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"And suppose one of us suddenly took sick? Or there was a fire? Or a robber, maybe? Well, I don't worry about those things when I see the telephone.
"'Doesn't cost much,' my Daddy says. And Mother says, 'I don't know what I'd do without it.'"

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New York, N. y.
Hallgarten \& Co.

## Dividends

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 A quarterly dividend of $13 \%$ ( $\$ 1.75$ per share) on the First Preferred Stock of this Corporation was declared payable April 15, 1940, to stockholders of record March 31, 1940.A quarterly dividend of twenty-five cents (25c) per share on the Common Stock of this Corporation was declared payable March 15,1940 , to stockholders of record February 29, 1940. Checks will be mailed.

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# [MJohns-Manville <br> Corporation <br> DIVIDEND 

The Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ per share, pay-
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deemed will receive $\$ 1.75$ per share as a part deemed will receive $\$ 1$.
C. H. ROBERTS, Treasurer

THE ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERY CO.


The Directors have declared
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H. C. Allan, Secretary and Treasurer. Philadelphia, February 16, 1940.

ANACONDA COPPER MINING CO. 25 Broadway,
New York, N. Y., February 21, 1940 DIVIDEND NO. 127
The Board of Directors of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company has declared a dividend of Twenty-five Cents (25c. value of $\$ 50$. per share, payable March 25, 1940 , to holders of such shares
of record at the close of business at 3 o'clock P. M. of record at the clos
on March 5, 1940.
on March 5, 194. B HENNESSY, Secretary.


The current quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.25 \mathrm{a}$ share on $\$ 5$ Dividend Preferred Stock and a dividend of
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I. W. MORRIS, Treasurer

January 23, 1940 Philadelphia, Pa.
Bpenter zelloga and Sonts, Jint. A quarterly dividend of $\$ .40$ per share has been declared on the stock, payable March 11, 1940, to stockholders of record as of the close of business February 24, 1940.

JAMES L. WICKSTEAD, Treasurer
INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY The Directors of International Harvester Company declared a quarterly dividon stock payable (40c.) per share on the common stock pat eclose of business on March 20, 1940 .
of business on SANFORD B. WHITE, Secretary

## TEXAS GULF SULPHUR COMPANY

The Board of Directors has declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the Company's capital stock, payable March 15 ,
1940 , to stockholders of record at the close of business March 1,1940. H. F. J. KNOBLOCH, Treasurer.

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## The Financial Situation

ITT HAS long been the consensus among the more thoughtful elements in the business community that "anothei four years of President Roosevelt and the New Deal" would impose upon this country a burden too great to be considered without dread amounting almost to horror. Whatever may be the trend of thought among the great rank and file, as presumably reflerted in the so-called popular polls, we feel confident that at no time has there been greater unanimity of opinion in responsible business quarvers than at present that we must have a change at Washington, both in personnel and policy. The same may be said, we are equally certain, of the belief that it is worse than futile to expect of President Roosevelt or of those who have helped him formulate and give effect to the New Deal programs, anything greatly different from or materially more constructive than what we have received at their hands during the past seven years. The question of what may be expected of those who are seeking public support in an effort to replace the present Administration next year assumes, therefore, an importance far beyond that which usually attaches to party or any other kind of politics.

It is for this reason that the utterances of the various Republican candidates for the Presidential nomination this summer have been studied with much more than the usual interest by the forward-looking men and women throughout the length and breadth of the land. It is for this reason, also, that the report of the Republican Program Committee, of which Dr. Glenn Frank is Chairman, was early this week the center of much attention and has been since the subject of careful scrutiny. It can hardly be assumed, of course, that we have here the equivalent of the platform of the party for this campaign. Such a pronouncement is as yet not formulated, and what it will /contain is known to no man at this time. Dr. Frank's committee has, however, been diligently at work for a good while past in an effort to formulate a set of principles and proposals which in its judgment (and doubtless in the judgment of many, if not most, of the more influential members of the party, would best
serve as a basis for a general appeal to the voters of the country this autumn. It can hardly fail to have great influence in shaping the course of the party in the coming campaign, or in formulating and crystallizing opinion within the party itself on various public questions of the day.

## Some Limitations

Every thoughtful citizen more interested in the welfare of his country than in partisan politics of any sort either has acquainted, or will acquaint, himself with the substance of this report, we suppose, and the question uppermost in his mind without doubt is: What hope is to be found in this document of an early beginning of the long and difficult march out of the slough into which the New Deal has plunged us? In appraising it for this purpose, he will bear two thoughts constantly and carefully in mind. One of them is the fact that the New Deal by any other name or under any other sponsorship would smell as sweet. The other is that the very important matter of obtaining sufficient popular support for any program put forth as a substitute for the New Deal must never be lost to sight. A Republican program of "purest ray serene" will hardly be other than of merely academic interest if no adequate support can be found or summoned for it among the voters of the country. Both these considerations will doubtless in substantial measure govern the conclusions reached by thoughtful students of public questions who take the time to give careful study to the document here under discussion.
It may as well be said at once, and with the utmost candor, that the program suggested - so far as one is set forth-and the reasoning that appears to have led to it, leave much to be desired at many points if these matters are to be weighed in the balances against wise statesmanship and sound economics. There is entirely too much of both the New Era and the New Deal in it. Yet, running through it is a strain of relative moderation, and practical commonsense which at various points affords the reader, long accustomed to the balderdash so frequently emanating from Washington, a sense of relief. "The central
issue confronting national leadership today," says the committee, for example, "is that of securing full employment of the man-power, technical skill and economic resources of the Nation.
"The program committee's soundings of party opinion indicate that Republicans believe such full employment can be accomplished only through the sustained expansion of the normal enterprise of the American people. And Republicans are convinced that a sustained expansion of our enterprise is not only possible but inevitable if public policy does not throw too many obstacles in the way.
"There are no assignable limits to the possibilities of American enterprise except the limitations we create by our own lack of intelligence and will, or by falling into the fatalism of outlook as the New Deal leadership has done through its misunderstanding of economic America."

These are, of course, broad generalizations, but they seem to embody that sound common sense upon which constructive public policy must rest. There are other passages of a life sort, as when the committee asserts that "it is clear to this committee that the best interests of the American people require that we preserve and modernize our traditional system of free enterprise with the minimum governmental regulation necessary to prevent abuse and promote justice in its operation." Yet when the entire document is closely scrutinized it is found that the committee in speaking of the alleged desirability of "modernizing" our traditional system, is foreshadowing concrete proposals which are not altogether pleasant to contemplate, just as President Roosevelt at the very beginning of his first Administration in speaking of an "adequate currency" gave hint of much monetary tinkering to follow. There are points also where it would appear that the committee has disquietingly confused "our traditional system" with some of the least fortunate of the policies of the Republican party in past decades.
As to the tariff, for example, we are told that "in developing a realistic trade relations program under the handicap of the present world situation the following considerations must be taken into account.
"First, we must fully protect our own national living standards, the wages of our workers, and the income of our farmers.
"Second, we must try to increase our foreign trade by every measure available consistent with the protection of our living standards, the wages of our workers, and the income of our farmers."
Despite the fact that the committee adds that "it is not the function of tariff policy to erect walls so high that behind them industries can maintain excessive prices or be so completely freed from external competition that they become inefficient," the thoughtful reader is likely to recall that substantially the tariff doctrines here enunciated led to the tariff excesses of the Harding and Hoover regimes, and the fact remains that about the only concrete suggestion of change from the existing system embodies a proposal that "realistic trade agreements" through which "genuine reciprocity benefits" are realized should replace those which have been negotiated by the present Administration, and that such agreements be subject to Congressional approval. The impression thus given is not much relieved by the reference to the New Era years as a period of
"amazing progress in prosperity and general well being."

## Modernization

It is in those evidences of the committee's notion of "modernization" of our system that most realistic observers will find many sweeping concessions to the New Deal "ideology" not at all to their liking. The farmers, it is conceded, must continue to be subsidized, but with less regulation, only that "form of subsidy which is simplest to apply generally and which will necessitate the least possible red-tape of regulation and the least possible number of bureaucratic regulators" being consistent with "a rational farm program." Then there is this rather strange passage:
"The large freedom that is basic to a free enterprise system makes necessary periodic business reform and permanent business regulation at the hand of government. Business traffic rules are as indispensable as highway traffic rules.
"That certain regulations of business are needed, if we are to avoid earlier errors in our experience, is not arguable. Consumers must be protected against unfairly administered prices, as in the case of regulated natural monopolies. Small and new businesses must be protected against unfair competition from monopolistic or near-monopolistic enterprises. Consumers and competitors must both be protected against misleading promotion of either the products or the securities of business enterprise. Business itself must be protected by rational rules governing markets in securities, real estate and commodities."
It seems to us that the committee is here either uttering perfectly meaningless platitudes or else is by implication endorsing in general principle at least the regulatory ideas of the New Deal, which have laid so heavy a hand upon American business, since certainly no one has suggested repeal of the anti-trust laws, abolition of State and local regulation of natural monopolies, or the abandonment of anti-fraud laws, all of which were in full force long before the craze for "modernization" of the past few years developed. The same general tendency to make concessions to the New Deal is found in the treatment of "social security", so-called, which the committee would continue with modifications here and there, and in the attitude toward a number of the other New Deal programs such as deposit insurance. About the best that can be said for these portions of its report is that more intelligent regulation and better administration is demanded.

## Some More Constructive Suggestions

At other points suggested changes from the present system are more sweeping and much more heartening. The committee appears to concede, as we wish it did not, a necessity for a National Labor Relations Act of one kind or another, but an overhauling of the present Act and of its administration such as that suggested in the following extract from the committee's report would certainly be helpful:
"To be productive of the maximum possible benefit to American workers and to American enterprise the National Labor Relations Act and its administration must: (1) secure equality of treatment to all parties concerned, (2) insure administration by men of demonstrated capacity for fairness and impartiality, (3) prevent governmental favoritism between labor unions in their controversies with other unions and between employees and employers in their con-
troversies, (4) give to employees and employers alike, by provision of law and not at the discretion of the Board, the right to initiate proceedings before the Board, (5) give to all interested parties adequate notice of hearings and the right to participate in them, (6) insure to all parties the elementary processes of fair hearing and court review which should mark the procedure of all regulatory agencies, (7) protect rather than limit the civil liberties of both emplosees and employers, (8) penalize unfair practices by whomever committed, and (9) see to it that no union, which becomes an exclusive bargaining agency, discriminates against the employment of workers on grounds of race, religion, or by undue financial requirements, on the principle that neither organized labor nor organized industry should be able to impose restraints upon freedom of employment which Government itself is forbidden by the Constitution to impose."

After a thorough and deserved castigation of New Deal monetary and fiscal management, the Committee offers some further proposals of an encouraging sort in the following language:
${ }^{\text {a }}$ In this situation the purpose of the United States to resist all inflationary tendencies and preserve the stability of the dollar should be further forcibly demonstrated by : (1) a substantial reduction of Government expenditures, (2) repeal of the emergency monetary power of the President, and (3) return to a fixed gold standard, the time and detailed conditions of such return to be fixed by Congress upon the recommendations of a competent monetary and banking commission."

## But a First Step

All in all, the thoughtful citizen is likely to arrive ultimately at the conclusion that this report, which, incidentally, appears in broad outline to be about in accord with the ideas of the leading candidates of the party so far as these latter have been able to bring themselves to definite commitments, is not particularly inspiring. At the same time, he will probably conclude that it offers promise of definite improvement over the present regime, and if this is the best bread that can be made of wheat at this moment, he will, of course, accept it as such. We must, however, be certain that this is the best that can be had at present. Such an assumption certainly should not be lightly made. We have never been able to bring ourselves to believe that the people of this country, if intelligently and forcefully approached on the subject, could not be persuaded to support more constructive policies than those now in force, and, for that matter, more constructive policies than those now suggested by the program committee of the Republican party. Most important of all, if we must content ourselves with the rather faltering step back toward sanity in the management of our affairs that this report now suggests, we must take it with a clear determination in our own minds that it is but a first step.

## Federal Reserve Bank Statement

BANKING statistics this week reveal a further increase of the idle credit resources of the country, and a fresh set of records in this highly important sphere of affairs. Gold continued to pour into the United States in the week ended Feb. 21, the Treasury reporting a gain of its monetary gold stocks by $\$ 45,000,000$ to a record of $\$ 18$, $108,000,000$. The Treasury also disbursed funds on a sizable scale from its general account with the 12 Federal Reserve banks, and foreign bank deposits likewise dropped. These items made for an increase of member bank deposits and of excess reserves, with a gain of currency in circulation by $\$ 39,000,000$ to $\$ 7,450,000,000$ furnishing the only important offset. The result was an advance of member bank excess reserves by $\$ \check{5} 0,000,000$ to a total of $\$ 5,630,000,000$.

This is $\$ 40,000,000$ over the previous record high for excess reserves, established Jan. 24. There is still no indication of any expansion in the demand for eredit accommodation, although a normal seasonal increase for business requirements can be expected in coming weeks. During the statement week to Feb. 21, New York City reporting banks experienced a decline of $\$ 5,000,000$ in business loans to $\$ 1,645,000,000$. The same banks reported an in crease of brokers' loans on security collateral by $\$ 7,000,000$ to $\$ 472,000,000$.

The Treasury deposited $\$ 64,004,000$ gold certificates with the regional banks in the weekly period, raising their holdings of such instruments to $\$ 15$,739,122,000. Other cash of the banks receded, and total reserves were up $\$ 48,023,000$ to $\$ 16,118,0$ ธ0, 000 . Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation increased $\$ 14,310,000$ to $\$ 4,860,778,000$. Total deposits with the regional institutions advanced by $\$ 26,869,000$ to $\$ 13,052,919,000$, with the account variations consisting of a gain in member bank reserve deposits by $\$ 89,974,000$ to $\$ 12,240,683,000$; a decline of the Treasury general account by $\$ 46,148,000$ to $\$ 595,990,000$; a decrease of foreign bank deposits by $\$ 31,145,000$ to $\$ 361,381,000$, and an increase of other deposits by $\$ 14,188,000$ to $\$ 354,865,000$. The reserve ratio remained unchanged at $87.5 \%$. Discounts by the regional banks fell $\$ 544,000$ to $\$ 6,079,000$. The open market portfolio was unchanged, holdings of United States Treasury securities again being repouted at $\$ 2,477,270,000$. Industrial advances were down $\$ 7,000$ to $\$ 10,427,000$, while commitments to make such advances increased $\$ 277,000$ to $\$ 8,638,000$

## The New York Stock Market

PRICE movements were modest this week on the New York stock market, and closing levels yesterday were hardly to be distinguished from those prevalent a week earlier. Only a few groups of issues engaged in variations that might be regarded as significant, and even these reflect changes of little more than a point or two. A mild holiday atmosphere was apparent, owing to the closing on Thursday in observance of Washington's Birthday. This break in the business week diminished activity to a degree, but turnover of stocks nevertheless was on a slightly better scale than in previous weeks. Dealings on the New York Stock Exchange ranged around the 600,000 to 800,000 -share levels in the full sessions. Copper stocks were in favor at times, owing to better buying of the commodity, and a few issues of the steel group did better. But most issues in the manufacturing, merchandising and specialty sections were quiet and virtually unchanged. Railroad and utility stocks were similarly dull. The best rated investment stocks, such as American Telephone, remained in persistent demand and some issues moved to best levels of the year.

The market was modestly concerned for a brief period, last Monday, by the London announcement that English holdings of 60 American stocks had been taken over by the British Treasury, with a view to ultimate liquidation and the replenishment of the British dollar balances. Assurances that the selling would be carried out in an orderly manner, and the reflection that much of the disposal already had been effected through privately ordered sales, soon dispelled any apprehensions. Bursts of speculative buying in the wheat pit aided the stock section briefly on Tuesday. Such influences were
minor and evanescent, however, and they balanced out so far as prices are concerned. The business trend in the United States remained downward, as expected, but it seems that this matter has been discounted to a large degree. The domestic political outlook did not change, while the principal problem in the foreign sphere was that of a possible widening of the war activities and of the number of countries engaged in hostilities. Not in any sense were the determining factors of sufficient weight to move the market definitely in either direction.

Listed bond dealings were slow, save for a few special issues. United States Treasury bonds were neglected, pending disclosure of the March financing plans. Highest rated corporate issues also were all but motionless. Underwriters found the demand good for new corporate issues which appeared on the market, but the tax-exempt offerings of State agencies and municipalities were inclined to lag in distribution. Among speculative bonds the best performances were in New York City transit issues, Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit obligations being especially in demand on developments assuring unification under municipal ownership. Speculative railroad, utility and industrial bonds held close to previous levels. Some of the Latin American default bonds were in mild demand in the foreign dollar department, and Scandinavian bonds also improved, notwithstanding the dubious war outlook in northern Europe. In the wheat market a sudden buying wave developed late Tuesday, and it occasioned a little sympathetic acquisition of equities. But the gains in wheat were not fully maintained, while other agricultural commodities held around previous figures. Good inquiry for copper aided the base metal stocks generally. Foreign exchange trading was slow, with "free" sterling inclined to drift lower. Gold continues to flow toward the United States, which remains the best indication of the foreign exchange position.

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

On the New York Stock Exchange the sales on Saturday were 402,090 shares; on Monday, 633,410 shares; on Tuesday, 807,760 shares; on Wednesday. 783,250 shares, and on Friday, 653,760 shares.

On the New York Curb Exchange the sales on Saturday were 107,345 shares; on Monday, 165,440 shares; on Tuesday, 180,675 shares; on Wednesday, 165,605 shares, and on Friday, 154,098 shares.

The starting pace of the market on Saturday of last week was moderate and firm. The day's lead: ership fell to the lot of the steel shares, and stocks in this group advanced from fractions to two points. Near the close the market encountered softness, but generally higher prices characterized the close. Dull and narrow trading dominated activity on Monday, resulting in a mixed trend of prices. Market strength featured local transit issues, but sales turnover in this section of the list was on a much more modest scale than heretofore. On Tuesday equities emerged from their stupor in the final hour. Transactions at this point showed a perceptible increase, with the rally accounting for approximately one-third of the day's total sales. Firmness attended the heavier volume and gains were most conspicuous among the copper, steel, metal and specialty issues. Exchange activity on Wednesday proved a rather desultory affair. Washington's Birthday on Thursday, an intervening holiday in
the week's trading, coupled with the general confusion among many as to the future of American business, acted to thwart the list's progress by cutting short the mild recovery set into motion the day before. A show of activity was manifest from the start, but the market soon came under the influence of easier prices and completed the session with a mixed trend. Steel shares were especially affected, and they relinquished their previous gains. Profittaking among low-priced specialties and selling in other parts of the list, especially industrials, produced an irregular trend yesterday, and changes were pretty evenly divided between gains and losses. The release during the day of a business review by the Department of Commerce, in which it stated that the volume of business would decline the fore part of the year, was no incentive to better markets.
As compared with the closing on Friday of last week, final prices yesterday reveal a mixed trend. General Electric closed yesterday at $381 / 2$ against $387 / 8$ on Friday of last week; Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y. at $31 \% / 8$ against $315 / 8$; Columbia Gas \& Electric at $61 / 8$ against $61 / 8$; Public Service of N. J. at $421 / 8$ against $413 / 8$; International Harvester at 54 against $563 / 8$; Sears, Roebuck \& Co. at 83 against 84; Montgomery Ward \& Co. at 54 against 54; Woolworth at 40 against 40 , and American Tel. \& Tel. at 172 against $1713 / 4$.

Western Union closed yesterday at $245 / 8$ against $241 / 8$ on Friday of last week; Allied Chemical \& Dye at $1787 / 8$ against $176 \frac{1}{2}$; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 184 ex-div. against $1843 / 4$; National Cash Register at 15 against $151 / 4$; National Dairy Products at $163 / 4$ against 17; National Biscuit at 24 against 24114 ; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $347 / 8$ against $351 / 8$; Continental Can at $473 / 4$ against $461 / 8$; Eastman Kodak at 148 against $1551 / 4$; Standard Brands at $67 / 8$ against $67 / 8$; Westinghouse Elec. \& Mfg. at $1131 / 2$ against 112; Canada Dry at $213 / 4$ against $197 / 8$; Schenley Distillers at $121 / 4$ against $123 / 4$, and National Distillers at $247 / 8$ against $245 / 8$.

In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire \& Rubber closed yesterday at $241 / 8$ against $243 / 8$ on Friday of last week ; B. F. Goodrich at $183 / 4$ against $183 / 4$, and United States Rubber at 37 against 37.

Railroad shares touched lower levels this week. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at $221 / 2$ against $22 \% / 8$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka \& Santa Fe at $225 / 8$ against $231 / 2$; New York Central at $161 / 4$ against $167 / 8$; Union Pacific at $943 / 4$ against $933 / 4$; Southern Pacific at 13 against $133 / 8$; Southern Railway at $163 / 4$ against $171 / 2$, and Northern Pacific at $81 / 8$ against $83 / 8$.

Steel stocks were irregularly changed the present week. United States Steel closed yesterday at $571 / 2$ against $581 / 8$ on Friday of last week; Crucible Steel at $371 / 2$ against $371 / 2$; Bethlehem Steel at $775 / 8$ against 77, and Youngstown Sheet \& Tube at $401 / 2$ against $411 / 4$.

In the motor group, Auburn Auto closed yesterday at $17 / 8$ against $15 / 8$ bid on Friday of last week; General Motors at $531 / 2$ against $531 / 4$; Chrysler at $851 / 4$ against $857 / 8$; Packard at $33 / 8$ against $31 / 2$, and Hupp Motors at $7 / 8$ against $7 / 8$ bid.

Among the oil stocks, Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $423 / 4$ against $443 / 8$ on Friday of last week; Shell Union Oil at $113 / 8$ against $111 / 4$, and Atlantic Refining at 22 against $223 / 8$.
Among the copper stocks, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at $301 / 4$ against $291 / 4$ on Friday of
last week; American Smelting \& Refining at 501/8 against $507 / 8$, and Phelps Dodge at $391 / 2$ against $383 / 8$.

In the aviation group, Curtiss-Wright closed yesterday at $101 / 8$ against $101 / 2$ on Friday of last week; Boeing Airplane at $235 / 8$ against $241 / 4$, and Douglas Aircraft at $821 / 8$ against 83 .

Trade and industrial reports now are reflecting quite generally a decline from the relatively good levels reached soon after the European war started. Steel operations for the week ending today were estimated by American Iron and Steel Institute at $67.1 \%$ of capacity against $68.8 \%$ last week, $82.2 \%$ a month ago, and $53.7 \%$ at this time last year. Production of electric power for the week ended Feb. 17 is reported by Edison Electric Institute at 2,475,$574,000 \mathrm{kwh}$., against $2,522,514,000 \mathrm{kwh}$. in the preceding week and $2,248,767,000 \mathrm{kwh}$. in the corresponding week of last year. Car loadings of revenue freight for the week to Feb. 17 are reported by the Association of American Railroads at 607,924 cars, a decline from the preivous week of 18,979 cars, but an increase over the similar week of 1939 of 31,279 cars.

As indicating the course of the commodity markets, the May option for wheat in Chicago closed yesterday at 106 c . against $1031 / 2$ c. the close on Friday of last week. May corn closed yesterday at $571 / 4$ c. against $561 / 2$ c. the close on Friday of last week. May oats at Chicago closed yesterday at $413 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. against $407 / 8 \mathrm{c}$. the close on Friday of last week.

The spot price for cotton here in New York closed yesterday at 11.22 c . against 11.14 c . the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber yesterday closed at 18.76 c . against 19.06 c . the close on Friday of last week. Domestic copper closed yesterday at $111 / 2$ c. against $111 / 4$ c. the close on Friday of last week. In London the price for bar silver closed yesterday at $203 / 16$ pence per ounce against $203 / 4$ pence per ounce the close on Friday of last week, and spot silver in New York closed yesterday at $343 / 4$ c., the close on Friday of last week.

In the matter of foreign exchanges, cable transfers on London closed yesterday at $\$ 3.951 / 8$ against $\$ 3.961 / 8$ the close on Friday of last week, and cable transfers on Paris closed yesterday at $2.243 / 8$ c. against $2.241 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. the close on Friday of last week.

## European Stock Markets

FAIRLY good business was reported this week on stock exchanges in the leading European financial centers, with the London Stock Exchange showing better results than any of the Continental markets. War dispatches disclosed nothing new in the belligerent activities, and the financial markets were able to busy themselves with more ordinary matters. Of particular interest was the British Treasury decision to take over and pay in sterling for English holdings of 60 American stocks. This gave the gilt-edged section of the London market a fillip on Monday, owing to the expectation that the funds thus made available to British investors would be put to work in such issues. The advance continued more broadly on Tuesday, and thereafter the interest spread to industrial, mining and other shares. Even the foreign bond department of the London market attracted a little buying. Idle funds continue to accumulate in the London market and it seems probable that a start soon will be made on
the funding of short term loans which so far have been the principal reliance of the British Treasury in war financing.

Dealings on the Paris Bourse were quiet in most sessions of the week, but the general tone was firm. The Paris market gained a good deal of encouragement from a speech, Wednesday, by Finance Minister Paul Reynaud, which indicated that sales of "armament bonds" currently are proceeding at a pace that makes postponement of other financing expedients possible. Of the $25,000,000,000$ franc advance by the Bank of France to cover the costs of mobilization, some $7,000,000,000$ francs still are available, Mr. Reynaud said. These remarks aided the French financial market as a whole, pricewise, but did not increase business to any important degree. The Amsterdam market was generally dull and easy, this week, partly because of fears that the war soon will take on larger dimensions. There was open discussion of the possibility that the Holland Government will eventually requisition Dutch holdings of foreign securities in order to bolster the exchange market, and this proved a depressant. The Berlin Boerse was listless in all sessions of the week, and price changes were small.

## British Holdings of U. S. Securities

BRITISH Treasury officials announced in London, last Sunday, an important new step in the process of liquidating English holdings of certain United States securities, and thus obtaining exchange for the purchase of airplanes and other war equipment in this country. The latest measure is an altogether obvious one, which consists merely of the requisitioning of all such holdings of 60 common stocks. Owners are to be paid prices indicated by the final quotations of last week, and the exchange computation is to be at $\$ 4.031 / 2$. No difficulty will attend this process, of course, as the British holdings of United States securities were registered with the London authorities upon the outbreak of the war. The holders heretofore were free to liquidate at their own discretion, after obtaining permission, and they received the sterling equivalent of the sums realized, the dollar exchange being added to the reserves of the London Treasury. For some time after the war began, liquidation of this sort proceeded at a good pace, estimated to have been $\$ 1,500,000$ a day. Of late, however, the selling is well known to have diminished, and it is doubtless in order to accelerate the process that London decided upon official action. The London reports promptly gave rise to conjectures on our own side of the Atlantic as to possible hints from the American Treasury to the British Treasury that continued gold shipments are unwelcome. There is no genuine reason to assume that such overtures were made or had any bearing on the action of the British authorities, which parallels the controlled selling of securities in the World War.

In announcing this step the British Treasury gave ample assurances that there would be no dumping of securities. The object, it was indicated, is to "regularize" the operations under which dollar exchange is obtained for the securities. "The purpose of such requisitioning," the statement said, "is to insure that realization of securities in American markets shall be orderly and that the total volume of sales from the United Kingdom, including sales of both vested and non-vested securities, should,
over a period of time, continue at about the average volume of recent months." The list of stocks is a representative one, ranging from Allied Chemical \& Dye to Texas Gulf Sulphur. There are some noteworthy omissions, however, such as A. T. \& T., U. S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, and General Motors, which almost suggest that the selection was made at random. Other stocks will be added to the list of requisitioned issues from time to time, as circumstances dictate, London dispatches indicate. The action appears to have caused no misgivings in Washington, and assuredly was well understood in the New York financial market, where liquidation through intelligent official action is considered preferable to spasmodic bursts of private sales, if liquidation there must be. It is hardly to be denied that the dribble of sales from London, unbalanced by any buying, has been a depressant on the New York market in recent months. This situation may not be changed materially under the new dispensation, but the offerings doubtless will be at more opportune moments hereafter.

## American Neutrality

FRESH indications were lacking this week as to the course of American foreign policy in the difficult circumstances occasioned by the declared and undeclared wars now in progress in Europe. President Roosevelt doubtless enjoyed his combined business and vacation tour aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa, which carried him into the Pacific last Sunday. The secrecy with which the President hedged this journey gave rise to all manner of rumors, including a far-fetched notion that he planned to dis cuss war aims and peace terms with representatives of belligerent States on the high seas. No one is better aware than Mr. Roosevelt that rumors of this sort will crop up when elaborate attempts are made to veil the real purpose or lack of purpose of such official junkets. The commonly accepted view of Mr. Roosevelt's trip, it may be added, is simply that of a fishing expedition, mixed with a little ostentatious examination of Panama Canal defenses, and no one is inclined to begrudge the President such diversions. Some uneasiness continues to prevail, on the other hand, regarding the "business" matters which were officially stated as having inspired the journey, in part.
The mysterious visit of Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles to Italy, Germany, France and England, likewise remained a matter of uncertainty and of inventions by fertile imaginations. Few of the rumors gained the dignity of presentation by reputable journals, but they are none the less sig. nificant. A little apparent light on the purpose of Mr. Welles's journey was made available Thursday, in a United Press dispatch from the Italian liner Rex, which took the Under-Secretary abroad. In the course of this observation tour the possibility of improved relations between Washington and Berlin will be surveyed, it was stated. Still another cause for uneasiness as to our neutral position is found in the expressed British determination to take American merchant ships into control ports for examination, despite the prohibition against such entry into belligerent waters written into our amended neutrality laws. The latest German threat of unrestrained submarine warfare makes this matter a delicate one. Also of great general interest is a disclosure by the Associated Press,

Thursday, that British interferences with United States mails on clipper airships at Bermuda, on Jan. 18, took place at the points of bayonets.

Another futile international dispute appears to impend with respect to the so-called "safety zone" of the 21 American republics, stretching some 300 miles to sea. This zone, reported by some observers to be the brain child of Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles, has not been accepted by any of the belligerents, and obviously can have little basis in international law. Brazilian authorities made it known late last week that they intend to protest the British interference, far off the coast of Brazil, but inside the zone, with the German merchant ship Wakama, which was scuttled by its crew. With such a protest the United States Government probably will associate itself, according to Washington reports of last Saturday. An excellent indication that the United States Government really is pressing for joint action was afforded by a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times," which reported confidence in our official circles that "all American governments would fall into line." It seems quite obvious, in view of actual experience with the zone and of the diplomatic exchanges pertaining thereto, that the notion of such a unilateral extension of territorial waters in wartime might well be buried for the duration of the conflict.

## Russia and Finland

FINNISH troops continued, this week, their valiant defense of the small country which the Russian forces now are attacking with a frenzied violence unknown in previous weeks of this undeclared war in northern Europe. The outlook for the Finns unquestionably is dark, but reports differ widely and it may well be that the fate of the country will not be decided for some time to come. Snows came to the aid of the defenders, Wednesday, rendering the Russian attacks difficult. It appears, on the other hand, that Finland will receive little military assistance from other countries, save for the volunteer corps assembled mainly in Sweden. The debate as to fresh financial aid from the United States is still undecided in Washington. The British authorities made it known on Wednesday that 144 airplanes had been supplied to Finland, along with extensive land equipment, but informed opinion in London held that the men so vitally needed by Finland could hardly be spared in sufficient numbers by the Allies. Sweden, as the next-door neighbor of the beleaguered country, debated official aid last week. Premier Per Albin Hansson stated in Stockholm, however, that Swedish neutrality could not be compromised by official aid, although private assistance to the hard-pressed country certainly was permissible. Public opinion in Sweden was so incensed that King Gustaf considered it advisable to state personally, last Monday, that the decision for strict neutrality had been taken with the full support of the Cabinet and the Parliament. This disposed of hopes that the Finns might receive really effective military assistance from nearby countries.

Reports of the battles make clear the increasing strain to which the defenders are being subjected. The main battle still is being waged on the Karelian isthmus, where the Russians are throwing men and materials against the Mannerheim line with reckless haste. Neutral observers were under the
impression that the Red Army aimed to conquer the Finnish fortifications in time for the annual military celebrations, yesterday. If this was the case, the Russians attained only a partial success. The invaders hammered away steadily on the Karelian front and they claimed on Wednesday the capture of the coast fortress of Koivisto, the western anchor of the Mannerheim line. Finnish spokesmen denied the loss of this highly strategic point. In Stockholm the view prevailed Thursday that the Finns still held Koivisto, but a dispatch to the New York "Times" remarked that "no one in Helsinki knows what is happening at the front." The obvious inference is that no one in the outside world can be fully aware of the developments. It appears, on the other hand, that the Russian air force remains highly active and is extending much aid to the Russian land forces, which are endeavoring in nuge numbers to storm the extreme ends of the Mannerheim defenses. Even the heavy snowstorm on Wednesday failed to halt the Russian attacks, and it is clear that the Finnish defense is wearing thin. Calls were issued Thursday for Finnish reserves of 1895 and 1894, which indicates that final resources of man-power now are being tapped by the defenders. The Finns announced on Monday the defeat of a Russian division of 18,000 men north of Lake Ladoga, which is a heartening indication that Russian attempts to outflank the Mannerheim defenses are proving fruitless. But this fails to solve the real defense problem of man-power and supply.
International complications of the Russo-Finnish struggle were augmented, Wednesday, owing to an airplane bombing raid upon the small Swedish hamlet of Pajala, six miles from the Finnish border. Although 100 bombs were dropped by the fleet of Soviet airplanes, no great damage was done, it appears, but the incident nevertheless increased the delicacy of the Swedish position. Observers at the hamlet were firmly convinced, it was reported, that the attack on neutral Swedish territory was willful and premeditated. It is at least possible, however, that the white blanket of snow may have led to territorial miscalculations by the Russian aviators. The Swedish Government promptly protested to Moscow, and orders were issued for all Swedish defense units to fire upon Russian airplanes at sight. Russian military authorities were said to be somewhat perturbed over the appearance off the northern coast of Norway of British warships, although it is fairly obvious that this relates to the use of Norwegian territorial waters by German ships.

## Western Europe

$\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{L}}$LMOST six months have passed since Great Britain and France rushed to the aid of Poland and declared war against the Nazi German Reich, but the conflict still remains one of fortifications on the land frontier and of attrition on the high seas and in the economic sphere. In no important sense, save that of inactivity, has a decision been reached or a trend established. There was again a little scouting on the Western Front, where the French admitted on Monday the loss of some 20 men in a German ambush. The weather improved on Tuesday, when the freezing temperature moderated, but this merely occasioned a morass of mud and icy water, in which the troops made no progress whatever. All attention currently is
directed to the possibility of a major move in the coming spring, but the military experts remain of the opinion that no attempt will be made either by the Germans or the Allies to break through the Maginot or Limes lines at the frightful cost that such on offensive surely would entail. It is considered far more likely that Germany will intensify its sea and aerial warfare against Great Britain, and that the Allies will endeavor to enlist the assistance of neutral countries in southeastern Europe, utilizing that area as the base for a "back-door" attack on the Reich. All predictions now are made with the greatest caution, however, for all experts have been confounded by this strangest of all wars. It is worth recording, on the other hand, that some observers now incline to the belief that Great Britain, France and Germnay eventually will join forces in a struggle against Russia and communism.

The conflict on the high seas produced several spectacular incidents this week. British warships dashed into the territorial waters of neutral Norway on Feb. 16 and rescued some 326 imprisoned sailors on the German vessel Altmark, thereby precipitating a diplomatic dispute which seems destined to echo for some time to come. The British Admiralty announced on Monday the loss of the destroyer Daring, of 1,375 tons. The ship succumbed to a German torpedo, it was admitted, and only five men were rescued from the crew of 162 . The ship was the sixth of the 179 British destroyers in commission at the start of the war to go down from one cause or another. In a statement before the House of Commons, Wednesday, Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, maintained that the British Navy is continuing its high rate of German submarine destruction, said to be two to four submarines a week. Losses of merchant shipping were said in London, Tuesday, to have been "rather heavy in the preceding week, but neutrals suffered more than the Anglo-French Allies. A tightening of the blockade of the Reich was indicated, Wednesday, when both neutral and bellig. erent reports indicated that British warships had extended their patrols to cover the Arctic coast of Norway, apparently in an endeavor to prevent German ships from entering or leaving Norwegian territorial waters. This is an obvious offshoot of the dispute regarding the German vessel Altmark. German bombing airplanes on two occasions this week approached the eastern coast of England and Scotland, but only minor attacks on fishing vessels developed and the Germans were beaten off by Royal Air Force planes, it was said.

