association.

United States Housing Authority—Local Housing Units Ask Bids on Note Issues—The following is the text of a news release (No. 435), made public from Washington on Jan. 8 by the above named Federal agency:

Responding to eager demand by private capital, the United States Housing Authority today announced a second issue, amounting to \$35,501,000, of six-months-maturity Temporary Loan Notes to finance construction of public low-rent slum-clearance housing projects, will be offered for public sale by 10 local housing authorities. Bids will be opened by the local authorities on Jan. 24.

The initial issue of \$50,000,000, offered to private investors on Nov. 8 last, was snapped up at rates of interest

averaging slightly less than six-tenths of 1%. This was an interest rate of about one-fifth of what the USHA, under the law, must charge for its loans to local authorities.

Local housing authorities in the following cities will participate in the offering to be made this month:

Los Angeles, Calif	\$1,020,000
Bridgeport, Conn	3,200,000
Boston, Mass	10,175,000
Fall River, Mass	1,776,000
Cleveland, Ohio	6,250,000
Dayton, Ohio	1,600,000
Toledo, Ohio	2,200,000
Chattanooga, Tenn	3,300,000
Memphis, Tenn	5,000,000

Total offering \$35,501,000

The notes will be sold to bidders offering the lowest rates of interest. Since the initial offering of notes under USHA's plan for the temporary financing of public housing construction by private capital, banks throughout the country have been enthusiastically urging additional issues. The first issue was sold by the local housing authorities in Atlanta, Ga.; Charleston, S. C.; Charleston, W. Va.; Chicago, Ill.; the District of Columbia; Louisville, Ky.; Macon, Ga.; New Orleans, La.; Peoria, Ill.; Philadelphia, Pa. and Pittsburgh, Pa.

This eagerness of the private investor, now that the plan has been tested and approved, is expected to result in rates of interest for the current offering which will be as low, or even lower than the 6-10 of 1% rate on the first issue.

Popular approval of the plan and the fact that it results in large savings in project costs also has caused the USHA to arrange for its extension to cover the entire future construction in the current program. This would mean a saving for local authorities of more than \$15,000,000 on development cost, which in turn means smaller subsidies per family as subsidies are computed on the basis of development costs.

The total construction so financed when the second issue of temporary loan notes is sold to private capital on Jan. 24, will be \$85,000,000.

Additional issues in groups of \$35,000,000 to \$50,000,000 will be offered every couple of months until approximately \$700,000,000 of private capital will have been invested in the USHA program through short term loans for construction.

The 10 local housing authorities participating in the second issue will advertise for bids on Jan. 10 and 17. Bids will be opened in the offices of the respective local housing authorities and all bids will be opened throughout the country at the same hour and the same day, Jan. 24.

The short-term notes will be non-callable, wholly exempt from Federal income taxes and in most cases also will be exempt from State taxes. They will be offered to bidders who will have the option of designating the interest rate, denomination of the notes, and the incorporated bank or trust company in which they will be paid, and will be sold to bidders offering the lowest interest rates. Bidders will pay for bond counsel opinion and for the paying agent. The interest rates, therefore, will represent the net cost to the local housing authorities.

Proceeds from the sale of this short-term paper will be used by local housing authorities for two purposes:

1 To refund cash already advanced to the local authority by the USHA under loan contracts approved by the President and to pay accrued interest thereon.

2 The balance of the proceeds over and above that issued for such refunds and interest, will be used for defraying the costs connected with construction of the low-rent housing projects.

The total amount of cash already advanced by the USHA to the local housing authorities participating in the announced issue which will be repaid to USHA, together with interest, is as follows:

City—	Principal Advances to Be Repaid	Approx. Amount of Accrued Interest	Total to Be Repaid to USHA	Balance Available for Cost of Construction
Los Angeles, Cal.	\$464,000	\$4,438.97	\$468,438.97	\$551,561.03
Bridgeport, Conn.	1,457,000	5,460.81	1,462,460.81	1,737,539.19
Boston, Mass.	4,948,000	69,802.17	5,017,802.17	5,157,197.83
Fall River, Mass.	400,000	3,093.09	403,093.09	576,956.91
Lowell, Mass.	783,500	12,478.10	795,978.10	980,021.90
Cleveland, Ohio	4,485,000	39,080.67	4,602,080.67	1,647,919.33
Dayton, Ohio	928,000	10,368.49	1,044,368.49	555,631.51
Toledo, Ohio	1,691,000	10,234.43	1,757,234.43	442,765.57
Chattanooga, Tenn.	2,325,000	13,385.75	2,338,385.75	961,614.25
Memphis, Tenn.	3,337,000	34,571.13	3,371,571.13	1,628,428.87

\$20,828,500 \$202,913.61 \$21,261,413.61 \$14,239,586.39

USHA loans bear interest at varying rates ranging from 2 3/4% to 3 1/4% and the interest begins to accrue as soon as funds are placed to the credit of the local housing authority. Therefore, the return of funds already advanced and the use of lower interest money during the remainder of the construction period will mean substantial savings to the local authorities.

The short term financing being undertaken by these local authorities operates along these lines:

When an USHA loan contract with a local housing authority is approved, cash advances on the loan automatically become available. Inasmuch as the interest on Federal loans, which in the past has ranged from 3 1/4% to 2 3/4%, begins to accrue as soon as funds are deposited to the credit of the local housing authority, it is preferable that funds be advanced as they are needed rather than in one lump sum.

Under the new plan, after the USHA has approved requisitions for advances in compliance with provisions of the loan contracts, it will forward to the Federal Reserve Bank of the district in which the local authority is located, an authorization to pay the amount of its loan advance to the local authority on a specified date.

On the basis of this commitment, which is irrevocable, the local authority issues short-term paper to public bidders offering the lowest rate of interest. This means that during the construction period, ranging usually from 6 to 18 months, the local housing authority will be paying the low interest rate on its money instead of the higher rate which the Government is required by law to charge.

As the short term notes (which are exempt from Federal and usually from State taxes and are non-callable) approach the date of maturity, the USHA will honor the requisition of the local authority, by directing the deposit of Federal funds in the Federal Reserve Bank. These funds in turn will be used to retire the outstanding local loans.

In all of these cases, where advances have been made already, the proceeds from the sale of the short term paper will be used to repay the USHA the principal and interest on loans it has made.

It is hoped that continuing success of the temporary financing plan may lead eventually to large-scale permanent financing of public housing projects with private funds. To the extent that private capital can ultimately be induced to finance permanently a larger share of the development cost of projects, the USHA can be relieved from making permanent loans in the amount of 90% of the cost of projects.

The current USHA slum-clearance and low-rent housing program provides for projects to rehouse approximately 160,000 low-income families at a total development cost of around \$770,000,000. All funds made available by Congress have been committed by loan contracts or earmarkings. There are now 347 projects under USHA loan contracts with 147 local housing authorities in 29 States, the District of Columbia, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The USHA has made loan contracts, totaling \$581,996,000 with these local authorities, to defray 90% of the cost of their projects.

Bond Proposals and Negotiations

ALABAMA

BESSEMER, Ala.—BOND SALE—The \$811,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale at public auction on Jan. 6—V. 150, p. 151—was purchased by a syndicate composed of Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc. of Chicago, Milhous, Gaines & Mays, Roy Gridley & Co., ErodLax & Co., al

of Birmingham, the Cumberland Securities Corp. of Nashville, Fox, Einhorn & Co. of Cincinnati, and Watkins, Morrow & Co., of Birmingham, paying par for 4s. No other bid was received, according to the City Treasurer. Dated Feb. 1, 1940. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$9,000 in 1941, \$11,000 in 1942, \$10,000 in 1943, \$11,000 in 1944, \$12,000 in 1945 and 1946, \$10,000 in 1947, \$13,000 in 1948 and 1949, \$14,000 in 1950, \$15,000 in 1951 and 1952, \$16,000 in 1953 and 1954, \$17,000 in 1955, \$18,000 in 1956, \$19,000 in 1957 and 1958, \$20,000 in 1959, \$21,000 in 1960, \$44,000 in 1961, \$46,000 in 1962, \$48,000 in 1963, \$49,000 in 1964, \$52,000 in 1965, \$54,000 in 1966, \$56,000 in 1967, \$58,000 in 1968, \$60,000 in 1969, and \$53,000 in 1970. Those of said bonds which will mature in 1968 to 1970 shall be subject to redemption at the option of the city, in the inverse order of their numbers, after 30 days' published notice, on any interest payment date on or after Feb. 1, 1941, at the following prices plus accrued interest: From Feb. 1, 1941 to Aug. 1, 1945, inclusive, at 104; from Feb. 1, 1946 to Aug. 1, 1950, inclusive, at 103; from Feb. 1, 1951 to Aug. 1, 1955, inclusive, at 102; from Feb. 1, 1956 to Aug. 1, 1960, inclusive, at 101½; from Feb. 1, 1961 to Aug. 1, 1965, inclusive, at 101; and thereafter at par.

CHILTON COUNTY (P. O. Clanton), Ala.—WARRANTS OFFERED TO PUBLIC—A \$65,000 issue of 2½% Board of Education capital outlay warrants is being offered by Marx & Co. of Birmingham for public subscription. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1, 1940. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1941 to 1949; \$4,000, 1950 to 1956, and \$5,000 in 1957 and 1958. Prin. and int. (F-A) payable at the First National Bank, Clanton. Legal approval by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

DECATUR, Ala.—BOND SALE DETAILS—In connection with the sale of the \$864,000 (not \$887,000) water revenue bonds to Watkins, Morrow & Co., Marx & Co., both of Birmingham, and the Cumberland Securities Corp. of Nashville, jointly, as 4s, as noted here on Nov. 4, it is now reported that the bonds mature May 1 as follows: \$9,000 in 1941, \$10,000 in 1942 and 1943, \$11,000 in 1944 to 1946, \$12,000 in 1947 and 1948, \$13,000 in 1949 and 1950, \$14,000 in 1951 and 1952, \$15,000 in 1953, \$16,000 in 1954, \$17,000 in 1955 to 1957, \$18,000 in 1958, \$19,000 in 1959, \$20,000 in 1960 and 1961, \$21,000 in 1962, \$22,000 in 1963, \$23,000 in 1964, \$24,000 in 1965, \$25,000 in 1966 and 1967, \$26,000 in 1968, \$27,000 in 1969, \$29,000 in 1970, \$30,000 in 1971 and 1972, \$32,000 in 1973 and 1974, \$34,000 in 1975, \$37,000 in 1976, \$38,000 in 1977, \$40,000 in 1978, \$41,000 in 1979, and \$29,000 in 1980. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank, Birmingham, or the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—FINANCING PLAN IN OPERATION—We quote in par as follows from a special dispatch out of Montgomery to the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 11:

The City Commission has declared operative its \$10,000,000 bond refinancing program, approved a year ago with a view to saving approximately \$100,000 a year in interest on the bonded indebtedness. This plan provides for the exchange of outstanding bonds for lower interest-yielding serials maturing in one to 30 years.

In its action, the commission waived the provision in the original contract with banking houses and investment concerns, which required them to obtain the consent of 75% of the bondholders before the plan could become operative. Now the plan is operative only to those bonds which have been exchanged under provisions of the contract.

The old bonds are being exchanged through the First National Bank of Montgomery, one of the five fiscal agents. Approximately \$3,500,000 of the \$10,000,000 in bonds to be refinanced has been turned over to the bank, the owners having consented to the plan. The fiscal agents claim the city's action in declaring the plan already in operation without waiting for consent of 75% of the bondholders will spur others to give their consent.

RED LEVEL, Ala.—BONDS SOLD TO PWA—A \$14,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. water works revenue bonds is said to have been purchased at par by the Public Works Administration. Due in 1943 to 1968.

WINSTON COUNTY (P. O. Double Springs), Ala.—BONDS SOLD TO PWA—The Public Works Administration is said to have purchased at par a \$16,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. water works revenue bonds. Due in 1943 to 1963.

ARIZONA

COCONINO COUNTY, FLAGSTAFF SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Williams), Ariz.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED—It is reported that an election is to be called late this month in order to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$113,000 in construction bonds.

SAFFORD, Ariz.—BONDS TO BE DELIVERED—It is stated by F. B. Jacobson, Town Clerk, that the town officials are awaiting notification from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for delivery of \$81,000 gas distribution system revenue bonds under requisition in a docket authorizing \$100,000 of 4% bonds maturing over a 25-year period.

WILLCOX, Ariz.—BONDS TO BE SOLD—It is stated by R. L. Halley City Clerk, that \$20,700 Sanitary Sewer District bonds will be purchased within two weeks by the Fisher Contracting Co. of Phoenix. The bonds are to be accepted by the said firm as final payment on a sewer system improvement project and will be resold at once to Dahlberg, Durand & Co. Tucson.

ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS, State of—TENDERS RECEIVED—In connection with the call for tenders, it is reported by J. O. Goff, Secretary of the State Investment Board, that the Board will purchase \$791,547.42 at \$784,365.37. Purchases, divided by classifications are as follows: Highway refunding bonds, series A 5%, par value \$7,000 at \$7,025, low bid 98.64; highway refunding bonds, series A 4½%, par value \$35,000 at \$37,770.30, low bid 100.86; highway refunding bonds, series A 4½%, par value \$83,000 at \$84,651.96, low bid 100.73; highway refunding bonds series A 4½%, par value \$141,000 at \$142,737.30, low bid 98.84; toll bridge refunding bonds, series A 5%, par value \$13,000 at \$13,325, low bid 101.14; highway refunding bonds, series B 3½%, par value \$109,310.45 at \$108,709.15, low bid 97.55; toll bridge refunding bonds, series B 3½%, par value \$20,533.75 at \$20,505.56, low bid 98.03; De Valls Bluff Bridge refunding bonds, 3%, par value \$5,517.60 at \$5,290.59, low bid 94.78; road district refunding bonds, series A 3%, par value \$346,700 at \$335,897.80, low bid 96.00; refunding certificates of indebtedness, 3%, par value \$17,485.62 at \$17,456.02, low bid 98.40, and funding notes, 3%, par value \$13,000 at \$12,996.75.

CABOT, Ark.—BONDS SOLD TO PWA—It is reported that \$29,600 4% semi-annual water works revenue refunding and improvement bonds have been purchased at par by the Public Works Administration. Due in 1940 to 1968.

CHICOT COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Lake Village) Ark.—BOND REFUNDING AFFIRMED—The United States Supreme Court on Jan. 2 returned a decision affirming the validity of a \$762,000 refunding plan on a 36% basis. The Eastern Arkansas District Court originally approved the refunding under provisions of the first Municipal Bankruptcy Act. When that statute was held unconstitutional, the district court held that its previous action was a nullity, and the Baxter State Bank and Mrs. Lena S. Shields sought payment at par on \$14,000 of bonds. Later a substitute bankruptcy Act was sustained.

Chief Justice Hughes ruled that bondholders suing for payment at par had failed to raise any question as to validity of the first Act, which provided among other things for reduction of drainage district indebtedness through refunding.