## Altmark Case

TCHROUGH no apparent fault of its own, Norway was embroiled over the last week-end in one of the most troublesome incidents that any neutral so far has had to face as a consequence of the great war in Europe. The rights and wrongs of the occurrence are matters of dispute between the belligerents and the Norwegian Government, and even some of the facts are not entirely clear. International legal experts find their views opposed, possibly because of personal preferences or varying emphasis upon different aspects of the incident, which bids fair to go down in history as the Altmark case. In brief, the German supply ship Altmark, which accompanied the raider Admiral Graf Spee in its South Atlantic depredations, was
boarded in Norwegian territorial waters on Feb. 16 by British sailors from the destroyer Cossack, and 326 British prisoners on the German vessel were rescued and taken back in triumph to England. The attack on the Altmark was resisted, and a halfdozen German sailors lost their lives, while others were seriously injured. On these bare essentials all accounts agree, but not much else is beyond dispute. Norwegian authorities were deeply incensed over the glaring infringement of their country's neutral status. British spokesmen held the action well justified, while German officials fulminated and indicated that Norway will be held strictly to ac count. Present indications are that the Altmark case will be taken to the League of Nations or some other international tribunal, where the fine points of international law can be considered in a calmer atmosphere than now prevails.
It would seem that the British Admiralty was well aware of the fact that the Altmark, accompanying the scuttled Admiral Graf Spee, had on board some hundreds of seamen taken from captured and sunken British merchantmen. Nothing was heard of the supply ship, however, until the sensational occurrence in Norway was made known. The British naval authorities plainly were on the lookout for the ship, for London reports of last Monday explained that the Royal Air Force scouted the northern seas until the vessel finally was spotted. Thereupon, several British destroyers took up the chase, which led southward from Bergen through Norwegian territorial waters. Into a deep but isolated fjord, known as the Joesing Fjord, the Altmark was forced by the British naval craft, despite efforts by smaller Norwegian warships to halt such proceedings. The Altmark was forced aground deep within the fjord, and a boarding party, using grenades and pistols, effected a gallant rescue of the 326 British sailors. It is said that the imprisoned men lived on the German ship in almost intolerable conditions, and they were acclaimed on their return to England. Much was made of this spectacular incident in the United Kingdom, possibly because British naval successes in this war have been of the quiet kind represented by measurably safe transport, whereas the Germans have sunk several huge British warships and a number of smaller ones.
Brief as this encounter was, it already has given rise to a protracted diplomatic dispute. Circumstances surrounding the affair become known last Saturday, when the Norwegian Government protested vigorously to London against the violation of neutrality and demanded that the freed British seamen be returned to Norway. It appeared at the same time that the German Government had protested strongly to Norway, demanding repair of damage to the Altmark and compensation. The German vessel, hard aground, presented a difficult case apart from the British raid, and Oslo dispatches made it clear that the principal concern of Norway was to maintain her delicate balance of neutrality. The entire matter was complicated additionally by London reports that the British warships had acted on the "full authority of his Majesty's Government to enter neutral waters." Diplomatic initiative in the matter promptly was taken by London, where the Norwegian Minister, Erik Colban, was informed that the British Government had no apologies to make. It was at first believed in London that the Altmark had halted at Bergen,
and a controversy followed as to why the Norwegians had failed to detect the presence of the 326 imprisoned men and freed them, as, according to the British version, Norway was bound to do. The question was raised whether the German ship was armed and therefore in the classification of warships. But Norwegian authorities made it clear that the German vessel had not halted at Bergen for examination and they cited British authorities on international law to the effect that there is nothing to prevent the transportation of prisoners across neutral waters.

Two clarifying statements are of importance in this case, the first having been made last Monday by Norwegian Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht, and the second on Tuesday by British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. Mr. Koht declared categorically that the Altmark had not put into any Norwegian port, but was stopped by a Norwegian torpedo boat on Feb. 14 outside Trondjhem Fjord. It was established, he added, that the Altmark was a State vessel, armed with anti-aircraft guns, which had a perfect right to go through Norwegian waters. Citing an admission by British Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax that there had been a "technical infringement" of Norwegian neutrality, Mr. Koht asserted that "the British Government is of the opinion that it can neglect ordinary international law." Mr. Chamberlain disclosed that before action was taken with respect to the Altmark, British naval officers proposed that the vessel be taken to Bergen for examination by Norwegian authorities. This offer was refused. The British spokesman complained of what he called Norwegian indifference as to the use which might be made of their territorial waters by the German fleet. "Even if such indifference were due to German pressure, it nevertheless in th view of his Majesty's Government was inconsistent with an active and impartial exercise of the duty of a neutral toward ourselves as belligerents," Mr. Chamberlain stated.

## Southeastern Europe

DIPLOMATIC maneuverings of the great European Powers in the Balkan peninsula and the Near East are beginning to occasion misgivings as to the ability of the smaller countries to avoid the dread plunge into conflict. There are some stout reasons for believing that the Balkan States will be able to determine their own fate, for some months to come at any rate. These include the simple aspects of geography, and the need of Germany for a peaceful Balkan region as a supply base. Italy would have to be at least benevolently neutral before the Allies could contemplate extensive operations, and there is no assurance regarding the Italian attitude. The uneasiness nevertheless continues to mount, and in recent days has been aug. mented by Turkish statements which verge on belligerency. The controlled press of Turkey warned the people last Monday that, as non-belligerent associates of Great Britain and France, they must be prepared for a "supreme effort" next spring. Quite as plain was a comment in an Associated Press dispatch of Tuesday from Ankara, indicating that the supreme war council of Turkey was studying plans "for coordinating Turkey's armed forces with the huge reservoir of man-power being assembled in the Near East by her British and French allies." These moves suggest, as some others have done, that Lon-
don and Paris at the very least are preparing for the possible contingency of a generalized conflict in which Germany and Russia, as one combination, would be faced by an enlarged grouping of States centering around England and France. Russia was reported on Wednesday as recalling technical and ther advisers from Turkey. On the same day the Italian press ventured the estimate that the Allies will have $1,000,000$ men under arms in the Near East next spring.

The immediate test of influence continues to center on Rumania, which by now must be considering its oil supplies a curse rather than a blessing. For Rumanian oil may well draw its possessor country into the war. German authorities are exerting tremendous pressure for continued and augmented supplies of petroleum from Rumania, while Great Britain with equal dexterity is pressing for diminished shipments to the Reich. The problem of airplane gasoline was uppermost this week, and to all appearances the British negotiators won the round, for it was indicated at Bucharest that home requirements would make exports impossible. But the German Government promptly dispatched one of its ablest spokesmen to Ramania, and fresh developments would not be surprising. Meanwhile, the Rumanian authorities decided to increase their armed forces for all eventualities, and it is expected that virtually general mobilization will be in effect by the beginning of March, with $1,500,000$ men under arms. Other Balkan States also are restless, for it is obvious that Rumanian involvement in the European war might draw others into the strife. A rapid change of the Bulgarian Cabinet occurred late last week, with Professor Bogdan Philoff replacing George Kiosseivanoff as Premier, for "reasons of health."

## Discount Rates of Foreign Central Banks

$T$ HERE have been no changes during the week in the discount rates of any of the foreign central banks. Present rates at the leading centers are shown in the table which follows:


## Foreign Money Rates

$I^{N}$N LONDON open market discount rates for short bills on Friday are 11-32\%, as against 11-32\% on Friday of last week and 11-32@11-16\% for three months' bills, as against $11-32 @ 11-16 \%$ on Friday of last week. Money on call at London on Firday was $1 \%$. At Paris the open market rate is nominal at $21 / 2 \%$ and in Switzerland at $1 \%$.

## Bank of England Statement

THE statement of the Bank for the week ended Feb. 21 shows a contraction of $£ 1,661,000$ in note circulation reducing the outstandings to $£ 529$,975,000 in comparison with $£ 472,734,976$ a year ago. As the circulation decline was attended by a gain of
$£ 144,982$ in the Bank's nominal gold holdings, reserves rose a total of $£ 1,806,000$. Public deposits rose $£ 9,369,000$ further to $£ 48,587,000$ compared with $\$ £ 28,626,000$ two weeks ago and only $£ 16$,347,851 a year ago. Other deposits decreased $£ 8$,529,869 , of which $£ 8,366,055$ was from bankers accounts and $£ 163,814$ from other accounts. The reserve proportion rose to $27.50 \%$ from $26.60 \%$ a week ago and compares with $35.30 \%$ last year. Government securities fell off $£ 3,378,000$ and other securities increased $£ 2,440,949$. The latter consists of discounts and advances which decreased $£ 101,490$ and securities which rose $£ 2,542,439$. The Bank rate remains at $2 \%$. Below we show the different items with comparisons for previous years:


## Bank of France Statement

T${ }^{7}$ HE statement for the week ended Feb. 15 showed the Bank's gold holdings at $97,272,254,346$ francs, an increase of $1,077,391$ francs in the week, compared with $87,265,829,349$ francs a year ago. Notes in circulation again registered a loss, the current decrease, $668,000,000$ francs, reduced the total outstanding to $153,641,000,000$ francs, compared with the record high of $154,455,000,000$ francs two weeks ago and $110,785,165,540$ francs a year ago. French commercial bills discounted fell off 1,195 ,000,000 francs, while credit balances abroad, advances against securities, creditor current accounts and temporary advances to State showed increases of $9,000,000$ francs, $74,000,000$ francs, $816,000,000$ francs and $700,000,000$ francs respectively. Advances to the State total now $37,873,990,139$ francs, the highest on record. The proportion of gold to sight liabilities is now at $56.97 \%$, compared with $63.19 \%$ a year ago. Below we show the various items with comparisons for previous years:

|  | Chanres | Feb. 15. 1940 | Feb. 16, 1939 | Fes. 17, 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gold holdings-..---- | Francs $+1,077,391$ <br> $+9,000,000$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Francs } \\ 97,272,254,346 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Francs } \\ , 265,829,349 \end{gathered}$ $14,786,507$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Francs } \\ 55,806,47,935 \\ 20,261,136 \end{gathered}$ |
| a French commercial bils discounted | -1,195,000,000 | 11,209,000,000 | 7,110,982,563 | 11,080.949,745 |
| b Blls hought abr'd |  | *67,603,652 | 745,658,368 | 837,630,029 |
| Adv aralnst securs- | +74.000.000 | 3,579,0000000 | 3,387.633,652 | 3,740,957,502 |
|  | $\xrightarrow{+688.0000,000}$ | 17,103,000,000 | 27,322,390,371 | ${ }_{22,199,614,075}^{91,945}$ |
| c Temp. advs. with- | +700,000,000 | 37,873,990,139 |  | 31,903,974,773 |
| Propor' of told on | -0.05\% | $56.97 \%$ | $63.19 \%$ ! | 48.89\% | or zoll on

* Figures as of Jan. 19, 1939.
a Includes bllls 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 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 unsatistled balance of such were wiped out and the unsatisfied balance of such loans was transferred to a new
entry of non-interest-bearing loans to the State. entry of non-interest-bearing loans the state.
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 deree of Nov. 13, 1938, was effected in the statement of Nov. 17 , 1938; prior to
that date and from June 30 , 1937 , valuatlon 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 whe
the franc.


## Bank of Germany Statement

THE bank's quarter-month statement dated Feb. 15 showed notes in circulation at $11,229,921,000$ marks, a loss of $112,936,000$ marks in the quarter, compared with the record high, $11,797,934,000$ marks Dec. 30, 1939 and with $7,334,827,000$ marks
a year ago. Gold and bullion, other assets and other daily maturing obligations recorded increases of 70,000 marks, $164,618,000$ marks and $172,494,000$ marks, respectively. Gold holdings now total 77,632,000 marks, compared with $70,772,000$ marks last year. Bills of exchange and checks showed a decrease of $91,380,000$ marks and investments of $43,961,000$ marks. The proportion of gold to note circulation is now $0.69 \%$; a year ago it was $1.04 \%$. Below we show the various items with comparisons for previous years:


## New York Money Market

$\mathrm{N}^{0}$OTHING developed this week to stir the New York money market or change rates in any department. Despite the vast accumulation of idle funds, demand remains exceedingly modest. Bankers bills and commercial paper were traded only spasmodically. The Treasury sold on Monday a further issue of $\$ 100,000,000$ discount bills due in 91 days, and awards were at $0.006 \%$ average, computed on an annual bank discount basis. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange held to $1 \%$ for all transactions, while time loans again were $11 / 4 \%$ for maturities to 90 days, and $11 / 2 \%$ for four to six months datings.

## New York Money Rates

DEALING IN DETAIL with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, $1 \%$ was the ruling quotation all through the week for both new loans and renewals. The market for time money continues quiet. Rates continued nominal at $11 / 4 \%$ up to 90 days and $11 / 2 \%$ for four to six months' maturities. The market for prime commercial paper continued moderately active this week. The supply of paper has improved but the demand is still in excess of the paper obtainable. Ruling rates are $5 / 8 @ 1 \%$ for all maturities.

## Bankers' Acceptances

T'HE market for prime bankers' acceptances has shown no change this week. Prime bills are in about the same volume as last week and the demand has held strong. There has been no change in rates. Dealers' rates as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for bills up to and including 90 days are $1 / 2 \%$ bid and $7-16 \%$ asked; for bills running for four months, $9-16 \%$ bid and $1 / 2 \%$ asked; for five and six months, $5 / 8 \%$ bid and $9-16 \%$ asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is $1 / 2 \%$ 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:

| Federal Reserve Bank | Rate in <br> Effect on <br> Feb. 23 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Date } \\ & \text { Established } \end{aligned}$ | Preolous |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Boston. | 1 | Sept. 1, 1939 |  |
| New York | 1 | Aug. 27, 1937 | $13 / 2$ |
| Philadelphi | $11 / 13$ | Sept. ${ }^{\text {4, }} 19378$ |  |
| Rlchmond | $13 / 2$ | Aug. 27, 1937 | 2 |
| Atlanta.- | *1122 | Aug. 21, 1937 | 2 |
| Chicago | *11/2 | Aug. 21, 1937 | 2 |
| ${ }_{\text {St }}$ Stinneapolis | *11/2 | Sept. 2, 1937 | 2 |
| Minneapolis. | *13/2 | Aug. Sept. ${ }^{\text {24, }}$, 1937 1937 | $\stackrel{2}{2}$ |
| Dallas...- | *1/3 | Aug. 31, 1937 | 2 |
| San Franolseo | $11 / 2$ | Sept. 3, 1937 | 2 | *Advances on Government obllgatlons bear a rate of $1 \%$, effective sept. 1, 1939.

Chicago; Sept. 16, 1939, Atlanta, Kansas City and Dallas; Sept. 21, 1939, St. Louls,

## Course of Sterling Exchange

STERLING exchange is irregular and trading is on the most limited scale. However, during the past two weeks orders have been in larger amounts than since the beginning of the war. The quotable rates for sterling have been influenced by selling by South Americans and neutrals. On Thursday, Washington's Birthday, there was no market in New York. In the free market the range for sterling this week has been between $\$ 3.941 / 2$ and $\$ 3.961 / 4$ for bankers' sight bills, compared with a range of between $\$ 3.94$ and $\$ 3.98$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been between $\$ 3.943 / 4$ and $\$ 3.961 / 2$, compared with a range of between $\$ 3.941 / 4$ and $\$ 3.981 / 8$ a week ago.

The official exchange rates fixed by London have shown no change since Jan. 8 and are as follows: New York cables, $4.021 / 2-4.031 / 2$; Paris checks, 1761/2-1763/4; Amsterdam, 7.53-7.58; Canada, 4.434.47. Berlin is not quoted. Lire are unofficially quoted in London at 78.00.

London official rates are fixed for one-month delivery in the forward exchange market as follows: New York $3 / 4 \%$ premium to parity with the spot rate; Paris parity for buyers and sellers; Amsterdam $11 / 2$ Dutch cents premium to parity; Brussels parity to 2 centimes discount; Zurich 3 centimes premium to parity.

It becomes increasingly evident as the weeks pass that the British exchange control is as firmly effective in all markets as it would be if it were confined to Great Britain alone. The present rates fixed by the Bank of England acting for the British Treasury could be lowered or lifted at will without consultation with financial authorities anywhere.

As compared with other countries and despite the severe decline of international trade since 1914, the vast economic power and credit resources of Great Britain remain an impregnable defense:
Currently the principal event affecting foreign exchange is the order issued by the British Treasury on Feb. 19 requiring British owners of stocks in 60 United States corporations to sell their holdings to the British Government as a logical step to insure orderly liquidation.

From the viewpoint of foreign exchange the significance of the measure lies in the vast increase indicated in the British import balance and in the probability that in recent months Great Britain has been parting with gold to an extent which calls for greater caution as her gold holdings here or balances derived therefrom must be kept unimpaired as far as possible until the war has been brought to a successful conclusion. The action might also be taken to indicate that Great Britain is making comprehensive plans for a was of several years' duration.

The sharp increase in the British import balance has resulted largely from the predominant volume of imports from the United States. Imports of war requirements and implements necessary to the maintenance of domestic armament production, such as machine tools, together with imports of certain essential consumption goods, play an important part in the increase in British imports since Aug. 26 and also in the frequent releases of British earmarked gold in New York. In considering British imports of consumption goods account should be taken of the fact that ever since the outbreak of the war British citizens have been subject to rationing not only of food but of many other supplies, notably gasoline.

In normal times British commodity imports are more than offset by the invisible favorable balance derived from shipping, insurance, and investment returns. The revenues from these sources, while still-substantial, have been severely curtailed in recent years.
The failure of exports to balance the swollen imports is seen in the following trade statistics. In January, 1939 British imports totaled $£ 75,570,000$ and the import balance was $£ 31,494,000$. Since last August the import balance has risen steadily and during January, 1940 imports reached a total of $£ 104,961,000$ and although British exertions were on the whole highly successful in achieving a greater volume of exports and reexports, the import balance for January, 1940 increased to $£ 60,230,000$. Prior to last August the foreign trade deficit for some years had been around $£ 30,000,000$ to $£ 40,000,000$ monthly and had been largely offset by invisible receipts, though not in nearly the same proportion as before the World War.
The present list of 60 American securities requisitioned from British holders by the London authorities consists of what might be called second class issues and bears no relation to the extremely large holdings of really first class outstanding American securities held by British citizens. Such securities, to mention only a few, as United States Steel, Bethlehem Steel, American Telephone \& Telegraph and Pennsylvania Railroad are not included. Doubtless as the war continues securities of the highest grade will also be requisitioned and sold in this market by the British authorities, for the actual British gold holdings here will not be disposed of except as a last resort. The London authorities state that no securities will be sold in this market except under urgent necessity and in such an orderly way as not to disturb prices.
Following the London example dispatches from Melbourne on Feb. 20 said that the Australian Government is also expected to requisition United States dollar securities. Such action is to be expected as the Australian Government works in close collaboration with the London financial control, but is merely corroborative in character since the volume of American securities owned in Australia is relatively small.
All British officials in their utterances in and outside of Parliament constantly reiterate the necessity of increasing exports. Only a few days ago Sir Samuel Hoare warned in a speech in Nottingham that unless Great Britain maintained her export trade she would lose the war, and called upon the people to cut down on foods that must be paid for in foreign currency, eat more home grown products,
reduce the consumption of unnecessary ${ }^{\top}$ foods and avoid waste. At the same time Lord Chatfield, Minister for the Coordination of Defense, assured a Welsh audience that the coal from Welsh mines was one of the most important of Britain's war exports.

Optimism in the London market is reflected in the advances in the share indices. Under the leadership of gilt-edged securities and a sharp rise in railway shares, London industrial stocks reached a new high for 1940 on Feb. 20. The industrial averages, which were at 95.6 on Sept. 8, registered 98.0 on Feb. 20, according to the London "Financial Times." Rails advanced from 40.8 on Sept. 8 to 65.4 on Feb. 20. Reuters index of London stock prices stood at 88.7 on Feb. 6 and at 90.5 on Feb. 20. During the same period Reuters rail shares index rose from 81.2 to 94.3.

The London money market continues easy. Call money against bills is $3 / 4 \%$. Two- and three-months bills are $11-16 \%$, four-months bills $11 / 8 \%$, and sixmonths bills $13-16 \%$.

Canadian exchange continues to move in close relationship to the rates fixed by London. Mr . Graham Ford Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, in a statement to the Finance Minister for the fiscal year ended Dec. 31 asserted that beyond the initial period of the shock and transition caused by the war, credit expansion in Canada is unnecessary.

In his annual report Mr. Towers said: "More than one-third of the total real income of Canadians in terms of goods and services is earned directly from sales to other countries. In the absence of structural changes which lessen our dependence on export trade, it is clear that no amount of internal monetary stimulus can fully offset the effect upon Canada of a low level of foreign demand for Canadian goods and services."

Montreal funds ranged during the week between a discount of $1311-16 \%$ and a discount of $131 / 4 \%$.

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 Feb. 14, 1940.
GOLD IMPORTS AND EXPORTS, FEB. 8 TO FEB. 14, INCLUSIVE

|  | Imports | Exports. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ore and base bullion. | *\$2,145,658 |  |
| Refined bullion and coin | 53,071,121 | \$1,882 |
| Total. | \$55,216,779 | \$1,882 |
| Details of Refined Bull |  |  |
| Norway | \$7,040,193 |  |
| Russia. | 5,569,978 |  |
| Sweden. | 6,759,270 |  |
| Switzerland | 978,943 |  |
| United Kingdom. | 3,732,788 |  |
| Canada | 27,810,955 |  |
| Surinam. | 39,000 |  |
| Venezuela | 50,850 |  |
| British India | 822,486 |  |
| Ceylon. | 55,258 |  |
| China |  | 1,882 |
| Hongkong | 211,400 |  |

- Chiefly $\mathbf{\$ 2 4 5 , 6 3 2}$ Canada, $\mathbf{\$ 1 3 8 , 8 1 0}$ Nicaragua $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 0 , 4 7 2}$ Mexico
 Philippine Islands.
Gold held under earmark at the Federal Reserve banks was reduced during the week ended Feb. 14 by $\$ 15,105,735$.

The latest monthly report of the Department of Commerce showed that $\$ 1,122,970,000$ gold was held under earmark for foreign account as of Jan. 31.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady, practically unchanged from previous close. Bankers' sight was $\$ 3.955 / 8 @ \$ 3.961 / 4$; cable transfers, $\$ 3.957 / 8 @ \$ 3.961 / 2$. On Monday the market was steady in thin trading. Bankers' sight was $\$ 3.945 / 8 @ \$ 3.951 / 2$; cable transfers $\$ 3.947 / 8 @$ $\$ 3.953 / 4$. On Tuesday sterling was steady in a dull market. The range was $\$ 3.941 / 2 @ \$ 3.951 / 8$ for bankers' sight and $\$ 3.943 / 4 @ \$ 3.953 / 8$ for cable trans-
fers. On Wednesday the market was featureless. The range was $\$ 3.947 / 8 @ \$ 4.957 / 8$ for bankers' sight and $\$ 3.951 / 8 @ \$ 3.961 / 4$ for cable transfers. On Thursday, Washington's Birthday, there was no market in New York. On Friday the market continued dull and steady. The range was $\$ 3.953 / 8 @ \$ 3.953 / 4$ for bankers' sight and $\$ 3.951 / 2 @ \$ 3.96$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were $\$ 3.955 / 8$ for demand and $\$ 3.957 / 8$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $\$ 3.951 / 2,60$-day bills at $\$ 3.931 / 2,90$-day bills at $\$ 3.93$, documents for payment ( 60 days) at $\$ 3.931 / 4$, and seven-day grain bills at $\$ 3.941 / 2$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $\$ 3.951 / 2$.

## Continental and Other Foreign Exchange

THE French exchange situation is featureless. Transactions in francs in this market are at a minimum. The fluctuations in the free market are governed entirely by the trend of sterling and may be said to be purely nominal and in no degree affected by actual franc transactions. For all practical purposes the franc and the pound act as a unit and any comment which may be pertinent to sterling is equally applicable to the French franc.
As has been frequently noted, there has for a long time been a heavy demand in Europe for United States currency notes, especially in larger denominations. During 1939 the amount of United States notes held abroad, practically all by hoarders, exceeded $\$ 110,200,000$. January exports of paper currency added approximately $\$ 5,500,000$ to this total. By far the greater part of this currency has been shipped to Holland, Belgium, and Switzerland and it is believed that much of it has found its way into the hands of French hoarders.

Apart from the shipment of currency the exchange situation of many European countries is aided by the flow of personal remittances from American residents to their relatives abroad. Such remittances during 1939 were estimated at $\$ 102,000,000$ and went chiefly to Italy, Greece, and Ireland, though Chinese residents of America headed the list of remitters with $\$ 35,000,000$.

Belgian currency is at present exceptionally steady and the discount on future belgas has receded a few points from recent weeks. Thirty-day belgas are now quoted at 13 points discount under spot, as against 15 points recently prevailing, while 90 -day belgas are at 39 points discount, against recent quotations of 45 points discount. The discount is significant as indicating an underlying weakness in the unit.

The London check rate on Paris closed on Friday at 176.50-176.75, against 176.50-176.75 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished at $2.241 / 8$ and cable transfers at $2.243 / 8$, against $2.241 / 4$ and $2.241 / 2$. Antwerp belgas olosed at 16.88 for bankers' sight bills and at 16.88 for cable transfers, against $16.821 / 2$ and $16.821 / 2$. Italian lire closed at 5.05 for bankers' sight bills 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 $0.731 / 2$ (nominal), against $0.731 / 2$ (nominal). Exchange on Finland closed at 1.75 (nominal), against 1.80 (nominal). Greek exchange closed at 0.73 (nominal), against 0.73 (nominal).

F XCHANGE on the countries neutral during the war of 1914-1918 presents no new features of importance. The Holland guilder is showing a certain temporary firmness so far as the spot rate is concerned and the discount on future guilders has declined slightly. The discount on 90-day guilders has narrowed from 75 points on Feb. 8 to 57 points on Feb. 21. A few days ago a Netherlands delegation after protracted negotiations with the London authorities reached an agreement regarding Dutch imports, the maintenance of Dutch trade with belligerents, and alleviation of shipping difficulties. Negotiations with the Paris authorities along the same lines are nearing a conclusion and definite regulations will soon follow. The Swiss franc continues steady, while the Scandinavian currencies move in close relationship to sterling.
Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 53.18 , against $53.101 / 2$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at $53.191 / 2$ against $53.101 / 2$; and commercial sight bills at 53.00, against 52.95 . Swiss francs closed at 22.43 for checks and at 22.43 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 23.82 for checks and at 23.82 for cable transfers, against 23.82 and 23.82; while exchange on Norway closed at 22.72 for checks and at 22.72 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 continues to follow the trends in evidence since the outbreak of the war in September. Practically all these units are held steady by the various national exchange control boards. The free markets in the South American countries are largely governed by the influence of the pound sterling and the import and export situation.

Argentine unofficial or free market rate closed at 23.40@23.45, against 23.27@23.40 on Friday of last week. Brazilian milreis are quoted at 5.10 , against 5.10. Chilean exchange is quoted at 5.17 (nominal), against 5.17. Peru is nominally quoted at $181 / 4$, against $181 / 2$. $\qquad$

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries, while reflecting trends long in evidence, is characterized by wide fluctuations in the Hongkong and Shanghai units. The Japanese yen is held steady at its fixed rate in terms of the dollar, with which it is pegged. Bombay and Calcutta are attached to the pound by legal enactment and so in terms of the United States dollar show only fractional variations.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 23.46, against 23.46 on Friday of last week. Hongkong closed at $245 / 8$ against 24.58; Shanghai at 7.00 , against 6.90; Manila at 49.80, against 49.80; Singapore at 47.75 , against 47.75 ; Bombay at 30.25 , against 30.24 ; and Calcutta at 30.25 , against 30.24 .

## Gold Bullion in European Banks

THE following table indicates the amounts of gold bullion (converted into pounds sterling at the British statutory rate, 84 s . $111 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. 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:


## Public Debt vs. Private Debt

During the period of deflation which characterized the last half of the Presidential term of Mr. Hoover, there was liquidation and reduction of private debt in the United States in the amount of about $\$ 16,700,000,000$ while, during the same period, public debt, local, State, and National, increased by approximately $\$ 3,000,000,000$, making, on balance, a net reduction in total indebtedness of the American people of something like $\$ 13,700,000,000$. With these adjustments accounted for, the whole debt, public and private, of this people, on the date of President Roosevelt's first inauguration, amounted to about $\$ 147,100,000,000$. The corresponding figure, as of the end of 1939 , was $\$ 159,800,000,000$, an increase in the seven years of the Roosevelt Presidency of $\$ 12,700,000,000$, or 8.6 per cent.

This summary, however, by no means tells the entire story. It is tremendously significant, and ominous as to the future, that the increase of $\$ 12,700,000,000$ in aggregate indebtedness, represents the balance of an increase in the total of public borrowings of substantially $\$ 30,000,000,000$, all but a negligible fraction of that huge sum being the new borrowings of the Federal Government and of Federally owned and operated corporations the whole debts of which are, in practical reality, Federal debt; this is partially offset by a further diminution of private debt that may be roughly stated as amounting to $\$ 17,300,000,000$. Only by the shallow subterfuge, which neither alters the basic facts of the situation nor could deceive any rational inquirer, of imposing the primary obligation of large portions of the recently accumulating Federal debt upon the balance sheets of incorporated Federal agencies, these increments of debt being guaranteed by the Federal Government instead of being immediately assumed by it, has it been at all possible to maintain even the bald pretense that the statutory debt-limit has not been very materially exceeded. In substance and reality, that limit has already been considerably exceeded, although in a strictly technical sense there probably has, as yet, been no absolute infringement of the direct prohibition.
The best available statistics show, however, that, under President Roosevelt, private debt in this country has declined $16.0 \%$, or about $\$ 17,300$,000,000 , to $\$ 90,700,000,000$, while public debt, the
increase being chiefly due to his management of the National finances, has risen some $\$ 30,000,000,000$, to $\$ 34,300,000,000$, an increase of almost $700 \%$. These figures, with some others, were prepared for the use of the President, by Mr. Louis Bean, economic adviser to the Secretary of Agriculture, and were in the hands of Mr. Roosevelt early during the current month at the time when, during a press conference held at Hyde Park, he made the astonishing statement that, since 1933, there had been no increase in the aggregate indebtedness, public and private, for which the future of the American people is pledged. His error was due to his failure to note that almost half of the liquidation of private debt disclosed by Mr. Bean's studies took place during the Administration of his predecessor in the Presidency, while more than nine-tenths of the increase in public debts has occurred during his own Administration. It was by this fumbling with data which he evidently had not sufficiently studied that the President laid himself open to the correction sharply administered by Mr. Dewey who correctly grasped the meaning of the statistics and was completely in the right in the position which he took.

Beyond this quite superficial error and its correction, there lies the fundamental distinction, with its far-reaching social and economic consequences, between private indebtedness and public indebtedness. Private debt throughout the Nineteenth Century and the elapsed portion of the Twentieth has been the principal instrument and almost the exclusive financial measure of material advancement. Frugal citizens in large numbers, by personal selfcontrol and abstinence from unnecessary consumption, primarily, and later by their influence upon the administration of incorporated enterprises in which they have acquired rights of participation and control, have continuously fostered and promoted the enlargement of the stock of tools and machinery available and utilized to multiply the productive capacity of human labor. The entire material advancement of the last century and a half has followed upon this process, without which modern methods of production could never have come into existence. It has augmented beyond measurement the power of individuals to produce and make available commodities essential to human comfort and welfare and has even made possible the existence of a population in the numbers now inhabiting most of the civilized regions of the Earth. Capital, that is to say, machinery and tools, is in all but a most negligible extent represented by debt, mostly private debt, originally incurred to finance its production, and finally maintained largely to arrange for its management and control and, as an incident, for the just distribution of the gains from operation, as and when they come into being. When indebtedness of this sort increases, the growth in its aggregate proves and measures the confidence of the most intelligent in the stability of industry and in the security of its future; when it is reduced by excessive liquidation the fact is evidence of instability and threatened retrogression or decay. Moreover, private debts are secured debts and must be sufficiently secured. Normally, the existence of such a debt is evidence of the existence of counterbalancing productive property of at least equivalent and usually of superior cost and value. Not only must such property exist, but it must be appropriately utilized and efficiently administered. Upon
all these essential elements protecting both principal and interest depends the integrity of the creditor relationship and to secure it there is commonly provided some continuing check upon the quality of management. It is undeniable that upon some occasions all these safeguards fail and the theoretical advantages of private debt as an economic instrumentality are less than realized; but upon the whole and in the long run the balance is largely an affirmation of sound theory.
Public indebtedness partakes of a radically contrasting character. Often it is incurred, as recently in the United States, to meet current deficits due to excessive expenditures to finance governmental activities not provided for by taxation. Very frequently it is incurred to supply instruments planned and intended to destroy not merely the property of enemies but also to kill and maim citizens and subjects whose lives and capacities might otherwise be preserved to contribute productively to human comfort. Munitions of war, cannon, aircraft beyond the needs of civil life, explosives, battleships and similar products of capital and labor are not capital, they do not constitute wealth, they are quite the opposite, means to destroy wealth and capital, to render human life insecure and to impair and reduce its productivity and comfort. But it has been alleged that public debt has, upon other occasions, been incurred to create productive property which private capital has not been willing to supply and that, in such cases such debt possesses all or most of the sound attributes of private debt. It is not so. It can never be so in other than a few insignificant and infrequent instances which are in no sense typical.
Large-scale financing through creation of public debt is resorted to when the purpose is one which only inexperience and improvidence would undertake. Propose to private investors a great and novel enterprise, such as the impounding of the waters of a river and their utilization in the generation of electricity to be used as motive power in industry, and cautious and prolonged investigation of the mechanical and technical aspects of the proposed installation is accompanied by equally detailed study of the industrial demand, at compensatory prices, for the product to be generated. If such demand is not evidenced by the presence near the site of existing industries ready to substitute the new power for that already employed, private capital will go a long way in exploring any possible sources from which industries could be attracted to build up to the essential minimum of initial demand. But under private financing there is never in the ascendant a boundless and reckless imagination to be stirred to enthusiasm by some vast design foredoomed to failure by the absence of any sound economic basis of genuine and effective demand. The timidity of private capital is aphoristic, but it is also the foundation and safeguard of solvency, while insolvency in such enterprises is the wasting of capital that prudently administered might have been made to contribute permanently to human welfare. Private capital would never have built the pyramids in Egypt, and it would at least require several generations of future development to build up demands for additional transportation and hydroelectric power adequate to attract soundly controlled private capital to such a gigantic and economically unproven enterprise as the St. Law-
rence Waterway, now under promotion by the President and a limited group of political enthusiasts for the socialization of capital. Furthermore, financing through public debt leads not merely to improvident financing of projects too boldly conceived and before demonstration of actual practicality, but to at least equally irresponsible and imaginative management, even if it is not also otherwise weak and venal, as it almost always becomes.

There have been enough of these publicly financed undertakings in the United States alone fully to establish proof of these facts. Experience with them all is uniform and it ought to be convincing to all rational minds. There is no exception, wherever any productive undertaking financed, owned, and operated politically, that is to say, by any government, has existed long enough to give effect to the immutable laws of human association, the quality of management has progressively deteriorated and has ultimately reached a level at which the power of taxation has been resorted to in order to make up regularly recurring deficits. An undertaking inaugurated under the best public auspices and with the maximum of reasonable justification may, for a period, be competently controlled and operated with efficiency. But the creditable condition is never more than temporary. Politics usually, sometimes mere inertia and absence of incentive, inevitably intervene, selfishness and arrogance replace public spirit and devotion, deterioration sets in and the customary level of inefficiency and decay is rapidly achieved. Hundreds of examples attest the verity of this conclusion. There will be many more, and not very long delayed, unless much of the development of the last seven years is speedily turned over to managements wholly freed from political contamination and effectively protected against any revival of the subversive forces.

## Denmark's Position

In his speech of Oct. 6 last to the Reichstag, Chancellor Hitler stated that it had been "one of the aims of the Government of the Reich to clear up the relations between" Germany and her neighbors. As evidence thereof as far as Denmark is concerned, he added:
"Germany has taken no steps in regard to the German territory handed over to Denmark under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles; she has on the contrary, established local and friendly relations with Denmark. We have claimed no revision but we have concluded a non-aggression pact with Denmark. Our relations with that country are thus directed towards unswerving loyal and friendly cooperation."

Poland had an amity agreement with Germany due to expire in January, 1944 (but denounced by Germany in April, 1939), and a non-aggression pact with Soviet Russia due to expire in 1945. Finland had a non-aggression pact with Russia which the latter denounced the day before diplomatic relations were broken off and only two days before the actual invasion. "Loyal cooperation" of a weak nation with a big neighbor has come to carry, both in Europe and Asia, a special connotation of subserviency on the part of the smaller, particularly when uttered by a statesman of a much stronger nation. To the Danes "German territory handed over to. Denmark under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles" does not seem a very accurate description of the result
of the plebiscite vote whereby a large group of Danes elected to return to Denmark with their long established homes.
Altogether, therefore, Denmark could not have been especially reassured by Herr Hitler's speech. She undoubtedly would have preferred to have been treated as a member of the group of "Northern States" with which, the orator had said in the immediately preceding paragraph, "in former times Germany never had any conflict of interests or indeed litigation points . . . and she has none today." However, the reason why Denmark was not so dealt with in the October speech was substantially the same as that which induced her to accept last May the German offer to conclude a non-aggression treaty. (On the same day Sweden, Norway and Finland rejected similar offers.)

It has been suggested that Denmark's departure from the policy adopted by the Oslo Group countries of strict neutrality, clear of all treaties of unilateral guarantee and defense, was due to the fact that Denmark shared with Germany a common border. The Netherlands is in like position yet she promptly rejected the offer. Denmark's almost reluctant acquisition from Germany, as the result of the plebiscite under the 1919 peace treaty, of nearly half of the Duchy of Schleswig- 1,550 square miles with a population of 167,000 , of whom some 30,000 were Germans-and a natural desire on the part of Denmark to secure from Germany in some form a treaty pledge to respect the resulting frontier undoubtedly figured prominently as the cause of Denmark's decision. That the German-Danish boundary is still a live issue in Germany, in spite of Denmark's fair treatment of those of German origin located within her borders, appears by the interest taken by Germans in the Danish elections of last March with the result that the Danish police had to expel some recently arrived Nazi propagandists. The Nazi party secured three seats in the lower House.

There are, however, factors of a strategical nature which tend to encourage the Danes to hope they will succeed in keeping out of this war as they did the last. It is true that war in the air directed by Germany against England seems destined to assume in the spring a much greater importance than it ever did during the last war. Denmark's flat reaches offer plenty of space for airplane bases. However, England's coast line teetering on a corner at the Straits of Dover bears to the west as it goes north. The opposite Danish coast line, on the other hand, bends to the east. Thus the already established air bases on Germany's coast, and the islands off it, are about the same distance from the British industrial area as new ones in Denmark would be.
It is probable, therefore, that Germany will find Denmark more useful as a neutral source of food supplies sent over their common border than as a crushed and embittered spring-board for attacks on England. As long as the 150 miles or so which Germany might gain in operations against shipments of Scandinavian iron ores, \&c., to England are not worth the candle, or as long as Sweden and Norway are not involved in the war, this state of affairs is likely to continue.

To Great Britain air bases situated in southern Denmark would offer a great advantage for the bombing of important North German ports and
other centers-especially since most of the German aircraft industry is located in the north. However, any move to acquire such bases would be strenuously resisted by Germany, and Great Britain would not lightly incur the risk involved in moving the necessary troops over the North Sea. Probably the only justification for such a move would be for the purpose of taking Germany on the flank and depriving her of access to the sea.

In any event Denmark mined her coast, the Sound as well as the Great and Little Belts, as early as Sept. 4. When Denmark did the same thing early in the last war, she took the step because she was forced to do so by Germany. Even so, it was felt in England that Denmark had not sufficiently performed her neutral duty to resist such pressure. This time Denmark acted apparently on her own motion, though only after Germany had herself begun to mine portions of the channels. The circumstances were, however, such as to lead some observers to the conclusion that Denmark's action was taken as a measure of protection against both sides in this war.

Thus Denmark does not appear to be in immediate danger of invasion by any of the belligerents. Nevertheless, the basic conditions of the economic structure which she has been so successfully developing are such that her position, now that her two best customers in her vitally important foreign trade are engaged in a bitter war with each other, is replete with difficulties and uncertainties. Moreover, in the war they are waging the opponents have sought to impair each other's economic position to the utmost, and promise to do so to the end, even if and when strictly military operations become more accentuated. This, of course, adds to Denmark's difficulties, especially since the larger of these two customers, the one which can better afford to purchase from her on terms most in harmony with her economic independence, and the only one among all her customers whose purchases regularly exceed sales, is separated from her by a submarine and minestrewn sea.

Denmark has an area of 16,575 square miles of which some $90 \%$ are productive. About $80 \%$ of the entire area is covered with farms, and agriculture is the basic source of the country's wealth to a very special degree. The country, in fact, lacks the important raw materials which have played so great a part in the development of the economic wealth of other nations attaining a similar stage of advancement. Denmark's only considerable mineral wealth is the large surface deposit of clay and lime from which she manufactures cement for home consumption and export to many parts of the world. Thus she must import not only the usual products of tropical and semi-tropical countries, and the raw materials of her industries, but also much of the requirements at the base of her relatively large, though highly specialized, agricultural production.

Denmark has had a long national life, as indicated by her claim to be the oldest kingdom in Europe. The population, according to the 1937 count, was $3,749,000$. Her people belong almost entirely to the Gotho-Germanic race. In 1875 only $25 \%$ of the population was urban. About $62 \%$ now live in the cities, towns and villages, and the trend in that direction continues. The birtbrate has been slowly but steadily decreasing from an average of 29 per 1,000 during the first 10 years of this century to 18
per 1,000 . However, the birthrate still exceeds the deathrate, and the average annual increase is now between 7 and 8 per 1,000.
The story of the economic development of an intelligent, vigorous, self-reliant people with a marked faculty for organization is not necessarily thrilling. In the case of Denmark, however, the broad outline of the methods employed by her, beginning some 50 years ago, in dealing with a critical situation which seemed about to force her into permanent insignificance and poverty, is not without elements of drama. In the sixties and seventies of the last century, land reforms had resulted in $76 \%$ of the farms being freehold. The basis of the country's economy was then, to an even greater extent than at present, agriculture. The chief product was grain, grown under conditions not particularly conducive to the creation of any very great degree of economic wealth, yet sufficiently attractive to a farmer folk thus recently given, in large measure, an opportunity to operate on their own account. When, however, America and Russia began their vast trade in cheap grains, in the seventies and eighties of the last century, they threw the Danish economy out of gear, for it was evident that Denmark could not compete.
Instead of meeting this inflow of cheap grain by tariff restrictions as did other countries, the Danes profited by the opportunity to acquire a raw material at a low price, and changed the basis of their agricultural effort to the production of animal produce on a profitable scale. This activity today represents more than $86 \%$ of the gross profits of the small (up to 45 acres) and medium sized ( 45 to 150 acres) farms, which in turn cover $84.4 \%$ of the cultivated lands. Cultivation of the soil was continued, however. In fact, as a major part of the plan, cultivation was developed intensively, for the production of fodder-especially green fodder, beets, and tubers which, together with oil cakes made of imported materials, give the best results as animal feed. Cereals are still grown but their principal use is for the feeding of animals. The cultivation of wheat and other products for human consumption is of minor importance. Though the quantity of the annual crops is approximately three times the average produced in the seventies they are not sufficient to meet the feed requirements and some 13.8 million cwts. of grain and fodder have to be imported annually. It may also be noted in passing that a considerable part of the beet crop is used to make sugar, of which some 216,000 tons a year is produced.

The three essential sources of Danish farm production are: the cow, the pig, and the hen. In 1937 Denmark had over $1,600,000$ milch cows (almost as many other bovines), more than $3,000,000$ pigs and $26,000,000$ chickens.
The annual production of milk is about $5,275,000$ tons, of which less than a million are consumed on the farm or sold as fresh milk ( 150,000 tons of the latter being exported)- 150,000 tons are used to make cheese, 25,000 tons are employed in producing condensed milk for exportation, and the balance, about $4,200,000$ tons, serves for the manufacture of butter. During the three years ending with 1937 the average annual production of butter was 179,000 tons, of which only about a fifth is consumed at home, the rest being exported, mainly to the United Kingdom. The thrifty Dane gets along very well
with margarine, most of the raw materials of which he imports.
In 1936 about 4,708,000 pigs were slaughtered, all but some 400,000 being destined for exportation. About 296,000 tons of bacon and ham were produced. England takes most of the ham and bacon, but Germany buys most of the by-products of the pig, as well as most of the live pigs exported.
The principal product of the hen, especially from the point of view of Denmark's all important export trade, is the egg. Of recent years the total production has been about 109,000 tons, of which some four-fifths are exported.
The role of the cooperatives in the development of this specialized type of agricultural endeavor has been very important. The movement began in the eighties of the last century, and has been developed by the initiative of the farmers themselves, without Government subsidies, though the tax system favors the movement. Now every phase of Danish agriculture, except the actual farming, is organized by cooperative undertakings. The purchase of fodder, chemical fertilizer, farm machinery, implements and supplies, the processing of the farm products, their marketing and exportation are all covered by cooperatives. While not all farms belong to them, the vast majority do. For example, out of about 204,000 farms all but 14,000 belong to one of the 1,404 dairy cooperatives, which produce $90 \%$ of the exported butter. The cooperative slaughter houses account for $84 \%$ of the pigs slaughtered for exportation. Many of the cooperatives, especially those running the dairies, are organized in provincial and national federations, an important task of which is to work for the improvement of the products.
The extent and the success of this cooperation among the Danish farmers had naturally depended upon the human element. Without widespread intelligence and training the results attained would not have been possible. Compulsory primary education dates back to 1814. In addition there has long been a system of agricultural schools, which give young farmers the necessary technical instruction, parallel to the schools established for the training of industrial apprentices and foremen. The standard of living in Denmark is relatively high. The per capita national income is normally higher than that of France. It is comparatively well distributed, only about 15,000 Danes having incomes exceeding the equivalent of $\$ 3,000$.

Not only has Denmark, to a large extent, specialized her agricultural effort in dairy and pork products and egg production, but no inconsiderable part of her industrial development has been inspired by those activities. The manufacture of cream separators, pasteurization and othèr dairy machinery, slaughter-house equipment and installations, refrigerating plants, refrigerator cars and ships, oil cakes, vegetable oils, condensed milk, leather goods and certain chemical products are all connected in one way or another with the agricultural enterprises above mentioned. It is, however, necessary to add that Denmark's industries, taken all together, are varied and, while they have hitherto contributed to her export trade only to the extent of about $25 \%$, they fill nearly $80 \%$ of the domestic demand for manufactured articles.

As we have seen, most of the products of these three principal groups of Denmark's agriculture are
exported. They, together with shipments of live stock, and, to a much less extent other farm products such as edible oils, hides, \&c., constitute three-fourths in value of Denmark's total exports. In fact, Denmark is the origin of the world exports of butter, bacon, and eggs to the extent of $25 \%, 50 \%$ and $25 \%$, respectively. $94 \%$ of Denmark's exports went in 1937 to European countries, $57 \%$ thereof going to Great Britain with Germany next, receiving $19 \%$. In 1938 Great Britain took $55.6 \%$ and Germany $19.7 \%$ of the Danish exports.

The importance attached by Denmark to the export trade of animal products is evidenced by the control exercised by the Government to assure their quality. This is especially true of butter. Since 1906, by law and by royal decree all Danish butter made of pasteurized milk and destined for exportation must be packed under the "lure" (mediaeval trumpet with long curved tube) brand with the designation "Danish Butter." Naturally, this involves detailed regulations and an inspection service to secure the desired high standard. A somewhat similar system of branding and export regulation applies to bacon and other pork products shipped to Great Britain, where most Danish ham and bacon, as well as butter and eggs, are sold. Less detailed restrictions apply to the exportation of other animal products.

A clear picture of the difficulty of Denmark's economic position, at the present time, cannot, of course, be obtained by considering only her export trade. The extent and nature of the import trade is especially significant. In 1938, as for many years previously, the chief sources of Danish imports were Great Britain (34.6\%) and Germany (24.5\%). Only about one-seventh of Denmark's imports have been consumer's goods. The other six-sevenths consist of raw materials, including combustibles, semi-raw materials, and finished articles required for her industries, and also, to no inconsiderable extent, raw materials needed directly and indirectly in the various branches of her agricultural production. Thus, Denmark is far from self-sufficient-requiring for her normal economic life, as developed by her, a particularly large proportion of essential imports.

During the last five years and more the balance of trade has been unfavorable to Denmark. The average annual excess of imports from 1934 to 1938, inclusive, was $\$ 22,450,000$. The "invisible imports" -mainly the earnings of the great "free-port" distributing center at Copenhagen and those of the Danish merchant fleet-have been normally sufficient to keep the "balance of payments" favorable to Denmark. Nevertheless, the margin has not been wide. During the world-wide depression, and after, the Danish Government felt obliged, through control of exchange and otherwise, to divert im-
ports to countries affording the largest markets for Danish agricultural products. The United States exports to Denmark dropped, as the result of this policy, by nearly one-half. However, though the policy apparently succeeded, it could not have accomplished the results desired, as it was abandoned in 1938.

It has been regarded as axiomatic that a debtor nation must, in order to prosper, enjoy a favorable balance of trade. Though Denmark is still a debtor nation, she has attained a certain degree of prosperity, notwithstanding the fact that she has had an unfavorable balance of trade. The amortization of her foreign debt has been effected each year since 1928, and in the four-year period, 1934-1937, her surplus exports of long-term capital were only about $\$ 2,000,000$ less than her surplus imports of shortterm capital, indicating that under normal conditions she would have, perhaps, left the ranks of the debtor nations in the not too far distant future. The net foreign indebtedness of Denmark (long-term and short-term) at the end of 1937 was $\$ 273,200,000$.

It is not possible, within the allotted space, to give a complete picture of Denmark's economic position. However, it has been shown that her export trade is, to a large degree, dependent on a specialized group of high-grade animal products which she sells mainly to two great countries now at war, upon which she is also largely dependent not only for the raw material necessary for her industries, but also for those contributing to the quality and extent of her animal production. Together these and other belligerent countries in 1938 took $77.6 \%$ of her exports and furnished her with $62 \%$ of her imports.

Obviously, under such circumstances this little country will be hard pressed to maintain her equilibrium, if not her existence, in the strenuous times ahead. Like other members of the Northern Group of nations she is placing her chief reliance on the maintenance of a strict and independent neutrality. She is not strong enough and the difficulties of the relative geographical positions are too great, for her to indulge in any heroic gesture in favor of others of her group who may be in danger. Beginning as late as 1937 Denmark adopted new measures to strengthen her defenses. It was, however, not till January, 1939, that the elements among the Danes, who believe that their country must prepare to defend herself as best she can, definitely overcame those who think that all resistance would be useless against any likely aggressor. Even so the objective was within the scope of neutrality, since it was to give the Danish Nation "a military force which will permit it to satisfy the obligations of a neutral state on land and sea." The total war strength of the Danish army of between 100,000 and 150,000 men seems, if anything, barely adequate to achieve that end.

## Gross and Net Earnings of United States Railroads for the Calendar Year 1939

Improvement was the rule during the year 1939 in the railroad transportation business, which continues to reflect rather accurately the economic developments that take place in the United States. The tendency toward enlarged offerings of traffic to the principal carrying agencies of the country was in effect throughout the year, and gained especial impetus from the European war and the expectation that vast orders for materials would be placed in the United States by belligerent nations in a position to "come and get it." Month after month the gross and net earnings of the railroads during 1939 contrasted favorably with those of the year 1938. These gains were gratifying to the man-
agers of the rail transportation systems and the holders of railroad securities. It is necessary to add, however, that the comparison with 1938 is far from conclusive, for that year was marked in its early months by deep depression conditions, and even a mild upswing in general business was sure to aid the carriers. When the 1939 earnings are compared with those of the 1920 's, it is immediately evident that great additional progress is necessary before the railroads can be regarded as in sound financial circumstances The course of business in the United States during the opening months of 1940 suggests that the gains may not be continued, or even maintained, and attention has thus been
directed once again to the peculiar problems which face the railroads, in addition to the general business trends which determine the major course of carrier earnings
As we pointed out a year ago, the railroads in 1938 were affected in a most drastically adverse manner by the difficulties visited upon general business in the United States during the latter part of 1937. From the profound depres sion of the later months of 1937, the carriers showed some improvement during 1938, and the modest upward tendency was continued in 1939. When Germany invaded Poland on Aug. 31, 1939, and the British and French Governments declared war upon the German Reich three days later, a highly important new factor was introduced into the situahighly important new factor was introduced into the situa-
tion, with results that still are not entirely clear. The tion, with results that still are not entirely clear. The
immediate effect of the European war was to change the business practice of relying upon small inventories and the ability of industry to supply wants promptly. Harking back to the developments of the 1914-18 war, the business community in the United States seemed to believe that a vast upswing of prices and a shortage of goods might take place. Too little attention was paid, in the course of this reasoning, to the fact that the World War price advance and goods shortage was a matter of vears, rather than months. Also disregarded, despite repeated warnings in this and other publications, was the fact that totalitarian tendencies were sure to spread in Europe under war conditions, making it rather uncertain whether the controlled war-time economies would resort to American supplies on a scale comparable with the early months and years of the World War. Dependent as they are upon general business conditions, the importance of these matters for the railroads is obvious.
Business developments since the early days of September, 1939, when much of Europe plunged again into warfare, 1939, when much of Europe plunged again into warfare, need only be summarized briefly to indicate the first war-
time effects upon American railroads. Germany was cut off promptly from ordinary business relations with this country, owing to the immediate imposition of a drastic Anglo-French naval blockade. British and French buying was modified with equal celerity, under governmental supervision, to bare necessaries. London, in particular evinced a determination to buy mainly from British Empire sources, and general American exports to the Allies have shown no such rise as the American business community appeared to anticipate. Revision of our neutrality legislation again changed this situation. Acting at the behest of President Roosevelt, Congress altered the neutrality statute in a manner that permitted any belligerent able to "come and get it" to purchase war materials in the United States on a "cash and carry" basis. After this change was effected, vast orders for airplanes and a few other items of war supply were placed by the Anglo-French Allies in the United States, and it is possible that the American economy will be stimulated by such buying. The nitial expectation of an extraordinary increase of general business, on the other hand, has not been realized, and a reversion to the tendency of relying upon inventories, while buying from hand to mouth was in evidence late in 1939 and early in 1940.
Problems that are peculiar to the railroads were little regarded during the final four months of 1939, while the Curopean war was taking shape and its impact upon the economy of the United States was in the first stage. In economy of the United States was in the first stage, In
the earlier months of the year, however, some attention was given these matters by Congress. Many remedial proposals were considered in the session which ended Aug. 5, 1939, but only two moderately beneficial enactments resulted. The Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act was modified in a manner that will reduce charges unon the carriers, to a degree. The Chandler rail bankruptcy measure was passed, as well, in order to make possible voluntary downward adjustments of debt charges, where such action seems in the best interest of all concerned. Soon after the latter measure was approved, on July 28, 1939, the Baltilatter measure was approved, on July 28, 1939, the Balti-
more \& Ohio and Lehigh Valley systems took steps for debt more \& Ohio and Lehigh Valley systems took steps for debt
service relief. The troubles of these systems already were apparent in 1938, however, and only one further application to the courts took place in 1939. The Central Railroad of New Jersey filed on Oct. 30, 1939, a petition for reorganization under the bankruptcy law, largely because of the inordinately heavy local taxation in the State of New Jersey, and the inability of the carriers there to obtain relief from the burden. Not a single important railroad cleared the bankruptcy courts during 1939, but a tendency toward expebankruptcy courts during 1939 , but a tendency toward expe-
diting reorganizations was manifested by the Interstate diting reorganizations was manifested by the Interstate
Commerce Commission, and some progress along such lines may well develop in 1940.
Meanwhile, the railroads seem destined to continue their struggle against the twin adversities of heavy charges and modest traffic. Under the arbitration awards of August and October, 1937, the carriers continued to pay in 1939 a scale of wages that, for many workers, eclinsed even the 1929 rates. They operated throughout 1939 on freight rate schedules fixed after the modest permitted increases on heavy hauls granted by the ICC on March S, 1938. Passenger fare rates in the Eastern part of the country were on the experimental basis of $21 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. a mile in coaches permitted on appeal by the carriers. On Feb. 15, 1940, the ICC ruled that the Eastern roads once again must reduce their basic coach fares to 2c. a mile, effective March 24, 1940. The
previous experience with the 2c. a mile rate suggests, however, that this is not an overwhelmingly important matter for passenger traffic on most lines showed much the same ret return at either figure. For a few railroads in the crowded Eastern section of the country the passenger fare question nevertheless is important. But these are matters of relatively small moment, compared to the general ques tion of business progress under New Deal trends. As in previous years of President Roosevelt's Administration, the year 1939 was marked by over-taxation, over-regulation budgetary mismanagement and labor coddling. Federal competition with private business continued, and there was no tendency toward the sound monetary policies which would restore business confidence and revive initiative.
In some respects, indeed, political influences were even ruore unfarorable in 1939 than in the previous years of the New Deal. With the approach of this election year of 1940 the question of a third term for Mr. Roosevelt was debated with increasing fervor, and business activities hinged in good part upion the course of this discussion. Forward commitments by business men were held to modest Forward commitments by business men were held to modest
proportions, save for the sudden stimulus of the European proportions, save for the sudden stimulus of the European
war. Logically enough, it was reasoned that a third term war. Logically enough, it was reasoned that a third term
endeavor by Mr. Roosevelt would tend to restrain economic activities which depend upon private initiative. Numerous efforts were made to obtain a statement from the President on the third term question, but he skilfully avoided any definite comment, and the depressing effect upon business of a possible third term maneuver was an ever more potent factor in the situation as months went by in 1939 .
The railroads, like all other important branches of American business, necessarily had to take account of the varying aspects of national and international affairs. In their own renair, maintenance and construction activities, the carriers observed a cautious policy which corresponded closely to that of other businesses. This was an important matter for American endeavors as a whole, for it is evident that each general economic activity contributes to the satisfactory operations of all others. Depression conditions in industry, transportation, the power and light utilities, or other major branches, tend to lower activities in all other branches of business. Conversely, expansion in any one of the major lines makes for increased business in all others. The situation of the railroads in 1939 again was such that they were unable to make their proper contribution to the sum total of business transactions. Since railroad buying of supplies is especially important in the durable goods industries, the effect was to continue the depression conditions which have prevailed in general ever since 1929 There was only a modest tendency in 1939 to buy equipment, increase capacity and improve the rights of way possibly because such tendencies in 1936 and early in 1937 were followed by the deep depression conditions of late 1937 and early 1938. The spirit of caution was dominant throughout 1939, in the transportation as in other industries.
Financial results of railroad operations, however, were considerably better in 1939 than in 1938. This was due not only to the slow recovery of the early months of last year, but also, and more particularly, to the sharp gains which followed the war declarations in Europe. Gross earnings for 1939 amounted to $\$ 3,987,692,675$, against $\$ 3,558,263,834$ in 1938 , an increase of $\$ 429,428,841$, or $12.06 \%$. Managers of the railroad properties endeavored persistently to hold operating expenses down, in view of the general uncertainty as to the future, and they were quite successful. Much of the gain in gross revenues thus was carried over to net earnings, which amounted in 1939 to $\$ 1,076,494,031$, against $\$ 843,133,884$ in 1938, a gain of $\$ 233,360,147$, or $27.67 \%$. Although general business in 1939 was only a little lower than in 1929, the gross revenues of the carriers were far under the level prevalent 10 years earlier, which reflects the inroads made by motor and other competing flects the inroads made by motor and other competing
modes of transportation. Net revenues, on the other hand, modes of transportation. Net revenues, on the other hand,
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the following tabulation we show the totals for 1939 as compared to 1938, both for the full annual periods and for the first six months and the second six months, separately:


Our division of the earnings into semi-annual periods is instructive, since it makes clear at a glance the effect of war-time conditions and expectations upion the railroads. In the first half of 1939 the carriers were experiencing the slow but substantial improvement in general business conditions which plainly was an offset to the unprecedentedly stcep recession of late 1937 and early 1938. Gross revenues of the early months of last year compared favorably with those of the similar period of 1938, while net earnings
showed an even better comparative adivance, owing to the strenuous efforts by the managers of the railroads to keep expenses down. In the latter half of 1939 the gross earn ings of the carriers continued to advance, in response to the stimulus afforded by the rather general belief of business men that the European war would occasion price advances. The sharply increased buying of merchandise in advance of actual requirements prompted heavier demands upon ransportation Railroad managers remained cautious awer and they were able to add a substantial portion of the increased revenues to the net earnings.
Weather conditions, which often affect carrier earnings and operations to a considerable degree, were quite favor able throughout 1939. Floods and snows were not unusually numerous, and drought conditions in various mid-Western States took no great toll of crops. The comparason of 1939 with 1938 is decidedly in favor of the year under review. In March of 1938 Southern California was visited by a rigantic rainstorm which flooded lowlands and occasioned one of the worst and most costly tie-ups in the history of that State. The New England area and portions of New York and New Jersey were swept in September, 1938, by a tremendous hurricane which wrought enormous property damage and paralyzed transportation and communication for some days. No such drastic visitations were recorded in 1939, and the comparison of financial results of railroad operations for the two years tends to favor 1939, also on this basis. The agricultural year was not unusual. Widespread strikes occurred in some industries, but they did ot cause drastic recessions in production and in the traffic offered the railroads.
We have already referred to the part played by the rail roads in stimulating general business through their purchases of equipment, improvement operations and maintenance activities. Financing by the carriers affords a good indication of the contributions thus made by the railroads to the durable goods industries. The year 1939 witnessed a modest improvement in this respect over the previous annual period, but the gain can hardly be regarded as significant. Total capital flotations for the railroads in 1939, as indicated in our issue of Jan. 6, 1940, amounted to $\$ 185$, 596,000 , with $\$ 100,638,000$ of this sum devoted to refunding of existing debt and $\$ 84,958,000$ representing borrowing for equipment additions and similar requirements. In 1938 the carrier flotations were only $\$ 72,371,000$, of which $\$ 56$,378,000 was for refunding and $\$ 15,993,000$ for strictly new money requirements. Although the totals for 1939 suggest an improvement over 1938, it is only in comparison with fairly active vears that the matter can be fairly gauged Carrier financing in 1937, for instance, amounted to $\$ 356$, 749,000, with $\$ 125,099,000$ devoted to refunding and $\$ 231$, 650,000 to new money requirements. In 1936 the railroad borrowings amounted to $\$ 796,058,900$, of which $\$ 528,645,415$ was for refunding and $\$ 267,413,485$ for new money.
Turning now to a month-by-month comparison of railroad gross and net earnings for the calendar years 1939 and 1938, we find that a general tendency toward improvement was in evidence with the passage of time. Business activity started the year 1939 on a considerably higher plane than was the case in 1938. In both years the trend was toward expansion, and there was little hesitation in this movement, when seasonal factors are taken into account. One important reservation is to be made, in this respect, owing to the sharply stimulating influence of war-time expectations. It is necessary to emphasize the expectations that led to the quick gains, for it cannot be maintained that the hopes were fully realized. In October, 1939, the full effect of the anticipatory buying was in evidence, and carrier earnings in both gross and net columns then attained sizable proportions. From the high level of October earnings, a recession developed during the two final months of 1839 , partly on a seasonal basis, but mainly because the war-time advance buying rapidly dwindled. In the following table we furnish comparisons of the In the flollowing table we furnish con
monthly totals for all of 1939 and 1938:

Gross Earnings

| onth | 1939 | 1938 | Inc. ( + ) or Dec. ( - ) | Millease |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 276,34, | ${ }_{250,510,207}^{278.600,95}$ | ${ }_{+25,831,649}^{+26,631.048}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |
| March | 314, | 282,514,2 | ${ }^{+31.945 .809}+11.30$ |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{301,992,8}^{281,513,4}$ | ${ }_{272,017,483}^{267,685}$ |  | ${ }_{233,545}^{233,555}$ |  |
|  | 320,991,913 | 280,547 | +39,444.027 +14.00 |  |  |
| July- | ( | 314, 739,181 |  |  |  |
| Septem | 380,437,001 | ${ }_{322,055,751}$ |  | ${ }_{233,378}^{233}$ | ${ }_{234,238}^{234,294}$ |
| Octob | 418,934,974 | ${ }^{325,823}$ | +66,111,245 ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 233,361 |  |
| N | ${ }_{344,530,498}^{367,571}$ | ${ }_{317,740,628}$ | + $\begin{aligned} & +48,529,172 \\ & +26.789\end{aligned}$ |  |  |
| Month | 1938 | 1937 | c. ( + ) or Dec. (-) |  | eage |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Janua | ${ }^{278} 7.75$ | 330, 959,558 |  | 235,422 |  |
| March | ${ }_{282,571,467}^{250,588,802}$ | 376,997,755 | - $94,426,288$ - 25.04 | 234,828 | ${ }_{235,829}^{235020}$ |
| April | 267,741,177 | 350,892. | 3,150,967 -23.67 | ${ }^{233,928}$ |  |
| May | ${ }_{\text {281,607,1, }}^{272,073,1}$ | ${ }_{350}^{351.9}$ |  |  |  |
| June |  | 364,488, | ${ }_{-65.450,2}$ | 234, | ${ }_{235}$ |
| August | 314,790 | ${ }^{358,995,2}$ |  | 23 | ${ }_{235}^{235}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 234,242 | ${ }_{235,161}^{23508}$ |
| November --- | ${ }_{317}^{319}$ | 299,827,816 | 48 | 234,166 |  |


| onth | 1939 | 1938 | Increase ( + ) or Decrease ( - ) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Januar | ${ }_{56} 72.811 .019$ | $48,609,996$ 35711,887 | + ${ }_{+26,530,955}$ | +57.49 |
| ${ }_{\text {Februa }}$ | 74,688,342 | ${ }_{\substack{\text { a }}}^{35,100,286}$ | +20,588,056 | ${ }_{+1171}^{+38.05}$ |
| April. | $54,422.823$ $65.168,331$ | $48,717,237$ $55,486,33$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { +5,705,586 } \\ +9,681,998 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | +11.71 +174 |
| ay. | ( ${ }_{79} 6.770,820$ | 63,937,412 | + 15,833,408 | + ${ }^{24.76}$ |
| July | 90,457,198 | 77,317,123 | +13,140,075 | ${ }^{+16.99}$ |
| Augus | ${ }^{968,767,942} 12$ | ${ }_{90,543,128}^{80,73,240}$ | + $+39,328,587$ | $+43.43$ |
|  | 148,098,290 | 110,994,564 | +37,103,726 | ${ }^{+33.42}$ |
| Octobe | 111,885,638 | 88,374,743 | $+23,610,895$ $+10,57763$ | + ${ }^{+26.71}$ +12.35 |
| December | 96,209,582 | 85,631,949 | +10,577,633 |  |
| Month | 1938 | 1937 | Increase ( + ) | crease (- |
|  |  |  |  | ${ }^{\text {Per Cent }}$ |
| January | $46,633,380$ | $77,971,930$ 7788,245 | $\square_{-42,072,645}^{31,38,550}$ | -54.09 |
| February | 54,102,703 | 111,501, 626 | - 57 7,398,923 | -51.48 -45.59 |
| April. | 48,713,813 | ${ }^{899532,796}$ | ${ }^{-40,818,983}$ | - ${ }^{44.989}$ |
| May | 55,483,015 | - 8 85,335,563 | $\square^{22}$ | $\mathrm{Z}_{-5.71}$ |
| ne | 63,936,587 | ${ }^{866,476,937}$ | 00 | -21.49 |
| July | - $77,6930,152$ | ${ }_{91,404,620}$ | -5,706,468 |  |
|  | 90,537,737 | 100,398,950 | -9,859,213 | 2 |
|  | 110,996,728 | 102,560,563 | +8,436,165 |  |
|  | 88,374 | 68,915,594 | +19,458,537 |  |
| ember | 85,602,788 | 57,115,973 | +28,486,815 | +49.87 |

We turn now to our usual presentation of statistics relat ing to the activities of industry and agriculture, which onstitute the basis for railroad earnings. In order to do his in a simplified form we have brought together in the able which follows the figures indicative of activity in the more important industries, together with those pertaining to grain, cotton and livestock receipts and revenue reight car loadings for the 12 months ended Dec. 30, 1939 s compared with the similar period of 1938, 1937, 1932 and 1929. It will be readily seen, on examination, that to output of all the industries covered was on a greatly he oused scale as compared with 1938, this being particularly true in the case of the automobile, and iron and steel industries. Receipts of cotton at the Southern outports also were on a greatly increased scale, and it follows, too, as a matter of course, that the number of cars of revenue freight noved was very much larger. On the other hand, livestock eceipts at the leading cattle markets were not equal to rose of last year and the receipts of the various farm roducts at the Western primary markets, with the excep on whent and barley were very much smaller. The reipts of grain at the seaboard, also, were much smaller han last year, but the flour receipts were considerably arger:

| Mon |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\overline{\mathrm{Aut}}$ | 3,577,058 |  |  |  |  |
| Building (8000): <br> Constr. contr. awarded b |  |  |  |  | 85,750, |
|  | 389,025 | $\begin{array}{r} 344,630 \\ 46,099 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Freight Traffic: Car loadings, all (cark)-e ern ports (bales) Livestock recelpts:\& | 34,102,759 |  | 37,670,464 | 28, |  |
|  | 5,526,957 | 4,490,405 | 07 |  | 8,662,715 |
|  |  |  | 91,361 |  |  |
|  |  | $88,386$ $\begin{aligned} & 41,147 \\ & 91 \end{aligned}$ |  | +14,714 | 221,328 $\mathbf{9 7}, 673$ <br> 81,253 |
|  |  | - |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ( $\begin{array}{r}34.689 \\ 45356 \\ \hline 2723 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Flour ( 000 barrels) Wheat ( 000 bushe | 23,476 361809 | ${ }_{341}^{20}$ | 19 |  |  |  |
|  | - ${ }^{214,988}$ | 326 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 98,40322,172 |  | 75,48 | 13 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 173,998 |  | 14,200 165,050 | 16,291 208,016 | ${ }_{221,457}^{24,578}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron \& Steel (gross tons):PII iron production-kSteel ingot production.i- | 31,533, |  |  | ${ }_{13,322,833}^{8,686,44}$ |  |  |
|  |  | 27,742.225 | 49,502,907 |  |  |  |
| Production_m... |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 11,078.158 | ${ }^{9} 9.467,747{ }^{10} 12,036,516$ |  |  |  |  |
| Orders received_m.....- $11,711,62810,158,21910,978,544 \quad 6,988,69119,533,64$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Note-Figures in above table issued by: <br> a United States Bureau of the Census. b F. W. Dodge Corp. (Higures for 37 States east of Rocky Mountalns). © National Bituminous Coal Commission. d United States Bureau of Mines. e Association of American Railroads. $\mathbb{1}$ Comd United States Bureau of Mines. © Association of American Railroads. plled from private telegraphic reports. \& Reported by major stock yard companies in each oity. $h$ New York Produce Exchange. $k$ "Iron Age." 1 American Iron and Steel Institute. m National Lumber Manufacturers' Association (number of reporting mills varies in different years). |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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In all the foregoing we have been dealing with the railroads of the country collectively. Turning now to the separate roads and systems, we find the exhibits in consonance with the results shown for the roads as a whole. In the year 1939 we find that no less than 55 roads were able to report gains in gross earnings for amounts in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$, while not a single road reports a decrease above that amount, and in the case of the net earnings 47 roads show gains above $\$ 1,000,000$, and not one reports a decrease. The two great trunk lines-the Pennsylvania RR. and the New York Central System-head the list of increases in both gross and net earnings, the former showing a gain in gross of $\$ 70,546,537$ and in net of $\$ 20,692,945$, while the New York Central reports a gain of $\$ 42,405.513$ in gross earnings and of $\$ 23,023,664$ in net earnings . (These figures
cover only the operations of the New York Central and its leased lines; when, however, the Pittsburgh \& Lake Erie is included, the result is a gain of $\$ 47,477,440$ in gross and of $\$ 25,122,920$ in net.) Among other large systems topping the list of gains we find the Southern Pacific System with an increase in gross of $\$ 16,689,525$ and in net of $\$ 15,147,385$; the Baltimore \& Ohio with $\$ 26,307,922$ in gross and $\$ 11$,390,868 in net, and the Norfolk \& Western reporting, respec tively, $\$ 15,952,186$ and $\$ 11,204,517$. In the following table we bring together without further comment all changes for we bring together without further comment all changes for
the separate roads and systems for amounts in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE
12 MONTHS ENDED DEC. 31

| New York Central <br> Baltimore \& Ohio <br> Southern Pacific (2 r <br> Norfolk \& Western. <br> Union Pacific <br> Great Northern <br> Chesapeake \& Ohio <br> Erie <br> N Y N H \& Hartfor <br> Southern Ry---7 <br> Louisville \& Nashville <br> Reading <br> Chic Milw St P \& Pac <br> Northern Pacific <br> NY Chicago \& St Lo <br> Del Lack \& Western <br> Chicago \& North Wes <br> Boston \& Maine <br> Elgin Joliet \& Easter <br> Atch Topeka \& S Fe <br> Illinois Central <br> Bessemer \& Lake Eri <br> Pitts \& Lake Erie. <br> Pere Marquette. |  |
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 Grand Trunk Western--
Chicago Burl \& Quincy.Atlantic Coast Line...-
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Cinc New Ori \& Tex Pa
Missouri Pacific.......
Missouri Pacific
Long Island.
Virginian
Western Pacific-........--
Lake Sup \& Ishpeming
Lake Sup \& Isheming.: Denver \& Rio Gr West-
Detroit Tioledo \& Ironton
Clinchfield Clinchfield.-
Alton- Chatt \& St Louis_-
Nashvo
St Louis Southwestern_Missouri Illinois. Chicago \&c Eastern IIl.-.