COTTER, Ark.—BONDS SOLD TO PWA—The Public Works Administration is said to have purchased \$52,500 4% semi-annual water works revenue refunding and improvement bonds at par. Due in 1940 to 1977.

CRAIGHEAD COUNTY RURAL SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Jonesboro), Ark.—BONDS SOLD TO PWA—A \$14,500 issue of 4% semi-annual school bonds is reported to have been purchased by the Public Works Administration at par. Due in 1941 to 1968.

FORT SMITH, Ark.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—It is now reported by the City Clerk that the \$181,919 municipal aid refunding certificates sold to the W. R. Stephens Investment Co. of Little Rock, at a price of 97.31, as noted here on Nov. 4, were purchased as 3s, and mature on Jan. 1, 1944, giving a basis of about 3.70%.

NEVADA COUNTY (P. O. Prescott) Ark.—BOND SALE—The \$15,000 court house and county building bonds offered for sale on Jan. 5—V. 150, p. 151—were awarded to the State National Bank of Texarkana as 4s, paying a price of 106.42, according to the County Clerk.

SEARCY, Ark.—BOND ISSUANCE VALIDATED—The State Supreme Court is said to have affirmed a decision of the Chancery Court, upholding the authority of the above city to issue \$30,000 in municipal auditorium construction bonds.

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CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA, State of—WARRANTS SOLD—We are informed that two issues of registered warrants aggregating \$2,996,683.32, were offered for sale on Jan. 10 and were awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles, divided as follows: \$2,473,683.32 general fund warrants as 3½s, paying a premium of \$4.479, 523,000.00 unemployment relief bonds as 3½s, paying a premium of \$968.

Dated Jan. 13, 1940. To be due on or about Nov. 27, 1940.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 16, by James P. Vroman, Secretary of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$5,500,000 issue of Department of Water and Power, water works refunding revenue of 1940 bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Due Dec. 1, as follows: \$324,000 in 1943 to 1958, and \$316,000 in 1959. The bonds will be callable in whole or in part in inverse order of their numbers on any interest payment date beginning Dec. 1, 1943, upon not less than 30 days' published notice, at a redemption price, with respect to each bond, consisting of the aggregate of the principal amount of the bond and a premium of ¼ of 1% of such principal amount for each year or fraction thereof remaining from such redemption date to the date of maturity of that bond. Bidders to name the interest rate or rates, not exceeding two different rates, neither of which may be in excess of 3¼% per annum, at which the bidder will accept the bonds at not less than par and accrued interest, such interest to be payable June 1, 1940, and semi-annually thereafter, and which shall be in multiples of ¼ of 1%. These bonds are eligible for certification as legal investments for savings banks in the State of California and application has been made to the Superintendent of Banks for such certification, if, as, and when the bonds are issued. Copies of the resolution authorizing the invitation for proposals for the purchase of such bonds, stating the terms and conditions under which such bonds will be issued and sold, and under which proposals may be submitted, together with printed proposal blanks, may be obtained from the above Secretary, or from Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York. The bonds will be payable solely out of the Water Revenue Fund of the City. Proposals must be submitted in quadruplicate, on, or in substantial accordance with, proposal blanks provided by the Department.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—SCHOOL BOND SALE—The following bonds of the Burbank Unified School District aggregating \$212,000, offered for sale on Jan. 9—V. 149, p. 3897—were awarded jointly to the Anglo-California National Bank of San Francisco and White, Wyeth & Co. of Los Angeles, as 3s, paying a premium of \$95, equal to 100.045, a basis of about 2.99%. \$100,000 elementary school bonds. Due on Jan. 1 in 1942 to 1965. 112,000 high school bonds. Due on Jan. 1 in 1942 to 1965.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT—The successful bidders offered the above bonds for public subscription at prices to yield from 1.25% to 3.00%, according to maturity.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BOND SALE—The \$200,000 issue of Compton Union High School District bonds also offered on the same date—V. 149, p. 4200—was awarded to a group composed of Blyth & Co., Inc., the William R. Staats Co., and Redfield & Co., all of Los Angeles, as 3½s, paying a price of 100.531, a basis of about 3.19%. Dated Sept. 1, 1939. Due \$10,000 on Sept. 1 in 1941 to 1960 incl.

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD—The \$40,000 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-ann. pier bonds offered on Jan. 3—V. 150, p. 151—was not sold, according to the City Clerk.

BONDS REOFFERED—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Jan. 17, by William Holmes, City Clerk, for the purchase of the said bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 2, 1940. Due on Jan. 2 as follows: \$1,000 in 1941 to 1945, \$2,000 in 1946 to 1955, and \$3,000 in 1956 to 1960. The bonds are to be sold for cash only and at not less than par and accrued interest. No bid shall provide for more than one rate of interest. These bonds were authorized at the election held on Dec. 8, by a vote of 242 to 29. The opinion of O'Melveny & Myers, of Los Angeles, upon the validity of the bonds will be furnished. Enclose a certified check for not less than 5% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the city.

COLORADO

COLORADO, State of—MUNICIPAL JUDGMENT BONDS TO BE ISSUED—The Attorney General's office ruled recently that Colorado municipalities may issue judgment bonds to help raise the \$630,147 they owe the State Old-Age Pension Fund.

Assistant Attorney General Reid Williams, in an opinion approved by Attorney General Byron G. Rogers held that such bonds could be issued without approval of the electors.

The obligations of the municipalities were created when the Supreme Court ruled that 85% of all local liquor license fees collected since Jan. 1, 1937, must go to pensions.

Several cities have paid what they owe, but others, principally Denver, have expressed concern over how the debt would be met.

MESA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Grand Junction), Colo.—BOND CALL—It is reported that the following bonds are being called for payment on Feb. 1:

Building, 5%, Nos. 1 to 75 for \$1,000 each and Nos. 76 to 95 for \$500 each. Dated Feb. 1, 1920. Due Feb. 1, 1960.

Building, 4½%, Nos. 37 to 45 for \$1,000 each. Dated Feb. 1, 1925. Due Feb. 1, 1940.

Above bonds payable at the International Trust Co., Denver. Feb. 1, 1940 interest coupons should be presented at the County Treasurer's office.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Otis), Colo.—BOND CALL—It is reported that the entire issue of 5½% bonds, dated Feb. 1, 1920, are being called for payment on Feb. 1, at the office of Peters, Writer & Christensen, Inc. of Denver. Due in 1960; callable in 1940.

CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—BOND OFFERING—Perry W. Rodman, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until noon on Jan. 15, for the purchase of \$150,000 not to exceed 2% interest coupon Bostwick Ave. sewage treatment plant bonds. Dated Jan. 15, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$30,000 on Jan. 15 from 1942 to 1946, incl. Principal and interest (J-J) payable at the City Treasurer's office. Registerable as to principal only, at holder's option. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Bridgeport, which will certify as to the genuineness of signatures of officials and seals impressed thereon. Legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston will be furnished the successful bidder. These bonds will be payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limit as to rate or amount except as to certain classes of property such as classified timber lands taxable at a limited rate. The purchaser will be furnished with a certificate from the Tax Assessor certifying that there are no such classes of property within the City of Bridgeport on the Grand List of 1938.

MILFORD, Conn.—NOTE SALE—F. W. Horne & Co. of Hartford purchased an issue of \$100,000 tax notes at 0.235% interest. Due Aug. 8, 1940.

TORRINGTON, Conn.—NOTE SALE—The \$350,000 tax notes offered Jan. 11 were awarded to F. W. Home & Co. of Hartford, at 0.214% discount. Award included \$150,000 First Taxing District notes, due May 2, 1940, and \$200,000 Second Taxing District, payable Dec. 2, 1940. Putnam & Co. of Hartford, second high bidder, named a rate of 0.28%.

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

BROWARD COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—CERTIFICATES SOLD TO PWA—It is stated that \$182,000 4% semi-annual revenue certificates have been purchased at par by the Public Works Administration. Demom. \$1,000. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1943 to 1947; \$6,000, 1948 to 1952; \$7,000, 1953 to 1958; \$8,000, 1959 to 1963, and \$9,000 in 1964 to 1968.

DELRAY BEACH, Fla.—TENDERS WANTED—Mae W. Cramp, City Treasurer, will receive sealed tenders of series A refunding bonds in the amount of about \$50,000, until 10 a. m. on Jan. 19.

FLORIDA, State of—BOND AND NOTE TENDERS RECEIVED—In connection with the call for tenders of sealed offerings of matured or unmatured original or refunding road and bridge or highway bonds, time warrants, certificates of indebtedness and (or) negotiable notes of various counties and special road and bridge districts, noted here on Dec. 9—V. 149, p. 3748—it is reported by W. V. Knott, State Treasurer, that 13 parties offered bonds.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Tavares), Fla.—BIDS INVITED—It is stated by D. H. Moore, Secretary of the Board of Public Instruction, that he will receive bids until Jan. 15, at 10 a. m., for the purchase of any of the various outstanding school district bonds in amounts as shown: \$8,000 School District No. 10 (Eustis); \$4,000 school District No. 16 (Mt. Dora); \$7,000 School District No. 21 (Leesburg), bonds. All bids should be firm for 10 days.

LAKE PARK, Fla.—BONDS VALIDATED—The Circuit Court is reported to have declared valid recently an issue of \$259,800 refunding bonds. Dated July 1, 1939. Due on July 1, 1969; callable on July 1, 1959.

MIAMI, Fla.—WATER PLANT TO BE PURCHASED—The voters on Jan. 9 ratified an agreement whereby the city will purchase the Miami Water Co., a subsidiary of the Florida Power & Light Co. for approximately \$5,250,000, according to a newspaper report.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Ocala), Fla.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Jan. 20, by Carlyle Ausley, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$116,000 refunding road, series G, coupon bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable F-A. Dated Feb. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1, 1957, with option of redemption at par and accrued interest on Feb. 1, 1950 interest payment date or on any interest payment date thereafter. Rate of interest to be in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ or 1-10th of 1%, and must be the same for all of the bonds. Prin. and int. payable in lawful money at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. The bonds are registerable as to principal only, and are issued for the purpose of retiring a like amount of the Feb. 1, 1940 road bonds maturities, which maturing bonds were issued prior to Nov. 6, 1934. Comparison of bids will be made by taking the cost of interest to the county at the rate named in the respective bids and deducting therefrom the premium bid, if any. The bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder at the office of the above Clerk or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, on Feb. 1, 1940, or as soon as possible thereafter, but not later than Feb. 15, 1940, upon payment of the principal balance due plus accrued interest. Proceedings for the validation of said bonds are in progress and all property within the county, including homesteads, subject to taxation for the payment of the bonds refunded, will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes for payment of principal and interest of the bonds, without limitation of rate or amount. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser upon delivery of the bonds. Copies of a form of proposal will be furnished upon application to the office of the above Clerk or to Wallace E. Sturgis, County Attorney. Enclose a certified check for \$1,160, payable to the county.

SEBRING, Fla.—BOND TENDERS ACCEPTED—In connection with the call for tenders of refunding bonds, due on Sept. 1, 1968, it is stated by Edward Hasti, City Treasurer, that the city purchased \$30,000 bonds at 30.00, and accrued interest.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38 (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BOND SALE—The \$1,000 6% semi-annual school bonds offered on Jan. 9—V. 149, p. 4200—were sold at par, according to report. Dated April 1, 1939. Due on April 1, 1952.

The bonds were purchased by S. H. Stark of Tampa. No other bid was received.

GEORGIA

GEORGIA, State of—BONDS SOLD—It is reported by George B. Hamilton, State Treasurer, that the State has sold \$2,650,000 2% highway refunding bonds to the Trust Co. of Georgia, of Atlanta, and the Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta, paying a price of 101.13. These bonds are to be issued on March 15, to refund State Highway Department county certificates, scheduled to mature on March 25, 1940.

IDAHO

LEWISTON, Idaho—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$10,000 3% semi-annual fire equipment bonds have been purchased by Ferris & Hardgrove of Spokane, paying a price of 100.515.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Norwood), Idaho—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the District Clerk that \$1,500 construction bonds have been purchased by the State.

ILLINOIS

ALLEN GROVE TOWNSHIP (P. O. San Jose), Ill.—BONDS DEFATED—At an election on Dec. 7 the voters refused to authorize an issue of \$30,000 highway improvement bonds.

ASBURY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Omaha), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—The \$9,000 road bonds authorized at an election last August were purchased by the H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago.

BIG MOUND TOWNSHIP (P. O. Fairfield), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$14,000 4% highway improvement bonds was sold to Ballman & Main, of Chicago.

CASEVILLE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Caseyville), Ill.—BOND ISSUE DETAILS—The \$12,000 4% highway bonds awarded in 1939 to Lewis, Pickett & Co. of Chicago, at par—V. 149, p. 1645—are dated Aug. 1, 1939 and mature \$2,000 on Aug. 1 from 1944 to 1949, inclusive.

CHICAGO, Ill.—\$1,200,000 AVAILABLE IN REFUNDING OPERATION—Receiving no tenders from holders of city 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s or any of the city's general obligation bonds maturing on or before July 1, 1954—V. 149, p. 4200. Comptroller R. D. Upham announced that amount of new refunding bonds to be issued Jan. 1 in an operation in which \$7,935,000 of maturing bonds will be paid off and \$5,300,000 of obligations that become optional on that date will be retired. Included are securities bearing 4 and 5%. On completion of the financing, outstanding bonded debt of the city will be reduced to \$95,238,000, and it will be the first time since 1928 that it has been below the legal limit.

ASKS RFC TO PURCHASE JUDGMENT—Proposal has been made to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation by the city that the Federal agency purchase from the municipality the \$3,136,914 judgment held against Cook County, Ill. Negotiations are being conducted, it is stated by Comptroller R. D. Upham, and city officials hope to obtain the equivalent of the face value of the court award. The 1940 budget of the city, awaiting the necessary public hearing and final adoption by the council, includes an item of anticipated revenue of \$2,000,000 against the judgment.

DEBT NOW BELOW LEGAL MAXIMUM—Bonded debt of the city now stands below the legal maximum limit for the first time since 1928, as the result of the retirement Jan. 2 of \$12,035,000 of outstanding obligations. Total bonded debt was reduced to \$95,338,000, compared with the present authorized limit of \$97,408,994. Actually there was retired in the operation \$7,935,000 of maturing securities and \$5,300,000 of optional funding bonds, or \$13,235,000 in all, but it was necessary to borrow \$1,200,000 in the transaction, through the sale of that amount of refunding bonds to the city sinking fund. In addition, there were retired \$935,000 of city water works revenue certificates. In connection with the improvement in the debt position it is pointed out by Comptroller R. B. Upham that improving tax collections each year have made it possible for the municipality to meet a portion of its annual serial maturities with a diminishing amount of refunding, so that outstanding debt has been reduced about \$45,175,000 from its all-time peak of \$140,513,400 in 1932.

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, Ill.—\$6,619,000 DEBT REDUCTION EFFECTED DURING 1939—The Park District continued its reduction of debt in 1939 and ended the year with approximately \$95,500,000 outstanding, or \$6,619,000 less than at the end of 1938, according to Harold L. Baker, director of accounts of the park district. Total debts taken over by the district in 1934, when 22 separate park districts were consolidated, was more than \$127,000,000, including bonds, tax anticipation warrants, accounts payable and unpaid salaries, he said. Total park budget for corporate purposes as well as for bond interest for 1940 is \$24,221,973—nearly \$900,000 less than in 1939.

CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT, Ill.—TENDERS WANTED—Robert J. Dunham, District President, announces that the sum of \$4,030,000 is available for the purchase of refunding bonds series A, B, C and D, dated Sept. 1, 1935, and that sealed tenders of such securities will be received at his office until 2 p. m. on Jan. 23. Prices named in tenders must not exceed par value of the securities offered. Payment for bonds purchased will be made at the District Treasurer's office.

CUTLER, Ill.—BONDS SOLD—The State Bank of Steeleville purchased an issue of \$5,000 4% waterworks bonds. Dated Oct. 15, 1938.

DEKALB COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 401 (P. O. DeKalb), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—R. G. Beals, Superintendent of Schools, reports that the \$25,000 building bonds authorized by the Board of Education last October have been sold.

DONOVAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ill.—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$25,000 construction bonds was sold to Ballman & Main, of Chicago, subject to result of election held Jan. 6.

ENGLISH TOWNSHIP (P. O. Jerseyville), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—The Jerseyville State Bank has purchased the \$10,000 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % road bonds authorized at an election last August.

FLORA, Ill.—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$15,000 swimming pool construction bonds was sold to Ballman & Main, of Chicago, as 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, at par. Dated Feb. 1, 1940. Coupon in \$1,000 denoms. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1942 to 1946, incl. and \$5,000 in 1947 and 1948. Interest J-J.

FULTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 181 (P. O. Vermont), Ill.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED—Vieth, Duncan & Wood of Davenport are offering \$9,000 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ % funding bonds. Dated June 15, 1939. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Nov. 1 from 1946 to 1954, incl. Principal and interest (M-N) a payable at the Farmers State Bank, Table Grove. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Granite City), Ill.—BOND ISSUE DETAILS—The \$20,000 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % poor relief bonds purchased by Ballman & Main, of Chicago, at a price of 100.625, as reported in these columns last September—V. 149, p. 1505—are dated Sept. 15, 1939, and mature Dec. 15 as follows: \$1,000 in 1940; \$2,000 from 1941 to 1948, incl. and \$3,000 in 1949. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

HILLSDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15, Ill.—BONDS SOLD—The \$6,000 construction bonds authorized at an election last August have been sold locally.

LaGRANGE PARK DISTRICT, Ill.—BOND ISSUE DETAILS—The \$24,000 park bonds purchased by the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago—V. 150, p. 152—were sold as 2.40s, at par plus a premium of \$26, equal to 100.107, a basis of about 2.39%. Dated Dec. 20, 1939 and due Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1951 to 1954 incl. and \$4,000 in 1955. Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds. Interest J-D.

MASSAC COUNTY (P. O. Metropolis), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$85,000 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % courthouse bonds was sold in the latter part of 1939 to H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago, at par. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1941 to 1953, incl. and \$10,000 in 1954 and 1955.

O'FALLON TOWNSHIP (P. O. O'Fallon), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—The First National Bank of O'Fallon purchased as 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, at par, a block for \$10,000 of the \$35,000 road improvement bonds authorized at an election last September. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1941 to 1943, incl. and \$1,000 in 1944.

PALOS PARK, Ill.—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$5,000 municipal building bonds was sold to Lewis, Pickett & Co. of Chicago.

PIGEON GROVE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cissna Park), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—G. L. Anderson, Supervising Principal, reports that the \$120,000 school building construction bonds authorized at an election Dec. 16 last have been sold.

ST. DAVID SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ill.—BOND ISSUE DETAILS—The \$8,000 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % gymnasium bonds sold last year to Negley, Jens & Rowe of Peoria—V. 149, p. 1210—were issued at a price of 103.537, are dated Aug. 1, 1939, in \$1,000 denoms. and mature \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1947, incl. Principal and interest payable at the Lewiston National Bank, Lewiston. Legal opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

SALEM TOWNSHIP (P. O. Salem), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—Lovell East, Town Clerk, reports that the H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago purchased an issue of \$125,000 road bonds.

SALT CREEK SANITARY DISTRICT, Ill.—BOND ISSUE DETAILS—The amount of 4% general obligation bonds purchased by Benjamin Lewis & Co. of Chicago—V. 149, p. 4200, was \$27,500. Dated Dec. 1, 1939. Denom. \$1,000, except one bond for \$500. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1941 to 1949, incl.; \$2,000 from 1950 to 1957, incl. and \$2,500 in 1958. Principal and interest (J-D) payable at the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago. Legal opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

SHIPMAN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Shipman), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—Edward C. Gallagher of Chicago purchased on Dec. 1 an issue of \$20,000 coupon road improvement bonds as 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, at a price of 101.25, a basis of about 4.24%. Denom. \$1,000. Interest J-J. Due on Dec. 1 from 1940 to 1950 incl.

INDIANA

BICKNELL SCHOOL CITY, Ind.—BOND SALE—The \$6,000 school bonds offered Jan. 8—V. 149, p. 4201—were awarded to McNurlen & Huncilman of Indianapolis, as 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ s, at a price of 101.04, a basis of about 2.36%. Dated Jan. 1, 1940 and due \$2,000 on Jan. 1 from 1947 to 1949, inclusive.

Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
McNurlen & Huncilman	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$62.40
Raffensperger, Hughes & Co.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	61.90
Browning, VanDuyne, Tischler & Co.	3%	43.00
A. S. Huyck & Co.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	21.00

ELKHART COUNTY (P. O. Goshen), Ind.—OTHER BIDS—The \$10,000 bridge bonds awarded to John Nuyven & Co. of Chicago, as 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ s, at a price of 100.09, a basis of about 1.23%—V. 150, p. 152—were also bid for as follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate	Premium
Albert McGann Securities Co.....	1 3/4%	\$5.54
Bartlett, Knight & Co.....	1 3/4%	69.00
Salem Bank & Trust Co.....	1 3/4%	59.00
Kenneth Johnson.....	1 3/4%	47.25
Fletcher Trust Co.....	1 3/4%	11.00
Seasongood & Mayer.....	1 3/4%	9.85

HAUBSTADT, Ind.—BOND ISSUE APPROVED—An issue of \$32,000 4% waterworks revenue bonds has been approved as to legality by Matson, Ross, McCord & Ice of Indianapolis. Dated Oct. 1, 1939.

HUNTINGTON, Ind.—BOND SALE—The \$12,500 coupon fire equipment bonds offered Jan. 8—V. 149, p. 4201—were awarded to Raffensperger, Hughes & Co. of Indianapolis, as 2s, at par plus a premium of \$101.89, equal to 100.815, a basis of about 1.87%. Dated Dec. 1, 1939, and due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1940 to 1951, incl. and \$500 in 1952. Other bids:

Bidder—	Int. Rate	Premium
A. S. Huyck & Co.....	2%	\$85.00
John Nuveen & Co.....	2%	53.75
Fletcher Trust Co.....	2%	51.25
Indianapolis Bond & Share Corp.....	2 1/4%	83.00

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—NOTE OFFERING—James E. Deery, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Jan. 26, for the purchase of \$100,000 not to exceed 6% interest notes or warrants issued on behalf of and for use and benefit of the Indianapolis Sanitary District. Dated \$50,000 Jan. 26 and \$50,000 March 11, 1940, and due May 10, 1940. Interest on obligations will be payable at maturity. Notes or warrants will be payable at County Treasurer's office or at one of the authorized depositories in Indianapolis. Notes are payable solely out of taxes actually levied and now in course of collection for the sanitary district.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—WARRANT OFFERING—Glenn B. Ralston, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (CST) on Jan. 16 for the purchase of \$600,000 not to exceed 5% interest warrants, as follows:

\$400,000 for general fund purposes, payable out of taxes heretofore levied and now in course of collection for said fund.

200,000 for county welfare fund, part of authorized issue of \$400,000 and payable out of taxes already levied in behalf of the fund and now in course of collection.

All of the warrants will be dated Jan. 31, 1940, in \$5,000 denoms. and mature June 15, 1940. Payable at the County Treasurer's office. Bidder to furnish legal opinion. A certified check for 3% of the warrants bid for, payable to order of the Board of Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

RICHMOND SCHOOL CITY, Ind.—BOND OFFERING—William G. Bate, Superintendent of Schools, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a. m. on Jan. 24 for the purchase of \$60,000 3% school bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$5,000, July 1, 1942; \$5,000, Jan. 1 and July 1 from 1943 to 1947 incl. and \$5,000, Jan. 1, 1948. Principal and interest (J-J) payable without exchange at the Second National Bank of Richmond. No good faith deposit required.

VINCENNES, Ind.—WARRANT OFFERING—Joseph J. Frey, City Clerk-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until noon on Jan. 18 for the purchase of \$60,000 not to exceed 6% interest warrants. Dated as of date of issue. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$30,000 each on July 1 and Dec. 30 in 1940. Payable at City Clerk-Treasurer's office. Warrants are direct obligations of the city and the approving legal opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis will be furnished the successful bidder.

IOWA

CASTANA, Iowa—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the Town Clerk that \$4,500 water system bonds approved by the voters in August, have been sold.

CLINTON, Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by the City Clerk that he will receive bids until 7:30 p. m. on Jan. 19, for the purchase of \$81,000 river terminal bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4%, payable J-D. Due on Dec. 1, in 1941 to 1955.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Maquoketa) Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by R. W. Schroeder, County Treasurer, that he will offer for sale at public auction on Jan. 15, at 9:30 a. m., a \$14,000 issue of poor fund bonds. Dated Jan. 2, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$3,000 in 1941 to 1944, and \$2,000 in 1945. Interest payable May and Nov. 1. The bonds are issued to take up outstanding poor warrants, and are payable from unlimited taxes against all taxable property in the county. The county will furnish the printed bonds and the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago. No deposit is required.

LITTLEPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Littleport), Iowa—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the Secretary of the Board of School Directors that \$7,000 3 3/4% semi-ann. refunding bonds have been sold through the White-Phillips Corp. of Davenport.

MAYNARD COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maynard), Iowa—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the Secretary of the Board of Directors that \$70,000 refunding bonds have been sold as 2 1/4s.

WESTSIDE, Iowa—BOND SALE—The following bonds aggregating \$18,194, offered for sale on Jan. 5—V. 149, p. 4201—were awarded at public auction to Jackley & Co. of Des Moines, as 3 1/2s, paying a premium of \$55, equal to 100.302, a basis of about 3.46%: \$11,600 town sewer, and \$6,594 sewer bonds.

WOODBURY COUNTY (P. O. Sioux City), Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is stated that bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 15, by Van W. Hammerstrom, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 poor relief funding bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1945; \$20,000, 1946, and \$30,000 in 1947 to 1950. Bidders are to specify the rate of interest.

It is stated that the bidders shall specify the rate of interest, but no award will be made on any bid of less than par and accrued interest. Prin. and int. (J-D), payable at the County Treasurer's office. The county will furnish the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, and all bids must be so conditioned. A certified check for 2% of the principal amount of bonds bid for is required.

KANSAS

SEDGWICK COUNTY (P. O. Wichita), Kan.—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is now reported that the \$100,000 public works bonds sold jointly to the Sullivan-Brooks Co. of Wichita, and the Baum-Bernheimer Co. of Kansas City at 100.012, as noted here—V. 150, p. 152—were purchased as 1 1/2s, are dated Jan. 1, 1940, and mature \$10,000 on Jan. 1 in 1941 to 1950, incl., giving a basis of about 1.495%. Prin. and int. (J-J) payable at the State Treasurer's office.

LOUISIANA

RED RIVER, ATCHAFALAYA AND BAYOU BOEUF LEVEE DISTRICT (P. O. Alexandria), La.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 22, by S. B. Pressburg, Secretary the Board of Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 refunding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. Dated Feb. 28, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 1 to 25 years. The bonds will be awarded on the basis of the lowest interest cost to the district without the consideration of premiums. Payable at the State Treasurer's office. Delivery will be made at the State Treasurer's office on Feb. 28. The district will supply the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, and all bids must be so conditioned. Enclose a certified check for \$3,000, payable to the Board of Commissioners.

THIBODAUX, La.—BONDS SOLD—It is stated that \$270,000 coupon revenue bonds were purchased recently by a syndicate composed of Dane & Weil; White, Dunbar & Co.; Scharff & Jones, all of New Orleans, the Equitable Securities Corp. of Nashville, Lamar, Kingston & Labouisse, Fenner & Beane, and Jac. P. Ducourneau, all of New Orleans, as follows: \$35,000 3 3/4% water works and electric power system revenue bonds. Interest is payable J-J. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in 1942; \$7,000, 1943 to 1945, and \$8,000 in 1946.

235,000 4% water works and electric power system revenue bonds. Interest payable J-J. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$8,000 in 1947 and 1948; \$9,000 in 1949 and 1950; \$10,000 in 1951 and 1952; \$11,000 in 1953 to 1955; \$12,000 in 1956; \$13,000 in 1957 and 1958; \$14,000 in 1959 and 1960; \$15,000 in 1961; \$16,000 in 1962 and 1963; \$17,000 in 1964, and \$18,000 in 1965, callable in whole or in part on and after Jan. 1, 1950 at 103% and accrued interest.

Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. These bonds will, in the opinion of counsel, constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the town and are secured by a closed first mortgage on the entire water works and electric light and power system, including the additions, extensions and improvements to be made from part of the proceeds of these bonds. They are payable, principal and interest, solely from revenues derived and to be derived from the operation of the combined system, after providing for the payment of all reasonable expenses of administration, operation and maintenance. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, and B. A. Campbell of New Orleans.

WINN PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Winnfield), La.—BOND SALE—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$206,000, offered for sale on Jan. 5—V. 149, p.3590—were awarded to a group composed of White, Dunbar & Co., Jac. P. Ducourneau, both of New Orleans, and Barrow, Leary & Co. of Shreveport, as follows:

\$36,000 Dodson School District bonds. For \$15,000, maturing Dec. 1, \$1,000 in 1940 and 1941, \$2,000 in 1942 to 1947, \$1,000 in 1948, as 4 1/2s, and \$21,000, maturing Dec. 1, \$2,000 in 1948, \$3,000 in 1949 to 1953, and \$4,000 in 1954, as 4 1/4s.

170,000 Winnfield School District bonds. For \$110,000, maturing Dec. 1, \$1,000 in 1940, \$2,000 in 1941 and 1942, \$11,000 in 1943 and 1944, \$12,000 in 1945 and 1946, \$13,000 in 1947 and 1948, \$14,000 in 1949 and 1950, and \$5,000 in 1951, as 3 3/4s, and \$60,000, maturing Dec. 1, \$10,000 in 1951, \$16,000 in 1952, and \$17,000 in 1953 and 1954, as 3 1/2s.