Total (55 roads) a These figures cover the operations of the New York Central and the
a
eased lines Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago \& 8 . Cincinnati Northern and Evansville Indianapolis \& Terre Haute. Including Pittsburgh \& Lake Erie, the result is an increase of $\$ 47,477,440$.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DEC. 31

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| District \& Repion | Mileaje |  | 1939 $\$$ $43,260,588$ $189,175,445$ $234,403,714$ | 1938 <br> $\$$ <br> $\mathbf{1 6 , 5 7 4 , 8 5 3}$ <br> $181,448,597$ <br> 18,85679 | Inc. $(+)$ or Dec. - ) |  |
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| Eastern Dist.- | $\begin{gathered} 1939 \\ 6,760 \\ 26,220 \\ 24,580 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1938 \\ 66,864 \\ 26,288 \\ 24,709 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ \\ 43,260,588 \\ 18,175,445 \\ 234,403,714 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 26,574,853 \\ 131,44,597 \\ 180,856,797 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ +1686,68,735 \\ +57,726,848 \\ +53,546,917 \end{gathered}$ |  |
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| Tot | 57,560 | 57,861 | 466,839,747 | 338,880,247 | +127,959,500 | +37 |
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| Pocahontas reg' | 38,060 | 6,049 | 105,760,766 | 84,076,543 | +21,684,223 |  |
| To | 44,461 | 44,656 | 239,702,066 | 197,895,392 | +41,806,674 | +21.12 |
| Northwestern region | 45,758 | 45,870 | 113,808,133 | 80,280,023 | +33,528,110 | +41.76 |
| Central Western reglon | 56,369 | 56,647 | 185,922,266 | 163,108,198 | +22,814,068 | +13.98 |
| region | 29,320 | 29,402 | 70,221,819 | 62,970,024 | +7,251,795 | +11.51 |
| To | 131,447 | 131,919 | 369,952,218 | 306,358,245 | +63,593,973 | +20.75 |
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NOTE-Our grouping of the roads conforms to the classifleation of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the following indicates the confines of the different groups and regions:

## EASTERN DISTRICT

New England Regton-Comprises the New England States.
Great Lakes Reoton-Comprises the section on the Canadian boundary between New England and the westerly shore of Lake Michigan to Chlcago, and north of a line from Chicago via Pittsburgh to New York.
Central Eastern Reoton-Comprises the section south of the Great Lakes Region east of a line from Chicago througn Peoria to St. Louis and the Mississippl River to the mouth of the Ohlo River, and north of the Ohlo River to Parkersburg. W. Va., River to Its mouth

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Southern Regton-Comprises the section east of the Misslssippl 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 AtianticPocahontas Reoton-Comprises the section north of the southern boundary of 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 Reoton-Comprises the section adjoining Canada lying west of the Great Lakes Region, north of a line from Cl Central Western Region-Comprises the section south of the Northwestern Region
west of a line from Chicago to Peorla and thence to St. Louls, and north of a line from St. Louls to to the Paciftc.
Southwestern Region-Comprises the section lying between the MIssissippl River south of St. Louls and a line from St. Louls to

The grain traffic over Western roads (taking them collectively) in the year 1939 fell far below that of 1938 , although, even at that, it was very much larger than in 1937. While the receipts of wheat and of barley were much larger than in the previous year (the former 361,809,000 bushels again $341,703,000$ bushels), all the other items, in greater or less degree, contributed to the decrease, particugreater or less degree, contributed to the decrease,
larly corn, the receipts of which were only $214,980,000$ larly corn, the receipts of which Were only $214,980,000$
bushels against $326,701,000$ bushels the previous year. Altobushels against $326,701,000$ bushels the previous year. Alto-
gether, the receipts at the Western primary markets of the five cereals, wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye, in the 52 weeks of 1939 reached only $789,002,000$ bushels as against $875,028,000$ bushels in 1938, but comparing with only 704, $\$ 22,000$ bushels in 1937 . Back in 1932 the grain movement totaled only $55^{2}, 290,000$ bushels, but in 1929 aggregated $954,540,000$ bushels. In the subjoined table we give the details of the Western grain traffic, in our usual form, for tails of the Western grain tra
the 52 weeks of 1939 and 1938

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS
Year Ended Dec. 30

| (000 Omilted) | Year | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Flour } \\ & \text { (Bbls.) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wheat } \\ & \text { (Bush.) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Corn } \\ \text { (Bush. }) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Oats } \\ \text { (Bush. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rye } \\ \text { (Bush.) } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Barley } \\ & \text { (Bush.) } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chica | 1939 | 11,567 | 26,716 | 84,901 | 22,035 | 2,015 | 12,687 |
|  | 1938 | 10,923 1,161 | ${ }_{93,601}^{29,962}$ | 134,896 18,030 | 24,329 26,533 | 3,325 12.529 | 10,713 50,140 |
|  | 1938 |  | 60,231 | 30,612 | 17,173 | 9,140 | 35,248 |
| Dulu | 1939 |  | 51,457 | 13,389 | ${ }_{16}^{10,966}$ | 4,475 | 7,924 14,393 |
|  | 1938 | 853 | 51,783 4,062 | 27,545 | 16,367 660 | $\begin{array}{r}7,234 \\ \hline 904\end{array}$ | ${ }_{21,439}^{14,393}$ |
|  | 1938 | 910 | 5,916 | 12,975 | 1,021 | 556 | 24,579 |
| Toledo | 1939 | 13 | 11,997 | 6,103 | 9,569 | 189 | 219 |
|  | 1938 |  | 10,570 | ${ }^{6,123}$ | 6,753 | 139 | 205 |
| India | 1939 | 22 | 27,719 | 33,876 39 | -9,342 | 647 561 | 162 |
|  | 1938 | 6,579 | 28,893 26,554 | 39,080 13,320 | 12,765 3,509 | 561 264 | 29 2,044 |
|  | 1938 | 6,028 | 22,806 | 29,481 | 5,056 | 329 | 1,973 |
| Peor | 1939 | ${ }_{2}^{2,2145}$ | ${ }_{3}^{2,612}$ | 21,293 | 3,619 | 834 | 3,063 |
|  | 1938 | 2,155 | 79,027 | 26.444 | ${ }^{3,457}$ | 891 | 3,062 |
| Kansas Cit | 1938 | 1,029 788 | ${ }_{99,315}^{79,594}$ | ${ }_{12,363}$ | 3,408 | 125 |  |
| St. Jose | 1939 | 38 | ${ }_{6,672}$ | 2,289 | 1,933 | 2 | B |
|  | 1938 |  | 6,521 | 3,433 | 2,314 |  |  |
| Wichita | 1938 | ---- | $\begin{aligned} & 29,336 \\ & 21,010 \end{aligned}$ | 123 | 104 | 54 |  |
| Sioux C | 1939 |  | 21,489 | 3,067 | 1,025 | 188 | 720 |
| , | 1938 |  | 1,669 | 3,626 | 475 | 333 | 1,030 |
| Total all | 1939 | 23,476 | 361,809 | 214,980 | 91,638 | 22,172 | 98,403 |
| Total | 1938 | 20,807 | 341,703 | 326,701 | 92,830 | 22,562 | 91,232 |

Receipts of grain at the seaboard were also very much smaller than in 1938, indicating graphically the decrease which has taken place in the export demand for grain. Which has taken place in the export demand for grain. These seaboard receipts-Which include the movement 10 weeks of 1939 totaled only $173,998,000$ bushels as against $236,345,000$ bushels in 1938, but comparing with only 165 , 050,000 bushels in 1937 . Going further back, comparison
is with $208,016,000$ bushels in 1932 and $221,457,000$ bushels in 1929. The details of the seaboard grain movement for the last five years are set forth in the table which follows: GRAIN AND FLOUR RECEIPTS AT SEABOARD PORTS FOR 52 WEEKS

| Recetpts of - | 1939 | 1938 | 1937 | 1936 | 1935 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Flour...........bbls | 15,908,000 | 14,737,000 | 14,200,000 | 15,233,000 | 13,165,000 |
|  | 128,508,000 | 132,237,000 | 103,833,000 | 140,947,000 | 71,635,000 |
| Corn | 27,557,000 | 90,380,000 | 35,652,000 | 13,066,000 | $15,573,000$ 17335,000 |
| Oats | 6,039,000 | 7.598,000 | ${ }_{12}^{6,491,000}$ | $7,932,000$ $3,917,000$ | $17,185,000$ 4,92600 |
| Barley-......-: | $10,995,000$ $\mathbf{2 , 8 9 9}$ | 2,682,000 $3,468,000$ | 6,765,000 | 4,581,000 | 4,826,000 |
| grain | 173,998,000 | 236,345,000 | 165,050,000 | 170,443,000 | 114,295,000 |

Coming now to the cotton movement in the South, this we find was on a greatly reduced scale as regards the overland movement of cotton, but was much larger than in 1938 so far as the port movement of the staple is concerned. Gross shipments overland totaled only $1,315,873$ bales in 1939 as against $1,380,052$ bales in 1938 , and $1,400,116$ bales in 1937, but comparing with only 472,476 bales in 1932 .and 913,635 bales in 1929. The port movement of the staple for the calendar years back to and including 1934 is shown in the subjoined table:
RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS FROM JAN. 1 TO


Perhaps, however, the very best index of trade and business conditions in any year is revealed in the statistics showing the loadings of revenue freight by the railroads of the country, as these car loadings furnish, as it were, a composite picture of the general freight traffic and revcomposite picture of the generatistics, as compiled by the enues of the roads. These statistics, as compiled by the
Car Service Division of the Association of American Railroads, show that in the 52 weeks of $1939,34,102,759$ cars were loaded with revenue freight as against $30,457,078$ cars in the previous year, but comparing with $37,670,464$ cars in 1937. In 1932 the number of cars fell to $28,179,952$, after having totaled $52,827,935$ cars in 1929 . In the following table we give the details regarding the separate items going to make up the grand totals:

LOADING OF REVENUE FREIGHT ON THE RAILROADS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR 52 WEEKS
(Number of Cars)

|  | 1939 | 1938 | 1937 | 1936 | 1935 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Grain and grain products.- | 1,940,345 | 1,967,318 | 1,788,966 | 1,804,767 | 1,577,053 |
| Investock | 694,234 | 702,920 | 721,601 | 759,092 | 714,495 |
| Coal | 6,264,761 | 5,540,739 | 6,976,938 | 6,937,416 | 6,144,691 |
| Cok | 1,584,085 | $1,417,869$ | 1,828,032 | 1,682,582 | 1,383,872 |
| Ore | 1,615,127 | -845,965 | 2,207,632 | $1,623,008$ | 1,036,432 |
| Merchandise, | 7,830,244 | 7,681,847 | 8,465,868 | 8,275,977 | 8,080,675 |
| Miscellaneo | 13,760,264 | 12,025,781 | 15,173,610 | 14,546,227 | 12,227,288 |
| Total | 34,102,759 | 30,457.078 | 37,670,464 | 36,109,112 | 31,504,13 |

In the table which follows we furnish a summary of the yearly comparisons as to both gross and net earnings for each year back to and including 1907:

| year | Gross Earnings |  |  |  | Mileage |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Year } \\ & \text { Given } \end{aligned}$ | Year Preceding | $\begin{gathered} \text { Inc. }(+) \text { or } \\ \text { Dec. }(-) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline P_{6 \in}, \\ & \text { Cent } \end{aligned}$ | Year Given | $\begin{gathered} \text { Year } \\ \text { Preced'g } \end{gathered}$ |
| 1907 | \$2,287,501,605 | \$2,090,595,451 | +\$196,906,154 | +9.42 | 173,028 |  |
|  | 2,235,164,873 | 2,536,914,597 | -301,749,724 | -11.89 | 199,726 | 197,237 |
| 1909 | 2,605,003,302 | 2,322,549,343 | +282,453,959 | +12.16 | 228.508 | 225,027 |
| 1910 | 2,836,795,091 | 2,597,783,833 | +239,011,258 | +9.20 | 237,554 | 233,829 |
| 1911 | 2,805,084,723 | 2,835,109,539 | -30,024,816 | ${ }^{-1.06}$ | 241,423 | ${ }^{238,275}$ |
| 1912 | 3,012,390,205 | 2,790,810,236 | +221,579,969 | +7.94 | ${ }_{24,691}^{239,691}$ | 236,000 |
| 1913 | 3,162,451,434 | 3,019,929,637 | $+142,521,797$ +208178035 |  | ${ }_{246,356}^{242,931}$ | ${ }_{243,636}^{239,625}$ |
| 1914 | 2,972,614,302 | $3,180,792,337$ <br> $3,013,674,851$ | - $208,178,035$ | + 6.54 | $\begin{aligned} & 246,356 \\ & 249,081 \end{aligned}$ | 243,636 |
| 1916 | 3,702,940,241 | 3,155,292,405 | + $547,647,836$ | +17.36 | 249 , |  |
| 1917 | 4,138,433,260 | 3,707,754,140 | +430,679,120 | +11.62 | 250,193 | 249,879 |
| 1918 | 4,900,759,309 | 4,036,866,565 | +863,892,744 |  | 233,014 |  |
| 1919 | 5,173,647,054 | 4,915,516,917 | +258,130,137 | +5.25 | 233,985 | 234,264 |
| 1920 | 6,204,875,141 | 5,178,639,216 | +1,026,235,925 | +19.82 | 235.765 |  |
| 1921 | 5,552,022,979 | 6,216,050,959 | 664,027,980 |  | 235,690 | ${ }^{234,777}$ |
| 1922 | 5,522,522,416 | 5,478,828,452 | +43,693,964 | +0.80 | 235,654 | 235,338 |
| 1923 | 6,342,058,872 | 5,608,371,650 | +733,687,222 | +13.08 | 235,461 | 235, |
| 1924 | 5,961,186,643 | 6,332,874,535 | $-371,687,89$ ? | -5.87 | 234,795 |  |
| 1925 | 6,177,280,802 | 5,977,687,410 | +199,593,392 | +3.34 | 236,330 |  |
| 1926 | $6,435,539,259$ $6,195,259,346$ | 6,169,453,120 $\mathbf{6 . 4 4 8 , 5 6 4 , 5 7 4}$ | $+266,086,139$ $-253,305,228$ | ${ }_{+}^{+4.31}$ | $\xrightarrow{236,891}$ | 235,809 237,799 |
| 1928 | 6,168,119,487 | 6,198,384,829 | - $30,265,342$ | -0.49 | 240,626 | 239 |
| 29 | 6,339,246,882 | 6,176,941,101 | +162,305,781 | +2.63 | 241,625 | 239,482 |
| 1930 | 5,335,131,510 | 6,349,330,347 | -1,014,198,837 | 15.97 | 242,517 | 24 |
| 1931 | 5,230,360,663 | 5,335,664,398 | -1,105,303,735 | 0.72 | 242,764 |  |
| 1932 | 3,157,463,014 | 4,229,261,833 | -1,071,798,819 |  | 242,043 | 242.056 |
| 1933 | 3,128,862,541 | 3,156,755,105 | -27,892,564 | $-0.88$ | 241,111 | 225,053 |
| 1934 | 3,267,044,444 | 3,091,492,502 | +175,551,942 | +5.68 | 239,075 | 240,840 |
| 1935 | 3,445,521,612 | 3,267,164,788 | +178,356,824 | +5.46 | 237,659 | 238,960 |
| 1936 | 4,046,637,111 | 3,445,337,606 | +601,299,505 | +17.45 | ${ }_{235}^{236,759}$ | 237,918 |
| 1937 | 4,158,453,384 | 4,044,634,921 | +113,818,463 | +2.81 | 235,413 | 235,991 |
| 1938 | 3,558,925,166 | 4,158,453,384 | -599,528,218 | -14.41 | 234,482 233,468 |  |
| 1939 | 3,987,692,675 | 3,558,263,834 | +429,428,8 | +12.06 | 233,468 | $234$ |



We now add our detailed statement for the last two calendar years, classified by districts and regions, the same as in the table above, and giving the figures for each road separately :
earnings of united states railroads from jan. 1 to dec. 31 Eastern District

| New EnglandRegion- | 1939 | 1938 | 1939 | 1938 | Inc. or Dec. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | 8 |  |  | -164.405 |
| Bangor \& Aroostook | 5,119,439 | 5,615,878 | 1,315,965 | 1,480,370 |  |
| Boston \& Maine...- | 46,341,082 | 40,193,026 | 13,207,169 | 7,438,192 | +5,768,977 |
| Can Nat System- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Can Nat Lines in | 1,434,432 | 1,361,812 | def77,604 | def117,969 | +40,365 |
| entral Vermont. | 5,801,709 | 4,963,715 | 1,124,996 | 212,867 | +912,129 | $\begin{array}{rllllll}\text { New England.- } & 1,434,432 & 1,361,812 & \text { def77,604 } & \text { def117,969 } & +40,365 \\ \text { Central Vermont_ } & 5,801,709 & 4,963,715 & 1,124,996 & 212,867 & +912,129\end{array}$ Dul Winn \& Pac-See Northwestern region.

Grand Trunk Western-See Great Lakes region.

## Can Pacific System- Can Pac Lines in

$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Can Pac Lines in } \\ \text { Malne } & 2,323,749 & 2,225,058 & \mathbf{4 3 5 , 8 6 7} & 358,936 & +76,931\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rrrrrr}\text { Can Pac Lines in } \\ \text { Vermont_- } & \text { 1,028,137 } & 866,691 & \operatorname{det} 250,601 & \text { det377,689 +127,088 }\end{array}$ Dul So Sh \& Atl-See Northwestern region.
Minn St $P$ \& S M -See Northwestern region.
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Spokane Internat'l-See Northwestern region. } \\ \text { Maine Central } \\ \text { M,485,456 } & 2,710,671 & +774,785\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { New Haven system- } \\ \text { N Y N H \& Hartf. } & 83,418,476 & 73,080,141 & 21,959,316 & 13,282,021\end{array}+8,677,295$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\mathrm{N} \\ \mathrm{N} \\ \text { Y Ont \& West-See Great Lakes region. } & 1,656,724 & 1,779,942 & -123,218\end{array}$
 Total (10 roads) . $\overline{163,417,702} \overline{144,867,531} \overline{43,260,588} \overline{26,574,853}+\overline{16,685,735}$
 Can Nat System-
Can Nat Lines in NE -See New England region.
Central Vermont-See New England region
Central Vermont-See New England region.
Dul Winn \& Pac-See Northwestern region.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Del \& Hudson | 25,452,489 | 21,198,569 | 7,865,716 | 5,235,359 | +2,630,357 |
| Del Lack \& Western | 50,454,438 | 44,188,481 | 11,919,431 | 8,165,571 | +3,753,860 |
| Detroit \& Mackinac | 876,809 | 877,856 | 233,146 | 247,257 | -14,111 |
| Det \& Tol Sh Line.- | 3,284,540 | 2,673,813 | 1,570,356 | 1,192,606 | +377.750 |
| Erie System- | 81,217,363 | 69,509,060 | 21,844,453 | 13,405,779 | +8,438,674 |
| N Y susa \& West. | 3,005,614 | 2,957,895 | 1,007,097 | 927,519 | 79,578 |
| Lehigh \& Hud River | 1,594,002 | 1,493,949 | 501,029 | 444,024 | +57,005 |
| Lehigh \& New Eng_ | 4,286,652 | 3,392,744 | 1,520,634 | 846.526 | +674,108 |
| Lehigh Valley | 45,358,987 | 41,230,143 | 12,566.741 | $9.715,941$ | +2,850,800 |
| Monongah | 4,155.889 | 3,440,045 | 2,490,851 | 2,091,480 |  |
|  | 1,940, |  | 777,195 |  |  |

New Haven System-see New England reglon.
$\stackrel{N}{N}$
$494,632 \quad 465,499+29,133$
 $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { N Y Chic \& St Louis } & 43,175,402 & 36,381,231 & 14,615,828 & 10,355,373 \\ \text { Pere Marquette } & +4,260,455 \\ \text { P } & 30,232,639 & 25,444,602 & 6,753,880 & 3,957,267 \\ +2,796,613\end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{lrrrrrr}\text { Ann Arbor-..... } & 3,964,804 & 3,468,358 & 792,053 & 524,022 & +268,031 \\ \text { Wabash_--.-. } & 44,662,526 & 40,472,327 & 10,417,386 & 8,017,806 & +2,399,580\end{array}$ Total ( 23 roads) $\overline{738,623,023} \overline{641,558,866} \overline{189,175,445} \overline{131,448,597} \overline{+57,726,848}$
 Balt \& Ohi Syter $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Alton-See Central Western region, } \\ \text { Balt \& Ohlo } & -161,030,252 & 134,722,330 & 41,129,177 \\ 29,738,309+11,390,868\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Bessemer \& L Erie__ } & 13,742,056 & 8,544,913 & 6,357,235 & 2,806,854 & +3,50,381 \\ \text { Chic \& East Illinois_ } & 15,336,251 & 14,288,786 & 3,49,540 & 3,046,693 & +449,847 \\ \text { Chic \& III Midland_ } & 3,919,833 & 3,506,033 & 1,257,098 & 926,695 & +330,403\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Chic \& Ill Midland- } & 3,919,833 & 3,506,033 & 1,257,098 & 1,2 \\ \text { Chic Ind \& Louisv-- } & 9.362,131 & 8,357,113 & 2,003,787 & 1,2\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Det Tol \& Ironton_- } & 6,702,308 & 5,093,589 & 2,999,547 & 1,854,559 & +1,135,988 \\ \text { Elgin Joliet \& East_ } & 18,148,239 & 12,079,176 & 5,912,248 & 2,556,104 & +3,356,144 \\ \text { Ilino } & 5,901,780 & 5,301,961 & 2,024,197 & 1,526,419 & +497,778\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Illinois Terminal_- } 5,901,780 & 5,301,961 & 2,024,197 & 1,526,419 & +497,778 \\ \text { Mo Pac System-See Southwestern region. } & & \\ \text { M }\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{crrrrr}\text { Pennsylvania-_-430,930,778 } & 360,384,241 & 124,029,943 & 103,336,998+20,692,945 \\ \text { Reading System- } & 5,830,236 & 5,341,631 & 175,245 & \text { def118,050 } & +293,295\end{array}$

 Total (18 roads) $-.824,138,173 \overline{687,751,340} \xlongequal[234,403,714]{180,856,797} \xlongequal{+53,546,917}$
$\begin{gathered}\text { Total Eastern Dis- } \\ \text { trict ( } 51 \text { roads) }-{ }^{--1} 726178898 \\ 1474177737\end{gathered} 466,839,747 \quad 338,880,247+127959,50$

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| Southern Regton- 1939 - 1938 - 1939 Nel- |  |  |  |  |
| Atl Coast Line Sys- ${ }^{\text {S }}$ |  |  | \% | Inc. or Dec. |
| Atl Birm \& Coast- 3,445,742 | 3,366,942 | 420,718 | 329,306 | 91.412 |
| $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Atlanta \& W Pt-- } & 1,819,046 \\ \text { Atl Coast Line }\end{array}$ | 1,669,961 | 280,974 | 182,132 | +98,842 |
|  | - ${ }^{\mathbf{4}, 164,164,131}$ | 10,427,507 | 8,672,237 | +1,755,270 |
| Clinchtild --....- 7,276,464 | 5,900,718 | 3,766.988 | ${ }_{2}{ }^{51927,333}$ | + $+210,886$ |
| Georgia------- ${ }^{3,742,674}$ | 3,474,615 | -729,330 | 2,671,367 | +157,963 |
| Loulsv \& NashV-- $88,348,256$ | 79,394,560 | 23,358,721 | 18,385,761 | +4,972,960 |
| Nash Chat \& St L 14,827,811 | 13,659,542 | 3,178,956 | 2,711,665 | +467, 291 |
| Columbus \& Greenv ${ }^{\text {W }}$ (1,747,958 | 1,630,122 | 292,475 | 227.524 | +64,951 |
|  | 1,283,312 | 217,424 | 223,916 |  |
| $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Georria \& Florida_-_ } & \mathbf{1 , 2 6 4 , 3 1 9}\end{array}$ | 9,594,391 | 2,127,822 | 2,591,792 | $-463,970$ |
| Gulf Mobile \& Nor- $\quad \mathbf{6}, 924,301$ | 6.497,571 | 146,535 236,936 | 69,233 | $+77,302$ $+310,547$ |
| Illinois Central Sys- |  |  |  |  |
| Central of Georgia | 14,765,267 | 1,970,313 | 1,736,111 | 2 |
| Illinois Central.-- $96,359,355$ | 90,937,441 | 41,288 |  |  |
| Yazoo \& Miss Val 15,011,497 | 14,478,386 | 4,648,242 | 24,152,440 | +923,467 |
| Mississippi Central $\quad 863,319$ | 793,933 | +110,027 | $4,638,808$ 151,895 | +9,434 |
| Norfolk \& Southern- 4,626,867 | 4,378,085 | 966,429 | 786,268 | +180,161 |
| Seaboard Air Line_- 44,163,420 | 40,009,744 | 7,670,252 | 5,826.216 | +1,844,036 |
| Ala Gt Southern_ - 7,677,582 | 6,796,233 |  |  |  |
| Cin N O \& Tex P- 17,788,489 | 15,240,549 | 6,864,138 | 5,187,601 | $\begin{array}{r} +710,744 \\ +1,676,537 \end{array}$ |
| Ga South \& Fla-- 2,309,592 | 2,061,107 | 409,949 | 250,165 | +159,784 |
| Mobile \& Ohio.-- $11,7313,534$ | 11,447,872 | 2,561,154 | 2,593,130 | -31,976 |
| Nort Northeast- $3,107,907$ | 3,048,641 | 1,190,181 | 1,069,379 | +120,802 |
| North rlabama-:- ${ }_{\text {Southern_-...- }} \mathbf{9 9 , 1 5 3 , 5 3 0}$ |  | 31,144,092 | ${ }_{25}^{215,539}$ | +72,397 |
| Tennessee Central.. $2,462,150$ | $\xrightarrow{2,279,175}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 31,144,092 \\ 625,090 \end{array}$ | $25,826,110$ 590,611 | $\begin{array}{r} +5.317,982 \\ +34,479 \end{array}$ |
| Total (28 roads) .. 512,031,351 | 471,305,776 | 133,941,300 | 113,818,849 | +20,122,451 |

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 Total (4 roads) $\ldots \overline{242,066,350} \xlongequal{210,561,592} \xlongequal{\underline{105,760,766}} \xlongequal[84,076,543]{ }+\overline{21,684,223}$ Total Southern Dis
trict ( 32 roads)

754,097,701 $\xlongequal{681,867,368} \xlongequal{239,702,066} \xlongequal{197,895,392+41,806,674}$

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| Can Region- |  | 8 | \$ |  |
| C N Lines in N E-See New England region. Central Vermont-See New England region |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Dul Winn \& Pac. 1,350,774 | 1,102,202 | 216,475 | 407 |  |
| Can Pac System- |  |  |  |  |
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| C P Lines in Me-See New England region |  |  |  |  |
| Dul So Sh \& At1-- 2,327 |  |  |  |  |
| MSt P\&SS M - $28,163,238$ | 4,328,460 |  |  | +224,838 |
| Spokane Internat_- 798,188 | 741.198 |  |  |  |
| Chit \& North West. $87,250,460$ | 81,055,869 | 14,975,587 | 10,009,485 |  |
| Chic St P M \& O- 17,751,689 | 16,752,334 | 2,922,148 | 2,375,023 | 2 |
| Chic Great Western 18,128,103 | 17,141,964 | 5,222,436 | 3,900.301 | 5 |
| Chic Mil St P \& Pac 106, 875,380 | 99,436,846 | 21,363.566 | 18,763,659 | +2,599,907 |
| Dul Missabe \& I R. 18,636,680 | 9,016,807 | 9,969,588 | 2,388,863 | 7,580,725 |
| G1eat Northern...- 91,783,373 | 79,215,531 | 31,320,703 | 24,698,423 |  |
| Green Bay \& West. . $\quad 1,696,275$ | 1,560,210 | 471,090 |  | 7,102 |
| Lake Sup \& Ishpem. $2,932,258$ | 1,184,245 | 1,803,702 | 203111 | , 591 |
| Minn \& St Louis-.- 9.215,137 | 9,079,676 | 2,120,444 | 1,791,985 | +328,459 |
| Northern Paelific--. $63,882,432$ | 57,021,585 | 14,202,705 | 9,964,857 | +,237,848 |
| Spokane Portl \& S.- 8,645,562 | 8,196,778 | 2,450,880 | 2,197,473 | $\begin{aligned} & 4,25,408 \\ & +253,407 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total (15 roads)--459,437,377 | 407,666,490 | 113,808,133 | 80,280,023 | 3,528,1 |




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T, | Texas \& New Or1. | $43,571,527$ | $41,806,819$ | $11,414,148$ | $9,171,892$ | $+2,242,256$ |
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| Texas Mexican_- | 933,196 | 949,531 | 194,348 | 113,021 | $+81,327$ | Total (20 roads) $\xlongequal{\underline{302,235,926}} \xlongequal{\underline{292,513,147}} \xlongequal{\overline{70,221,819}} \overline{\underline{62,970,024}}+\overline{+7,251,795}$ Total Western Dis-

trict ( 50 roads) -+1507416076 Total all districts
(133 roads)
(133 roads) $-\ldots \ldots 398769267535582638341076494031843,133,884+233360147$

## The Business Man's Bookshelf

## International Trade Statistics 1938

## Published by League of Nations. ${ }^{345} \mathrm{pp}$. <br> Paper cover. Price $\$ 3$. Agent in United States, Columbia Uniter

The Economic Intelligence Service of the League of Nations has recently published a new edition of "International Trade Statistics" for 1938 . This volume contains ${ }^{3}$ tatistical tables of foreign trade of 67 countries for the years 1936-1938, and indicates respectively the imports and exports of goods per year and per month, the imports and exports by country of provenance and destination and the imports and exports by principal articles, the imports and exports of bullion and specie, and the imports and exports by groups according to the new international classification (League of Nations "Minimum List"). The volume includes about 300 tables.
One characteristic of the new edition is the increasing number of tables indicating imports and exports grouped according to the classifications drawn up by the League of Nations Committee of Statistical Experts in accordance with the idternational Convention concerning economic statistics concluded at Geneva in 1928. For the 25 countries now using these standard classifications, the tables given enable exact international comparisons to be made on the basis of the major divisions of the dew international classification ( 50 chapters and 17 sections) and also, in most cases, according to about 20 economic groups showing use and stage of production. Among other advantages, the former uncertainty as to how far any collective heading -or, indeed, often an apparently homogeneous itembearing the same title in two countries did in fact include similar goods is now eliminated. The boundary line, for example, between machinery and metal manufactures, or between raw materials and semi-manufactures or between this latter and manufactured goods is now clear-cut.

## We Must Be Free <br> By Leslie Roberts. Macmillan, Canada <br> $248 \mathrm{pp} . \quad \$ 3.25$

When Mr. Roberts set out to write this book, he must have been perturbed by the encroachment on personal liberty which he saw about him, especially in his Province of Quebec, where a so-called Padlock Law had been proclaimed as a safeguard against "Communism." Since this law did not even define the object against which it was launched, it lent itself to serious abuse, violated common rights and decency, and stirred up so much animosity that its demise was clearly to be expected. Came the war, and in short order the Padlock Law was swept away, and so was its author. But Mr. Roberts must have liked his title; so he Wrote about the war, and insisted that it be carried to a successful end, with all the might that Canada can muster; but on the understanding that the war must end with a peace which will safeguand Canada against any form of Naziism. "We must be free!"
If one try to guess about the making of this book, one may conclude that from day to day, as news poured in, it became difficult to stick to the original plan oi contents. There were too many windmills to be fought, too many side-paths to be trod, and too many uncertainties to be dodged. Fortunately, Mr. Roberts kept on writing. The war had to be mentioned, of course, and freedom had to bo ch rrished, and the Jews had to be thanked because their "suffering goaded us into action at last!" But what really happened was a series of essays about Canada, its people, its railway situation, its unemploymeat problem, its economic future, the Americanization of Jack Canuck, and the good features of Ame Canadian parliamentary system. Also, a hilarious chapter dealing largely with the manner in which three outstanding American publications made a hash of their reporting of the royal visit to Canada, oi recent memory.
To any one interested in Canada, its people and their affairs, this book should be diverting, often instructiva, and just as often a source of complete but friendly disagreement. Profound, no; entertaining, yes-just like a long chat in a smoking car with some fellow-passenger who will talk, sometimes with great sense and sometimes without. Remembering that French-Canadians form some three-eighths of Canada's, population, Mr. Roberts's views on the "racial problem", are intriguing, largely sound. Then one realizes that in his analysis of the matter he omits some of its essen tial aspects. If there is a "racial problem," it springs primatily from the extraor dinary growth of the French popalation. And that, to this reviewer, needed adequate treatment.
The facile fecundity of the French-Canadian, even when offiet in part by an abnormal infantile mortality, places a heavy burden on all breadwinners, so that the acquisition of the most modest working capital calls for superhuman effort. A's if rising from the ranks were not made arduous enough by this condition, a still greater handicap springs
from the inability or unwillingness of the "canayen" to combat the acquisitiveness of his spiritual advisers. With too many mouths to feed and too many ecclesiastical establishments to maintain, it would be strange, indeed, if "sizable business in Quebec" had bean anything but "pretty "sizable business in Quebec had bean ",-and this without much an English-Canadian property
ecourse to the reasons given by Mr. Roberts.
Nor is refereace made to the fact that when the FranchCanadian manages to enter the ranks of the employers, it is seldom that he fails to impose on his French employees conseldom that he rainsore onerous than those which prevail in like English-Canadian enterprises. If Quebec possesses an abundance of "cheap labor," none is so desirous of seeing abundance of cheap lated as is the French-Canadian em ployer. And one way to do so is to set going "subversive ployer. And one way to do so is to set gomen "and "nainfluences",

## ionalism.

Mr. Roberts, we feel, is on safer ground when he refers to the English-Canadian mentality, especially as it occurs in Ontario. The English-Canadian, as he says, is "not a bad fellow," even though he has been singularly lacking in tolerance of, and desire to understand, French-Canadian tolerance on, and question of bilingualism, he has been obituse and short-sighted. Economically, he handicaps himelf by his failure to master the two tongues which are his or the asking. Culturally, he does not begin to realize his or this point one can agree with Mr. Roberts. But oss. On this poin can agreainst his . Roberts. © But only to protest emphatically against his reference to the "French-Canadian language (not the French language
," and the need to encourage it. If Quebec can oot bring itself to speak French free from anglicisms an canadianisms, it will develop a jargon as debased as the Taal, which in South Africa passes as Dutch, though it be incomprehensible to the native of Holland. And if that should come to pass, the justification for fluency in two tongues will have ended and Canada would indeed become a country of discord.