MAINE

AUGUSTA, Me.—NOTE SALE—The issue of \$300,000 revenue anticipation notes offered Jan. 8—V. 150, p. 152—was awarded to the Second National Bank of Boston, at 0.159% discount. Dated Jan. 10, 1940 and payable as follows: \$150,000 Sept. 11 and \$50,000 each on Oct. 9, Nov. 8 and Dec. 20, all in 1940. Other bids: National Shawmut Bank of Boston, 0.16%, plus 81¢ Chace, Whiteside & Symonds, 0.17%; First National Bank of Boston, 0.213%; F. W. Horne & Co., 0.229%.

ELIOT, Me.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids addressed to Harold L. Dow, Chairman of Board of Selectmen, will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 18 for the purchase of \$52,000 coupon high school bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1941 to 1944 incl. and \$4,000 from 1945 to 1954 incl. Bidder to name rate of interest in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (J-J) payable at the National Bank of Commerce of Portland. These bonds are exempt from taxation in Maine and from all Federal income tax under present statutes and will be issued under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by National Bank of Commerce of Portland, Portland, and their legality approved by Verrill, Hale, Dana & Walker, Portland, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to this issue will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected. Bonds will be delivered to the purchaser on or about Jan. 24, 1940, at National Bank of Commerce of Portland, Portland.

MAINE, State of—NO SPECIAL SESSION CONTEMPLATED—The following is the text of a letter sent to us on Jan. 10 by Harold I. Goss, Deputy Secretary of State:

I have reason to believe that there will be no special session of the Legislature in the near future.

I feel certain that the Governor will not call such special session presently. Whether such action might be deemed expedient at some time in the future I am unable to state, but I feel sure that the Governor does not contemplate calling a special session in the immediate future.

MASSACHUSETTS

BEVERLY, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING—John C. Lovett, City Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. on Jan. 17 for the purchase at a discount of \$300,000 current year revenue anticipation notes. Dated Jan. 17, 1940 and purchase at discount of \$300,000 current year revenue anticipation notes. Dated Jan. 17, 1940 and payable Nov. 6, 1940. Notes will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank of Boston, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden, & Perkins of Boston.

BRISTOL COUNTY (P. O. Taunton), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING—Ernest W. Kilroy, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 10 a. m. on Jan. 16 for the purchase at discount of \$300,000 notes issued in anticipation of taxes for 1940. Dated Jan. 17, 1940, in denoms. of \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 and payable Nov. 12, 1940, at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Notes will be certified as to genuineness and validity by the aforementioned bank, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

BROCKTON, Mass.—NOTE SALE—An issue of \$400,000 revenue notes was awarded Jan. 5 to the First National Bank of Boston, at 0.127% discount. Due Nov. 8, 1940. Other bids: National Shawmut Bank of Boston, and Jackson & Curtis, each 0.145%; Home National Bank of Brockton, 0.153%; Merchants National Bank of Boston, 0.164%; Second National Bank of Boston, 0.169%.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING—Harold E. Thurston, County Treasurer, will receive bids until 11 a. m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase at discount of \$280,000 tuberculosis hospital maintenance renewal notes. Dated Jan. 20, 1940, in \$5,000 denoms. and payable April 1, 1940 at the Merchants National Bank, Salem, or at holder's option at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Notes will be certified as to genuineness and validity by the latter institution, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. The renewal issue, the county states, is made necessary by statutory limitations as to date of original issue, and not by reasons of failure of funds to be assessed for their payment.

Other bids:

Bidder—	Int. Rate	Premium
A. S. Huyck & Co.....	3 1/4%	\$5,308.00
C. W. McNear & Co.....	3 1/2-3%	10.50
H. C. Speer & Sons Co.....	3 1/2-3 1/4%	425.00
First of Michigan Corp. et al.....	3 1/2-3 1/4%	110.50
Charles Hinsch & Co., et al.....	3 1/2%	425.00
Channes Securities Co., et al.....	3 1/4%	467.50
Channes Securities Co., et al.....	3-3 1/4%	11.00

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—NOTE SALE—The \$1,180,000 notes offered Jan. 5 were awarded to the Gloucester National Bank of Gloucester, as follows:

\$900,000 tax anticipation notes of 1940 sold at 0.064% discount, plus a premium of \$3. Dated Jan. 5, 1940 and due Nov. 5, 1940.

280,000 tuberculosis hospital maintenance notes sold at 0.099% discount, plus a premium of \$2.50. Dated Jan. 5, 1940 and due Jan. 5, 1941. Notes are payable at the Merchants National Bank of Boston, Salem, or at holder's option at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston. Second high bidder at the sale was the Cape Ann National Bank of Gloucester, which bid 0.064% discount, at par, the \$900,000 issue, and the Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Gloucester, which bid 0.12% for the \$280,000 loan.

HOLYOKE, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING—Lionel Bonvouloir, City Treasurer, will receive bids by mail and telegraph until 11 a. m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase at discount of \$400,000 revenue anticipation notes of 1940. Dated Jan. 16, 1940 and payable Nov. 12, 1940 at the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. Notes will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the Boston bank, under advice of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY (P. O. East Cambridge), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING—Charles P. Howard, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase at discount of \$1,500,000 temporary loan tax anticipation notes. Dated Jan. 19, 1940. Denoms. to suit purchaser, but no note will be smaller than \$5,000. Payable Nov. 15, 1940 at the First National Bank of Boston, or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York City. The notes will be authenticated as to genuineness by the Boston bank and the approving legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston will be furnished the successful bidder.

NEWTON, Mass.—BOND SALE—The \$20,000 coupon water bonds offered Jan. 8—V. 150, p. 153—were awarded to Tyler & Co. of Boston, as 1½s, at a price of 100.799, a basis of about 1.12%. Dated Jan. 1, 1940 and due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1941 to 1945, incl. and \$1,000 from 1946 to 1955, incl. Other bids:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Lee Higginson Corp.	1½%	100.043
Bond, Judge & Co.	1½%	100.012
Newton, Abbe & Co.	1½%	100.779
Perrin, West & Winslow	1½%	100.381
R. L. Day & Co.	1½%	100.19

PLYMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING—Avis A. Ewell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$300,000 notes. Dated Jan. 9, 1940, in \$20,000 denoms. and payable Nov. 15, 1940 at the Second National Bank of Boston. Notes were authorized by vote of the County Commissioners on Jan. 2 and have the legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

SALEM, Mass.—NOTE SALE—The issue of \$500,000 revenue anticipation notes offered Jan. 11 was awarded to the Naumkeag Trust Co., of Salem, at 0.06% discount, plus a premium of \$1.50. Dated Jan. 12, 1940 and due Nov. 4, 1940. Other bids:

Bidder	Discoun.
Second National Bank of Boston (plus \$12.50)	0.065%
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. (plus \$7)	0.064%
Merchants National Bank of Boston	0.07%
Merchants National Bank of Salem (plus \$10)	0.08%

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—NOTE SALE—George W. Rice, City Treasurer, reports that \$3,000,000 notes were sold privately in the week ended Jan. 6, at 0.065%. Due \$1,000,000 each on Nov. 5, Nov. 12 and Nov. 20 in 1940.

TAUNTON, Mass.—NOTE SALE—The issue of \$200,000 notes offered Jan. 9 was awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Boston, at 0.11% discount. Dated Jan. 15, 1940 and payable Aug. 8, 1940. Other bids: Bristol County Trust Co., 0.126%; First National Bank of Boston, 0.127%; and Merchants National Bank of Boston, 0.145%.

WATERTOWN, Mass.—NOTE SALE—The Merchants National Bank of Boston was awarded on Jan. 5 an issue of \$300,000 notes at 0.07% discount, plus a premium of \$27.18. Due Nov. 26, 1940. The Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., second high bidder, bid a rate of 0.07%, plus a premium of \$7.50.

WOBURN, Mass.—BOND AND NOTE FINANCING—Bond, Judge & Co. of Boston purchased on Dec. 28 an issue of \$10,000 1½% relief bonds. Dated Dec. 15, 1939 and due \$2,000 on Dec. 15 from 1940 to 1944 incl. The First National Bank of Boston purchased on the same day an issue of \$50,000 tax anticipation notes at 0.37% discount. Due July 15, 1940.

WORCESTER, Mass.—NOTE SALE—The Second National Bank of Boston was awarded on Jan. 10 an issue of \$500,000 revenue notes at 0.065% discount, plus a premium of \$1. Due Nov. 4, 1940. Other bids: Day Trust Co., 0.069%; Merchants National Bank of Boston, 0.07%; First National Bank of Boston, 0.074%.

MICHIGAN

BELDING, Mich.—NO TENDERS RECEIVED—Clayton Knapp, City Treasurer, reports that no tenders were submitted in response to the city's offer to purchase up to \$5,000 refund interest bonds of the issue dated Aug. 1, 1935.—V. 149, p. 4201.

BELDING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$59,500 refunding bonds offered at auction on Jan. 8—V. 150, p. 152—were awarded to Paine, Webber & Co. of Chicago, as 3½s, at par plus a premium of \$610, equal to 101.025, a basis of about 3.06%. Dated Feb. 1, 1940 and due as follows: \$3,500 in 1941; \$4,000 in 1942 and 1943; \$5,000, 1944; \$6,000, 1945; \$7,000, 1946; \$8,000, 1947 and 1948; \$10,000 in 1949 and \$4,000 in 1950. Runnerup in the bidding was Barcus, Kindred & Co. of Chicago.

BERRIEN COUNTY (P. O. St. Joseph), Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$404,000 highway improvement refunding bonds offered Jan. 5—V. 149, p. 4064—were awarded to a group composed of Braun, Bosworth & Co., Gray, McFawn & Pette, and Crouse & Co. all of Detroit, jointly, at par plus a premium of \$11, equal to 100.002, for the 1942 and 1943 maturities as 1½s and the balance of the issue as 1½s, a net interest cost of about 1.339%. Dated Feb. 1, 1940 and due May 1 as follows: \$164,000 in 1942; \$136,000, 1943; \$97,000 in 1944; \$5,000 in 1945 and \$2,000 in 1946. Callable at par and accrued interest on any interest payment date on 90 days' notice. A number of other bids were submitted for the bonds.

DETROIT, Mich.—NEW CONTROLLER REPORTS ON BOND PURCHASES—Donald Slutz, City Controller, reports the purchase of \$251,777 refunding bonds at an average yield of 3.37258%. Tenders were received on Jan. 10—V. 149, p. 4201. E. C. Coughlin temporarily occupied the post of City Controller pending appointment of a permanent successor to John N. Daley, who resigned the office on Dec. 1—V. 149, p. 3747.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS (P. O. Grose Pointe), Mich.—TENDERS WANTED—Philip F. Allard, Village Clerk, will receive sealed tenders of certificates of indebtedness, dated Dec. 1, 1937, maturing Dec. 1, 1947, until 8 p. m. on Feb. 6. The village was formerly named Lochmoor. About \$7,500 is available for purchase of certificates. Tenders must be made firm for five days after Feb. 6.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$491,000 coupon refunding bonds offered Jan. 4—V. 149, p. 4064—were awarded to a group composed of Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, Cray, McFawn & Pette, and the Peninsular State Co., both of Detroit, at par, at a net interest cost to the county of about 3.48%, as follows: \$170,500 county portion road districts bonds, including \$20,000 2s, due May 1, 1944; \$25,000 2½s, due May 1, 1949, and \$125,500 3½s, maturing May 1 as follows: \$35,000 in 1954 and \$90,500 in 1959. 130,000 district portion road districts bonds sold as 3½s. Due May 1 as follows: \$13,000 in 1954 and \$117,000 in 1959. 190,500 township portion road districts bonds sold as 3½s. Due May 1 as follows: \$26,000 in 1944; \$37,000, 1949; \$26,500 in 1954 and \$100,500 in 1959.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$425,000 coupon water and sewer revenue bonds offered Jan. 8—V. 149, p. 3900—were awarded to John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, at a price of 100.002, as 3½s and 3s, a net interest cost of about 3.1649% as follows: \$205,000 3½s, due Jan. 1; \$10,000 from 1945 to 1952, incl.; \$15,000, 1953 to 1955, incl.; and \$20,000 from 1956 to 1959, incl.; \$220,000 3s, due \$20,000 on Jan. 1 from 1960 to 1970, incl. Second high bid of 101.248 for the issue as 4½s was made by A. S. Huyck & Co. of Chicago.

PONTIAC, Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$945,000 coupon series A-2 refunding bonds offered Jan. 11—V. 149, p. 4201—were awarded to a syndicate composed of First of Michigan Corp., Braun, Bosworth & Co., Watling, Lerchen & Co., Crouse & Co., H. V. Sattley & Co. and Miller, Kenower & Co., at a price of 100.01 for 3s and 3½s, a net interest cost of about 3.201%. Group purchased the 1942 to 1948 maturities as 3s and the balance as 3½s. Dated Feb. 1, 1940 and due March 1 as follows: \$55,000 from 1942 to 1947 incl.; \$50,000, 1948 to 1952 incl.; \$45,000 from 1953 to 1957 incl. and \$35,000 from 1958 to 1961 incl. Second high bidder was an account headed by Phelps, Fenn & Co., Inc., New York, whose offer of par for first maturing \$380,000 bonds as 4s and the remainder as 3½s, figured a net cost of about 3.39%.

PORT HURON, Mich.—BOND OFFERING—The Commissioner of Finance will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. on Jan. 26 for the purchase of \$14,500 not to exceed 2% interest coupon payment bonds, divided as follows:

\$10,000 special assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1941 and 1942 and \$2,000 in 1943 and 1944.
4,500 city's portion bonds. Denom. \$1,000, except one bond for \$500. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,500 in 1943 and \$1,000 from 1944 to 1946 incl.

All of the bonds will be dated Feb. 1, 1940. Interest F-A. Principal and interest payable at the City Treasurer's office. Bids shall be conditioned upon purchaser's attorney approving legality of the bonds. A certified check for 2% must accompany each proposal.

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hazel Park), Mich.—BOND SALE DETAILS—John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago purchased a block of \$40,000

bonds, as 4s, at a price of 88, of the \$90,000 water supply system junior revenue issue offered Jan. 3—V. 150, p. 153. No other bids were submitted for the issue.

SANDUSKY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—TO REFUND BONDS—The Board of Education contemplates issuing \$70,000 3½% refunding bonds.