## Mr. Smith, Meet Mr. Cohen By James Waterman Wise and Lee J. Levinger. 182 pp. Reynal \& Hitchcock. $\$ 2.00$

It is regrettable that this book comes out under this moniker. For it deserves kind treatment and sympathy. It is earnest, thoughtful and free from any buffoonery, such as its name may suggest. It is born of anti-Semitism, but deals with that topic only briefly, and weakly at that. It is a timely, intelligent analysis of the coming of the Jew to America, his settlement, and the building up of his new home.

Some 2,500 Jews of Spanish and Portuguese origin were here prior to 1776 . The part which they played in the Revolution was creditable. They prospered, multiplied, founded a cultivated and distinguished progeny. Between 1820 and 1860 some 200,000 Jews reached these shores. Fleeing from German persecution, they landed for the most part poor, ignorant and humble. Untrained in industrial pursuits; herded all their lives in the ghettos, they knew nothing of the land and its uses; frail and undernourished, they walked their way to the remotest villages, ridiculed, disdained-the Jewish huckster with a pack.
In 1865 they gave a good account of themselves, for the Southern cause or for the Union. "Seven Jews were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for distinguished courage on the battlefield." For some 15 years following the Civil War few Jews crossed the ocean to settle in the United States. Long before, the descendants of the first Jews to reach America, from Spain and Portugal, had become a well-to-do, proud, educated class, the leaders in their community Their co-religionists from Germany also prospered, identified themselves with their national surroundings, merged their individualities with the rest of the population and spread across the country, establishing a good standing in their various communities, good Americans all.

For 40 years following 1881, this country admitted wave after wave of immigrants, $23,000,000$, of whom $2,000,000$ were Jews. Of these, $72 \%$ came from Russia, fleeing from government by pogrom; $22 \%$ came from Austria and Rumania, where they had been spurned minorities, speaking an alien Yiddish, worshiping in foreign synagogues. From those countries, and Poland, and other lands they came lured here by touts for shipping offices, to better their mis erable lot, to taste freedom. As soon as they were off the cangplank, they were snatched away to a home and a jobhome in the wretched tenements of New York s East Side and work in its merciless sweatshops.

To the long-Americavized Jews who received them, they came as a shock, as strangers to their environment, ignoran of its speech, its ways and its civilization. They could only cluster around their synagogues, read their Yiddish papers and look to the Jews of German origin for guidance, help and succor. Wretchedly paid for long hours of toil over their sewing machines, slowly they emerged from the sweatshops to start little factories, where, in turn, the latest arrivals were sweated and where the modern garment industry began.
Gradually some of the more venturesome ones moved from the reeking, over-crowded districts, started other businesses, bought scrap iron and junk, opened little shops. The Rus-
sian Pale spread itself over the sidewalks of New York. The oldsters were pious law-abiding. Some of their children in the glamour of the slums, graduated in the school of American gangsterdom. Others absorbed the better learning that Amgice denied themeriva go to themselves and saved maticine, the theatre journal go to college. Soon, the law, medine, the mis ism, music, lauded men whose names smacked or "tmaking Poland, Rumania. Poodand,"

In the World War almost $5 \%$ of the whole American force was made up of Jews, "at a time when the Jewish population was about $3 \%$ of the national body"; 10,000 were wounded, 2,000 fall; 1,100 were cited for valor, 150 got the D. S. C sional Medal of Honor.
By 1937 almost five million Jews were in the United States $3.8 \%$ of the population-one out of every 26. But in New York one in three was a Jew; in Idaho, one in 500 . (As for the reputed "Jewish control" of finance: in 1933 there were 30 Jews out of $4 \Sigma 0$ listed directors of the 19 members of the New York Clearing House, and $18 \%$ of the New York Stock Exchange.)
Such, in part, is the outline of a story well told by the authors. They show how the Jew came here, how he contributed to the development of America, io business, the rofessions, literature, music, arts, science. They present a oster of some who did it, an astounding list which includes mor usually it, an astounila they me names usually considered Geatil. vote, what they believe; how they are active, how they sup port their charities: how they feel towards America, and how they would like to be regarded. $\qquad$ All this and more, told soberly, and with restraint, makes a highly informative narrative, a timely, intelligent contribution to the undernarradine, a the standing of the Jewish question, ween injected into public debate and broadcasts.
Also, to those who believe that justice and decency are not mpty words, this book gives cause for combating the infection of prejudice and bigotry into which one easily runs. For those who already have anti-Semitic leanings, a reading For this book should induce a return to sanity of thought. All of which is the well-considered opinion of this reviewer, in whose ancestry there is not even a trace of Judaism. in whose ancestry there is not even a trace of Juaism.
W. C. B.

## The Course of the Bond Market

Higher-grade bonds have moved almost imperceptibly downward since last Saturday's high point for the year was established. Governments are apparently marking time pending the announcement of refinancing operations. High-grade railroad bonds have registered fractional losses. Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis 4s, 1953 , were up $1 / 8$ at $1081 / 8$, and Virginian $33 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$, 1966, at $1071 / 4$ lost $3 / 8$. Medium-grade and speculative issues continued to display an indefinite trend, with small losses predominating. Chicago Burlington \& Quincy, Ill. Div., 4s, 1949, dropped $15 / 8$ to $975 / 8$; Cleveland Union Terminal 5s, 1973, were off 1 at 77 . Defaulted rail bonds, following the lethargic pattern of stock prices, have been slightly lower.
Greatest activity in the utility group has taken place in issues of Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Co. and its traction affiliates, with prices irregular. Trading activity in other utility bonds generally diminished, and prices in all groups tended to ease somewhat. Offerings were limited to $\$ 3,400,000$ Indiana Associated Telephone Corp. 1st $31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, 1970.

The industrial section of the list has been a mixed affair this week, with changes primarily confined to fractions. Outstanding excentions to that rule, however, are found among the lower grades, notably the Marion Steam Shovel $6 \mathrm{~s}, 1947$, which gained $77 / 8$ points at $747 / 8$; the International Mercantile Marine 6s, 1941 , up $2 \frac{3}{8}$ points at $73 \% / 8$, and the Childs Co. 5 s , 1943, which gained 3 points at 57. Oils have been off fractionally; in the building materials group the Celotex and Certain-teed bonds lost about a point, and fractional losses have been scored by most meat packing company obligations. Among miscellaneous bonds, moderate strength has been shown by the Industrial Rayon $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$, the Remington Rand $41 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$, and the Simmons Co. convertible 4s.

The foreign list has been noticeable for continued firmness in South American issues. There has been a rally in Danish obligations, but irregularity in Norwegian bonds, while Finland 6s have been little changed. German bonds displayed some rallying power, while Italian issues developed some softness. Canadian and Australian obligations lost ground under new pressure, and Japanese issues declined fractionally.
Moody's computed bond prices and bond yield averages are given in the following tables:

| MOODY'S BOND PRICES $\dagger$ (Based on Averape Yields) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | MOODY'S BOND YIELD AVERAGES $\dagger$ (Based on Indsodual Closing Prices) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $\begin{gathered} 1940 \\ \text { Dadily } \\ \text { Averajes } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | v. s. Govt. Bonds | An 120Domes-zicCorp.* | 120 Domestic Corporate * by Ratings |  |  |  | 120 Domestic Corporate by Groups* |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 1940 \\ \text { Dasly } \\ \text { Averages } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { All } 120 \\ \text { Domes } \\ \text { tic } \\ \text { Corp } \end{array}\right\|$ | $120 \begin{gathered}\text { Domestle Corporate } \\ \text { by Rattings }\end{gathered}$ |  |  |  | 120 Domestce Corporate by Groups |  |  |
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| . 23 -- | 115.3 | 107.30 | 123.10 | 118.60 | 105.79 | 86.92 | 93.85 | 112.66 | 117.07 | 23 | 3.60 | 2.85 |  |  | 4.83 | 4.3 | 3.33 |  |
| 22 | Stock | Exchan | ${ }^{\text {ge Clos }}$ | ${ }_{118.60}^{\text {ed }}$ | 105.9 | 87.07 |  |  |  | 22---------- | Stock | Exchan | Clos |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | 115.48 | 107.30 | 123.10 | 118.60 | 105.98 | ${ }_{87.07} 87$ | ${ }_{93.85}^{93.85}$ | ${ }_{11266}^{12.86}$ | 117.29 117.29 |  | 3.60 <br> 3.60 | 2.85 2.85 | 3.05 3.05 3 | 3.67 <br> 3.67 | 4.82 | 4.37 | 3.33 | 3.11 |
| 19. | 115.47 | 107.30 | 123.10 | 118.60 | 105.98 | 87.07 | 94.01 | 112.66 | 117.29 |  | 3.60 3.60 | 2.85 2.85 | 3.05 <br> 3.05 | 3.67 <br> 3.67 | 4.82 4.82 | 4.37 4.36 | 3.33 3.33 | 3.11 |
| 17 | 115.49 | 107.49 | 123.10 | 118.81 | 105.98 | 87.21 | 94.01 | 112.86 | 117.50 |  | 3 | 2.85 | ${ }_{3.04}^{3.05}$ | ${ }_{3.67}$ | 4.81 | ${ }_{4}^{4.36}$ | ${ }_{3}^{3.32}$ | 3.11 3.101 |
| 16 | 115.48 | 107.49 | 123.33 | 118.81 | 105.98 | 87.07 | 94.01 | 112.86 | 117.50 | 16 | 3.59 | 2.84 | 3.04 | ${ }_{3.67}$ | 4.81 4.82 | ${ }_{4.36}$ | ${ }_{3.32}^{3.32}$ | 3.10 , |
| 15.- | 115.48 | 107.49 | 123.33 | 118.81 | 105.98 | 87.07 | 94.01 | 112.86 | 117.50 |  | 3.59 | 2.84 | 3.04 | 3.67 | 4.82 | 4.36 | ${ }_{3} 32$ | 3.10 3.10 |
| 14. | ${ }_{115.53}^{115.53}$ | 107.30 | 122.88 | 118.81 | 105.98 | 86.92 | 93.85 | 112.66 | 117.29 |  | 3.60 | 2.86 | 3.04 | 3.67 | 4.83 | 4.37 | 3.33 | ${ }_{3.11}^{3.10}$ |
| 12. | 115.53 | 107.30 | ${ }_{\text {ge Clos }} 123.10$ | 118.81 | 105.98 | 86.92 | 94.01 | 112.66 | 117.50 |  | 3.60 | 2.85 | 3.04 | 3.67 | 4.83 | 4.36 | 3.33 | 3.10 |
| 10. | 115.45 | 107.30 | 122.86 | 118.81 | 105.98 | 86.92 | 93.85 | 112.66 | 117.29 |  | Stook 3.60 | Exchan | ${ }_{3.04}{ }^{\text {Clos }}$ | 3.67 |  |  |  |  |
| 9 -- | 115.44 | 107.30 | 122.86 | 118.81 | 105.98 | 86.92 | 94.01 | 112.66 | 117.29 |  | ${ }_{3.60}$ | 2.86 | 3.04 3 3 | 3.67 | 4.83 | 4.36 | ${ }_{3.33}$ | ${ }_{3.11}^{3.11}$ |
| 8-- | 115.40 | 107.30 | 122.86 | 118.81 | 105.79 | 86.92 | 93.85 | 112.66 | ${ }_{117.29}$ |  | 3.60 3.60 | 2.86 2.87 | 3.04 <br> 3.04 | 3.68 | 4.83 4.83 | 4 | ${ }_{3.33}^{3.33}$ | ${ }_{3.11}$ |
| 7.- | 115.40 | ${ }_{108.92}^{107.11}$ | ${ }_{122.63}^{122.63}$ | ${ }_{118}^{118.81}$ | ${ }_{105.60}^{105.60}$ | 87.07 | 93.85 | ${ }_{12}^{12.66}$ | 117.07 |  | 3.61 | 2.87 | 3.04 | 3.69 | 4.82 | 4.37 | 3.33 | 3.12 |
| 5-- | 115.44 | 107 | 122.63 | ${ }_{118.60}^{118.60}$ | 105.60 | 86.64 86.78 | ${ }_{93}^{93.69}$ | ${ }_{112.45}^{112.45}$ | ${ }_{116.86}^{117.07}$ |  | 3.62 | 2.87 | 3.05 | 3.69 | 4.85 | 4.38 | 3.34 | 3.12 |
| $3 .-$ | 115.46 | 107.11 | 122.86 | ${ }_{118}^{118.38}$ | ${ }_{105.60}^{105.60}$ | 86.78 | ${ }_{93.69}^{93.85}$ | ${ }_{112.45}^{12.45}$ | ${ }_{116.86}^{116.86}$ |  | 3.61 | 2.87 2.86 | 3.05 3.06 | 3.69 369 | 4.84 4.84 | 4 | 3.34 | 3.13 |
| 2 | 115.43 | 106.92 | 122.63 | 118.60 | 105.41 | 86.78 | ${ }_{93.69}$ | 112.45 | 116.86 |  | ${ }_{3.62}^{3.61}$ | 2.86 2.87 | 3.06 <br> 3.05 | 3.69 3.70 | 4.84 4.84 | 4.38 4.38 | 3.34 3.34 3 | 3.13 3.13 |
| Weekly- | 115.42 | 10 | 122.63 | 118.16 | 105.41 | 86.64 | 93.53 | 112.25 | 116.64 |  | 3.62 | 2.87 | 3.07 | 3.70 | 4.85 | 4.39 | 3.35 | 3.13 3.14 |
| an. 27.- | 115.54 | 106.92 | 122.63 | 118.38 | 105.41 | 86.64 | 93.69 | 112.25 | 116.86 | . 27 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20. | 115.65 | 106.54 | 122.40 | 117.94 | 105.41 | 86.21 | 93.21 | 112.25 | 116.43 |  | 3.62 <br> 3.64 | 2.87 2.88 | 3.06 <br> 3.08 | 3.70 3.70 | 4.85 4.88 | 4.41 | 3.35 3.35 | ${ }_{3}^{3.13}$ |
| 13. | 115.96 | 106.73 | 122.40 | 118.16 | 105.60 | 86.50 | 93.53 | 112.25 | 116.64 |  | 3.63 | 2.88 2.88 | 3.07 | 3.69 | 4.86 | 4.39 | ${ }_{3.35}^{3.35}$ | 3.15 3.14 $\mathbf{3}$ |
|  | 116.03 | 106.92 | 122.86 | 117.72 | 105.60 | 87.07 | 93.85 | 112.45 | 116.64 |  | ${ }_{3.62}$ | 2.86 | 3.09 | 3.69 | 4.82 | 4.37 | ${ }_{3.34}$ | 3.14 3.14 |
| High 1940 | 116.12 | 107.49 | 123.33 | 118.81 | 105.98 | 87.21 | 94.01 | 112.86 | 117.50 | High 1940 | 3.64 | 2.90 | 3.09 | 3.71 | 4.89 | 4 | 3.36 3.36 | ${ }_{3.16}^{3.14}$ |
| Low 1940 | ${ }_{117}^{115.25}$ | ${ }_{106.54}^{106.54}$ | ${ }_{122}^{121.94}$ | ${ }_{1}^{117.72}$ | 105.22 | 86.87 | ${ }_{9}^{92.90}$ | 112.05 | 116.21 | Low 1940 | 3.59 | 2.84 | 3.04 | 3.67 | 4.81 | 4.86 | ${ }_{3.32}$ | 3.10 |
| Low 1939 | 108.77 | 106.92 | 1122.40 | 118.60 108.27 | 105.22 98.28 | 87.78 81.09 | 94.33 87.93 | ${ }_{104}^{112.30}$ | ${ }_{1}^{116.43}$ | High 1939 | 4.00 | 3.34 | 3.55 | 4.10 | 5.26 | 4.76 | 3.76 | 3.64 |
| 1 Yr A Ago |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 106.5 | Low 1939 | 3.62 | 2.8 | 3.05 | 3.71 | 4.77 | 4.3 | 3.36 | 3.15 |
| Feb.23'39 <br> 2 Yts. $A 00$ | 113.31 | 103.38 | 119.69 | 114.30 | 101.06 | 84.01 | 90.14 | $1 \mathrm{C8} 8.8$ | 113.27 | Feb. 23, 1939 | 3.81 | 3.00 | 3.25 | 3.94 | 5.04 | 4.61 | 3.52 | 3.30 |
| Feb.23'38 | 110.38 | 96.78 | 115.57 | 109.24 | 96.61 | 73.99 | 85.10 | 99.14 | 108.08 | Feb. 23, 1938 | $4.19$ | $3.19$ | $3.50$ | $4.20$ | $5.85$ | $4.96$ |  |  |
| * These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "typlcal" bond ( $4 \%$ coupon, maturing in 30 years), and do not purport to show elther 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 Fleld averages, the tatter being the truer pleture of the bond market. <br> $\dagger$ The latest complete list of bonds used in computing these indexes was published in the issue of Jan. 13, 1940, page 179. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE-COMMERCIAL EPITOME
Friday Night, Feb. 23, 1940.
Business activity continues to show a downward trend. However, observers claim that the end of the decline is not far distant. Latest advices from Washington report a move to head off the drive for economy. The warning that drastic cuts in Federal expenditures may bring a repetition of the marked recession that began in the fall of 1937 and ran until the spring of 1939 because the Administration brought too abrupt a halt to Government spending, has been renewed from the White House in an effort apparently to break the economy drive in Congress, it was learned. Senators who are politically nervous because of the silence of President Roosevelt on the third term issue are believed to be straddling on the economy proposal, keeping a weather eye open for any indication that would serve them as a guide in the situation. Should substantial orders from the warring nations soon make their appearance in American markets, it is believed business is in such a position to respond with alacrity and vigor. The general consensus of opinion is that the leveling off process of the current downward movement will manifest itself late in March or early in April. It is pointed out that though the trend has been downward since December, business conditions at this time are far better than they were a year ago.
Most encouraging of the early February reports are those coming from Detroit. Sales of leading automobile companies in the first 10 days of the month, according to estimates, are placed at better than a $35 \%$ average gain over a year ago.
Another encouraging item is found in the number of freight cars placed in service on Class I railroads in January, which totaled 4,983 , the largest total for any like month since 1930, and comparing with 1,020 in the 1939 month, according to the Association of American Railroads.
"Steel ingot output continues to decline, but the drops are less precipitous and may indicate that the leveling-off process may come within the next few weeks," "Iron Age" says in its current summary. The magazine estimates current steel output at $67 \%$ of capacity, and that "at best" the aggregate volume of incoming tonnage represents $40 \%$ to $50 \%$ of capacity. In some districts, it is pointed out, there has been no further decline this week in steel production, notably Cleveland, Buffalo, Birmingham and southern Ohio. The rate, however, is lower in the Pittsburgh, Chicago, Youngstown, eastern Pennsylvania, St. Louis and Detroit districts. The hopes of the steel industry for a reversal in the downward trend are based primarily on preparations for the outdoor activity of spring, and export trade. Foreign orders have been in good volume and will, it is expected, be greatly stimulated if the war in Europe assumes a more active phase, but buying for spring activities, which is usually in evidence by this month, has not appeared in noticeable volume, having been delayed by unfavorable weather in some areas." "The price situation presents no marked elements of weakness," the review observes. "Steel companies point to increased costs over the last year, caused mainly by additional taxation and wage and hour legislation, as arguments against lower quotations."

The electric light and power industry in the United States produced $2,475,574,000 \mathrm{kwh}$. of electricity during the week ended Feb. 17, the Edison Electric Institute reported yesterday. This represents a decrease of $1.9 \%$ from the previous week's output of $2,522,514,000 \mathrm{kwh}$. , but an increase of $10.1 \%$ over a year ago, when $2,248,767,000 \mathrm{kwh}$. were produced. Seasonal factors accounted for part of the week-to-week decrease, with the Lincoln Birthday holiday intervening on Feb. 12.
Bank clearings at 22 leading cities in the six business days to Feb. 21 amounted to $\$ 5,120,753,000$, an increase of $14.5 \%$ above the corresponding five-day week last year, and an increase of $\$ 913,370,000$ over the preceding five-day week this year, according to Dun \& Bradstreet, Inc. New York exchanges were $\$ 2,804,365,000$ against $\$ 2,769,236,000$ last year, a gain of $1.3 \%$, while the 21 outside cities had an aggregate of $\$ 2,316,388,000$, or an increase of $53.9 \%$ above the $\$ 1,704,072,000$ for the same 1939 week
Production of automobiles and trucks increased to 102,670 units this week, a rise of $8 \%$ over the previous week, according to estimates of Ward's Automotive Reports, Inc. The output was an increase of $37 \%$ over the corresponding week of a year ago, when 75,660 units were produced. The seasonal rise does not usually get under way until a week later, the report says. In view of the earlier than seasonal rise, Ward's indicates that the current outlook points to 380,000 units being produced in February instead of 360,000 as predicted last week. This would compare with an estimated January output of 465,000 units and 317,517 units produced in February, 1939.

The Association of American Railroads reported today 607,924 cars of revenue freight were loaded during the week ending last Saturday. This was a decrease of $3 \%$ compared with the preceding week; an increase of $5.4 \%$ compared with a year ago, and an increase of $31.4 \%$ compared with 1938.
Production of goods and services in 1939 nearly equaled the 1929 record, but national income was $\$ 14,000,000,000$ lower, the Commerce Department said today. National in-come-the net value of goods and services produced-in 1939 aggregated $\$ 68,000,000,000$, a gain of $\$ 4,500,000,000$, or $7 \%$, over the previous year. The dollar total of income produced in 1929 was $\$ 82,700,000,000$. "The $\$ 14,000,000,000$ difference between 1929 and 1939 income totals," the Department said, "was accompanied by differences of $19 \%$ in wholesale prices and $15 \%$ in the cost of living.
Sluggishness in industry had its counterpart in retail and wholesale trade this week, Dun \& Bradstreet, Inc., reported today. Sales, according to the credit agency, held above last year, but by a narrower margin than in the preceding week. Retailers' orders still shaped closely to store turnover. Buying for Easter was disappointing. Snows and rain were considered a serious handicap to retail volume. Buyers were abroad in small numbers. Percentage of telephone and mail orders showed a sudden in crease. Few centers showed a gain for the entire week of more than $8 \%$ over the corresponding week a year ago, while in some sections decreases against last year ranged as low as $10 \%$. On the whole, sales totals for the entire country probably averaged not less than $1 \%$ nor more than $6 \%$ higher than in the corresponding 1939 week.

With the passing of the heavy snowstorm the weather became fair and relatively cold over the Eastern States, with the line of freezing extending well into the northern portions of the East Gulf area. Fair weather prevailed in the Midwest, but there was general precipitation in the the Midwest, but western sections of the country. The second important storm of the week appeared over southern Texas on the morning of Feb. 16, and moved thence slowly eastward into the lower Mississippi Valley, then northeastward to the southern coast of New England at the close of the week. It was attended by widespread and frequently heavy precipitation throughout the South and over all sections from the Mississippi Valley eastward, with many areas reporting 24 -hour amounts of from one inch up to more than three inches, the heaviest being in Gulf sections. In the Southern States cool weather continued to retard the growth of vegetation, while persistent and mostly heavy rains prevented active field operations. Warm, sunny weather is needed throughout the entire area, it is said, from Virginia southward and westward to Texas and Oklahoma. In the New York City area the weather was generally cold and clear most of the week.
Today was overcast and slightly warmer, with prevailing temperatures ranging from 26 degrees to 40 degrees. Partial cloudiness is the forecast for tonight and Saturday, the latter day being warmer.
the latter day being warmer. 20 to 28 degrees; Baltimore, Overnight at Boston it was 20 to 28 degrees; Baltimore,
28 to 40 ; Pittsburgh, 24 to 29 ; Portland, Me., 16 to 31 ; 28 to 40; Pittsburgh, 24 to 29; Portland, Me., 16 to 31 ;
Chicago, 20 to 29 ; Cincinnati, 24 to 38; Cleveland, 21 to 34 ; Chicago, 20 to 29; Cincinnati, 24 to 38; Cleveland, 21 to 34;
Milwaukee, 12 to 25 ; Charleston, 34 to 49 ; Detroit, 21 to 34 ; Savannah, 30 to 48; Dallas, 45 to 56 ; Kansas City, Mo., 30 to 38 ; Springfield, Ill., 23 to 31 ; Oklahoma City, 40 to 46 ; Salt Lake City, 35 to 49 , and Seattle, 39 to 43.

## "Annalist" Index of Business Activity Declined in

 JanuaryThe much heralded recession in business finally got started last month, it was announced by the "Annalist" on Feb. 20. The "Annalist" index of business activity declined to 106.5 (preliminary) from 111.9 (revised) in December. The announcement further said:
The September-December upswing having been primarily a revival of the durable goods industries, paced by iron and steel output, the ensuing decline has been primarily a durable goods recession, likewise paced by iron and steel output. The automobile industry, although not producing the record hoped for, has been the one sustaining factor in steel production. Lumber output receded only slightly, apparentiy influenced by a comparatively high rate of activity in the building and automobile industries. Zinc mining continued at a relatively high rate, although lower than that
during December. But this was mainly work on backlogs, new and undiling orders having recently fallen off noticeably. In the textiles, con-
fill sumption of cotton by mills slid off a little, silk consumption finally rose and rayon deliveries slumped sharply.
TABLE I-THE "ANNALIST" INDEX OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND

a Subject to revision. b Revised.
TABLE II-THE COMBINED INDEX SINCE JANUARY, 1934

|  | 1940 | 1939 | 1938 | 1937 | 1936 | 1935 | 1934 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | a106.5 | 92.3 | 79.5 | 104.3 | 92.3 | 87.2 | 79.6 |
| February |  | 89.7 | 78.5 | 105.7 | 89.0 | 86.7 | 83.2 |
| Mar h |  | 90.1 | 77.5 | 106.9 | 89.5 | 84.4 | 84.6 |
| April. |  | b86.7 | 74.1 | 107.1 | 94.1 | 82.8 | 85.9 |
| May |  | 86.3 | 73.8 | 109.0 | 95.9 | 81.8 | 86.4 |
| June. |  | 91.5 | 74.3 | 107.8 | 97.6 | 82.0 | 83.8 |
| July . |  | 92.2 | 79.0 | 108.9 | 102.4 | 82.7 | 78.0 |
| August |  | 94.4 | 82.9 | 111.2 | 102.5 | 84.9 | 75.1 |
| Septembe |  | b100. 1 | 85.2 | . 108.5 | 102.9 | 86.1 | 71.4 |
| October- |  | 106.7 | 88.9 | 98.5 | 103.3 | 89.1 | 74.6 |
| November |  | 108.3 | 95.2 | 87.8 | 107.1 | 92.0 | 76.0 |
| December. |  | 111.9 | 95.0 | 81.3 | 110.5 | 96.7 | 82.4 |

## Wholesale Commodity Prices Gained 0.1 of Point in Week Ended Feb. 17, According to "Annalist' Index

Announcement was made by the "Annalist" Feb. 19 that a last-minute rally in the grains and cotton carried wholesale commodity prices slightly higher during the week ended cammodity prices slightly higher during the week ended gain of one-tenth of a point as compared with the preceding gain of one-tenth of a point as compared with the preceding
week and the highest since the end of January. The "Annalist" continued:
Wheat prices spurted about 5 c . a bushel in the latter part of the week. Corn, oats and 1 ye followed suit. Cotton prices improved on continued large exports and better trade demand. Livestock prices were firmer, aithough hogs continued around the lows of the year. Silk declined to
new lows for the current movement, and wool was easy. Metals were generally firm, with good buying in copper. Rubber reversed its recent trend and declined gently.
"ANNALIST" WEEKLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES $(1926=100)$


## Moody's Commodity Index Unchanged

Moody's Daily Commodity Index closed at 160.3 this Friday, the same as a week ago. The principal individual changes were the advance in wheat and the decline in hogs. The movement of the Index is as follows:


## Revenue Freight Car Loadings in Week Ended Feb. 17 Total 607,924 Cars

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended Feb. 17 totaled 607,924 cars, the Association of American Railroads announced on Feb. 23. This was an increase of $31,279 \mathrm{cars}$ or $5.4 \%$ above the corresponding week in 1939 and an increase of 72,058 cars or $13.4 \%$ above the same week in 1938. Loading of revenue freight for the week of Feb. 17 was a decrease of 18,979 cars or $3.0 \%$ from the preceding week. The Association further reported:
Miscellaneous freight loading totaled 240,895 cars, a decrease of $\mathbf{3 , 1 3 9}$ cars from the preceding week, and an increase of 19,177 cars above the corresponding week in 1939 .
Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 142,987 carss a decrease of 4,455 cars from the preceding week, and a decrease of 5,257 cars from the corresponding week in 1939.
Coal loading amounted to 131,734 cars, a decrease of 13,927 cars below the preceding week, but an increase of 5,756 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.
Grain and grain products loading totaled 30,897 cars, an increase of 1,723 cars from the preceding week, and an increase of 2,315 cars about the corresponding week in 1939 .
Live stock loading amounted to 11,083 cars, an increase of 543 cars above the preceding week, and a decrease of 37 cars from the corresponding week in 1939.
Forest products loading totaled 30,532 cars, an increase of 1,269 cars from the preceding we
ponding week in 1939.
Ore loading amounted to 9,789 cars, a decrease of 23 cars from the preceding week, and an increase of 845 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.
Coke loading amounted to 10,007 cars, a decrease of 970 cars below the preceding week, but an increase of 2,351 cars above the corresponding week in 1939 .

The first 18 major railroads to report for the week ended Feb. 17, 1940 loaded a total of 289,837 cars of revenue freight on their own lines, compared with 298,982 cars in the preceding week and 272,324 cars in the seven days ended Feb. 18, 1939. A comparative table follows:
revenue freight loaded and received from connectons

|  | Loaded on Own LinesWeeks Ended |  |  | Recolved from Connections Weeks Ended- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Feb. $\left.17\right\|^{\text {Feb }} .10 \mid$ Feb. 18 |  |  |
| Atchison Topeka San | 16,436 | 16,123 | 18.046 | 5,274 | 5,223 |  |
| Baitimore ${ }^{\text {che Ohio RR }}$ | ${ }^{27,7968}$ | 23, 29.54 |  | 14,445 | ${ }_{8}^{16.050}$ | 14.159 |
| Chicago Burlington \& Quincy A | 14,484 | 14,48 |  |  |  | 84 |
| Chicago Milw. St. Paul \& Pac.Ry. | 17,916 |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{90}$ |
| caso \& North |  |  |  | 10,109 |  |  |
| International Great Northern Ra | ${ }^{1}, 478$ | 1.474 | ${ }^{1,650}$ | ${ }_{2} 128$ | ${ }_{2,173}^{1,1}$ | ${ }_{2} \mathbf{2}, 185$ |
| lissour-Kansas-Texas | 3,684 | 3,588 | 3.78 | 2.73 | 2,6 | ${ }^{2.470}$ |
| ssourl Pacitic RR | 12,609 | ${ }^{13,734}$ | 12,211 | 8,605 |  |  |
| W York Central Lines |  | 37,0 | 34,167 | 37,431 | 40.3 |  |
| N. Y. Chicaigo d St. Lou | 5,171 | 5,187 | 4,690 | 9,916 |  | ${ }^{10.106}$ |
|  | ${ }_{5}^{18,843}$ | 18,920 | 15,7996 | 4,499 | 4,484 | ${ }^{44,227}$ |
| Pere Marquette Ry | 5.772 | 5,715 | 4,726 | 5,506 | 5,5 | 5,176 |
| Pittsburgh \& Lake E | 5.279 |  | ${ }_{2,622}$ | ${ }^{4,969}$ |  | ,390 |
| athern Paclitic Line | 24,776 |  | ${ }_{4}^{2,041}$ |  |  |  |
| sh Ry | 5,271 | 5,346 |  | 8,545 | 7 | 237 |
| Tot | 9,837 | 298,982 | 272,3 | 183,3 | 195,346 | 174,41 |
| TOTAL LOADINGA AND RECEIPTS FROM CONNECTIONS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Week Ended- |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Feb. 17, 1940 Feb. 10, 1940 Feb. 18, 1939 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chteago Rock Lsland \& Pacific RyIllinois Central System. <br> St. Louls-San Franclsco Ry <br> ---- | $\begin{aligned} & 22,471 \\ & 30,185 \end{aligned}$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{3}, 180 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 22.169 \\ & 20.1207 \end{aligned}$$\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} 30,307 \\ 12.538 \end{array} \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 21,426 \\ & 27,891 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ,886 | 65,014 |  | 60,851 |  |

In the following we undertake to show also the loadings for separate roads and systems for the week ended Feb. 10, 1940. During this period 86 roads showed increases when compared with the same week last year.