WAYNE, Mich.—BOND OFFERING—Isabelle K. Comer, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 23 for the purchase of \$413,500 not to exceed 4% interest coupon refunding bonds. Dated Feb. 1, 1940. One bond for \$500, others \$1,000 each. Due March 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1941 to 1956, incl.; \$35,000 from 1957 to 1960, incl. and \$33,500 in 1961; 1957 to 1961 maturities are callable in inverse numerical order on any interest date on or after March 1, 1946. Interest M-S. The village has made application to the State Public Debt Commission for approval to issue the bonds, and the bonds will refund a like amount of refunding bonds now outstanding and drawing 4½% to 5½% annual interest. An annual tax shall be levied, the collection of which shall be sufficient to pay interest currently and meet all maturities as they fall due. There is no tax limitation. The bonds carry full faith and credit of the village. The village will pay the cost of printing the bonds and for legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit. Enclose a certified check for \$5,000.

MINNESOTA

CROOKSTON, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE—The \$6,915.92 4% annual certificates of indebtedness offered for sale on Jan. 9—V. 150, p. 153—were awarded to the Polk County State Bank, according to the City Clerk.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—BOND OFFERING TOTAL TO BE REDUCED—In connection with the offering scheduled for Jan. 16, of the \$730,000 refunding bonds by the City Council and the \$1,470,000 various bonds by the Board of Estimate and Taxation, to include \$100,000 river improvement bonds, it is now reported that it appears bids will not be received at that time for the said river improvement bonds, since the bond attorneys for the city have advised that offerings for such purpose be withheld pending a definite determination of the particular purposes for which the city can legally expend money to effect the channel extension in question. Therefore bids will be received for the \$730,000 bonds and the \$1,370,000 bonds.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 19 (P. O. Floodwood), Minn.—BONDS OFFERED—Sealed and oral bids were received until Jan. 12, at 8 p. m. by the District Clerk, for the purchase of \$32,000 funding bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,500 in 1941, \$2,000 in 1942, \$1,000 in 1943, \$1,500 in 1944, \$2,500 in 1945 to 1947, \$1,500 in 1948 to 1951, \$500 in 1952 to 1957, \$5,500 in 1958, and \$4,000 in 1959. Bids will be received for said bonds with the privilege of redemption on any interest payment date, with an interest rate not exceeding 5% per annum, and for said bonds without said privilege of redemption with an interest rate not exceeding 4½% per annum. Prin. and int. (3-3) payable at the Northwestern National Bank & Trust Co., Minneapolis.

MISSISSIPPI

BILOXI, Miss.—BOND CALL—The entire issue (Nos. 4 to 200), of the 5½% refunding, series K bonds, in the amount of \$197,000, are being called for payment at par and accrued interest on June 1, at the City Depository, presently being the Peoples Bank and (or) the First National Bank of Biloxi, and may be presented on or before call date. Dated June 1, 1934.

ITAWAMBA COUNTY (P. O. Fulton), Miss.—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$30,000 5½% funding bonds have been purchased by Cady & Co. of Columbus. Dated Nov. 1, 1939.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Miss.—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$49,000 4% semi-ann. funding bonds have been purchased by the Leland Speed Co. of Jackson. Dated Dec. 1, 1939.

LEE COUNTY SUPERVISORS' ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Tupelo), Miss.—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is reported that the \$87,000 Road District No. 4, and the \$87,000 Road District No. 5, refunding bonds sold to M. A. Saunders & Co. of Memphis, as 3½s, as noted here—V. 150, p. 153—are in the denomination of \$1,000 each, and mature on Nov. 9 as follows: \$2,000 in 1941 to 1945; \$3,000, 1946 to 1950; \$4,000, 1951 to 1955; \$5,000, 1956 to 1962, and \$7,000 in 1963. Prin. and int. (M-N) payable at the Chase National Bank, New York.

MCCOMB, Miss.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—In connection with the report given here that a total of \$1,350,000 4% semi-ann. refunding bonds had been purchased by White, Dunbar & Co. of New Orleans—V. 150, p. 153—it is now stated by the Attorney for the City that the said firm has taken only \$181,000 out of a total authorized issue of \$1,329,000 bonds, at par, dated Oct. 1, 1939, and maturing Oct. 1, as follows: \$13,000 in 1941 to 1953, and \$12,000 in 1954, with the option to purchase the balance of \$1,148,000, which amount is to be divided into three issues.

MAGNOLIA, Miss.—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$5,000 3½% semi-annual funding bonds have been purchased by Kenneth G. Price & Co. of McComb, paying a premium of \$60, equal to 101.20, a basis of about 3.08%. Dated Feb. 1, 1940. Due \$1,000 on Feb. 1 in 1941 to 1945.

MISSOURI BONDS

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LANDRETH BUILDING, ST. LOUIS, MO.

MISSOURI

FARMINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Farmington), Mo.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by J. P. Cayce, Secretary of the Board of Education, that he will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Jan. 17, for the purchase of \$14,800 2½% semi-annual school bonds. Dated Feb. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000 each, and eight are to be of the denomination of \$100 each (one can be of the denomination of \$500 and three of the denomination of \$100, if the purchaser prefers). Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$5,000 in 1948 and 1949, and \$4,800 in 1950. The bidder is also requested to submit a proposal for the bonds if the rate of interest is placed at 2%, and also if the rate of interest is placed at 2½%. The bonds shall be subject to the legal opinion of Charles & Trauernicht, of St. Louis. The purchaser shall pay the fee for said legal opinion and the cost of printing the bonds, the registration fee at the office of the State Auditor, and the cost of transportation from the office of the State Auditor to the place of delivery. Delivery of the bonds is to be made as soon as registration can be completed after Feb. 1. These bonds were authorized at an election by a vote of 319 to 21. Bids must be made in the form submitted by the above Secretary. Enclose a certified check for \$500, payable to the district.

HIGBEE SPECIAL ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Higbee), Mo.—BOND OFFERING—The following letter was sent to us on Jan. 9 by Edmund Burke, Attorney for the above district:

I have been directed by the Commissioners of The Higbee Special Road District to answer your inquiries concerning sale of the Road District bonds which were authorized at the election held on Dec. 22.

The bonds will be sold at auction at the regular meeting place of the Commissioners at the Savings Bank in Higbee at 4:00 p. m., Jan. 18, 1940. If you do not find it possible to be present and you wish to submit a bid by mail your bid will be considered just as if you were present and had made the same bid.

The District will not be interested in premiums but the bonds will be sold to the firm bidding the lowest rate of interest.

I might tell you that the Road District is in excellent financial condition. It has no outstanding bonded indebtedness. It has a warrant for \$3,200 outstanding all of which will be paid out of current revenue which will be received this year. It has an assessed valuation of \$1,300,000. The bonds will be made payable over a period of 20 years and will be in denom-

inations of \$500. The total amount of the bond issue is \$15,000. There are no other bonds authorized and not yet issued.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—FINANCIAL STUDIES PREPARED—Detailed financial studies of the above city and the Kansas City School District were prepared recently by Soden & Co. of Kansas City, copies of which may be obtained by interested parties upon request

TEXAS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Mo.—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the Clerk of the County Court that \$55,000 3 1/4% refunding bonds approved by the voters on Dec. 26, have been sold to Bennett, Piersol & Co. of Kansas City. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Due on Jan. 1 in 1941 to 1960. Prin. and int. (J-J), payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co. in Kansas City. Legality approved by Bowersock, Fizzell & Rhodes of Kansas City.

MONTANA

FLATHEAD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kalispell), Mont.—PURCHASERS—It is now reported that the \$118,500 refunding bonds sold as 2s, at 100.261, a basis of about 1.96%, as noted here—V. 149, p. 4064—were purchased by a syndicate composed of Kalmann & Co. of St. Paul, Edward L. Burton & Co. the First Security Trust Co., both of Salt Lake City, Bramhall & Stein of Seattle, the Wells-Dickey Co., the Northwestern National Bank & Trust Co., both of Minneapolis, and the Conrad National Bank of Kalispell. Due on Dec. 31 in 1940 to 1954.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANCHESTER, N. H.—BOND OFFERING—F. D. McLaughlin, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 18 for the purchase of \$50,000 coupon municipal improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1939. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Oct. 1 from 1940 to 1949, incl. Bidder to name one rate of interest in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (A-O), payable at the First National Bank of Boston. The bonds are general obligations of the city, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all of its taxable property. Bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and authenticated as to genuineness by the aforementioned bank. Legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston will be furnished the successful bidder.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—NOTE SALE—The issue of \$350,000 revenue anticipation notes offered Jan. 9—V. 150, p. 153—was awarded to the Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Boston, at 0.073% discount. Due \$250,000 on Sept. 16 and \$100,000 Dec. 16 in 1940. Other bids:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Discount. Lists various banks and their respective discount rates.

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—TAX COLLECTIONS HIGHER—City collected 76.35% or \$4,618,728 of its \$6,048,651 tax levy in 1939, according to City Comptroller Bessie M. Townsend. She said it was the best percentage since before the depression. Comparable percentages were 67% in 1929, 61% in 1930, 53.7% in 1931, 42% in 1932 and only 35% in 1933.

CARTERET, N. J.—BOND OFFERING—Alexander Comba, Borough Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 17 for the purchase of \$37,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered road construction bonds. Dated Jan. 15, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$3,000 from 1941 to 1943 incl.; and \$4,000 from 1944 to 1950 incl. Bidder to name one rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (J-J) payable at the Borough Treasurer's office, or at the First National Bank, Carteret. The bonds are unlimited ad valorem tax obligations of the borough and the approving legal opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder. A certified check for 2% of the bonds offered, payable to order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

DELAWARE RIVER JOINT BRIDGE COMMISSION (P. O. Camden), N. J.—CONSIDERS \$15,000,000 TUNNEL PROJECT—The Commission is reported to have accepted for consideration the proposal of the Gloucester County Tunnel Commission to construct a tunnel at a cost of \$15,000,000 beneath the Delaware River from Deepwater in Gloucester County to Hog Island near the opposite shore. A resolution passed by the tunnel commission declared that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation has tentatively approved an application for a loan in connection with the project according to report.

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Newark), N. J.—DEBT REDUCTION CONTINUED IN 1939—Ernest A. Reed, Town Supervisor, stated in his annual report that the gross bonded debt of the county, which has been sinking for the last nine years, now stands at \$36,164,206, a reduction of \$1,071,000 from Jan. 1, 1939. The net bonded debt is \$28,846,345, a reduction of \$1,299,087 from a year ago. "We are slowly if somewhat painfully lifting ourselves out of debt," Mr. Reed said. The debt reductions were made despite a drop in assessed property valuations in the county to \$1,289,058,949 in 1939 from valuations of \$1,334,936,539 in 1938 and \$1,357,059,290 in 1937. "The taxable valuations of the county for 1940 are not yet available," Mr. Reed said, "but the trend in valuations in the county is unquestionably still downward, so that even if the county budget is no higher in dollars and cents than last year, there may still be an increased county tax rate. Certainly this is not the year for sweeping expansions, for large bond issues or general salary increases."

TRENTON, N. J.—BOND OFFERING—Alfred O. Stonaker, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Jan. 18, for the purchase of \$1,900,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$500,000 general refunding, series A bonds. Due in annual instalments from 1941 to 1965, inclusive. 1,400,000 school bonds. Due in annual instalments from 1941 to 1970, incl. All of the bonds will be dated Feb. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. The combined maturities, with payments due on April 1 of each year, are as follows: \$55,000 from 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$65,000, 1946 to 1950, incl.; \$70,000 from 1951 to 1965, incl. and \$50,000 from 1966 to 1970, incl. Principal and interest (A-O) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Broad Street National Bank, Trenton. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. The sum required to be obtained at sale of the bonds is \$1,900,000. The bonds are unlimited tax obligations of the city and the approving legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City will be furnished the purchaser. A certified check for 2% of the bonds offered, payable to order of the city, must accompany each proposal.

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Feb. 6 by Ida V. Malone, City Clerk, for the purchase of the following coupon bonds, aggregating \$90,000:

\$60,000 airport bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1942 to 1953 and \$4,000 in 1954 to 1959. 30,000 fire protection bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1942 to 1947, and \$2,000 in 1948 to 1959.

Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J-J. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and int. payable at City Treasurer's office, or at Chase National Bank, New York. Separate bids may be submitted on each of the two issues. Bidders must submit a bid specifying: (a) the lowest rate of interest and premium, if any, above par at which said bidder will purchase said bonds; or (b) the lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase said bonds at par. Said bonds will not be sold at less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery to purchaser. Bonds will be prepared and printed by the city and the purchaser will be furnished with the opinion of Pershing, Nye, Bosworth & Dick of Denver on the bonds, to the effect that they are valid and legally binding obligations of the city, and said city has power and is obligated to levy ad valorem taxes for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon upon the property within said city subject to taxation by said city within the limits prescribed by law. Enclose a certified check for 5% of the amount of the bid, payable to the city.

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NEW YORK

BUFFALO, N. Y.—SEEKS RULING ON REFINANCING OF WATER BONDS—In connection with a report that the City Comptroller on Dec. 22, recommended to the Common Council that necessary legal steps be taken so that \$500,000 in outstanding water bonds can be recalled before maturity and reissued at a lower interest rate, City Comptroller Frank M. Davis reports that the question as to the legal right of the city to redeem all or portions of three water bond issues has been referred to the Corporation Counsel. No decision will be made until his opinion is received.

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY (P. O. Little Valley), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—R. L. Farnham, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 26 for the purchase of \$85,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered highway refunding bonds. Dated Feb. 15, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 15, as follows: \$2,000 from 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$10,000 in 1946 and 1947; \$5,000, 1948; \$20,000 in 1949 and 1950; and \$10,000 in 1951. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (F-A 15), payable at the Salamanca Trust Co., Salamanca, with New York Exchange. Bonds are general obligations of the county, payable from unlimited taxes. A certified check for \$1,700, payable to order of the county, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Dillon, Vandewater & Moore of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

ELMIRA, N. Y.—LARGE BOND—ISSUE RECOMMENDED—The City Manager has recommended an issue of \$250,000 bonds for financing of various public improvements.

FAIR HAVEN, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$80,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered Jan. 10—V. 149, p. 4065—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., New York, as 2.70s, at a price of 100.706, a basis of about 2.66%. Dated Jan. 1, 1940 and due \$2,000 on Jan. 1 from 1941 to 1980 incl. Other bids:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists various companies and their bid rates.

HARRISON (P. O. Harrison), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$118,000 series of 1940 coupon or registered refunding bonds offered Jan. 12—V. 150, p. 154—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York, as 1 1/8s, at a price of 100.288, a basis of about 1.45%. Dated Jan. 15, 1940 and due Jan. 15 as follows: \$10,000 in 1942 and 1943; \$20,000, 1944; \$35,000 in 1945 and \$43,000 in 1946.