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS (NUMBER OF CARS)-WEEK ENDED FEB. 10

| Rallroads | Total Revenue Freight Loaded |  |  | Total Loads Recetved from Connections |  | Ralltoads | Total Revenue Fretght Loaded |  |  | Total Loads Received from Connections |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1940 | 1939 | 1938 | 1940 | 1939 |  | 1940 | 1939 | 1938 | 1940 | 1939 |
| Eastern D Ann Arbor |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bangor \& Aroostoo | ${ }^{1,738}$ | ${ }_{2}^{2,198}$ | ${ }_{2,655}^{624}$ | ${ }_{1}^{1,2187}$ | ${ }^{1,177}$ |  | 1,486 2,557 | ${ }_{2}^{1,574}$ | $\begin{array}{r}2,099 \\ 2,567 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | - ${ }_{2,448}$ | 2, |
|  | 7,457 | 7,124 | -6,616 | 10,187 | ${ }_{1}^{9,851}$ | Norfolk Southern. | ${ }_{936}$ | ,987 | 1,060 | 1,034 |  |
| Central Indiana | , 19 | 35 | ${ }^{1,366}$ | $\begin{array}{r}2,366 \\ \hline 58 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }^{1} 1785$ | (ledmont Northern | 416 | 390 315 | $\begin{array}{r}377 \\ 289 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }_{4}^{1,410}$ | 1.076 |
| Central Vermont | 1,265 | 1,175 | 1,186 | 1,946 | 1,624 | Seaboard Air Line | 8,268 | 8,678 | 8,662 | 5,608 | + ${ }_{4}^{4,302}$ |
| Delaware \& Hudson-: | 4,138 <br> 7.689 | 8,843 | 3,845 <br> 7,968 | 7, 7 7,4761 | 7,044 6,241 | Southern System | $\begin{array}{r}89,459 \\ 19 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 8,360 } \\ 18,389 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | -8, 8 8, ${ }^{8,525}$ | - | - ${ }_{\text {4,013 }}$ |
| Detrelt \& Mackinac |  |  | 263 |  |  | Winston-salem southbound.- | 153 | ${ }_{146}$ | 151 | ${ }_{779} 9$ | 653 679 |
| Detrolt Toledo \& Ironn | 2,610 | 2,114 | 1,586 | ${ }^{1,706}$ | 1,303 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Erite. | 10,732 | 10.949 | 9,608 <br> 176 | 3,784 11,907 | + $\begin{array}{r}3,318 \\ 11,032\end{array}$ | Tot | 96,839 | 92,136 | 91,082 | 70,175 | , 5 |
| Grand | ${ }^{4,822}$ | 4,372 | 3,220 | 7.720 | 7.029 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lehigh \& Hudson C | 11390 | 1.539 | ${ }_{1} 1311$ | 1,882 | 1,768 | North western District- |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lehigh Valley | 7,158 | 7,930 |  | ${ }_{6,762}^{1,29}$ | 6,277 | Chicago Great Western | 14,080 2,229 | ${ }_{2,152}^{12,011}$ | 12,905 | $\begin{array}{r}10,543 \\ 2 \\ 2 \\ \hline 15\end{array}$ | ${ }_{2}^{8,976}$ |
| Maine Ce | 71 | 3,132 | 2,987 | ${ }_{2,696}$ | 2,874 | Chleago Mllw. St. P. \& Pacirile | 17,862 | ${ }_{16,608}^{12,102}$ | 2, ${ }^{2} 16502$ | - 7,811 | ${ }_{7}^{2,164}$ |
| Mononga | 6,551 1,810 | 31,638 | 1,484 | ${ }_{22}^{205}$ | 184 19 | ${ }^{\text {Chicaso St, P. Minn. }{ }^{\text {d }} \text { Omaha }}$ | 3,608 | ${ }^{3,267}$ | 3,569 | 3,263 | 2,472 |
| New Yori Contrai Lines | 37,093 | ${ }^{34,097}$ | 29,246 | 40,367 | 35,383 | Duluth South Shore \& At | ${ }_{522}$ | ${ }_{413}$ | ${ }_{539}$ |  | 99 |
| N. Y. N. H. \& Har | 9,256 | 8.925 | 8 8,095 | 11,856 | ${ }^{11}$, 328 | Elgin Jollet \& Eastern. | ${ }_{7,676}^{522}$ | 6,195. | 3,860 | 6,852 | 5,926 |
| New York Ontarlo \&t We | $\begin{array}{r}8,862 \\ 5 \\ \hline 187\end{array}$ | 1,630 4,429 | 1,496 | 1,716 10.621 10 | +1,666 | Ft. Dodige Des Mownes | 7.134 8.189 8 | 0,1388 <br>  <br> 7 | 846 8 841 8 | -176 | -186 |
| N. Y. Susquehanna ie West | 521 | ${ }^{4} 451$ |  | 1,266 | 1,535 | Green Bay \& Western. | +491 | ${ }_{543}$ | ${ }_{513}$ | 2,696 601 | 2,125 |
| Pittsuurgh \& Lake Erie | 5,791 | ${ }^{4,793}$ | ${ }^{3,196}$ | ${ }_{6}^{6,507}$ | ${ }_{4}^{1,210}$ | ${ }^{\text {Lake Superior }}$ ¢ Ishpemi | 244 | 161 |  |  | 60 |
| Pere Marcuette-- | $\begin{array}{r}5,715 \\ 575 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | + ${ }^{4} \mathbf{4} \mathbf{6 8 8}$ | 4.489 404 40 | 5,527 | 4,773 | Minneapolis \& St. Louls Minn. St. Paul \& S. S. | 1,424 4.787 | 1,251 <br> 4.450 | 1,406 <br> 4.621 | ${ }_{2}^{1,815}$ | ${ }^{1,550}$ |
| Pltaburgh Shaw mut \& |  | 346 | 320 | 245 | 207 | Northern Pacitic | 8,388 | 7,184 | ${ }_{7}^{1,850}$ | 2,969 |  |
| Pittsburgh \& West Virgli | 1,127 | 751 | 732 | 1,790 | 1,320 | Spokane Inte | 75 | 兂 |  |  |  |
| Wabash | 5,346 | 4,735 | 4.635 | $\begin{array}{r}1915 \\ 8.607 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ | 7983 | spokane Po | 1,395 | 1,077 | 1,142 | 1,382 | 1,090 |
| Wheelling \& Lake Er | 3,445 | 3,184 | 2,271 | 3,621 | 2,865 | Total | 2,179 | 63,72 | 65,079 | 43,939 | 37,223 |
| Total. | 138,897 | 130,939 | 13,061 | 161,903 | 142,232 | est |  |  |  |  |  |
| legha |  |  |  |  |  | Aten. Top. \& Banta Fe System | 16,123 2,570 | $\underset{\substack{17,382 \\ 2,465}}{\substack{\text { a }}}$ | 9,057 | 5,223 2,232 | ${ }^{5} \mathbf{5} \mathbf{0} 51$ |
| n Canton \& $Y$ | 43 | 408 | 387 | 939 | ${ }^{734}$ | Bingham do Garitie | 437 |  | , 352 |  |  |
| Battimore \& ${ }_{\text {B }}$ | ${ }_{2,560}^{29,564}$ | 25,796 | 22,031 | 16,050 1,186 | $\underset{\substack{13,652 \\ 1,087}}{ }$ | Chloago Burlington do Quincy | $\begin{array}{r}14,440 \\ 1785 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 14,254 | 12,492 | 7,933 | 6,598 |
| Buttalo Creek \& $G$ a | 354 | ${ }^{354}$ | 159 | ,80 |  | Chicaso Rock Island \& Pac | 9,988 | - ${ }_{9}^{19742}$ | 1,805 10,807 |  |  |
| Cambria \& Indiana | 1,669 | 1,661 | 1,310 | 12 | 22 | Chicago \& Eastern Ililin | 2,628 | 2,574 | 2,675 | 2,668 | 2,381 |
| Central | 5,464 | 5.501 | 4,974 | 11,423 | 9,926 | Colorado \& Southern | 730 |  |  | 70 |  |
| Cumberland \& Pennsy | 301 | ${ }_{266}$ | 208 | 43 | ${ }_{24}$ | Denver \& Salt Lake | ${ }_{4}$ | ${ }^{2,874}$ | ${ }^{2}$ | -2,488 | ${ }^{1} 11$ |
| Lugonier V | ${ }_{523}^{172}$ | 152 | 158 | 35 | 31 | Fort Worth \& Denve | 1,020 | 1,098 | 1.105 |  | 1,100 |
| ${ }_{\text {Peng-reading Seashor }}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { 1 } \\ 1.093 \\ \hline .095 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}571 \\ 864 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }_{797}^{489}$ | 2,476 1,665 | 2,589 1,380 | ${ }_{\text {Milinels }}$ Terminal | $\begin{array}{r}1,060 \\ \hline 798\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}1,753 \\ \hline 930 \\ \hline 93\end{array}$ | 1,536 | $\begin{array}{r}1,377 \\ \hline 487 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 1,292 |
| Pennsylvanis Sybtem | ${ }^{58,764}$ | ${ }^{53,213}$ | 46,420 | 39,978 | 34,609 | Nevada Northern | 1,565 | 995 | 1,401 | 122 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Readang }}^{\text {Undon (Pltsburgh }}$ | 12.147 15.955 | ${ }^{11,691}$ | (10.382 | $\begin{array}{r}17,316 \\ 4 \\ 454 \\ \hline 58\end{array}$ | - | North Western Pac | 525 | 421 | 265 | 19 | 85 |
| Western Marylan | 3,322 | 3,283 | 2,901 | 6,875 | 5,385 | Southern Pacitio | 19,791 | 17,323 | 17,087 | 4.512 | ${ }_{3,910}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Total | 132,964 | 114,964 | 97,822 | , 59 | 86,228 | Toiedo Peoria | ${ }^{369}$ | ${ }^{245}$ | 229 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Utan | 12,779 | , 512 | , 192 | 6,657 | 5 |
| Chesah | 921 |  |  |  |  | Western Pacific | 1,148 | 1,038 | 857 | 1,620 | 1,497 |
| Nortoik ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | ${ }^{18,920}$ | 15,690 | 16,684 | 4,484 | 4,056 <br> 1 | Total-.---------------- | 92,590 | 89,802 | 88,28 | 8,484 | 42,637 |
| Virgtilan.----- | 4,512 | 4,105 | 3,592 | 1,078 | 1,069 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 47,353 | 39,711 | 39,918 | 13,623 | 12,567 | Burling | 139 | 107 |  | 306 | 64 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Fort Smith de Weste | 3191 | 3 |  |  |  |
| Alabama Tennessee \& Northe | 191 | 187 | 171 | 193 |  | International-Great | 1,474 |  | ${ }^{3,568}$ | 1,328 | 1,384 |
| At1. \& W. P.-W. R | ${ }_{7} 714$ | 671 | 667 | 1,363 | 1,284 | Kansas Oklahoma \& C | 192 | 1,231 | ${ }_{217}$ | ${ }_{267}{ }_{9} 17$ |  |
| Atlanta Birmingham \& Co |  | 523 | 521 |  | 1,094 | Kansas City Souther | 2,060 | 1,842 | 2,024 | 1.829 | 1,728 |
| A Alantric Coast Lin | - 8 8,499 | - $\begin{aligned} & 9.500 \\ & 3.788\end{aligned}$ | 9,206 | 5,466 | ${ }_{4}^{4,593}$ | Louisiana \& Arkans | 1,578 | 1,387 | 1,508 | 1,424 | ,144 |
| Charieston \& Western | ${ }^{3} 367$ |  | ${ }^{3} 178$ | -1,297 | 1,197 | Midand Valley. | ${ }_{600}$ | 353 620 | 587 | 799 <br> 274 | 766 227 |
| Clinohtideld - Creen | 1,428 | 1,113 | ${ }_{1}^{1,152}$ | 2,589 | 2,080 |  | [115 | ${ }_{3}^{146}$ | 189 | 342 |  |
| Durham \& Sout | 151 | 138 | 151 | 742 | 370 | Missour 1 Pacilio-- | 13,768 | 12,616 | - | - $\begin{array}{r}2,613 \\ 9,034 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | - ${ }_{8,344}$ |
| Florrid EE | 783 | 1,261 | 1,455 | 1,129 | 852 | Quanah Acme \& ${ }^{\text {Pa}}$ |  | 68 | 138 | 115 | 103 |
| $\xrightarrow{\text { Gainsylue }}$ | 33 | 28 | 32 |  |  | St. Louls-san fran | 6,985 | 6,471 | 6,443 | 4,297 |  |
| Ceorgla | 846 |  | 8 | 1,578 | 1,4 | st. Louls s | 2,156 | 2,126 | 2,730 | 2,459 |  |
| Gult Moblle \& Northern | 1,353 | , 3 340 | ${ }_{1223}^{294}$ | ${ }^{444}$ | ${ }_{939}$ | Texas \& Ne | - $\begin{array}{r}\text { 6,345 } \\ 3 \\ 3,230 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 525 | -6,720 | 2,912 |  |
| Ilinols Central System | 20,802 | 19,089 | 19,354 | 10,070 | 9,656 | Wichita Falls d | ${ }^{109}$ | 167 | ${ }_{224}$ |  |  |
| Loulsville of Nashvill | 22,952 | 19,207 | 16,921 | 5,400 | 4,641 | Wetheriord M. | 14 | 27 | 32 | 31 | 50 |
| Macon Dublin \& Savannah...-- | 128 110 | ${ }_{125}^{148}$ | 171 | ${ }_{267}^{491}$ | ${ }_{270}^{671}$ | Total..........-----... | 46,081 | 45,076 | 47,745 | 34,882 | 32,32 |

## Railroads Install 4,983 New Freight Cars During

 JanuaryClass I railroads in January, 1940, put 4,983 new freight cars in service, the largest number installed in any January since 1930, at which time there were 8,709 , the Association of American Railroads announced on Feb. 23. In January, 1939, the railroads installed 1,020 new freight cars in service, and in January, 1938, there were 2,148 . The Association further reported:
New locomotives put in service in January, 1940, totaled 19, of which four were steam and 15 were electric and Diesel. In January, 1939, 17 new locomotives were put in service, of which five were steam and 12 were lectric and Diesel. In January, 1938, new locomotives put in service otaled 44, of which 27 were steam and 17 were electric and Diesel.
New freight cars on order on Feb. 1, 1940, totaled 34,559, compared or order Feb 1 this year included on order Feb. 1 this year included coal, 16,542; box, 16,803 ; refrigerator,
500 ; flat, 365 ; stock, 59 ; and miscellaneous, 290 . ; Hat, 365 ; stock, 59 ; and miscellaneous, 290.
which 77 were steam and 62 new electric and locomotives on order, date last year there were 84 on order, of which 25 were steam and 59 electric and Diesel, and on Feb. 1, 1938, there were 131 on order. These included 110 steam and 21 electric and Diesel locomotives.
New freight cars and locomotives leased or otherwise acquired are not included in the above figures.

Bureau of Labor Statistics' Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices Declined 0.3 \% During Week Ended Feb. 17
Continued weakness in prices of farm products and foods together with a marked decline in prices of textile products caused the Bureau of Labor Statistics' index of wholesale commodity prices to fall $0.3 \%$ during the week ended Feb. 17, Commissioner Lubin reported on Feb. 21. "The all-commodity index dropped to $78.3 \%$ of the 1926 average, the lowest point reached in over five months," Mr. Lubin said. "It is more than $1 \%$ below the level for the corresponding "It is more than," $\%$ below the level for the con

Five groups declined during the week. They were farm products, foods, textile products, hides and leather products, and metals and metal products. Building materials, chemicals and drugs, housefurnishing goods and miscellaneous commodities advanced slightly. The fuel and lighting materials group remained unchanged.
Largely because of lower prices for print cloth, yarns, copper, lead, copal gum and turpentine the semi-manufactured commodities group index ell to the lowest point since early in September. The raw materials group tural commoditios dewe, pand of finished products remained unchanged from last for the large group ndexes for "all commodities other than from last week's level. The modities other than farm products and foods" declined fractionalls.
The Labor Department's announcement also had the following to say:
Average wholesale prices of farm products dropped $0.4 \%$ because of lower prices for calves, steers, lambs, wethers, eggs, oranges, hay, onions, and wool. The grain and livestock subgroups advanced about $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$. Quotations were higher for barley, corn, oats, rye, wheat, hogs, poultry, apples (New York), lemons, peanits, and white potatoes. Weakening prices for butter, oatmeal, dried fruits, fresh pork, bacon, mess pork, veal, and lard brought the foods group index down $0.6 \%$. Higher prices were reported for flour, lamb, ham, glucose, raw sugar, and vegetable oils.
Pronounced decreases in prices of raw silk, silk yarns and hosiery, togroducts group index to fall $1.2 \%$ during the twine, caused the textile practs broducts proup, minor decreases were week. in the hides and oatskins and sole leather. Stear hides advanced The fuel and lighes, materials group index remained unchanged at 73.0. Bituminous coal gasoline prices were higher and coke declined.
Lower prices for scrap steel, pig lead, copper and brass manufactures and heating equipment accounted for the decline in the metals and metal products group index. Average prices for farm machinery, solder and pig tin were higher. Wholesale prices of building materials, such as common building brick, yellow pine timbers and rosin, caused the building materials group index to advance fractionally. Lower prices were reported for yellow pine lath and flooring, copal gum and turpentine.
Higher prices for fats and oils were responsible for the increase in the chemicals and drugs group index. In the miscellaneous commodities group, cattle feed prices advanced over $4 \%$ and crude rubber rose nearly $2 \%$.

The following tables show (1) index numbers of wholesale prices for the main groups of commodities for the past three weeks, for Jan. 20, 1940 and Feb. 18, 1939, and the percentage changes from a week ago, a month ago, and a year ago; (2) important changes in subgroup indexes from Feb. 10 to Feb. 17, 1940:

| Commodtly Groups | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 17 \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } \\ & 10 . \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 3 . \\ 1940 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan. } \\ & 20 . \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ 18 . \\ 1939 \end{gathered}$ | Percentage Changes from- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb 10, } \\ 1940 \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Feb. 17, } \\ 1940 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \operatorname{Jan} .20, \\ 1940 \\ t 0 \\ F e b .17, \\ 1940 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } 18, \\ 1939 \\ 10 \\ \text { Feb. } 17, \\ 1940 \end{gathered}$ |
| All | 78.3 | 78.5 | 78.8 | 79.3 | 76.6 | -0.3 | -1.3 | +2.8 |
| Farm produc | 68.6 | 68.9 | ${ }_{71}^{69.6}$ | ${ }_{71}^{69.5}$ | 66.9 | ${ }_{-0.6}^{0.4}$ | -1.3 | +2.5 |
| Foods...-.-- | ${ }^{703.5}$ | 70.9 | 71.7 | ${ }_{103.7} 71$ | ${ }_{92}^{71.5}$ | ${ }_{-0.1}^{0.6}$ | 二-0.6 | +11.5 |
| Hides and leather | 74.4 | 75.3 | 75.3 | 77.0 | 65.5 | -1.2 | -3.4 | +13.6 |
| Fuel and lighting materials | 73.0 | 73.0 | 73.3 | 73.4 | 73.6 | 0.0 | -0.5 | -0.8 |
| Metals and metal products-- | 95.3 | 95.5 | 95.6 | 96 | ${ }^{94.5}$ | -0.2 | $-0.7$ | +0.8 |
| Building materials. | ${ }_{77}^{93.2}$ | ${ }_{77}^{93.1}$ | ${ }_{77.5}^{93.1}$ | 77.7 | 76.4 | +0.1 +0.3 | ${ }_{-0.3}^{+0.1}$ | +4.3 +2.0 |
| Chemicals and drugs | ${ }_{89} 77.6$ | ${ }^{79} 5$ | ${ }_{89.5}^{77}$ | 90.2 | 86.6 | +0.1 | -0.7 | +3.5 |
| Housefurnishing goods-i-e-- | 77.2 | 77.1 | 77.1 | 77.5 | 72.9 | +0.1 | -0.4 | +5.9 |
| Raw materials. | 72.4 | 72.7 | 73.7 | 73.9 | 70.4 | ${ }^{0} 0.4$ | -2.0 | +2.8 |
| Semi-manufactured articles. | 79.6 | 80.1 | 80.3 |  | 74.4 |  | -2.8 | $+7.0$ |
| Finished products....-- | . 4 | 81.4 | 81.7 |  |  |  |  |  |
| All commoditles other than farm products. | 80.5 | 80.6 | 80.9 |  | 78. | -0.1 | -1.1 | +2.2 |
| All commoditles other than farm products and foods.- | 83.3 | 83.5 | 83.6 | 84. | 80. | -0.2 | -1.0 | +3.6 |
| TMPORTANT PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN SUBGROUP INDEXESFROM FEB, 10 TO FEB. 17, 1940 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Increases Decreases |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cattle feed |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Crude |  | 1.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lumber |  | 0.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fruits an |  | 0.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Grains-...-.- |  | 0.6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Petroleum produc |  | 0.4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cereal products |  | 0.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bituminous coal |  | 0.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drugs and pharma |  | 0.3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Furnishings--- |  | 0.2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brick and til |  | 0.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Wholesale Commodity Prices Remained Unchanged During Week Ended Feb. 17, According to National Fertilizer Association
There was no change in the general level of wholesale commodity prices last week, according to the price index compiled by the National Fertilizer As sociation. This index in the week ended Feb. 17 remained at $77.4 \%$ of the $1926-28$ average, the same as in the preceding week. The index was 78.2 a month ago, 72.7 a year ago, and 76.3 two years ago. The current level of the index is the lowest reached since last November. The Association's announcement, dated Feb. 19, continued:
slight increases last week in farm products and foodstuffs were offset by declines in other commodities. Although declines in the food group outnumbered advances 11 to 5 , the weighted group average advanced slightly. The rise in the farm product index was due mainly to higher prices for livestock, poultry, and eggs. Declining quotations for raw silk and certain cotton goods were responsible for the tenth consecutive weekly decline in the textlle average. The metal price index, which had been following a downward trend in recent weeks, rose slightly last week, with further advances in copper and tin more tan inselting the effect of eclines in steel scrap and brass prodicts. Toe buiding material index inped to the lowest point reached since las in lumber prices. The only other group index to cha
was that representing the prices of mixed fertilizers.
Twent $y$-nine price series included in the index declined during the week. while 31 advanced; in the preceding week there were 34 declines and 18 while 31 advanced; in the preceding week in the second preceding week there were 48 declines and eight advances.

WEEKLY WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICE INDEX

| Percent Each Group Total Index | Group | $\begin{gathered} \text { Latest } \\ \text { Week } \\ \text { Feb.17, } 1940 \\ 1940 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Month } \\ \text { Ano } \\ \text { Aan } \\ 1940, \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Year } \\ \text { Aob, } \\ \text { Feb, } 18, \\ 1939 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25.3 | Foods | ${ }_{53}^{72.3}$ | ${ }^{72.2}$ | ${ }_{5}^{72.3}$ | ${ }^{69.8}$ |
|  | Fats and olls Coto | 53.1 66.4 | 53.5 66.8 | 54.1 66.8 | ${ }_{5}^{51.7}$ |
| 23.0 | Farm products. | ${ }_{65.4}^{66.4}$ | ${ }_{64.7} 66.8$ | ${ }_{65.4}$ |  |
|  | Cotton...- | 59.4 | 59.2 | ${ }^{60.1}$ | 47.2 |
|  | Grams. | 70.9 | 70.9 | 72.2 | ${ }_{70}^{53.0}$ |
|  | Livestock | ${ }^{62.9}$ | ${ }^{61.8}$ | ${ }^{62.1}$ | 70.7 |
| 17.3 | MIscelianeous | 84.8 | ${ }^{84.8}$ |  |  |
| 8.2 | Textlles | ${ }_{74.9}^{88.4}$ | ${ }^{88.4}$ | ${ }_{78.5}^{90.4}$ | 76.7 60.0 |
| 7.1 | Metals | ${ }_{91.3}$ | 91.2 | ${ }_{93.5}$ | 90.4 |
| 6.1 | Bullding materials | 87.3 | 87.7 | ${ }_{87.5}$ | ${ }_{83.7}$ |
| 1.3 | Chemicals and dru | ${ }^{94.3}$ | 94.3 | ${ }_{94}^{94.3}$ | 92.4 |
| 0.3 | Fertilizer materials | 73.3 | 73.3 <br> 78.3 | ${ }_{78}^{73.7}$ | 71.1 |
| ${ }_{0.3}^{0.3}$ | Frerm machinerery | 78.9 94 | 78.3 94.9 | 78.3 94.9 | 77.7 94.9 |
| 100.0 | All groups comblned...--- | 77.4 | 77.4 | 78.2 | 72.7 |

Electric Output for Week Ended Feb. 17, 1940, $10.1 \%$ 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 Feb. 17, 1940, was 2,475,574 kwh. The current week's output is $10.1 \%$ above the output of the corresponding week of 1939, when production totaled 2,248,1940, was estimated to be $2,522,514,000 \mathrm{kwh}$., an increase of $11.2 \%$ over the like, week a year ago.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Major Geographic } \\ & \text { Regions } \end{aligned}$ | phicWeek <br> Feb. 1 | Week Ended Feb. 17, 1940 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Woek Ende } \\ & \text { Feb. 10, 19 } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Ended } \\ 1940 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Week } \\ & \text { Jan. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { ek Ended } \\ .27,1940 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New England-..... |  |  | 8.0 | ${ }_{70}^{8.3}$ |  |  | 8.4 |
|  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r}8.3 \\ 15.3 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 14.5 |  |  | ${ }^{14.6}$ |
| Central Industrial... West Central |  |  | 12.4 | 10.8 13.9 |  |  | 11.7 14.8 |
|  |  |  |  | ${ }_{22.5}^{13.9}$ |  |  | 14.8 21.2 |
| (reoky Moutali...- | 15.17.4 |  | ${ }_{4.7}^{16.5}$ | 6.6 |  |  | 10.3 |
| Total United States | ttates 10 | 10.1 | 11.2 | 11. |  |  | 11.9 |
| data for recent weeks (thousands of |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| eek Ended | 1940 | 1939 | nt | 1937 | 1932 | 1929 |  |
|  |  |  | chanye |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | from <br> 1939 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | +14.0 | 2,244,030 | 1,619,265 |  | 1,542,006 |
|  | 592,767 |  |  | ${ }_{2,264,125}^{2,124}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }^{2}, 289,689$ | 9 +1.3 |  |  |  | ${ }^{1,736,729}$ |
| Jan. $27 . .$. |  | $2,292,594$ 2828 2 | +11.9 | ${ }_{2,210,057}^{2,}$ |  |  | 1,728,203 |
|  |  |  | $7+11.2$ | 2,199,860 | 1,578, |  | 1,726.161 |
| Feb. <br> Feb. $10.0 .-\mathrm{C}$ <br> Feb. <br> 17 | 2,475,574 |  | +10.1 | 2,211,818 | 1,545. |  | 1,718,304 |
| Feb. 17 <br> Feb. 24 <br> Mar. |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{1}^{1,512}$ |  | ${ }^{1,699,250}$ |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 2,24,014 \\ & \mathbf{2 , 2 3 7 , 9 3 5} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\underset{2,212,897}{2,}$ | 1,538, |  | 1,702,570 |

Trend of Business in Hotels, According to Horwath \& Horwath-Total Sales in January Increased 3\% Over Year Ago
In their monthly survey of the trend of business in hotels, Horwath \& Horwath state that hotel business showed some improvement in January, the increase in percentage of occupancy over December being somewhat more marked than usual, and eight of the nine geographic locations making better comparisons with a year ago than for several months. The firm's announcement added:
Texas was the exception, its $5 \%$ decrease in total sales being the sharpest since last July. Chicago reported increase in business "due to many conventions, including the American Furniture Mart, the American Road Builders' Association, the National Canners' Association, \&or" Philadelphia also reported good convention business.
This month we show separately the variations in food and in beverage sales from the corresponding month of last year, and shall continue to do so. For while the fluctuations in total restaurant sales generally follow pretty closely those in room sales, the beverage variations are often quite different. The increases in both total restaurant sales and in lood sales this January over last are the same as that in roms ane the gain in beverage sales is $\mathbf{5} \%$. And for most of the troups, too, the beverage increase exceeded that in food.
Changes in the average sale per occupied room have been small during the past year, and in the last three months there have been none at all from a year ago, whereas the summer and fall months had rises of to $5 \%$.
TREND OF BUSINESS IN HOTELS IN JANUARY, 1940 COMPARED WITH JANUARY, 1939


January Sales of Ordinary Life Insurance in United States Far Below Year Ago
Sales of new ordinary life insurance (exclusive of group) in United States in January totaled $\$ 517,622,000$, according to a report issued Feb. 17 by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau, Hartford, Conn. This total represents Research Bureau, Hartford, Conn. This total represents
only $70 \%$ of the life insurance sold in January, 1989. The only $70 \%$ of thè life insurance sold in January, 1939 . The
figures for January and the ratio to 1939 sales are given in the following table:

|  | January, 1940, Volume | 1940 to 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sections- |  |  |
| New England. | \$41,323,000 | 70\% |
| Middle Atlantic.- | 151,309,000 | 78\% |
| East North Central | $121,339,000$ $\mathbf{4 7 , 5 6 0} 0$ |  |
| West North Central South Atlantic.-. | 48,294,000 | 74\% |
| East South Central | 17,829,000 | 65\% |
| West South Central | 38,470,000 | 70\% |
| Mountain | 12,496,000 | 70\% |
| Pacific. | 39,002,000 | 60\% |
| United States total | \$517,622,000 | 70\% |

## Decrease of $2 \%$ Noted in Bank Debits

Debits to individual accounts, as reported by banks in leading cities for the week ended Feb. 14, which included only five business days in many of the reporting centers, aggregated $\$ 6,920,000,000$, or $16 \%$ below the total reported for the preceding week and $2 \%$ below the total for the corresponding week of last year, which also included only five business days in many of the reporting centers.
Aggregate debits for the 141 cities for which a separate total has been maintained since January, 1919, amounted to $\$ 6,317,000,000$, compared with $\$ 7,520,000,000$ the preceding
week and $\$ 6,500,000,000$ the week ended Feb. 15 of last year. These figures are as reported on Feb. 19, 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 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Feb. 14, 1940 | Feb. 7, 1940 | Feb. 15, 1939 |
| 1-Boston | 17 | \$379,313,000 | \$458,667,000 | \$405,345,000 |
| $2-\mathrm{New}$ York | 15 | 2,855,722,000 | 3,534,774,000 | 3,148,222,000 |
| 3-Philadelph | 18 | $379,071,000$ 460 | 455,840,000 | 350,139,000 |
| ${ }_{\text {5-Cleveland }}$ | 25 | $460,155,000$ $264,491,000$ | 535,738,000 | 435,805,000 |
| 6-Atlanta | 26 | 250,969,000 | ${ }_{267,040,000}$ | $241,56411,000$ |
| 7-Chicago | 41 | 1,005,102,000 | 1,146,877,000 | 929,787,000 |
| St. Louis | 16 | 204,043,000 | 229,222,000 | 203,682,000 |
| Minneap | 17 | 125,254,000 | 157,697,000 | 111,827,000 |
| 10-Kansas | 28 | 222,960,000 | 240,377,000 | 227,310,000 |
| 11-Dallas | 18 | 183,674,000 | 202,043,000 | 185,819,000 |
| 12-San Francls | 29 | 589,076,000 | 689,277,000 | 579,682,000 |
| Total | 274 | \$6,919,830,000 | \$8,207,872,000 | 1 $77,063,993,000$ |

California Business Activity in January Declined Below December Level, Reports Wells Fargo Bank, San Francisco
California business activity in January declined slightly below the high December level but held substantially above January a year ago, according to the current "Business Outlook" released by Wells Fargo Bank \& Union Trust Co., San Francisco. The Wells Fargo index, which measures
Sat California business in terms of the 1923-25 average equaling 100, stood at a preliminary January level of 111.2 , as against 112.4 in December and 100.1 in January, 1939. Comparing January with December and allowing for seasonal changes, two of the four index factors (department store sales and carloadings) declined, while industrial production held even and bank debits registered a small statistical increase.

Imports and Exports of United States for 12 Months of 1939-Geographical Distribution of Various Classes of Merchandise
Figures of the foreign trade of the United States for the 12 months of 1939, divided into several economic classes and according to source and destination, were issued Feb. 20 by the Division of Foreign Trade Statistics of the Burean of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. They are presented in the tabulation below:
VALUE OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN TRADE WITH GRAND DIVISIONS AND PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES BY E
MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1939
(Corrected to Feb. 12, 1940)
Exports of United States Merchandise

| Grand Division and Country | Total Exports | Crude Materials | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cruide } \\ & \text { Food } \\ & \text { stuffs } \end{aligned}$ | Manuf'd Foodstujfs \& Beverages | Semi- <br> Manufactures | Finished <br> Manu- <br> factures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Europe-- | 1,261,512 | 272,348 | 66,873 | 113,856 | 264,928 | 543,508 |
| Northern North Amer. | 482,179 | 125,570 | 26,054 | 15,640 | 69,241 | ${ }_{245,674}$ |
| Southern North Amer. | 300,054 | 8,370 | 9,212 | 33,729 | 50,462 | 198,280 |
| South America....-- | 326,831 | 10,329 | 2,652 | 13,691 | 53,517 | 246,641 |
| Asia | 559,250 | 99,345 | 4,977 | 20,305 | 151,583 | 283,040 |
| Ocean | 79,138 | 9,226 | 349 | 2,419 | 11.368 | 55,778 |
| Africa | 114,905 | 2,724 | 726 | 3,061 | 14,512 | 93,883 |
| Total | 3,123,869 | 527,912 | 110,843 | 202,701 | 615,611 | 1,666,802 |
| Argent | 70,790 | 4,353 | 532 | 270 | 14,169 | 51,466 |
| Australia | 61,272 | 7,256 | 118 | 1.547 | 8,855 | 43,495 |
| Belgium | 64,174 | 10,808 | 9,474 | 7,558 | 11,149 | 25,186 |
| Brazil. | 79,998 | 2,385 | 844 | 665 | 14,915 | 61,188 |
| British Ind | 42,707 | 3,634 | 63 | 640 | 4,400 | 33,970 |
| British Malay | 9.790 |  | 193 | 988 | 2,197 | 6,382 |
| Burma | 4,049 |  | 16 | 87 | 156 | 3,785 |
| Canada | 473,254 | 125,055 | 25,770 | 12,820 | 68,700 | 240,909 |
| Ceylon | 1,594 | 403 |  |  | 176 | 907 |
| Chile. | 26,638 | 906 | 17 | 113 | 7,776 | 17,825 |
| China | 55,658 | 21,174 | 2,425 | 3,586 | 9,910 | 18,564 |
| Colom | 50,657 | 1,682 | 418 | 2,972 | 5,610 | 39,975 |
| Cuba | 80,900 | 4,253 | 2,748 | 16,892 | 11,298 | 45,709 |
| Czechoslov | 3,734 | 2,188 | 175 | 223 | 438 | 711 |
| Denmark. | 23,511 | 3,953 | 754 | 1,961 | 3,288 | 13,556 |
| Dominican Republic- | ${ }^{6,687}$ | 43 | 73 | 889 | 594 | 5,088 |
| Ecuador | 5,765 | 18 | 4 | 1,046 | 736 | 3,961 |
| Egypt | 13,946 | 428 | 219 | 618 | 1,954 | 10,727 |
| Finland | 13,172 | 1,528 | 110 | 1.789 | 2,620 | 7,124 |
| France | 179,928 | 45,344 | 3,235 | 3,582 | 33,936 | 93,830 |
| Germany | 45,390 | 14,375 | 768 | 578 | 16,523 | 13,145 |
| Gold Coa | 2,506 | 273 |  | 477 | 317 | 1,439 |
| Greece | 6,298 | 29 | 45 | 427 | 1,197 | 4,600 |
| Haiti | 5,088 | 41 | 22 | 630 | 414 | 3,981 |
| Honduras | 5,766 | 19 | 161 | 457 | 1,027 | 4,101 |
| Hong Kon | 17.986 | 1,555 | 301 | 1,575 | 2,348 | 12,208 |
| Iran (Persia) | 4,420 |  |  | 43 | 274 | 4,093 |
| Ireland | 9,568 | 1,081 | 3,776 | 1,15¢ | 588 | 2,964 |
| Italy | 58,469 | 27,530 | 89 | 878 | 19,801 | 10,170 |
| Jamaic | 5,869 | 528 | 75 | 662 | 797 | 3,806 |
| Japan. | 230,874 | 67.088 | 11 | 611 | 106,022 | 57,143 |
| Kwantung | 15,529 | 1,241 |  | $60 \%$ | 3,786 | 9,897 |
| Mexico | 80,800 | 1,374 | 3,580 | 2,202 | 13,668 | 59,977 |
| Netherlands Indies | 35,398 | 844 | 109 | 967 | 5,303 | 28,174 |
| Netherlands W. Indies | 38,263 |  | 373 | 1,806 | 10,714 | 25,329 |
| Netherlands | 95,980 | 17,354 | 10,943 | 11,483 | 21,332 | 34,868 |
| Newfoundland and <br> Labrador | 8,774 | 497 | 276 | 2,786 | 535 | 4,680 |
| New Zealand | 16,476 | 1,969 | 182 | 742 | 2,366 | 11,217 |
| Norway | 31,607 | 4,014 | 1,302 | 4,718 | 8,630 | 12,942 |
| Panama, Republic of | 12,675 | 182 | 374 | 2,006 | 1,137 | 8,976 |
| Panama Canal zone- | 19,805 | 696 | 904 | 3,134 | 4,066 | 11,005 |
| Peru. | 18,841 | 112 | 25 | 664 | 3,199 | 14,842 |
| Philippine Islands. | 99,837 | 773 | 1,491 | 9,757 | 12,037 | 75,779 |
| Poland and Danzig *- | 15,887 | 5,073 | 55 | 83 | 5,627 | 5,048 |
| Portugal. | 9,916 | 2,485 |  |  | 1,452 | 5,943 |
| Spain. | 26,006 | 10,367 | 267 | 38 | 4,767 | 10,566 |
| sweden | 92,546 | 15,930 | 1.793 | 5,606 | 22,452 | 46,765 |
| Switzerla | 17,896 | 3,738 | 121 | 2,385 | 3,401 | 8,250 |
| Turkey | 8,252 | 406 | 8 | 63 | 963 | 6,812 |
| Union of South Africa | 69,018 | 309 | 235 | 1,181 | 7,149 | 60,144 |
| Unlon of Soviet Socialist Republics. | 51,808 | 1031 | 1,718 |  | 16,613 | 33,474 |
| United Kingdom....- | 498,483 | 103,178 | 32,071 | 70,502 | 88,749 | 203,983 |
| Uruguay | 5.127 | 201 | 66 |  | 1,639 | 3,132 |
| Venezuela .-.-.......- | 61,574 | 329 | 702 | 7,383 | 4.464 | 48,695 |

Imports of Merchandise for Consumption (Value in Thousands of Dollars-000 Omitted)

| Grand Division and Country | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Imports } \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\text { als }}{\text { Materi- }}$ | Crude Foodstuffs | Manuf'd \& Beoerages | Semi-Manufactures | Finished Manufactures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Europ | 611,228 | 92,855 | 7,141 | 105,565 | 194,211 | 211,457 |
| Northern North Amer. | 339,933 | 40,847 | 34,317 | 26,498 | 103,792 | 134,479 |
| Southern North Amer. | 226,302 | 38,644 | 65,794 | 85,459 | 28,866 | 7,540 |
| South America | 300,837 | 111,011 | 130,839 | 13,704 | 42,216 | 3,067 |
| Asia. | 694,632 | 392,099 | 34,571 | 78,331 | 108,207 | 81,424 |
| Ocean | 27,904 | 23,570 | 246 | 2,406 | 783 | 899 |
| Africa | 75,457 | 45,928 | 17,922 | 1,385 | 8,753 | 1,470 |
| Total | 2,276,294 | 744,955 | 290,828 | 313,348 | 486,827 | 440,337 |
| Argentin | 58,555 | 46,258 | 538 | 5,610 | 5,564 | 85 |
| Australia | 15,764 | 13,121 |  | 1,122 |  | 74 |
| Belgium | 62,931 | 5,146 | 190 | 812 | 34,559 | ,223 |
| Brazil | 106,298 | 22,468 | 77,534 | 2,969 | 2,566 | 761 |
| British In | 66,337 | 25,151 | 8,235 | 438 | 4,464 | 28,049 |
| British Malaya | 149,059 | 101,158 | 88 | 244 | 47,500 | 70 |
| ${ }_{\text {Burma }}^{\text {Canada }}$ |  |  | 34,067 | 25,073 |  | 9,969 |
| Ceylon | 332,681 21.069 | 13,255 | 34,332 7 | 25,093 |  | ${ }^{9} 9$ |
| Chile. | 31,096 | 5,550 | ${ }_{333}$ | 276 | 24,856 | 82 |
| China | 60,334 | 21,298 | 2,049 | 2,587 | 23,265 | 11,136 |
| Colomb | 48,944 | 1,819 | 46,593 |  |  | 444 |
| Cuba | 101,086 | 12,592 | 5,069 | 81,304 | ${ }_{8}^{632}$ | 1,488 |
| Czechoslov | 5,538 |  |  | 1218 | 824 | 3,689 |
| Denmark. | 3,775 | 633 | 193 | 1,319 | 804 | 825 |
| Dominican Republic- | 5,788 | 93 | 3,258 | 2,158 | 133 | 146 |
| Ecuado | 3,525 | 486 | 2,512 |  | 225 | 297 |
| Egypt | 6,818 | 6,371 | 8 | 139 | 95 | 204 |
| Finland | 20,632 | 399 |  | ${ }^{237}$ | 12,068 | 7,927 |
| France | 61,406 | 7,892 | 1,421 | 11,293 | 10,145 | 30,655 |
| Germany | 54,664 | 5,512 |  | 1,634 | 17,165 | 30,347 |
| Gold Coas | 10,007 | 3,205 | 6,794 |  |  |  |
| Greece | 15,892 | 10,603 | + 427 | 2,305 | ,826 | ${ }^{51}$ |
| Haiti | 3,034 7,016 | 145 | 2,362 6,700 | 41 |  | 162 |
| Hong Kong | 3,548 | 156 | 283 | 461 | 2,214 | 433 |
| Iran (Persi | 4,484 | 1,918 | 167 | 291 | 13 | 2,096 |
| Ireland. | 1,478 | 559 |  | 733 |  | 182 |
| Italy | 38,807 | 4,737 | 1,490 | 16,236 | 3,760 | 12,584 |
| Jamaic | 161,4944 | 115 ${ }^{175}$ | 532 4,342 | - 5281 | 31 6,084 | $\begin{array}{r}26,520 \\ \hline 20\end{array}$ |
| Japan | 161,082 1,710 | 115,315 139 | 4,342 | 8,821 178 | 1,384 | 26,520 |
| Mexico | 54,474 | 21,582 | 19,909 | 535 | 9,701 | 2,746 |
| Netheriands Indles | 93,156 | 64,692 | 10,614 | 5,148 | 11,862 | 50 |
| Netherlands W. Indies | 19,582 | 463 |  |  | 18,163 | 950 |
| Netherlands | 28,272 | 6,073 | 358 | 3,504 | 10,234 | 8,103 |
| Newfoundland and <br> Labrador | 6,594 | 312 | 250 | 1,335 | 188 | 4,510 |
| New Zealand | 11,553 | 10,097 | 49 | 1,285 |  |  |
| Norway | 21,827 | 1,465 | 20 | 4,991 | 12,981 | 2,370 149 |
| Panama, Republic of | 3,583 |  | 3,391 104 |  |  | ${ }_{323}$ |
| Panama Canal Zone.- | 13,938 | 4,866 | 104 | 1,109 | 7,837 | 90 |
| Phulppine Islands | 91,906 | 13,392 | 340 | 57,222 | 9,580 | 11,372 |
| Poland and Danzig *- | 11,790 | 1,747 | 146 | 7,898 | 626 | 1,372 |
| Portugal. | 6,350 | 1,580 | 185 | 1,883 | 2,432 | ${ }_{461}$ |
| Spain. | 10,060 42006 | 1,240 2,155 |  | ${ }_{5}{ }_{521}$ | 31,233 | 8,090 |
| Sweden | 30,404 | ${ }^{2} 157$ |  | 3,383 | 6,400 | 20,162 |
| Turkey | 15,288 | 13,724 | 307 | 451 | 685 | 121 |
| Union of South Africa | 27,750 | 23,504 | 315 | 58 | 3,647 | 225 |
| Union of Soviet Social- | 24,494 | 17,994 | 174 | 1,508 | 3,542 | 1,276 |
| United Kingdom | 151,319 | 15,470 | 586 | 37,096 | 39,649 | 58,518 |
| Vruguay- | 8,587 23,413 | 5,493 $\mathbf{1 9 , 5 6 5}$ | 3,250 | 3,017 | 5 | 590 |

* For statistical purposes, trade with Austria beginning May 6, 1938, and that with the Sudeten area, as arar as ascertainable, beginning Nov. 10, 1938, is included
with Germany, while trade with the other Czechoslovak Provinces occupled by with Germany, while trade with the other Czechoslovak Provinces occupied by Germany, Hungary and Poland has been included with these countries sence March
18 or 19, 1939. Trade with the Lithuanian territory of Memel has been included 18 or 19, 1939 . Trade with the Lith.
with Germany slnce March $25,1939$.


## Newsprint Production in Canada During January <br> Above Year Ago-United States Output Also Increases

Production and shipments of newsprint by Canadian, Newfoundland and United States mills continued in January to run well in excess of a year ago, aggregate output being up $\mathbf{1 5 . 9} \%$, aggregate shipments $23.8 \%$. This is learned from the Montreal "Gazette" of Feb. 15, which also had the following to say:
During the month the Canadian industry operated at $68.5 \%$ of the 1940 capacity (estimated at $4,367,690$ tons vs. $4,293,361$ for 1939, part of the increase being due to the fact that 1940 has two more working days than 1939). This operating rate compares with $69.1 \%$ for December, $59.8 \%$ a year ago.
Canadian shipments for the month, at 244,273 tons, exceeded a year ago by 42,421 tons, or $21.0 \%$, this figure being the second highest for January in the history of the industry, having been exceeded only in 1837. Gains of $18.3 \%$ and $54.3 \%$ were recorded in shipments to United States and overseas customers, respectively, while domestic shipments were lower by $8.9 \%$. Total shipments represented $66.7 \%$ of capacity. Production for the
munth was 251,032 tons, exceeding December by 10,300 tons, a year month was 251,032
ago by 42,700 tons.
ago by 42,700 tons.
Output of Cnited States mills, at 84,126 tons, was highest for an Output of last May and exceeded a year ago by $8.9 \%$, while shipments exceeded a year ago by $10.9 \%$. Newfoundand pr $44.4 \%$ while an all time high, 32,045 tons excee $109.6 \%$ large gains being shown in shipments to both the United States and overseas customers, United States imports from Europe continued to decline during December, a total of 14,929 tons being the lowest since February, 1938.
With aggregate production for the three countries at 367,203 tons and aggregate shipments at 355,345 tons, the month's increase in mills' stocks was 11,858 tons, against an increase a year ago of 19,005 tons.

## Monthly Indexes of Board of Governors of Federal <br> Reserve System for January

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System issued on Feb. 17 its monthly business indexes of industrial production, factory employment, \&c. In another item in today's issue of the "Chronicle" we also give the customary summary of business conditions in the United States issued by the Board of Governors. The monthly indexes were made public as follows:

|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Vartation |  |  | WthoutSeasonal Adustment |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Jan.j <br> 1980 | Dec., | Jan., 1939 | ${ }_{\text {Janti }}^{\text {Jat }}$ | ${ }^{\text {Dec. }} 1039$ | , |
|  | $p 120$ | 128 | 101 | $p 1$ | 120 | 100 |
| Manuract | ${ }_{p 123}^{p 18}$ |  | +880 | ${ }_{p 117}^{p 116}$ | 121 129 | 9 |
| Nurable | ${ }_{\text {pli }}^{123}$ |  | ${ }_{110}^{88}$ |  | 114 | 8481818 |
| Minerals. | ${ }^{2126}$ | 120 | 110 | ${ }^{p 122}$ | 113 | 105 |
| Construction contracts, value-Total. | ${ }^{p 75}$ |  | 86 55 | ${ }^{p} 7{ }^{261}$ | 69 51 51 | ${ }_{45}^{70}$ |
| All other. | ${ }^{p 91}$ |  |  | ${ }_{p 74}{ }^{24}$ | 84 |  |
| actory employment-Tota |  |  | 84.4 ${ }^{94.6}$ |  | 1004 |  |
| Non-durable goods |  | 108.9 | 104.4 |  | 107 |  |
| Factory payrolls-T | - | -- | -- |  | ${ }^{103.6}$ |  |
| Non-durable goods |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{102} 8$ |  |
| Frelght-car loadings- | ${ }_{86}^{78}$ |  | 69 <br> 76 <br> 8 | 72 | ${ }_{81}^{73}$ | 63 |
| Department store sales, value | ${ }^{p 92}$ | ${ }_{88}^{96}$ | ${ }_{67} 88$ | ${ }^{\text {p72 }}$ | ${ }_{64} 168$ | 69 <br> 60 |
| $p$ Prellminary. * Data not yet avallable. <br> Now-Production, carioadings, and department store sales indexes based on daily averages. To convert durable and non-durable manuractures Chexes to points total index or manuractures igures, sy . 463 and non-durable by .537 . <br> Construction contract indexes based on three-month moving averages, centered at second month, of F. W. Dodge data for 37 Eastern states. To convert Indexes to Value figures, shown in Federal Reserve Chart Book, muitiply <br> residential by $\$ 184,1,000$, and all other by szent, and payrolls index complled Employment index, without by Bureau of Labor statlitics. <br> INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION <br> (1923-1925 Average $=100$ ) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Adjusted for Seasonal Vartation |  |  | Wthout Seasonal Adjustment |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan.. } \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec.. } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan., } \\ & 1939 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan, } \\ & 1900 \end{aligned}$ | Dec., 1939 | ${ }_{1939} \begin{gathered}\text { Jan., }\end{gathered}$ |
| Manufactures |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iron and stee | 119 | 126 | 72 | ${ }_{118}^{118}$ | 124 | 71 |
| Steel ingot |  | 178 | - 105 |  | 142 | 105 |
| ${ }_{\text {Plate }}^{\text {Altomoblilee }}$ | 200 | ${ }_{232}^{127}$ | 147 | ${ }^{2} 1200$ | ${ }_{232}^{142}$ | 147 |
| Tin dellveries | p18 | 26 | ${ }^{-\overline{6}}$ | ${ }_{p 20}^{181}$ | 165 29 | ${ }_{7}^{66}$ |
| Beehive coke |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-durable Goods 114 123 109 $p 19$ 117 114 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton cons | 134 <br> 100 <br> 104 | $\begin{array}{r}123 \\ 145 \\ \hline 15\end{array}$ | 111 |  | ${ }_{64}^{133}$ | 122 |
| slaughtering and |  | 99 | 187 | ${ }^{84} 119$ | ${ }^{64} 118$ |  |
| Hogs.-- | 102 | ${ }_{95}^{99}$ | 74 97 97 | $\begin{aligned} & 117 \\ & 103 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 129 100 | 10098 |
| Cattie |  | 100 | 111 |  | 95 |  |
| Sheres | ${ }^{158}$ | 147 | 150 | $\begin{aligned} & 103 \\ & 100 \\ & 180 \end{aligned}$ | 144 | 151 |
| Wheat nour |  | 128 | ${ }_{106}^{92}$ | 898989 | 8777 | ${ }^{90}$ |
| Sugar meltin | ${ }^{90}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leather and |  | 120 | ${ }_{103}^{124}$ | ${ }^{1106}$ | 102 | 115 |
| Tanning |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cattie |  | 184 | ${ }_{119}^{100}$ |  | ${ }_{73}^{98}$ | 98 |
| Cair and kip leath Goat and kld leat |  | 87 | 125 |  | 144 | ${ }_{120}^{98}$ |
| Newsprint consumpti | ${ }^{129}$ | 140 |  | ${ }^{124}$ |  |  |
| Petroleum retining |  | 221 | 205 | * |  |  |
| Gerosene | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ | 1008 | 112 |  | ${ }_{117}^{280}$ | 262115145 |
|  | -- |  | -- |  | 145 |  |
| Lubricati |  |  |  | * |  | 106 |
| Minerals | $\begin{gathered} p 93 \\ p, 75 \\ p 190 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 83 \\ 59 \\ 189 \\ 121 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 75 \\ \hline 9 . \\ \hline 97 \\ \hline 89 \\ 89 \end{array}$ | $p 104$ <br> $p 81$ <br> $p 82$ <br> 121 <br> 12 <br> 4 | $\begin{array}{r}88 \\ 58 \\ 184 \\ 123 \\ 106 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 84 \\ 74 \\ 164 \\ 94 \\ 96 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| minous |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| throcum, crude |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 114 |  |  |  |  |  |
| er |  | 105 |  |  |  |  |

p Prellminary. * Data not yet avallable.
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

|  | 1939 | 1938 |  | 1939 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Industrial productio | 105 | 86 | Manufactures (continued) Non-durable (continued) |  |  |
| nutactures | ${ }_{95}^{105}$ | 84 84 84 | Food products: Slaughtering and |  |  |
| Iron and steel | 108 | ${ }_{6}^{64}$ | meat packing- |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Ptg it }}$ | 110 | 52 67 |  | ${ }_{99}^{83}$ | 73 103 |
| Transportaion equip.: |  |  | Calves | 107 | 111 |
| Automobil | 90 | ${ }_{12}^{63}$ | eep | ${ }_{94}^{146}$ | ${ }^{153}$ |
| Non-ferrous met | 17 |  | Sugar meltings. | 84 | 87 |
| TIn deliveries | 102 | ${ }_{82}^{72}$ | Tobacco products..- | ${ }_{76}^{167}$ | ${ }_{173}$ |
| Lead- | 73 | 60 | Cigarettes | 240 | 228 |
| Cement and glass: |  |  | Manufact'd prod-- |  | 83 |
| Class, plate- | 143 | 86 | Newsprint produc- |  |  |
| Coke: |  |  | N'sprint consum'n- | ${ }_{214}^{131}$ | ${ }_{200}^{127}$ |
| By-produc | ${ }_{10}^{116}$ | ${ }_{6}^{85}$ | erroeum re | 274 | ${ }_{256}$ |
|  |  |  | Fuel | 144 | 108 |
| Textiles | 114 | 92 | Lubricating oil | 124 | 109 |
| Cotton consumpt'n | ${ }_{112}^{120}$ | 96 80 | Rubber tires \& tubes_ | 117 |  |
| Consumption | 126 | 82 98 | Inner tubes | 78 | 57 |
| Mach'y antivity- |  | 75 | Minerals |  |  |
| Carpet and rive |  |  | Bituminous | 74 | 65 |
| Sllk deliveries | ${ }^{94}$ | 101 | Anthracte_ | ${ }^{63}$ |  |
| eather and products | 114 | 104 | Petroleum, cruc | 172 | ${ }^{65}$ |
| Tanning | 93 | ${ }_{8}^{80}$ | Iron |  |  |
| Cattle hide leathers Calt \& kip leath's | ${ }_{86}^{95}$ | 88 | Lead | ${ }_{73} 7$ | 82 <br> 60 <br> 8 |
| Goat \& kid leath. | ${ }_{127} 9$ | 76 119 | silver | 91 | 92 |

Summary of Business Conditions in United States by Board of Governors of Federal Reserve SystemIndustrial Activity Declined in January from High Level at Close of Year
In January and the first half of February industrial activity declined from the high level reached in the latter part of 1939, it was reported Feb. 19 by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in its summary of
general business and financial conditions in the United States, based upon statistics for January and the first half of February. Retail trade, which had been in large volume, decreased more than seasonally, while merchandise exports were maintained. The Board's summary continued:

## Production

Volume of industrial production declined somewhat from December to January, and consequently the Board's index, which allows for a considerable seasonal increase, dropped sharply from the high level of 128 reached in December
half of February indicate a further sharp reduction in the index
half of February indicite, which had been above $90 \%$ of capacity during Steel ingot production, which had been above $90 \%$ of capacity during
most of the fourth quarter of 1939, has declined steadily since the turn most of the fourth quarter of
of the year, and by the middle of February was at about $69 \%$ of capacity. of the year, and by the middle of February was at about evels in the latter
Plate glass production, which also had reached high lever part of 1939, was reduced in January, and lumber production showed a considerabie decrease owing in part to unusually cold weather in the Southern regions. Automobile production in January was larger than is usual at this season. In the latter part of the month, however, and in the first half of February, as retail sales of new cars declined seasonally and dealers' stocks, which had been lower than usual at the beginning of the year, roce rapidly, the output of cars declined. In the machinery industries activity was generally sustained at the advanced levels reached in December.
Output of cotton textiles in January continued at about the high rate of other recent months, but production of woolen textiles declined further from the peak levels of October and November, and output of silk product remained in small volume. Activity at meat-packing establishments was maintained han Coal production rose sharply, following a marked reduct output of crude
and was at about the high level reached last October. Out and was at about the high level rese
Value of contracts awarded for both public and private construction declined considerably in January, according to reports of the F. W. Dodge Corp. Awards for private residential building showed a greater-than-seasonal reduction and were lower than the level prevailing a year ago. Contracts for other private work declined somewhat, but remained in larger volume than in the corresponding period last year.

## Employment

Factory employment and payrolls, which had risen sharply during the latter half of 1939, declined by somewhat more than the usual seasonal amount from the middle of December to the middle of January, according to reports from leading industrial States.

## Distribution

Sales at department stores, variety stores, and mail-order houses in January declined more than seasonally from the high level of December. Total freight car loadings showed a seasonal decline; shipments of miscellaneous freight and grain decreased, while coal loadings increased considerably.

## Foreign Trade

Exports of United States merchandise, which usually decline in January, were maintained this year at the high level reached in December. Ship ments of cotton, which have been large in recent months, rose further while exports of many industrial products declined. Exports to the Unit
Kingdom increased sharply, owing mainly to larger cotton shipments.

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tary gold stock increased by $\$ 28,000,000$ during January and by $\$ 132$, tary gold stock increased by $\$ 287,000,000$
000,000 in the first two weeks of February.

Commodity Prices
Prices of copper, lead, and silk showed marked declines from the middle of January to the middle of February, and there were smaller decreases in prices of some other basic industrial materials, such as stee scrap, wool, and textile yarns. Prices of foodstuffs, on the other hand showed little change in this period.
Government Security Market

Prices of United States Government securities declined slightly during the latter half of January from the recovery peak reached early in the month, but regained part of these losses during the first half of February Bank Credit
Total loans and investments at reporting member banks in 101 leading cities rose during the five weeks ending Feb. 7 as a result of increases in holdings of Government securities at New York City banks. Loans to security brokers and dealers and commercial loans declined. Demand deposits continued to increase during the period.

Report of Lumber Movement, Week Ended Feb. 10, 1940
Lumber production during the week ended Feb. 10, 1940 was $1 \%$ greater than in the previous week; shipments were $1 \%$ less; new business, $4 \%$ less, according to reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association from regional associations covering the operations of representa tive hardwood and softwood mills. Shipments were $12 \%$ above production; new orders, $6 \%$ above production. Compared with the corresponding week of 1939, production was $15 \%$ greater; shipments, $15 \%$ greater, and new business $10 \%$ greater. The industry stood at $68 \%$ of the seasonal weekly average of 1929 production and $76 \%$ of average 1929 shipments. The Association further reported:

Year-to-Date Comparisons
Reported production for the six weeks of 1940 to date was $7 \%$ above corresponding weeks of 1939 ; shipments were $2 \%$ above the shipments, and new orders were $6 \%$ above the orders of the 1939 period. For the
six weeks of 1940 to date new business was $12 \%$ above production and shipments were $7 \%$ above production.

Supply and Demand Comparisons
The ratio of unfilled orders to gross stocks was $21 \%$ on Feb. 10, 1940, compared with $16 \%$ a year ago. Unfilled orders were $20 \%$ heavier than a compared with $16 \%$ a year ago.
year ago; gross stocks were $4 \%$ less.

Softwoods and Hardwoods
During the week ended Feb. 10, 1940, 512 mills produced 187,567,000 feet of softwoods and hardwoods combined ; shipped 210,103,000 feet; booked orders of 198,194,000 feet. Revised figures for the preceding week were: Mins, 22, production,
490,000 feet ; orders, $207,018,000$ feet.
Lumber orders reported for the week ended Feb. 10, 1940, by 425 softwood mills totaled $188,486,000$ feet, or $7 \%$ above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were $200,015,00$ feet, or $13 \%$ above production. Production was $176,407,000$ feet. Reports

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from 103 hardwood mills give new business as $9,708,000$ feet, or $13 \%$ below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were $10,088,000$ feet, or $10 \%$ below production. Production was 11,160,000
feet.

## Identical Mill Comparisons

Production during week ended Feb, 10, 1940, of 401 identical softwood mills was $174,692,000$ feet, and a year ago it was $149,855,000$ feet; shipments were, respectively, $198,297,000$ feet and $171,266,000$ feet, and orders received, $185,935,000$ feet and $166,215,000$ feet. In the case of $9,168,000$ feet and $9,54,000$ feported production this year and a year ago cet, and orders, $8,290,000$ feet and $9,764,000$ feet . leet and $7,665,00$

## Non-Agricultural Employment Increased by Nearly

 250,000 Workers from Mid-November to Mid-December, Reports Secretary of Labor PerkinsEmployment at Highest Level Since October, 1937 -Jobs on WPA Projects Also IncreasedNon-agricultural employment increased by nearly a quarter of a million workers from mid-November to midDecember, due primarily to an increase of 390,000 workers in retail stores to handle increased volume of Christmas trade, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins reported on Jan. 25. "This gain brought employment in December to the highest level recorded since October, 1937," she said. The Secretary added

The resumption of full activity by certain automobile plants resulted in factory employment showing a slight contra-seasonal increase of $0.2 \%$, or approximately 15,000 workers, in December

Winter weather conditions brought a seasonal curtailment of employment on construction operations and in quarries. Transportation also showed a substantial decline, due in part to the reduction of nearly 30,000 employees on Class I steam railroads in December. Anthracite and bituminous coal mines reported small decreases in employment, coupled with substantial losses in payrolls resulting from sharply decreased production during the first half of December. Public utilities and other service industries reported small employment changes.
Total non-agricultural employment was more than $1,200,000$ greater in
December, 1939, than in December, 1938. December, 1939, than in December, 1938.

The announcement issued by the Department of Labor, from which Secretary Perkins's remarks are taken, also had the following to say:

## Factory Employment in December

A slight gain of $0.2 \%$ was reported in factory employment in December when usually there is a decline of $1 \%$ in December. The increase marked the seventh consecutive monthly gain in employment in manufacturing industries. Weekly payrolls rose by $2.1 \%$, or nearly $\$ 4,000,000$, over the November level. The average gain is much smaller, about $0.2 \%$. Gains were not as general throughout manufacturing as in earlier months. Thirty-seven of the 90 manufacturing industries surveyed reported gains in employment and 44 reported payroll increases. Layoffs in many industries were smaller than seasonal. The most substantial gain was reported in the automobile industry, in which production was renewed after the settlement of a strike, employment increasing $15.6 \%$ and payrolls $18.4 \%$.

The employment index for December, 1939 (104.0 on the basis of 100 for the three-year period 1923-25), stood $10.6 \%$ above the level of a year ago, and the payroll index (103.9) was $19.3 \%$ higher. Both indexes year ago, and the payroll index (103:9) was $19.3 \%$ higher. Both indexes
were higher than any recorded since the fall months of 1937, but remained were higher than any recorded since the fall months of 1937, but remained
approximately $6 \%$ below the levels reached in the earlier months of approximat

Employment in the durable goods group of industries continued to rise the gain of $1.8 \%$ bringing the December index (100.0) to the level of the 1923-25 average and $19.3 \%$ above that of December, 1938. Durable goods payrolls increased $3.6 \%$, the December index (104.9) standing $31.8 \%$ above the December, 1938, level. Seasonal factors contributed to a decline in employment in the non-durable goods group, the loss of $1.2 \%$ in employment being accompanied by a small gain in payrolls. Employment in the non-durable goods group in December, 1939, was $3.9 \%$ above the December, 1938, level, and payrolls were $7.7 \%$ higher.
Among the more important increases in employment over the month interval were the following:


Employment in the aircraft industry continued to expand for the fifteenth consecutive month, the gain of $6.3 \%$ bringing the employment index to the highest ever recorded, more than $31 / 2$ times as high as the 1929 level. The gain of $4.5 \%$ in employment in private shipyards raised the December index (138.8) above any recorded during the past 20 years. Such declines as occurred in employment from November to December were largely of seasonal character, although in many instances they were not as pronounced as usual. Among the industries reporting large declines were the following:


Non-Manufacturing Employment
Retail stores reported a better-than-seasonal employment gain of $12.6 \%$ for the Christmas trade, and the December employment index advanced to $101.2 \%$ of the 1929 average. Payrolls increased $9.8 \%$, and both employment and payrolls exceeded the December, 1938, levels by more than $3 \%$. The general merchandising group, which includes department, variety, and
eneral merchandising stores and mail-order houses, took on $38.0 \%$ more workers to handle holiday trade and increased payrolls by $35.4 \%$. The December employment and payroll indexes for this group were $152.4 \%$ and $129.7 \%$ of the average for the year 1929, and both were at the highest point recorded over an 11-year interval. The gain in both employment and payrolls since December, 1938, was over $5 \%$. Apparel stores took on $11.3 \%$ more workers, and jewelry stores added $24.3 \%$ more employees to their payrolls to handle Christmas business. With the exception of a seasonal employment recession in firms dealing in lumber and building material $(2.0 \%)$, the principal lines of retail trade reported employment gains, the percentage increases being as follows:

## Food group.

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Cigars
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Automotive


Wholesale trade establishments as a whole maintaned emplayment the November level but showed an increase of $2.4 \%$ over December, 1938. The percentage changes in various important lines of wholesale trade between November and December were as follows:

Food products Groceries and food specialties.Machinery, equipment,--and Farm products Petroleum and its products.-.

Furniture and housefurnishings
tween mid-Noyember and a contra-seasonal employment loss of $0.7 \%$ eflecting decreased production-December, and payrolls declined by $36.7 \%$, period production fell to the lowest weekly ast 18 months. Bituminous coal mines also reduced ed luring the decline of $2.2 \%$ accompanying a payroll reduction of $12.7 \%$.
In metal mines an employment pickup of $1.7 \%$ and payroll gain of $4.2 \%$ in December raised employment and payrolls above the levels of December, 1938, by $8.5 \%$ and $22.9 \%$ respectively. The employment index, $67.6 \%$ of the 1929 average, was at the hirhest level mployment any month since December, 1937. Quarries curtailed and payrolls by $8.8 \%$, both smaller declines than average. Fmploym continues substantially above 1938 levels Employment and payroll in continues wells declined slightly from November to December. Telephone in il wells declined slightly from November to December. Telephone and elegraph, electrio $t$ ) December, while employment on electric railroads remained virtually unchanged.
Year-round hotels reduced their staffs seasonally by $1.4 \%$ and payrolls declined by $1.1 \%$, and dyeing and cleaning plants and laundries curtailed declined by $1.1 \%$, and dyeing and cleaning plants and laundries curtailed
their working forces by small amounts. Brokerage firms reduced personnel their working forces by small amounts. Brokerage firms reduced personnel
by $1.2 \%$, and insurance companies reported a small employment increase by $1.2 \%$,
of $0.3 \%$.

Private Building Construction
Employment and payrolls in private building construction decreased $6.8 \%$ from November to December, according to reports from 12,536 contractors employing 120,243 workers. These declines were less than the average decrease in December of the previous five years. Comparisons with December, 1938, show a gain of $5 \%$ in employment and of $12.1 \%$ in weekly payrolls. Seasonal reductions in activity from November to December were general throughout all parts of the country, ranging from $3.5 \%$ to over $10 \%$, with the exception of the East South Central area which showed a $4.5 \%$ gain. The reports on which these figures are based o not cover construction projects financed by the Work Projects Adminis tration, the Public Works Administration, and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, or by regular appropriations of the Federal, State, or local gevernments.
Indexes of employment and payrolls for December, 1939, for all manu facturing industries combined, Class I steam railroads, and selected nonmanufacturing industries, where available, and percentage changes from November, 1939, and December, 1938, are shown below. The three-year average, 1923-25, is used as a base in computing the indexes for the manufacturing industries and Class I steam railroads, and the 12 -month average for 1929 is used as a base in computing the index numbers of the non-manufacturing industries. Information for the non-manufacturing irdustries for years prior to 1929 is not available from the Bureau's records. These indexes are not adjusted for seasonal variation

| Industry | Emploument |  |  | Payrolls |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Index } \\ \text { Dec., } \\ 1939 \\ \mathbf{a} \end{gathered}$ | \% Change from- |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Index } \\ \text { Dece. } \\ 1939 \\ \mathbf{a} \end{gathered}$ | \% Change from- |  |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Now., } \\ 1939 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec., } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Nov. } \\ 1939 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec., } \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { (1923-25=100) } \\ & \text { Manufacturing } \\ & \text { Class I steam raliroads.c. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c} b 104.0 \\ 56.5 \end{array}$ | +0.2 -2.8 | $\begin{array}{r} +10.6 \\ +7.0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{b} 103.9 \\ \mathbf{d} \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{\text {+ }}^{\text {d }}$. 1 | $+19.3$ |
| Trade: $\left.{ }^{(1929}=100\right)$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wholesale.. | $\begin{array}{r} 92.2 \\ 101.2 \\ 152.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +0.1 \\ +12.6 \\ +38.0 \end{array}$ | +2.4+3.2 | $\begin{array}{r}79.4 \\ 82.1 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | +0.5+9.8 | +4.9+3.7 |
| Retall--- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General merchandising.- Other than general mer- |  |  | +5.7 | 129.7 | +35.4 | +5.6 |
| chandising. | 87.8 | +3.8 | +2.1 | 72.2 | +2.7 | +3.0 |
| Telephone and telegraph | 74.6 | -0.5 | +0.5 | 94.6 | +0.2 | +2 |
| Electric light and power |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| and manufactured gas | 92.9 | $-0.5$ | +1.6 | 101.1 | -0.4 | +2.9 |
| bus oper. \& maintenance | 69.8 | -0.1 | +0.6 | 70.9 | +0.4 | +1.6 |
| Mining: |  |  |  |  | $-36.7$ |  |
| Anthracite ${ }^{\text {Bltumino }}$ - | $\begin{aligned} & 51.0 \\ & 92.8 \\ & 67.6 \end{aligned}$ | -0.7 -2.2 | +0.6 +3.9 | 26.684.0 |  | +1.8-37.4+3.8 |
| Bltuminous coa Metalliferous.- |  | -2.2 +1.7 | +3.9 +8.5 |  | -12.7 +4.2 |  |
| Quarrying \& non-metal | 44.163.5 | -0.3 | +6.4+6.3 | $\begin{aligned} & 39.2 \\ & 59.1 \end{aligned}$ | +4.2 | +22 |
| mining .-.-. -....-.-- |  |  |  |  | -0.8 | +16.4-5.4 |
| Crude petroleum producing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hotels (year-round) | $\begin{aligned} & 90.5 \\ & 95.5 \\ & 96.5 \\ & \mathbf{d} .0 \\ & \mathbf{d} \\ & \mathbf{d} \end{aligned}$ | -1.4 | -1.6+2.3 | $e 80.9$83.5 | $-1.1$ | -0.2+4.4+0.5 |
| Laundries. |  |  |  |  | +0.8 |  |
| Dyeing and $\mathbf{c}$ |  | -1.9 | $\begin{array}{r} -2.0 \\ -1.7 \end{array}$ | d88. | -3.0 |  |
| Brokerage_ |  |  |  |  | +1.3 | +0.5 +1.8 +0.5 |
| Insurance- |  | +0.3 -6.8 | +1.7 +5.0 | d | +1.3 +1.8 | $\begin{array}{r} +0.5 \\ +12.1 \end{array}$ |

a Preliminary. b Revised series-adjusted to 1937 Census of Manufactures.
c Source, Interstate Commerce Commission.
d Not avallable. e Cash payments c source, Interstate Commerce Commission. A Not avallable. e Cash payments
index numbers of employment and payrolls in manufacturing industries-adjusted-to 1937 census of manufactures (Three-Year Average $1923-25=100.0$ )

年 sponding month in 1938.
The completion of a number of projects brought employment on projects financed by the PWA down to 170,000 in the month ending Dec. 15, a decrease of 34,000 from the preceding month and 46,000 less than in the same month a year ago. The $\$ 16,466,000$ paid to workers on these projects was $\$ 2,686,000$ less than the amount paid in November. Approximately 3,000 more building trades workers found employment on low-rent projects of the Lnited States Housing Authority during the month ending Dec. 15. Wage payments to the 33,000 men employed amounted to $\$ 3,900,000$.
Employment on State-financed road projects declined from 138,000 in November to 123,000 in December. Payroll disbursements for the month were $\$ 9,030,000$.
The end of an enlistment period caused the number of persons employed in camps of the Civilian Conservation Corps to drop 26,000 in December. The 309,000 persons remaining in camps were paid $\$ 13,785,000$.
Material orders placed on construction projects financed by the PWA amounted to $\$ 33,812,000$. On construction projects financed from regular Federal appropriations the total was $\$ 44,823,000$, and on Federal agency Stotes under the WPA the amount was $\$ 643,000$. Contractors on $\$ 6,250,000$.
the first half of the year purchases were largely restricted to the needs of current sales and prices were under continuous pressure despite improved consumption. War crises, formidable mill stocks and unaltered production schedules in some divisions contributed to the price weakness which touched bottom about the first of June. The resultant hand-to-mouth buying meant the transaction of much unprofitable business during the first six months, with a preponderance of losses for that period. A real correction in the market situation did not appear until after the outbreak of war at the beginning of September.
This event, whose approach had
influence, had exactly the reverse been feared as a potentially depressing the pent-up demand for replenishment of trade inventories ins to inflame commensurate with for replenishment of trade inventories up to a level industrial activity, especially in the durable goods plants. provided ned additions to consumer income. Augmented retail sales accompanied thes changes in economic conditions and still reflect the increased spending power. To this pulling power of consumption was joined a fundamental improvement in primary market price levels, in anticipation of cost in. creases under the Wage-Hour Act and more favorable supply and demand relationship. Probably the most impressive demand centered around fabrics used for industrial purposes, household goods and the heavier types of pparel.
Included in the increased exports of piece goods to Canada was a fair volume of these fabrics purchased by the bag manufacturers of that country. Total piece goods exports increased about $15 \%$ over the preceding year, with a gain of nearly $48,000,000$ square yards. This is the largest volume sirce 1932 but disappoints some expectations which were unduly encouraged by war possibilities plus the extension to cotton goods up in Latin America and elsewhere especially markets have been opened current year has promise of broader trading in heavy goods, and the credit difficulties and higher costs of trading in many lands. Foreign are factors that make for slow growth in this cotton in this country On the other hand, imports have practically section of the market. gain of $54,000,000$ square yards. These are chiefly roods from Japay, whose volume in 1939 exceeded 77000,000 square yards in contrast with $29,000,000$ square yards in the preceding square yards, bere was no equalizing charge to offset the subsidy benefits granted to low-wage foreign producers.
Assuming the 1937 relationship between total spindle-hour activity and yardage production, the estimate for 1939 is over $9,145,000,000$ square yards of all kinds of cotton woven goods. By adding imports and educting exports, a ret yardage of new goods made available for domestic onsumption is found in excess of $8,890,000,000$ square yards, or a per capita yardage of 67.76 square yards based on estimated population.