IRVINGTON, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$150,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds offered Jan. 10—V. 149, p. 4204—were awarded to Kidder, Peabody & Co. of New York, as 2s, at a price of 100.20, a basis of about 1.96%. Dated Dec. 1, 1939 and due Dec. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1940 to 1952 incl.; \$9,000 in 1953 and \$10,000 from 1954 to 1958 incl. Other bids:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists various companies and their bid rates.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD, N. Y.—OFFERING OF MANHASSET-LAKEVILLE WATER DISTRICT BONDS—Thomas W. Fitzgerald, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10:30 a. m. on Jan. 23 for the purchase of \$250,000 not to exceed 6% interest Manhasset-Lakeville Water District coupon or registered improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 15, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$10,000 from 1941 to 1950 incl. and \$15,000 from 1951 to 1960 incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (J-J) payable at the Port Washington National Bank, Manhasset Branch, Manhasset, or at the Town Supervisor's office. The bonds are payable in the first instance from a levy upon property in the water district, but, if not paid from such levy, the town 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, without limitation as to rate or amount. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to order of the town, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt, Washburn & Clay of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$1,504,000 coupon or registered public welfare bonds offered Jan. 9—V. 150, p. 154—were awarded to Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc., New York, as 1.20s, at a price of 100.386, a basis of about 1.13%. Dated Jan. 15, 1940, and due Jan. 15 as follows: \$150,000 from 1941 to 1949, incl., and \$154,000 in 1950. Re-offered by the purchasers to yield from 0.20% to 1.30%, according to maturity. Other bids:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists various companies and their bid rates.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$52,000 coupon or registered general bonds offered Jan. 10—V. 149, p. 4204—were awarded to the Nassau County National Bank of Rockville Centre, as 1 1/8s, at a price of 100.038, a basis of about 1.24%. Dated Jan. 1, 1940 and due July 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1940 and 1941; \$11,000, 1942 and 1943; \$5,000 in 1944 and \$1,000 from 1945 to 1949 incl. Other bids:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists various companies and their bid rates.

RYE (P. O. Rye), N. Y.—CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS SOLD—George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., New York, purchased an issue of \$250,000 tax anticipation certificates of indebtedness at 0.21% interest. Due May 15, 1940.

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$2,200,000 bonds offered Jan. 11—V. 150, p. 154—were awarded to a group composed of the Bankers Trust Co., National City Bank, Estabrook & Co. and F. S. Moseley & Co., all of New York, as 1.20s, at a price of 100.089, a basis of about 1.18%. Sale consisted of:

- \$1,600,000 general refunding bonds. Due \$160,000 on Feb. 1 from 1941 to 1950 incl.
480,000 Federal aid project bonds. Due \$48,000 on Feb. 1 from 1941 to 1950 incl.
120,000 Federal aid project bonds. Due \$24,000 on Feb. 1 from 1941 to 1945 incl.

All of the bonds will be dated Feb. 1, 1940. Reoffered to yield from 0.20% to 1.35%, according to maturity. Other bids:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Blair & Co., Inc., et al., Barr Bros. & Co., Marine Trust Co., Buffalo, and R. D. White & Co., Chase National Bank of New York, Harris Trust & Savings Bank, et al., Chemical Bank & Trust Co., Hallgarten & Co., et al, Kidder, Peabody & Co., Shields & Co., et al, Lehman Bros., Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., et al, Lazard Freres & Co., Goldman, Sachs & Co., et al, Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc., First Boston Corp., et al, George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., et al, First National Bank of New York, Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, et al.

TONAWANDA (Town of), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Chester A. Tilghman, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. on Jan. 22, for the purchase of \$176,800 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$9,000 Drainage District No. 1 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 on Jan. 1 from 1941 to 1943, incl.
9,500 Fairbanks Ave. paving bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1941 to 1945, incl. and \$1,500 from 1946 to 1948, inclusive.
2,500 Sewer District No. 2 bonds, series A. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on Jan. 1 from 1941 to 1945, inclusive.
134,800 Sewer District No. 2 bonds, series B. One bond for \$800, others \$1,000 each. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,800 in 1941; \$12,000, 1942 and 1943; \$14,000 from 1944 to 1948, incl. and \$15,000 in 1949 and 1950.
21,000 street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000 on Jan. 1 from 1941 to 1943, inclusive.

All of the bonds will be dated Jan. 1, 1940. Bidder to name a single rate of interest expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (J-J) payable at the State Bank of Kenmore, Kenmore, with New York exchange, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York, at option of the holder. A certified check for \$2,536, payable to order of the town, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Dillon, Vandewater & Moore of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder. Bonds are general obligations of the town payable primarily from special assessments upon the lots and parcels of land especially benefited by the respective improvements, but if not paid from such levy, all the taxable property in said town is subject to the levy of unlimited ad valorem taxes to pay said bonds and interest thereon.

UTICA, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE—The \$1,000,000 tax anticipation certificates of indebtedness offered Jan. 10—V. 150, p. 154—were awarded to Bar Bros. & Co. of New York, at 0.097% interest, at par. Dated Jan. 11, 1940 and due July 11, 1940. Other bids:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes Chase National Bank of New York, Bank of the Manhattan Co., National City Bank of New York.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Gustav E. Olson, Commissioner of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Jan. 16 for the purchase of \$636,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$364,000 series G refunding bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1949 to 1953 incl.; \$20,000, 1954 and 1955; \$30,000, 1956 and 1957; \$49,000 in 1958 and \$70,000 in 1959 and 1960.
152,000 series H refunding bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1949 to 1953 incl.; \$10,000, 1954 and 1955; \$15,000, 1956; \$20,000 in 1957 and 1958, and \$26,000 in 1959 and 1960.
120,000 series of 1939 public works bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1941 to 1946 incl. and \$10,000 from 1947 to 1949 incl.

All of the bonds will be dated Jan. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (J-J) payable at the Citizens Bank, White Plains, or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York City. The bonds will be general obligations of the city, payable from unlimited taxes. A certified check for \$12,720, payable to order of the city, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Dillon, Vandewater & Moore of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

YONKERS, N. Y.—NOTE SALE—The Chase National Bank of New York was awarded on Jan. 5 an issue of \$2,000,000 tax notes of 1940 at 0.39% interest, plus a premium of \$5. Dated Jan. 8, 1940 and due May 1, 1940. Legality approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York City.

NORTH CAROLINA

CANTON, N. C.—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the Secretary of the Local Government Commission that \$20,000 coupon semi-annual refunding bonds were offered for sale on Jan. 9 and were awarded to McAlister, Smith & Pate, Inc. of Greenville, as 2 1/2s, paying a premium of \$45.51, equal to 100.227, a basis of about 2.72%. Dated Dec. 1, 1939. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1941 to 1950, and \$2,000 in 1951 to 1955, all incl.

COLUMBUS COUNTY (P. O. Whiteville), N. C.—NOTES SOLD—It is reported that \$22,200 revenue notes have been purchased by the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, at 1 1/4%, plus a premium of \$2.57.

DURHAM, N. C.—BOND SALE—The \$189,000 coupon or registered semi-annual public improvement bonds offered for sale on Jan. 9—V. 149, p. 4204—were awarded jointly to Estabrook & Co. of New York and the Equitable Securities Corp. of Nashville, paying a price of 100.10, a net interest cost of about 1.87% on the bonds divided as follows: \$26,000 as 4s, due on Jan. 1, \$6,000 in 1943 and \$10,000 in 1944 and 1945; the remaining \$163,000 as 1 1/2s, due on Jan. 1, \$13,000 in 1946 and \$15,000 in 1947 to 1956, inclusive.

GUILFORD COUNTY (P. O. Greensboro), N. C.—BOND SALE—The \$145,000 coupon road and bridge refunding bonds offered for sale on Jan. 9—V. 150, p. 154—were awarded jointly to Goldman, Sachs & Co. of New York and the Trust Company of Georgia, of Atlanta, paying a price of 100.022, a net interest cost of about 2.33% on the bonds divided as follows: \$40,000 as 2 1/2s, due Jan. 1, \$5,000 in 1945 to 1948, \$8,000 in 1949 and 1950 and \$4,000 in 1951; the remaining \$105,000 as 2 1/2s, due on Jan. 1, \$4,000 in 1951, \$8,000 in 1952, \$12,000 in 1953 to 1956 and \$15,000 in 1957 to 1959.

WASHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Washington), N. C.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, that he will receive sealed bids at his office in Raleigh, until 11 a. m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$10,000 coupon refunding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J-J. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Due on Jan. 1, 1949. Rate of interest to be in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and int. payable in lawful money in New York City. The bonds will be awarded at the highest price, not less than par and accrued interest. General obligations; unlimited tax. Delivery at place of purchaser's choice. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt, Washburn & Clay, of New York, will be furnished. Enclose a certified check for \$200, payable to the State Treasurer.

OHIO

BARNESVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—BOND OFFERING—Ross D. Fowler, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until noon on Jan. 29 for the purchase of \$100,000 3% building bonds. Dated Jan. 2, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$3,000 April 1 and \$2,000 Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1960, incl. Bidder may name a different rate of interest, provided that fractional rates are expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Bonds were authorized at the general election last November and proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for \$2,000, payable to order of the Clerk of the Board of Education.

BAUGHMAN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marshallville), Ohio—BOND OFFERING—Clifford U. Parsons, Clerk of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until noon on Jan. 30 for the purchase of \$42,000 4% coupon school bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1961 incl. Bonds maturing on or after Oct. 1, 1958 will be callable in whole or in part on that date or on any subsequent interest period. Bidder may name a different rate of interest provided that fractional rates are expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (A-O) payable at the Orrville Savings Bank, Orrville. The bonds were authorized at the general election in November, 1939, and are payable from taxes unlimited as to rate or amount. A certified check for \$750, payable to order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

BROOK PARK (P. O. Berea), Ohio—TENDERS WANTED—Alfred H. Scrivens, Village Clerk, will receive sealed tenders until noon on Feb. 6 of refunding bonds, dated July 1, 1938, maturing July 1, 1968. About \$20,000 is available for the purchase of bonds.

CANTON, Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$28,462.08 sanitary sewer bonds offered Jan. 8—V. 149, p. 4066—were awarded to Ellis & Co. of Cincinnati as 1 1/2s, at a price of 100.078, a basis of about 1.48%. Dated Jan. 1, 1940 and due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,462.08 in 1942; \$4,000 from 1943 to 1946 incl. and \$3,000 from 1947 to 1949 incl. Second high bid of 100.86 for 1 1/2s was made by Stranahan, Harris & Co. of Toledo. Other bids, all for 1 1/2s, were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo, O; Seasonood & Mayer, Cincinnati, O; Van Lahr, Doll & Isphording, Cincinnati, O; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati, O; P. E. Kline, Inc., Cincinnati, O; J. A. White & Co., Cincinnati, O; Johnson, Kase & Co., Cleveland, O; BancOhio Securities Co., Columbus, O.

CINCINNATI, Ohio—BOND CALL—Jessie B. Brown, Secretary of Trustee of the Sinking Fund, announces that \$1,000,000 4% Cincinnati Southern Ry. refunding bonds, dated April 1, 1919, \$1,000 denoms., payable 1960 and optional April 1, 1940, have been called for payment April 1, 1940, at par and accrued interest, at the Irving Trust Co., New York City, or at the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio—SUES FOR DELIVERY OF BONDS—It is reported that McDonald Coolidge & Co. of Cleveland have requested the State Supreme Court to compel the County Commissioners to turn over the \$700,000 series E, Main Ave. bridge bonds which were awarded to a group headed by them on Dec. 5—V. 149, p. 3754. No reason was advanced as to the failure of the Commissioners to deliver the instruments, according to report.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio—NOTE SALE—An issue of \$1,890,000 notes for welfare and relief purposes was sold to a group of five Cleveland banks consisting of the Cleveland Trust Co., Central National Bank, National City Bank, Union Commerce Bank and the Morris Plan Bank. The banks named an interest rate of 0.75%, a figure which is understood to be the record low for borrowing by the county.

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Ohio—NOTE SALE—The \$16,600 poor relief notes offered Jan. 8—V. 150, p. 155—were awarded to the BancOhio Securities Co. of Columbus, as 1 1/2s, at a price of 100.33, a basis of about 1.16%. Dated Dec. 21, 1939 and due March 1, 1943. Second high bid of 100.17 for 1 1/2s was made by Paine, Webber & Co. of Chicago.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes Paine, Webber & Co; Ryan, Sutherland & Co; Seasonood & Mayer; Western Security Bank, Sandusky.

FAIRVIEW (P. O. North Olmsted), Ohio—TENDERS WANTED—Reuben Wrifthing, Village Clerk, will receive sealed tenders until noon on Feb. 8 of refunding bonds, dated Jan. 1, 1939, and in the principal amount of approximately \$5,000. Price must not exceed face value of the bonds.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Xenia), Ohio—NOTE OFFERING—James H. Hawkins, President of Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until noon on Jan. 22 for the purchase of \$10,000 not to exceed 4% interest poor relief notes. Dated Sept. 1, 1939. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$2,000 Sept. 1, 1941; \$7,000 March 1 and \$1,000 Sept. 1, 1942. Interest M-S. Notes are issued to provide the county with funds for poor relief purposes during 1939 and 1940. A certified check for \$100, payable to order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

LORAIN, Ohio—NOTE OFFERING—Frank Ayres, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until noon on Feb. 5 for the purchase of \$15,000 not to exceed 3% interest real estate notes. Dated Jan. 15, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$2,000 from 1941 to 1943 incl. and \$3,000 in 1944 and 1945. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and interest (M-S) payable at office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. A complete transcript of proceedings relative to the issue will be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland, at expense of the successful bidder. Delivery of notes will be made at Lorain. A certified check for 2% of the bid must accompany each proposal.

MILTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sterline), Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$75,500 school bonds offered Jan. 9—V. 149, p. 4204—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, as 2 1/2s, at par plus a premium of \$688, equal to 101.19, a basis of about 2.40%. Dated Dec. 15, 1939 and due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1941; \$2,500 from 1942 to 1952 incl.; \$1,500 in 1953 and \$2,500 from 1954 to 1964 incl. Other bids:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes Well, Roth & Irving Co; Fullerton & Co; Stranahan, Harris & Co; Wayne County National Bank of Wooster; G. Parr Ayres & Co; Seasonood & Mayer; Van Lahr, Doll & Isphording; Banc Ohio Securities Co; Ryan, Sutherland & Co; Prudden & Co; George T. Lennon & Co; Ohio State Teachers Retirement System.

NORWOOD, Ohio—BONDS AUTHORIZED—The City Council passed an ordinance providing for an issue of \$15,000 4% safety test lane construction bonds. Dated March 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,500 on Sept. 1 from 1941 to 1950, incl. Interest M-S.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$100,000 flood defense voted bonds offered Jan. 5—V. 149, p. 4066—were awarded to the BancOhio Securities Co., Columbus, and the National Bank of Portsmouth, jointly, as 2 1/2s, at par plus a premium of \$1,905, equal to 101.905, a basis of about 2.30%. Due \$5,000 on Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1960, incl. Other bids:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium, Coupon Rate. Includes Van Lahr, Doll & Isphording, Inc., of Cincinnati; Pohl & Co., Inc., of Cincinnati; Charles A. Hirsch & Co.; Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger; Nelson, Browning & Co., and Fullerton & Co.; Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo, and Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Toledo; Bohmer-Reinhart & Co., Cincinnati, and First of Cleveland Corp., Cleveland; Merrill, Turben & Co., and Fahey, Clark & Co., both of Cleveland.

RAVENNA, Ohio—BOND OFFERING—P. W. Jones, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until noon on Jan. 22 for the purchase of \$28,000 2½% water works improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,750. Due \$1,750 on April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1948, incl. Interest A-O. Bidder may name a different rate of interest, provided that fractional rates are expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. A certified check for \$280, payable to order of the city, must accompany each proposal.

SHALERSVILLE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. R. F. D. Mantua), Ohio—BOND SALE—The issue of \$30,000 school bonds offered Dec. 27—V. 149, p. 3904—was awarded to the First Savings Bank of Ravenna, as 2½s, at a price of 100.17, a basis of about 2.48%. Dated Feb. 15, 1940 and due as follows: \$1,000 May 15 and Nov. 15 from 1941 to 1952, incl.; \$1,500 May 15 and Nov. 15 in 1953 and 1954.

TOLEDO, Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$450,000 bonds offered Jan. 4 were awarded to a group composed of Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Braun, Bosworth & Co. and Ryan, Sutherland & Co., all of Toledo, as 2½s and 2¾s, at a price of 100.425, a net interest cost of about 2.547%. Bonds were issued as follows:
\$300,000 city's portion grade crossing elimination 2½s. Due \$10,000 on Dec. 1 from 1941 to 1970, incl.
150,000 intercepting sewer 2¾s. Due \$6,000 on Dec. 1 from 1941 to 1965, incl.

Following is a list of their bids submitted at the sale:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Goldman, Sachs & Co.; Seasongood & Mayer; Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger; Pohl & Co., Inc.; P. E. Kline, Inc., and Fox, Einhorn & Co.; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.; Siler, Carpenter & Roose; Weil, Roth & Irving Co., and VanLahr, Doll & Isphording, Inc.	2½%-2¾%	100.23
Field, Richards & Shepard, Inc., and Fullerton & Co.	2½%-2¾%	100.174
First Cleveland Corp.; McDonald-Coolidge & Co.; Merrill; Turben & Co., and Charles A. Hirsch & Co.	2½%-2¾%	100.317
BancOhio Securities Co., and Lowry Sweney, Inc.	3%	101.901
Fahey, Clark & Co.; Assel, Goetz & Moerlien, Inc.; Hawley, Huller & Co.; Johnson, Kase & Co., and W. H. Zieverick & Co.	3%	101.267
	2¾%-3%	100.583

OKLAHOMA

BRITTON, Okla.—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is reported by the City Clerk that the total of \$32,000 bonds sold on Dec. 28 to Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City, as noted here—V. 150, p. 155—were purchased as follows:

\$17,000 water works improvement bonds, divided \$5,000 as 2s, due \$1,000 in 1942 to 1946, and \$12,000 as 3½s, due \$1,000 in 1947 to 1958.
15,000 water standpipe bonds, divided \$5,000 as 2s, due \$1,000 in 1943 to 1947, and \$10,000 as 3½s, due \$1,000 in 1948 to 1957.

BYARS, Okla.—BOND SALE—The \$20,000 water of 1940 bonds offered for sale on Jan. 2—V. 149, p. 4205—were awarded to a local investor, as 6s, paying a premium of \$100, equal to 100.50, a basis of about 5.94%. Dated Jan. 2, 1940. Due \$1,000 on Jan. 1 in 1945 to 1964.

GAGE, Okla.—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the Town Clerk that \$20,000 park purchase and improvement bonds were offered on Jan. 9 and were sold as 4½s and 5s.

SAND SPRINGS, Okla.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by C. H. Benton, City Clerk, that he will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Jan. 23, for the purchase of the \$6,500 not to exceed 3% semi-annual fire apparatus bonds, for which all bids received on Jan. 10 were rejected. Due \$1,000 in 1944 to 1949, and \$500 in 1950.

OREGON

PRAIRIE CITY, Ore.—BOND SALE—The \$25,000 coupon general hospital bonds offered for sale on Jan. 9—V. 150, p. 155—were purchased by Camp & Co. of Portland, as 5s at par. Dated Sept. 1, 1939. Due on Sept. 1 in 1944 to 1963; optional on or after Sept. 1, 1956.

PENNSYLVANIA

BARNESBORO, Pa.—BOND SALE—The \$25,000 street improvement bonds approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs on Dec. 29 have been sold to the First National Bank of Barnesboro, as 2½s, at par. Due \$5,000 each in 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959 and 1964.

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Claysburg), Pa.—BOND SALE—The \$25,000 4% school bonds offered Jan. 5—V. 150, p. 155—were awarded to S. K. Cunningham & Co. of Pittsburgh, at a price of 104.79, a basis of about 3.51%. Dated Jan. 1, 1940, and due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 in 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960 and 1965; callable in whole or in part after 10 years. Second high bid of 104.61 was made by Phillips, Schmertz & Co. of Pittsburgh.

HYDE PARK, Pa.—BOND OFFERING—J. J. Zanotti, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids at the office of Marquis M. Smith, Esq., Glint Law Bldg., Greensburg, until 10 a. m. on Jan. 27, for the purchase of \$17,000 not to exceed 3½% interest bonds, including \$10,000 funding and \$7,000 street improvement. Dated Jan. 15, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on July 15 from 1941 to 1957, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, payable J-J. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of proceedings by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. A certified check for \$500, payable to order of F. Earle Bash, Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

McKEESPORT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—ANOTHER VOTE TAKEN ON BOND ISSUE—At an election called for Jan. 9 the voters were asked to approve a proposition to reallocate and use proceeds of a \$420,000 bond issue originally voted in 1927, for a vocational school building. The State Supreme Court ruled sometime ago that the district could not use the proceeds for such purpose as the election notice did not fully set forth the purposes for which the bonds were to be issued.—V. 149, p. 3755.

MOUNT LEBANON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Mount Lebanon), Pa.—BOND SALE—The issue of \$180,000 coupon bonds offered Jan. 11—V. 149, p. 4067—was awarded to Elmer E. Powell & Co. of Pittsburgh, as 2s, at a price of 100.11, a basis of about 1.99%. Dated Feb. 1, 1940 and due Feb. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1943 to 1960 incl. and \$9,000 from 1961 to 1964 incl. Second high bid of 100.07 for 2s was made by Dougherty, Corran & Co. and Moore, Leonard & Lynch, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc. and Singer, Deane & Scribner of Pittsburgh, bid 102.19 for 2½s. A number of other houses competed for the loan.

PATERSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. 1611 Ross Hill Road, City Route 13, Beaver Falls), Pa.—BOND OFFERING—H. H. Heesen, Township Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 18, for the purchase of \$25,000 coupon township bonds. Dated Feb. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1942 to 1948, incl., \$2,000, 1949; \$3,000 from 1950 to 1953, incl. and \$2,000 in 1954 and 1955. Bidder to name rate of interest in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of proceedings by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. Township will furnish bonds and legal approving opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh. A certified check for \$500, payable to order of the township, must accompany each proposal.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—DECISION RESERVED IN INCOME TAX CASE—A three-Judge Federal Statutory Court reserved decision Jan. 9 on the city's motion to dismiss the suit of Michael Guerra, Oaklyn, N. J., musician, to have the 1½% wage income tax declared invalid. The Judges did not say when they would hand down a decision. They also took under consideration six petitions, four filed on behalf of labor groups, to intervene in support of Guerra's suit.

Attorneys for the city assailed the activities used in instituting the test case as "degrading" the courts, contending plaintiff used "barkers" on the streets to "grab" litigants to the suits. They also contended that the Federal Court had no jurisdiction and that the test case should be made in the Common Pleas Court.

Counsel for Mr. Guerra insisted that non-residents affected by the tax have the legal right to appeal to the Federal Courts for redress, but Circuit Court Judge Maris, who presided with District Judges Kirkpatrick and Kalodner, commented that he regarded the plaintiff's contentions as meaning that a Philadelphian who had a "Federal" question involved in a tax case had no right to come into the Federal courts while a non-resident attacking a local or State tax did have that right.

NEW BASIS OF ATTACK—A new form of attack on the 1½% income tax ordinance was launched last week in the U. S. District Court. It took the form of a "friendly" suit by the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union to force the employers with whom it has contracts to return the deductions so far made from the pay envelopes of about 7,500 workers.

The bill, filed by M. Herbert Syme, who has already entered suit against the tax on behalf of several A. F. of L. unions, charges that employers are forced by the ordinance to commit a breach of the contracts with the union. The breach, it was asserted, lies in the fact that the contracts forbid pay-cuts, and the deduction constitutes a cut.

State Senator Harry Shapiro, as counsel for the defendant Philadelphia Waist and Dress Manufacturers' Association, was expected to file an answer admitting the allegations.

CITY TAX UPHELD—The Common Pleas Court No. 7, on Jan. 10 upheld constitutionality of the 1½% earned income tax. Declaring that most of the objections to the tax raised this year had been disposed of by the State Supreme Court in upholding a 1938 city income tax, the Court dismissed the suit brought by Mrs. Jennie Dole, a shirt factory employee. Gilbert J. Kraus, attorney for Mrs. Dole, announced immediately that he would appeal the decision to the State Supreme Court and, if possible, to the United States Supreme Court. The unanimous ruling of the Court was the city's second victory over tax opponents in two days. A Federal Statutory Court on Tuesday, Jan. 9, dismissed a suit against the tax because it lacked jurisdiction.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—PLANS NEW BOND ISSUE—City Council took the first step recently toward authorizing another bond issue to complete the funding of mandamus now drawing 6% interest. Ordinance calling for the creation of a \$1,500,000 loan was introduced by Councilman Frederic D. Garman, new chairman of the finance committee. It was referred to that committee. The ordinance calls for issuance of serial bonds, with a maximum maturity of 10 years. Interest rate was limited to 3% or 4% for any single maturity. The city made an award on Dec. 18 of \$4,620,000 bonds to fund an equal amount of mandamuses.—V. 149, p. 4067.

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—BOND SALE—The \$250,000 coupon public welfare relief bonds offered Jan. 9—V. 149, p. 4067—were awarded to the Mellon Securities Corp. of Pittsburgh, as 1½s, at par plus a premium of \$32.50, equal to 100.125, a basis of about 1.74%. Dated Dec. 1, 1939, and due \$12,500 on Dec. 1 from 1940 to 1959, incl. Other bids:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
Eastman, Dillon & Co.	2%	\$4,565.00
Schmidt, Poole & Co., and E. Lowber-Stokes & Co.	2%	3,200.00
Hemphill, Noyes & Co., and Phillips, Schmertz & Co.	2%	1,637.50
First National Bank of Pittsburgh	2½%	2,051.00
E. H. Rollins & Sons	2%	2,822.50
Harriman Ripley & Co.	1.90%	527.50
Lazard, Freres & Co.	1.90%	592.50
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	1.90%	672.50
Union Securities Co.	1.80%	222.50

THREE SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Pa.—BOND SALE—The \$5,500 3½% school bonds offered Dec. 21—V. 149, p. 3755—were awarded to the First National Bank of Three Springs, at par. Due July 1 as follows: \$500 from 1940 to 1943, incl.; \$1,000 in 1944 and \$500 from 1945 to 1949, inclusive.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Pa.—BOND SALE—The issue of \$15,000 coupon refunding bonds offered Jan. 11—V. 150, p. 155—was awarded to Mackey, Dunn & Co. of New York, as 1s, at par plus a premium of \$7.50, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 0.98%. Dated Jan. 1, 1940 and due as follows: \$3,500 on Jan. 1 from 1941 to 1943 incl.; \$3,500 Jan. 1 and \$1,000 July 1, 1944. Burr & Co. of Philadelphia, second high bidder, also named an interest rate of 1%.

SOUTH CAROLINA

ESTILL CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Estill), S. C.—BOND SALE—The \$16,000 coupon school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 10—V. 150, p. 155—were awarded to Johnson, Lane, Space & Co. of Savannah, as 3½s, paying a premium of \$25, equal to 100.156, a basis of about 3.73%. Due as follows: \$1,000 in 1941 to 1950, and \$2,000, 1951 to 1953.

ROCK HILL, S. C.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by Ben R. Neely, City Clerk and Treasurer, that he will receive sealed bids until noon on Jan. 22, for the purchase of \$65,000 water works improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$5,000 in 1946, and \$6,000 in 1947 to 1956. Bidders are invited to name the rate of interest which the bonds are to bear and they will be awarded to the bidder offering to take them at the lowest rate of interest at a price not less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery. Prin. and int. payable in legal tender at the Chase National Bank, New York. The bonds are registerable as to principal only. The cost of printing the bonds will be borne by the city. Bidders shall condition their bids upon the approving opinion of Nathans & Sinkler, of Charleston, the cost of which opinion is likewise to be borne by the city. Enclose a certified check for \$1,500, payable to the City Clerk and Treasurer.

SOUTH CAROLINA, State of—CERTIFICATE OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Jan. 30 by E. P. Miller, State Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,546,000 State highway certificates of indebtedness. Dated Dec. 1, 1939. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$150,000 in 1943 to 1951, and \$196,000 in 1952. Rate of interest to be in multiples of ¼ of 1% and must be the same for all of the certificates. Prin. and int. payable at the State Treasurer's office, or at the agencies of the State in Charleston and New York. Enclose a certified check for 1%, payable to the State Treasurer. Legal opinion of Attorney General of the State will be furnished the successful bidder. (This issue was originally scheduled to be sold on Jan. 3.—V. 150, p. 155.)

SOUTH DAKOTA

HURON, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Jan. 29, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of \$48,000 pavement bonds.

WILMOT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wilmot), S. Dak.—PRICE PAID—We are informed by the District Clerk that the \$9,000 coupon refunding bonds sold to the First National Bank of Wilmot, as noted here—V. 150, p. 155—were purchased as 4s, paying par. Due \$1,000 on Jan. 2 in 1942 to 1950 incl. No other bid was received.

TENNESSEE

BELLS, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 23, by F. H. Herron, Town Recorder, for the purchase of \$15,000 4% semi-annual street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due in 1941 to 1955; callable five years after first maturity.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Huntingdon), Tenn.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT—The First National Bank of Memphis, and associates, are offering for general subscription at prices to yield from 2.50% to 3.75%, according to maturity, a \$314,000 issue of 4% refunding bonds, which they term a new issue. Denom. \$1,000. Dated April 1, 1938. Due on April 1 in 1942 to 1964, incl. Prin. and int. (A-O) payable at the office of the County Trustee, through the Bank of Huntingdon. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—TENDERS WANTED—Chairman T. R. Preston announces that the Sinking Fund Commissioners will receive sealed tenders of refunding bonds, series A, series B, or series C, and funding bonds, all dated May 1, 1935, and maturing May 1, 1950, until 10:30 a. m. on Jan. 30. The Sinking Fund Commissioners have in the sinking fund for the purpose of purchasing said bonds the sum of \$57,800. In the event tenders in a sufficient amount of said bonds, at an interest yield basis to the Commission of 3¾%, or more, are not submitted, the Commission will consider tenders of other issues of bonds of the city having a maturity date prior to May 1, 1950. Tenders or bidders shall specify the interest rates and number of bonds to be tendered. Bidders may stipulate, if they so desire, that their tenders are for the purchase of all or none of the bonds tendered, and shall state the time and place said bonds will be delivered, if tenders are accepted. Sealed tenders shall be delivered to T. R. Preston, Chairman, Hamilton National Bank, Chattanooga, Tenn., on or before 10:30 a. m., Jan. 30. Tenders shall be accompanied by certified check upon any incorporated bank or trust company for 1%

of the face amount of the bonds tendered or purchased, payable to the Sinking Fund Commissions, which shall be forfeited in event such tender is accepted and the bidder shall fail to surrender the bonds tendered at the rate of interest and place specified in the bid or tender.

DICKSON COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte), Tenn.—BOND SALE—The \$75,000 school bonds offered for sale at public auction on Jan. 8—V. 149, p. 3442—were awarded jointly to Nunn, Shwab & Co. of Nashville, and the Union Planters National Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis, as 3s, paying a premium of \$515, equal to 100.686, a basis of about 2.3%. Dated Oct. 1, 1939. Due on Oct. 1, 1960; optional on or after Oct. 1, 1950.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Knoxville), Tenn.—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the County Court Clerk that \$125,000 3½% semi-ann. refunding bonds were purchased on Dec. 10 jointly by Booker & Davidson, and the Fidelity-Bankers Trust Co., both of Knoxville.

It is also reported by the above Clerk that \$90,000 refunding bonds were sold to the above named firms on Jan. 5.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Lawrenceburg) Tenn.—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is now reported by the County Court Clerk that the \$18,000 school construction bonds which were sold, as noted here on Nov. 18, were purchased by Nunn, Shwab & Co. of Nashville, as 3½s, paying a premium of \$125, equal to 100.694, and mature in from 1 to 10 years.

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Jan. 25 by Ralph B. Duggan, City Recorder, for the purchase of \$157,000 electric system revenue, series A, bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1, 1939. Due as follows: \$6,000 in 1942 to 1944, \$7,000 in 1945 to 1948, \$8,000 in 1949 to 1951, \$9,000 in 1952 and 1953, \$10,000 in 1954 and 1955, \$11,000 in 1956, \$12,000 in 1957, and \$13,000 in 1958 and 1959. Said bonds are optional in inverse numerical order on any interest payment date at par and accrued interest and a premium of 5% if redeemed on or before June 1, 1942; 4% if redeemed thereafter and on or before June 1, 1945; 3% if redeemed thereafter and on or before June 1, 1948; 2% if redeemed thereafter and on or before June 1, 1951; 1% if redeemed thereafter and on or before June 1, 1955, and ½% of 1% if redeemed thereafter prior to maturity, provided that the bonds maturing in the years 1942 to 1955 inclusive are not to be redeemable as aforesaid until on or after Sept. 1, 1942. Bidders are requested to name a rate or rates of interest in multiples of ¼ of 1%. No more than two rates shall be specified and there shall be no more than one rate for any one maturity. The bonds will be awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid results in the lowest interest cost to the corporation. No bid will be accepted for less than par and accrued interest. The bonds are issued for the purpose of the acquisition of an electric system for said municipality and for repairing, extending and improving such system, and are payable solely from the revenues to be derived from the operation of said system after the prior payment from such revenues of the reasonable necessary cost of operating, maintaining and repairing the system. The municipality will supply the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, and all bids must be so conditioned. The purchase price of the bonds is to be paid simultaneously with the transfer of the electrical properties.

(These are the bonds that were offered for sale on Dec. 20, for which all bids received were rejected.—V. 149, p. 4205.)

TEXAS

CROCKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Crockett), Texas—PRICE PAID—It is stated by the District Secretary that the \$30,000 3½% semi-ann. refunding, 1939 series bonds, and the \$26,000 3¼% semi-ann. refunding, 1939 series bonds sold to A. W. Snyder & Co. of Houston, as noted here—V. 150, p. 156—were purchased at a price of 100.01, a net interest cost of about 3.33%. Due on March 10 in 1941 to 1953.

DUDLEY-DENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Baird), Texas—PRICE PAID—It is reported by the Superintendent of Schools that the \$11,900 building and auditorium bonds sold to the State Board of Education, as noted here—V. 150, p. 156—were purchased at par.

ENTERPRISE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Wichita Falls) Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the County Superintendent of Schools that \$2,000 3½% semi-annual construction bonds approved by the voters in May, have been sold to the State School Board, at par. Due \$400 on April 10 in 1940 to 1944 incl.

GALVESTON COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. League City) Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$50,000 water system bonds have been purchased by Crummer & Co. of Dallas.

GROESBECK, Texas—BOND TENDERS ACCEPTED—In connection with the call for tenders of refunding bonds, Series A and B, dated March 1, 1939, it is stated by Mayor Bradley that \$3,000 Series A bonds were purchased from the Bankers Life Co. of Iowa, at a price of \$5.00 and accrued interest.

HOUSTON, Texas—WARRANT REFUNDING REJECTED—It is stated by W. H. Maunsell, City Comptroller, that a proposal submitted to the City Council by Milton R. Underwood & Co., and Mahan, Dittmar & Co., both of Houston, to refund \$550,000 3% time warrants, maturing on March 1 in 1940 to 1949, with a like amount of bonds of the same maturity, was rejected by the Council.

JIM HOGG COUNTY (P. O. Hebronville), Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$4,000 3½% semi-ann. refunding bonds have been purchased by the First National Bank of Hebronville. Due on April 1 in 1948 and 1949.

LUBBOCK, Texas—BOND SALE—The \$50,000 improvement bonds offered for sale on Jan. 9—V. 149, p. 4068—were awarded to the Fort Worth National Bank, as 1½s, according to the City Secretary.

MENARDVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Menardville), Texas—BONDS SOLD—A \$30,000 issue of 3½% semi-ann. building bonds was purchased on Dec. 29 by R. K. Dunbar & Co. of Austin, at a price of 101.33. Due on April 1 in 1940 to 1979.

MIDWAY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Centerville), Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$1,000 4% semi-ann. building bonds were sold at par to the County Permanent School Fund.

ODESSA, Texas—BOND TENDERS ACCEPTED—In connection with the call for tenders of refunding bonds, series of 1936, it is stated by L. L. Anthony, City Secretary, that \$3,000 bonds were purchased from John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago at a price of 99.80 and \$1,000 bonds from the Ranson-Davidson Co. of San Antonio at 99.00.

PORT LAVACA, Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the City Secretary that \$15,000 harbor improvement bonds have been sold to the Ranson-Davidson Co. of San Antonio.

SPUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Spur) Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the Secretary of the Board of Education that \$35,500 3¼ and 4% building bonds have been sold. Dated Oct. 1, 1939.

ZAVALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Zavalla), Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the Superintendent of Schools that \$5,000 3¼% semi-annual building construction bonds have been purchased by the State Board of Education, paying par.

UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$56,000 6% semi-annual special improvement bonds have been purchased by the Phoenix Finance Co. Dated Dec. 31, 1939.

VIRGINIA

COVINGTON, Va.—BOND CALL—It is stated by Mayor H. W. Robertson that all outstanding 5% street paving bonds are being called for payment on Jan. 16, at the place of payment designated in the bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1920. Due on Jan. 1, 1950; callable on Jan. 1, 1940.

RICHMOND, Va.—BOND ISSUANCE CONTEMPLATED—It is reported that the City Finance Committee has appointed a sub-committee to work out a five-year program of public works as provided for in a resolution calling for the issuance of \$5,000,000 in public improvement bonds.

WASHINGTON

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT (P. O. Montesano), Wash.—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$3,350,000 4¼% semi-annual utility purchase bonds is said to have been purchased at par by John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, and Hartley Rogers & Co. of Seattle, at par. The bonds are to be delivered prior to Jan. 20. On date of delivery the district will take over properties of the Grays Harbor Railway & Light Co. at \$2,842,000 in accordance with a contract negotiated several months ago.

A recent Supreme Court decision reversing the opinion of a lower court that such acquisition required a vote of the people, cleared the way for the purchase.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION—In connection with the above sale we quote as follows from a special dispatch out of Seattle to the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 6:

First important transfer of private power properties to public ownership in Washington under the public utility district law is scheduled to take place in Grays Harbor County later this month. The Grays Harbor P. U. D. has announced sale of \$3,350,000 revenue bonds to an investment syndicate headed by John Nuveen & Co., Chicago, and Hartley, Rogers & Co., Seattle. The bonds were sold at par, bearing 4¼% interest. They are to be delivered before Jan. 20.

On date of delivery the district will take over properties of the Grays Harbor Railway & Light Co. (Federal Light & Traction) at \$2,842,000 in accordance with a contract negotiated several months ago.

Way for the acquisitions was cleared by the recent State Supreme Court decision reversing a lower court opinion that such take-overs required a vote of the people.

MOSES LAKE (P. O. Wheeler), Wash.—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the Town Clerk that \$30,000 water system revenue bonds approved by the voters in November, have been purchased by Wm. P. Harper & Son & Co. of Seattle.

OAK HARBOR, Wash.—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Jan. 16, by M. O'Leary, Town Clerk, for the purchase of the following bonds: \$4,022 special water revenue, and \$900 general obligation bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated Dec. 1, 1939. Due serially.

THURSTON COUNTY (P. O. Olympia), Wash.—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is now stated by the County Auditor that the \$212,000 refunding court house bonds which were sold, as noted here on Nov. 18, were purchased by Bramhall & Stein of Seattle, as 3s, paying par, and mature on June 1 in 1941 to 1959.

WEST VIRGINIA

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va.—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by the City Clerk that \$10,000 4% semi-annual street paving bonds authorized by the City Council last July, have been sold to McGregor, Irvine & Co. of Wheeling, at a price of 90.897. Due in from 1 to 10 years.

WEST VIRGINIA, State of—BOND SALE—The \$500,000 issue of coupon or registered road bonds offered for sale on Jan. 9—V. 150, p. 156—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., Stone & Webster and Budget, Inc., both of New York; F. L. Dabney & Co. of Boston, and Charles Clark & Co. of New York, as 1½s, paying a premium of \$2,249.50, equal to 100.449, a net interest cost of about 1.71%. Dated Sept. 1, 1939. Due \$20,000 on Sept. 1 in 1940 to 1964 incl.

OPTION GRANTED—The above syndicate was also awarded an option until Jan. 12, at 1 p. m., on an additional \$500,000 at the same price and rate.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT—The \$500,000 bonds were offered by the successful bidders for public subscription at prices to yield from 0.15% to 1.85%, according to maturity.

WESTON, W. Va.—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is reported by the City Clerk that the \$20,000 improvement bonds sold to the State Compensation Board as noted here—V. 150, p. 156—were purchased as 3s, at par, and mature \$2,000 on Dec. 1 in 1940 to 1949, inclusive.

WISCONSIN

KAUKAUNA, Wis.—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is reported by the City Clerk that the \$140,000 first mortgage revenue electric bonds sold to The Milwaukee Co. of Milwaukee, as 1½s, at a price of 99.15, as noted here—V. 150, p. 156—are dated Feb. 1, 1940, and mature \$14,000 on March 1 in 1941 to 1950; callable at the option of the city, on or after March 1, 1943, giving a basis of about 1.65%. Prin. and int. (M-S) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

RHINELANDER, Wis.—MATURITY—It is stated by the City Manager that the \$100,000 3% semi-annual refunding bonds sold to Paine, Webber & Co. of Chicago, and associates, at a price of 102.80, as noted here—V. 150, p. 156—are due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1942 and 1943; \$10,000, 1944 to 1946, and \$15,000 in 1947 to 1950, giving a basis of about 2.55%.

CANADA

ALBERTA (Province of)—INTEREST PAYMENT OFFER—Provincial Treasurer S. E. Low is advising holders of debentures which matured Jan. 15, 1939, that the Province will pay interest at 2½% in respect of the half year ending Jan. 15, 1940, being at the rate of \$12.50 for each \$1,000. Holders will be paid interest upon presentation of their bonds at any branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada in the Dominion of Canada or at the Bank of the Manhattan Company, New York City.

CANADA (Dominion of)—FIRST WAR LOAN TO TOTAL \$200,000,000—MATURITY BONDS MAY BE CONVERTED—A United Press dispatch from Ottawa, dated Jan. 12 stated as follows:

"The Dominion of Canada's first war loan will total \$200,000,000 of 3¼% bonds dated Feb. 1, 1940, to be sold at par and accrued interest when the Bank of Canada opens the subscription books next Monday at 9 a. m., Finance Minister J. L. Ralston announced today.

"Principal and interest will be payable in lawful money of Canada. Proceeds will be used by the Government to finance expenditures for war purposes.

"By means of annual drawings by lot, the first war loan bonds will be redeemed as follows: 20% of the loan on Feb. 1, 1948, at 100; 20% Feb. 1, 1949, at 100; 20% Feb. 1, 1950, at 100; 20% Feb. 1, 1951, at 100.50; 20% Feb. 1, 1952, at 101.

"While the amount of the new first war loan bonds offered for cash subscription is \$200,000,000, the Minister of Finance may also at his discretion accept applications to convert Dominion of Canada 3% bonds which mature March 1, 1940, into an equal value of the new issue. The bonds turned in for conversion will be valued at 100.17% and accrued interest to date of delivery. A cash adjustment in favor of the applicant will be made at the time of delivery.

"In order to facilitate purchases of Canada's first war loan bonds, the chartered banks will make loans on request for a period not exceeding three months up to 80% of the principal amount of the bonds. These loans will bear interest at the rate of 3¼% per annum.

"The bonds will be available in either bearer form with interest coupons attached or in fully registered form in which case interest will be paid by check. The bearer bonds will have a denomination as low as \$50 and other denominations of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, while registered bonds will range in denominations from \$500 up.

"The subscription lists will remain open a maximum of two weeks." "The bonds will carry maturity date of Feb. 1, 1952, and will be callable by lot as noted above. They will not be tax-free as were most of the loans floated by the Dominion during the previous World War.

HAMILTON, Ont.—BOND SALE—The \$1,000,000 2¼% bonds offered Jan. 5 were awarded to the Royal Securities Corp. of Toronto at a price of 96.59. They mature from 1941 to 1950 incl. Other bids: Bank of Montreal, 96.51; A. E. Ames & Co., Dominion Securities, and Royal Bank, 96.14.

NANAIMO, B. C.—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$153,000 improvement bonds was sold to Lauder, Mercer & Co. of Vancouver. Due from 1940 to 1964, inclusive.

NIAGARA FALLS PARK COMMISSION, Ont.—NOTE SALE—The Canadian Bank of Commerce purchased an issue of \$2,500,000 2% notes, maturing Dec. 31, 1940, and stated to be guaranteed by the Province of Ontario.