## Total Consumption of Dairy Products at Record High in 1939

Total consumption of all dairy products, including fluid milk and cream and manufactured products (milk equivalent) established a new high in 1939 about $17 \%$ above the 1924 . 29 average, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported Feb. 21 in its monthly analysis of the dairy situation. On a per capita basis, the combined consumption (milk equivalent) of butter, cheese, concentrated milks, and ice cream,-but not including fluid milk and cream-was the highest in over 40 years. The Bureau also said:
Butter prices advanced from December, 1939, to January, 1940, but declined seasonally in early February. With the January rise, market prices rose above the level at which the Dairy Products Marketing Association had offered to sell, and a large part of the butter puchased by dairy products during 1939 was sold to the trade. Prices of manufactured dairy products during the spring and summer of 1940 are expected to a derage higher than in the same period of 1939, even though there has been a decline in business activity since December and a seasonal decline in butter prices is in prospect.
crease in milk production. However it to prevent the usual seasonal increase in milk production. However, it seems probable that during the remainder of the feeding period production will continue high compared
with the average of recent years. with the average of recent years.
the same as a year earlier; cream receipts were $5 \%$ in December were about the same as a year earlier; cream receipts were $5 \%$ larger.
December, 1939 was $5 \%$ less than consumption for that dairy products in The decrease in the distribution of butter for rolief and the hear earlier. buying of evaporated milk in the fall were the principal factors accountin for the decrease.
Total stocks of manufactured dairy products decined sharply in January
Wheat Inspections for Export Show Increase During January
Inspections of United States wheat for export during January, 1940, were slightly larger than those for December and totaled 994,000 bushels, according to reports from Federal grain supervision offices of the Agricultural Marketing Service. December export inspections were only 601,000 bushels, says the Department of Agriculture, which reports that inspections during January, 1939, totaled 10,401,000 bushels. In recent months inspections for export have approximated $95 \%$ of total exports, the Department notes on Feb. 17, and it adds:
Of the January, 1940 , inspections, 500,000 bushels were hard red spring, 35,000 bushels durum, 133,000 bushels hard red winter, and 326,000 bushels white wheat. Most of the spring and winter wheat was exported from Atlantic Coast ports and the white wheat from the Pacific Northwest.
The January inspections brought the total for the seven months, July through January, to $15,323,000$ bushels, compared with $44,341,000$ bushels inspected for export during the corresponding months last year. Winter wheat inspections this season comprised about two-thirds of the total.

Substantial Reduction in Prospects for Argentine
Wheat Crop-Expectations for Much Smaller Crop than Last Year
The second official Argentine crop report of the 1939-40 season, issued this week by the Argentine Ministry of Agriculture, reduces estimated wheat production to only $3,212,000$ metric tons compared with the $4,000,000$ ton estimate of last December, and last years bumper harvest
of $5,150,000$ tons, (a metric ton of wheat is equivalent to about $363 / 4$ bu.).

The latest report also shows reductions of 123,000 tons in the linseed estimate and 5,500 tons in the birdseed estimate. The oats estimate is up 24,000 tons; barley up 50,000 tons and rye up 26,000 tons. Linseed output therefore is now placed at $1,127,000$ tons, oats at 924,000 tons, barley 800,000 tons and rye, 386,000 tons.
The estimate does not include the corn crop, which is expected to be one of the biggest on record. The first estimate of the area sown with corn in the 1939-40 season amounted to $18,000,000$ acres, which compares with an average for the last 10 years of $15,500,000$ acres. Abundant spring rains, together with the satisfactory price of corn are the causes given for the greater area sown this year
Reference to the previous report of Argentine crops was made in our issue of Dec. 23 last, Page, 4060.

## Petroleum and Its Products-Court Holds East Texas Proration Setup Illegal-Cole Bill Under Sustained Attack-Washington Belief Bill Doomed in Present Session-Illinois Crude Output at Record High-March Crude Oi

A three judge Federal Court ruled in Austin, on Feb. 23, that the Texas Railroad Commission order covering production in the East Texas field on the basis of three fourths of the production allowable, on a per well basis, was unreasonable and unconstitutional. The decision also stated that a court order granting a permanent injunction would be granted within a week or ten days to Humble Oil \& Refining Co. and Rowan \& Nichols Oil Co. if the Commission does not appeal the decision, or revise the proration setup. Presiding Judge Sibley, however, said that the Court's general conclusions were not final, and that it reserved the right to make more definite rulings later.
The decision ruled that the contentions of the two companies involved in the litigation that the present order's panies involved in the litigation that the present order's
provisions making an allocation of 20 barrels for each well, other than marginals, and prorating the remainder according to a formula, works inequitably against the properties witb greater reserves, but expressly sustained the present top allowable for the East Texas field as set by the Commission. It was ruled that the marginal well law is not invalid, but added that the 20 barrel quota set for marginal wells is not significant because it is prescribed for "perishing" wells. It was pointed out by Judge Sibley that the plaintif, did not was pointed out by Judge sibley that the plaintifs did not
urge that there should be no basic well allowabie but that three-fourths of the allowable should not be so apportioned.
The Texas Railroad Commission will appeal the decision, Chairman Sadler said. He also disclosed that he had written to Governor O'Daniel urging that he call an immediate special session of the Legislature to exact legislation to fix a minimum per well allowable of 20 barrels daily in the East Texas field.
The Cole measure, which would put the petroleum industry under Federal control, continued to meet severe attacks at the hearings held by the House sub-committee during the week, and political gossip in the Nation's capital during the week, and political gossip in the Nation's capital as far as this session of Congress is concerned.
It was pointed out that the sustained opposition shown the measure by representatives of the major oil-producing States make the bill too much of a "hot potato" for a year as important in politics as 1940 promises to be. Republicans, naturally, will not support any measure which would place any industry under Federal control.

With so many of the major oil-producing States important in the Democratic political line-up, it seems highly unlikely, oil men feel, that the Cole measure will be pushed too strenuously before the present Congress. Various members of Congress who are facing reelection fights in the too near future would not dare vote for the measure. And, rather than face an overwhelming defeat, its proponents are likely to defer further consideration on the measure until more favorable days.
Feature of the week's hearings was the attack upon the constitutionality of the Cole bill waged by Jack Blalock, Houston attorney, representing the members of the Interstate Oil Compact Commission. In making his attack, Mr. Blalock pointed out, after detailing a short history of similar attempts in Congress to push legislation of this type, that he would not attempt to show the undesirability of the legislation or lack of necessity for its passage, but would confine himself to the legal questions involved and to showing that the bill is unconstitutional.
"The exclusive power to regulate production of crude petroleum rests in the sovereign State itself through a reasonable exercise of its police powers," he contended. Arguing that under the Constitution authority of Congress to provide for national defense is limited to the imposition and collection of taxes, Mr. Blalock declared that his interpretation had been adopted by the courts in numerous decisions.
"Does this bill provide for the laying and collection of taxes, duties, imposts and excises for the purpose of providing funds for the common defense?" he asked. "It does not. The bill in no manner brings into operation the taxing power of Congress: on the contrary, it just boldly purports to regulate the production of petroleum. Testing the bill, there-
fore, by the language of Section 8 (1) as interpreted and defined by the framers of the Constitution itself and by our United States courts, we must conclude that it cannot be sustained under the 'national defense' theory. Congress does not have the authority to enact provisions contained in H. R. 7,372 under the authority oi Section 8 (1) Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States."
While admitting that the Constitution delegates to the Congress the power to regulate interstate commerce, he argued that production of oil from the ground is neither "interstate commerce" nor even "commerce" and no authroity accrues to the Federal Government until the oil starts to move from the production point. He suggested that the Federal Government could constitutionally provide for the national defense "by conserving oil in the lands already owned by the United States and purchasing oil-bearing land from others.'
"Congress has ample power under the Constitution to make appropriations for the purchase of oil-bearing lands," the witness continued, pointing out that the Constitution quite clearly and definitely gives Congress the power to lay and collect taxes for the purpose of providing for the common defense. "If Congress, in its good judgment, believes that the purchase of petroleum lands is necessary for "common defense", Mr. Blalock said, "it has the full power to appropriate for such purposes."
The bitter opposition of the petroleum industry itself to the Cole measure was shown in the testimony of George A. Hill Jr., President of the House Oil Co., first industry witness to testify before the House sub-committee holding hearings on the proposed control measure. Mr. Hill told the subcommittee that the Cole bill "must be considered as a part of a general program of reducing and submerging free initiative and independent enterprise into a general system of government regulated and managed economy."
In support of his contention, Mr. Hill pointed out that the Cole bill is not backed by either oil-producing States or the oil industry, that the Federal Government is now exercising its constitutional powers to support the Interstate Oil Compact Commission and that Federal regulation cannot be extended further without supplanting powers now exercised by the States.
"The legislation, when considered as a matter of Governmental policy cannot be, in my judgment, disassociated from the new coaception of the functions of the Federal Government advocated by that dehool of political thought that seeks to substitute a system of regimented industry and managed economy (accomplished through Government ownership and/or regulation and Government planning) for the American system of individual initiative and free competitive enterprise," Mr. Hill stated.
The backers of the Cole bill and the proponents of similar legislation" have not always been entirely frank in disclosing the part of this particular piece of legislation in the new social and economic program that is implicit in a Government regulated industry and a Government-managed and planned economy," he continued. Mr. Hill charged that the Cole
bill "is designed to substitute Federal Government control and regulation of petroleum for State regulation and control by the several States under the reserved powers of the States secured to them under the constitutional system of Government." Bills to bring industry under Federal control are "fashioned in the same politico-economic mold," he continued.
Robert E. Hardwicke, Fort Worth attorney and chairman of the Mineral Law Section of the American Bar Association, in tracing the development and operation of State conservation laws found that the Cole measure "did not come anywhere near being as good" as the present conservation laws of most of the oil producing States. He pointed out that any failure under the present setup was due to the human element, and asked "is there any guarantee that Federal officials would on the whole be of a higher type than present State officials?"
"The States and the oil industry have done a good job of eliminating waste of oil and gas," Mr. Hardwicke concluded. "The Federal Government in cooperation has rendered great assistance, which has been welcomed. Existing evils should be of great magnitude and it should clearly appear that the States and the industry cannot or will not apply known effective remedies, and that such can be applied by the Federal Government, before undertaking to change our traditional division of the Federal-State powers by making the Federal Government supreme in local matters."

With record production shown by Illinois, daily average output of crude oil during the week ended Feb. 17 climbed 29,850 barrels to a figure of $3,717,950$ barrels, according to the American Petroleum Institute. The daily average was approximately 180,000 barrels above the average daily market demand for February indicated in the regular monthly market demand forecast of the U. S. Bureau of Mines.
Breaking through the 400,000 -barrel level, Illinois production spurted 23,750 barrels to hit a daily average of 408,300 barrels. A gain of 4,650 barrels lifted the daily average production total for Texas to $1,361,200$ barrels. Oklahoma was up 3,400 barrels to a daily figure of 427,100 , Kansas up 2,050 to 176,700 barrels, and California up 1,400 barrels to a daily average of 622,800 barrels. Louisiana was the only major oil-producing State to show a loss, daily average production easing off 1,100 to 278,200 barrels daily.

March domestic demand for crude oil was estimated at a daily average of $3,500,000$ barrels daily in the regular monthly market forecast of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, a monthly total of $108,520,000$ barrels. The March ingure represented a jump of $4.5 \%$ over actual demand in the comparable 1939 period, but was 28,400 barrels under the market demand estimate for February. The report indicated that the disappoiating showing for March as compared with Febiuary was due to the record high holdings of gasolins.
A gain of 130,000 barrels in stocks of domestic and foreign crude oil scored during the week ended Feb. 10 lited the total to $239,510,000$ barrels, the Bureau of Mines reported. Domestic crude oil inventories showed a gain of 122,000 barrels, while stocks of foreign crude oils were up 8,000 barrels. Stocks of Caliiornia heavy crude oil, not included in the "re,inable" figures, were up 52,000 barrels to 13,250,000 barrels.

From Mexico City on Feb. 19 came a United Press dispatch reporting that:
"Mexico's dispute with the foreign oil companies can be settled only within the framework of the Mexican Constitution and the 1936 expropriation law, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ramon Beteta told United States foreign service officers who opened a 6-day conference here todav. The parley, presided over by Consul General James B. The parley, presided over by Consul Generalusames B. Stewart, was attended by Ambassador Josephus Danils, three officials from the State Department in Washington
and 19 consuls from all parts of Mexico."
In the foreign picture, the other highlight was the attempts oi the Rumanian Government to stay in the good graces of both the German Government and the Allies in the current dispute over shipments of Rumanian crude and refined petroleum to the ol starved Reich. At week-end, it appeared that the Allies had again scored a victory-diplomaticover the Reich in curtailig movements of Rumanian oil to German supply tanks.
There were no crude oil price changes.
Prices of Typical Crude per Barrel at Wells
(All gravittes wjere A. P. I. degrees are not shown)
Bradford, Pa

## Bradford Corning, Illinols

Western Kentucky
Mid-Cont't, Okla

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| :--- | :--- |
| Rusk, Texa |  |
| .05 | Darst Creek |
| .90 | Michigan cher |




REFINED PRODUCTS-GASOLINE STOCKS AT RECORD HIGHinventories rise nearly 2.5 Million barrels in
week-fuel oil demand eases-refinery opera-
TIONS GAIN-GASOLINE PRICES WEAKEN
Total stocks of approximately $94,000,000$ barrels of finished and unfinished gasoline held in the United States on Feb. 17 represented a new all-time high record inventory figure and also represented a headache for the industry that is likely to grow much worse before it gets better.
With five weeks to go before March 31, which traditionally marks the start of the heavy consumption period, it appears almost a certainty that stocks of finished and unfinished motor fuel will then be hovering around the $100,000,000-$ barrel level, if not actually in excess.

What that will mean to the market is problematical, oil men point out. It's problematical in that nobody at the present time can weigh just how severely this will hit the price structure. But it is certain that the price structure this spring will be under the severest pressure in the history of the industry.
Back of the unprecedented holdings of gasoline lies several factors. First and most important is the lack of control over refinery operations which saw the Nation's refineries spewing out gasoline at a rate far in excess of demand. Second is a collapse of the export market, which had been counted upon to rescue the industry from the dire threat of top-heavy stocks. And third, although certainly not the least important, was the sub-normal stocks of fuel oils which necessitated excessive refinery operations this winter to necessitated exc
With continued sub-normal export demand and domestic demand hit by the severe snow-storm which crippled auto travel in many sections of the country, stocks of gasoline were up 2,336,000 barrels during the week ended Feb. 17, according to the American Petroleum Institute. This placed total inventories at $93,985,000$ barrels, a new high.
The new record high compares with the previous peak of 92,320,000 barrels, set March 31, 1938. Current stocks are about $20,000,000$ barrels above what the industry's economists held a proper working level for this time of the year, are nearly $10,000,000$ barrels above the figule for the like period last year when stocks were top-heavy.
Despite the stormy weather during the Feb. 17 period, demand for fuel oils diminished somewhat due to the better "holdings" of consumers. Stocks of light and heavy oils showed a gain-first in many weeks - of 949,000 barrels. There was a net loss of 131,000 barrels in stocks of gas oil and distillates while residual fuel oils increased $1,080,000$ barrels.

Refinery operations showed sharp expansion during the period covered in the report issued by the American Petroleum Institute. The total at the close of the week was $83.6 \%$ of capacity, highest in some time, and representing a gain oi 2.9 points over the previous week. Daily average runs of crude oil to stills were up 110,000 barrels to $3,570,000$ barrels.

The United States Bureau of Mines estimated domestic market demand for gasoline during March at $45,100,000$ barrels, up 6 per cent from the actual demand in March last year of $42,520,000$ barrels. Export demand was set at 1939.

Gasoline prices throughout th, country continued to show easiness under the combined pressure of the record holdings and the storm curtailed demand. While there was no general break in prices, adjustments to meet local competitive conditions were in evidence. How much loager the major markets can maintain their present levals is a question that s of market interest to oil men.
Price changes, showing the trend of the major markets, Few.
Feb. 19-Independent distributors cut gasoline prices 1 cent a gallon in
Toledo, 0 , area. Toledo, O., area.
rea $1 / 2$ cent a gallon.
Feb. 23-A reduct
and Arkansas was post of $1 / 2$ cent a gallon in gasoline prices in Louisiana U. S. Gasoll posted by Standard of Louisiana

New York-

 Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tank Car, F.Q.B. Refinery
 Fuel Oil, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal
 Y. (Bayonne) Gas Oil, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal
 Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included
$z$ New York. $\ldots$. $166 \mid$ Butfalo. $\qquad$ $z$ Not including $2 \%$ city sales tax.

## Daily Average Crude Oil Production for Week Ended

 Feb. 17, 1940, Up 29,850 BarrelsThe American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude production for the week ended Feb. 17, 1940, was $3,529,000$ barrels. This was a rise of 29,850 barrels from the output of the previous week, and the current week's figures were above the $3,529,000$ 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 February. Daily average production for the four weeks ended Feb. 17, 1940, is estimated at $3,629,100$ barrels. The daily average output for the week ended Feb. 18, 1939, totaled 3,324,300 barrels. Further details, as reported by the Institute, follow:
United States ports for the week ended Feb. 17 toecte in bond at principal United States ports for the week ended Feb. 17 totaled $1,792,000$ barrels,
a daily average of 256,000 barrels, compared with a daily average of
200,857 barrels 2 20,857 barrels for the week ended Feb. 10 and 184,750 barrels daily for the four weeks ended Feb. 17.
There were no receipts of California oils at either the Atlantic or Gulf
Coast ports during the Coast ports during the week ended Feb. 17.
Reports received from refining companies owning $80.4 \%$ of the $4,441,000$ -
barrel estimated daily potential refining indicate that the industry as a whole ran to stills, on a Bureau of States basis, $3,570,000$ 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 $93,985,000$ barrels of finished and unfinished gasoline. The total amount of gasoline produced by all companies is estimated to have been $11,508,000$ barrels during the week.

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { a } \\ \text { B.or M. } \\ \text { Calcu. } \\ \text { lated } \\ \text { Requite } \\ \text { Renrs } \\ \text { mens. } \\ \text { (Feb.) } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { State } \\ \text { Alun- } \\ \text { ableses } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ \text { Fnded } \\ \text { Feb. } 17, \\ 1940 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Change } \\ \text { froon } \\ \text { Provous } \\ \text { Weeck } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Four } \\ \text { Weeks } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { Feb. 17, } \\ 1940 \text {; } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Week } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { Feb. 18, } \\ 1939 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oklahoma Kansas-Nebrask | $\begin{aligned} & 429,000 \\ & 155,500 \end{aligned}$ | 429,000 | $\begin{gathered} \hline \left.\begin{array}{l} \text { b427,100 } \\ \text { b176,700 } \\ b \end{array} \right\rvert\, \end{gathered}$ | $+3,400$ $+2,050$ | $\begin{array}{r} 418,500 \\ 175,200 \\ 50 \end{array}$ | 444,500 <br> 152,400 <br> .--2 |
| Panhandle Texas |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nest Central Texas.- |  |  | 100,000 32,300 | - + +100 | 90,500 | 79,500 |
| Weest Texas |  |  | 225,200 | ${ }_{+6,700}$ | - $\begin{array}{r}33,050 \\ 220\end{array}$ | 30,500 206350 |
| East Central Texas:- |  |  | 78,100 397 3 | ${ }^{-650}$ | 76,450 | 91,800 |
| Southwest Texas- |  |  | 397,300 223,800 | -2,700 | 396,600 212300 | ${ }_{342}^{372,400}$ |
| Coastal Texas |  |  | 233,700 | +1,050 | ${ }_{226,600}^{2120}$ | ${ }_{215,100}^{248,200}$ |
| Total | 1,371,400 | c1390 151 | 1,361,200 | +4,650 | 1,331,750 | 1,304,300 |
| North Louisiana Coastal Louls |  |  | $\begin{gathered} 68,650 \\ 209,550 \\ 209 \end{gathered}$ | $\overline{-}_{850}^{-250}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 68,900 \\ 206,700 \end{array}$ | $\frac{69,300}{}$ |
| Total Loulstana -. | 252,800 | 273,253 | 278,200 | -1,100 | 275,600 | 264,650 |
| Arkansas | $0,000$ | 70,000 | ${ }^{68,300}$ |  |  | 53,300 |
| Milinois.- |  |  | 408,300 | + $\begin{array}{r}+1,650 \\ +23,750\end{array}$ | 380,500 | 150,450 |
| Inciana- | 5,200 |  | b7,250 | +1,600 | 6,150 |  |
| and Indiana) | 103,700 |  | 96,600 | -2,400 | 95.200 | 96,700 |
| Myoming |  |  | 64,900 |  | 64,200 | 53,9 |
| Montana | 15,200 |  | -66.550 | -2,400 | -65,400 | 52,5 |
| Colorado- |  |  | 5,050 | ${ }_{-150}$ | 14,700 | ${ }^{12,900}$ |
| New Mexico------- | 100,300 | 113,000 | 111,200 | -2,000 | 106,650 | $\begin{array}{r} 3,850 \\ 101,850 \end{array}$ |
| Total east of Callif California | $\begin{aligned} & 2,943,100 \\ & 585,900 \end{aligned}$ | d594,000 | $\begin{array}{\|c} 3,095,150 \\ 622,800 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +28,4500 \\ +1,400 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline 3,015,740 \\ 613,350 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $2,691,400$ |
| Total United States 3 | 3,529;000 |  | 3,717,950 | +29,8 |  |  |

[^0]February. As Trequirements may be supplied elther from stocks, or from new pro-
duction, contemplated withdrawals from crude oll inventories must be deducted from the Bureau's estimated requirements to determine the amount of new erude to be produced.
7 a.m. Feb. 14. Kansas, Nebraska, Mississippi, Indiana, figures are for week ended c This is the o
taken into consideration allowances for new wells completed but to exclude ang taken into consideration allowances for new wells completed but to exclude any
provision for requested increases. It includes a net figure of 404,480 barrels for East Texas after deductions for 12 shutdown days, namely, all Saturdays, Sundays contlinued and net allowables set which represent actual permitted productisDevelopments subsequent to the issuance of the order, however, indicate that increases have been granted and modifications made. Further adjustments along
these Innes, as in the past, are Iikely with the original order d Recommendation of Central Committee original order being retained.
Note-The figures of Central Committee of California Oll Producers.
might have been surreptitlously produced. CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS AND PROD
(Figures in Thousands of Barrels of 42 Gallons Each)


* Estimated Bureau of Mines' basis, x February, 1939 dally average. Y This is average. $\quad \mathrm{z} 12 \%$ reporting capacity did not report gasoline production. STOCKS OF FINISHED AND UNFINISHED GASOLINE AND GAS AND
FUEL OIL, WEEK ENDED FEB. 17,1940 FUEL OIL, WEEK ENDED FEB. 17, 1940
(Figures in Thousands of Barrels of 42 Gallons Each)

| District | Stocks of Finished \& Unfinished Gasoline |  | Stocks of Gas Oll and Distillates |  | Stocks of Restdual Fuel Oil |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Finished } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Finished } \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Unfin'd } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { At } \\ \text { Refineries } \end{gathered}$ | At Terms. in Transi and in Pipe Lines | $\begin{aligned} & \text { At } \\ & \text { Refinertes } \end{aligned}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { At Terms. } \\ & \text { in TTansit } \\ & \text { and in } \\ & \text { Ptpe Lines }\end{aligned}\right.$ |
| East Coast | 18,327 | 19,227 | 2,654 | 4,805 | 3,718 | 4,180 |
| Appalachian | 3,447 | 3,855 | 232 | 163 | 598 |  |
| Ind., Ill., Ky | 14,847 | 15,468 | 2,439 | 311. | 2,571 | 35 |
| Inland Texas. | 1,744 | $\begin{array}{r}8,432 \\ 2,018 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 1,055 290 | 22 | 1,972 <br> 1,563 |  |
| Texas Gulf | 13,421 | 15,259 | 2,678 | $52 \overline{5}$ | 5,329 | 179 |
| Loulsiana Gulf | 2,660 | 3,172 | 584 | 19 | 920 | 241 |
| No. La. \& Arkansas | 561 | 705 | 210 | 19 | 434 |  |
| Rocky Mountain | 1,532 | 1,605 | 150 |  | 473 |  |
| California | 16,560 | 17,704 | 7,218 | 1,817 | 56,204 | 22,997 |
| Reported. Estd. unreported.- | $\begin{array}{r} 80,955 \\ 6,440 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 87,445 \\ 6,540 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17,510 \\ 685 \end{array}$ | 7,681 | $\begin{array}{r} 73,782 \\ 2,010 \end{array}$ | 27,632 |
| * Estd. total U. S.: Feb. 17, 1940... Feb. 10, 1940. | $\begin{aligned} & 87,395 \\ & 85,262 \end{aligned}$ | 93,985 91,649 | 18,195 18,653 | $\begin{aligned} & 7,681 \\ & 7,354 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 75,792 \\ 75,897 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27,632 \\ & 26,447 \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { U. S. B. of Mines } \\ \hline \text { Feb. 17, 1939 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 77,273 | 82,998 | 21,162 | $9,044$ | 82,496 | 31,565 |

* Estimated Bureau of Mines' basis.


## Weekly Coal Production Statistics

The Bituminous Coal Division of the United States Department of the Interior in its current weekly coal report stated that the total production of soft coal in the week ended Feb. 10 is estimated at $9,850,000$ net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this indicates a decrease of 340,000 tons, or $3.3 \%$. Production in the week in 1939 corresponding with that of Feb. 10 was estimated at $8,690,000$ tons.
ESTIMATED PRODUCTIO OF PENNNYLVANIA ANTHRACITE AND BEEHIVE COKE
(In Net Tons)

| Week Ended |  |  | Calendar Year to Date |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } 10, \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } 11, \\ { }_{1939}, \end{gathered}$ | 1940 | 1939 c | 1929 c |
| ${ }^{636,000}$ | ,048,000 | 1,106,000 |  |  |  |

## $\overline{\text { Penna. Anthracite- }}$ <br> tuel.a-…....ery

Daily average
Comm' production
Beehtve Coke-
United states total
Daily average

| Daily average .....- | 40,10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 6.68 |  |

$a$ Includes washery and dredye operations. E Excludes colliery fuel. cand ad austed to make comparable the number
of working days in EsTIMATED UNITED STAT
ESTIMATED UNITED STATES PRODUCTION OF SOFT COAL WITH
COMPARABLE DATA ON PRODUCTION OF CF (In Thousands of Net Tons)

|  | Week Ended |  |  | Coal Year to Date d |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. 10, } \\ 1940 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } 3, \\ & 1940 \mathrm{c} \end{aligned}$ | Febe 117 | 1939-40 | 1938-39 | 1929-30 |
| Bitumitrous Coal a- ${ }_{\text {a }}$ Total tincluding mine fuel |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dally ${ }^{\text {average }}$ - mine | $\begin{aligned} & 9,850 \\ & 1,642 \end{aligned}$ | 10,190 1,698 | $\begin{aligned} & 8,690 \\ & 1,448 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }_{1}^{342,797} 1$ |  | ${ }^{457,746}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1,168 | 1,729 |
|  |  |  |  | 250,976 | 236,451 | 198,756 |

 coal years.
The United States Bureau of Mines reported that a sharp eduction marked the production of Pennsylvania anthracite for the week ending Feb. 10. In comparison with the week of Feb 3 there was a loss of 412,000 tons; in comweek of Feb. amounted to 470,000 tons.
estimated weekly production of coal, by states
(In Thousands of Net Tons)
(The current weekly estimates are based on railroad carloadings and river shlpments and are subject to revision on receipt of monthly tonnage re,
and State sources or of tinal annual returns from the operators.)

| State | Week Ended |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Feb. } \\ \text { A } \begin{array}{c} \text { coe. } \end{array} \\ 1923 \mathbf{e} \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \begin{array}{c} F_{b j b}^{3} \\ 190 \end{array} \end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \operatorname{san} .27^{1940} \\ 190 \end{gathered}\right.$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{Feb} .4^{4} \\ 1939 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. }{ }^{5} \\ & 1938 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{Feb} .2} \\ 1929 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Alask | 335 |  |  | 教 |  | 409 |
| Alabama. | 335 130 | 129 | 49 |  | 180 |  |
| Arkansas | 207 | 234 | 147 | 5 | 310 | 31 |
| Georria and |  | 1,442 | 1,173 | 1,069 |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Indilineis }}$ | 481 | 464 | 376 | 382 | 455 |  |
| Iowa | ${ }^{96}$ | 9 | ${ }_{54}^{97}$ | 9 | 112 |  |
| Kansas | ${ }_{892}^{215}$ | 896 | ${ }_{679}$ | 184 | 981 |  |
| Kentucky | ${ }_{302}$ | 324 | 217 | 193 | 399 |  |
| Maryland |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Michigan. | 15 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 17 |  |
| Montana |  | 31 | 3 | 9 | 62 |  |
| North and South Dakota | 56 | 77 |  | 70 | 极 | 37 |
|  |  | ${ }_{2,137}^{483}$ | 1,747 | 1,592 | , 8 | 3,087 |
| Tenness | 153 | 136 | 105 | 108 | 115 |  |
| Texas | 18 | 8 | 17 |  |  |  |
| Utah-ia | 337 | ${ }^{98}$ | 270 | ${ }_{256}$ | 73 |  |
| Washing | 35 |  | 37 | 3 | 64 |  |
| West virginia | 1,920 | 1,940 | 1,377 | 1,459 | ${ }_{745} 035$ | . 127 |
| Northern_b |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wyoming---- |  | 3 |  | 15 | t5 | 17 |
| ota | 10,190 | ${ }_{1}^{10,320}$ | 8,138 | 7,709 1,180 | $\begin{array}{r} 11,889 \\ 1,655 \end{array}$ | $\xrightarrow{10,956} 1$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total, all coal.......-.......- | 11,238 | 11,705 | 346 | 889 | 13,544 | 12,858 |
| a Includes operations on the N and on the B. \& O, in Kanawh inoluding the Panhandle District cludes Arizona, California, Haho for entire month. 1 Alaska, Geo with "other Western States." |  | ne, ann M la and |  |  |  |  |

## Non-Ferrous Metals-Domestic Copper Raised to $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$.,

Valley, on Heavy Purchases-Lead also Active
"Metal and Mineral Markets," in its issue of Feb. 22, reported large purchases of copper by domestic consumers, mainly in anticipation of an expanding market for war materials this spring, caused the price to advance one-quarter cent during the last week. The call for lead was brisk, but producers did not disturb the quotation, even though the market appeared to be quite strong at times. Inquiry for zine improved. Tin sold in fair volume at slightly higher levels. The Cartel raised the import basis on quicksilver, but this move has not yet influenced the domestic market. The publication further stated:

## Copper

The combination of favorable January statistics, good export business, and anticipation of larger war orders should a spring drive in the European war materialize caused fabricators to come into the market for a large tonnage. The buying movement gained momentum on rumors of an advance in the price, and on Feb. 20, 76,264 tons were sold, establishing the domestic market before the close of the day at 111/2c., Valley, an adance of one-quarter cent. The bulk of the business was booked on Feb. 20 $111 / 4 \mathrm{c}$., but enough copper sold at $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. to influence our quotation sing On Feb. 21, the price held at $111 / 2 \mathrm{c}$., with the demand greatly dimisumed. Most of the buyng took place in the Apris outricted offering to March-April-May copper The buying did not estricted offerings to March-Apri-May copper. The buylor but there esult froming the fact improne war situation and its possible baring on the price structure Domestic sales for the week end Feb 20 amounted to 112.425 tons, bringing the total for the month to that date to 132875 tons
According to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, the mills shipped copper products during January that contained 74,000 tons of copper, which compares with 71,000 tons in December and 82,000 tons in November.
Export demand for copper was fairly active at times, with the call for the metal coming chiefly from European neutrals. Prices realized during the week ranged from 11.300 c ., c.i.f. Atlantic ports, to 11.700 c .

## Lead

Another good week was experienced by producers in the lead industry, with 15,767 tons being sold, against 12,632 tons in the previous week and 1,600 tons two weeks ago. Buying was well diversified. Good tonnages were taken by cable makers and battery manufacturers. Producers beleve the consume in the price of cher consumers entered the market to cover their nearby requirements.
Statistics for January were considered entirely satisfactory, despite the gain in stocks, the industry viewing the outlook optimistically. The price of lead remains firm at 5 c New York which was also the contract settling basis of the American Smelting \& Refining Co., and 4.85c., St. Louis.

## Zinc

Inquiry for the common grades of zinc improved during the last week but, with the steel rate lower and galvanizing slack, the buying did not involve large tonnages. Sales of the common grades for the last calendar week totaled 1,161 tons, against 1,855 tons in the previous week. Shipments to consumers in common zinc totaled 3,237 tons for the week, agains 3,733 tons in the preceding seven days. The backlog is now down to 30,70 tons, which is looked upon in the industry as a low figure under prevailing
conditions. The market was quotably unchanged on the basis st. Louis, for Prime Western, with the undertone steady to inm. Demand for high grade zi
Tin
Business in the domestic tin market improved during the last week, with transactions involving several round lots. Prices were bying here.
the firmer undertone in the London mar Tin Committee planned for Feb. 26 The meeting of is duction quota rate of $120 \%$.
duction March, 46.325 c .; April, 46.150 c .; May, June and July, 46.125 c .
March, 46.325 c., Apri, 4.1 Chinese tin, 99\% was nominal.; 19, 43.375c.; Feb. 20, 44.125c.; Feb. 21, 44.325 c .

|  | Electrolytic Copper |  | Stratts Tin | Lead |  | Zinc |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Dom..Refy. | Exp., Refy. | New York | New York | St. Louts | St. Louts |
| Feb. 15 | 11.025 | 11.350 | 45.125 | 5.00 | 4.85 485 | 5.50 |
| Feb. 16..... | 11.025 | 11.400 | 45.125 45.125 | 5.00 5.00 | 4.85 4.83 | 5.50 5.50 |
| Feb. 17-...- | ${ }_{11}^{11.025}$ | 11.425 11.450 | 45.125 45.375 | 5.00 5.00 | 4.83 4.85 | 5.50 |
| Feb. 19...-- | 11.025 11.050 | 11.450 11.450 | 45.75 46.125 | 5.00 | 4. 4.85 | 5.50 |
| Feb. 21. | 11.275 | 11.625 | 46.325 | 5.00 | 4.85 | 5.50 |
| Average | 11.071 | 11.450 | 45.533 | 5.00 | 4.85 | 5.50 | Average prices for calendar week ended Feb. 17 are: Domestic copper 1.o.b refinery, $11.0255 . ;$ export copper, f.o.b. refinery, 11.333c.; straits tin, 45.375 c. ;

New York lead, 5.000 c .; St. Louis lead, 4.850 c .; St. Louis zinc, 5.500 c .; and silver, New Yor
34.750 c . The above quotations are "M. \& M. M.'s'" appralsal of the major United States markets, based on sales reported by producers and agencies. They ants per pound the basis of cash, New York or st. Lous, as ased on sales for both prompt and futur deliveries; tin quotations are for prompt delivery only
In the trade, domestle copper prices are quoted on a delivered basis; that is, de livered at consumers' plants. As dellvery charges vary with the destination, the ilgures in Wuaber prices in Now England average 0.225 c . per pound above the refinery basis. Export quotations for copper are reduced to net at war, most sellers are restricting board. On forelgn business, owing to the European war, most sellers are restre reflec offerings to 1.a.s. transactions, doinar
this change in method of doing business. A total of 0.05 c . is de
basis (lighterage, \&c.) to arrive at the f.o.b. refinery quotation
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: Feb. 15, spot, £2411/4, prices given, however, are as 16 , spot, £240 $3 / 4$, three months three months, $1241 / 2$ Feb. 19 , spot, £242, three months, £242; Feb. 20, £2401/2; Feb. 19, spot, £242, three monthe $1 / 4$; and Feb. 21, spot spot, $£ 2441 / 2$, three months,
$£ 2461 / 2$, three months, $£ 2461 / 4$.

## January Tin Exports from Thailand and Congo

During January a total of 1,377 long tons of tin was exported from Thailand (formerly Siam) and 145 long tons (provisional) from The Congo, according to a cable received on Feb. 20 by the American Iron and Steel Institute from the Statistical Office of the International Tin Research and Development Council, The Hague, Holland. The exports Malare and Netherlands East Indies were given in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1058.

## Steel Ingot Production Declining at a Slower Rate-

 At 67 \% This WeekThe "Iron Age" in its issue of Feb. 22 reported that although steel ingot production continues to decline, the drops are becoming less precipitous, indicating, perhaps, that a leveling off process may come within the next few weeks. This week's decline is only one-and-a-half points to $67 \%$, which is a few points above the rate of operations that prevailed in August last just before the outbreak of the European war. The "Iron Age" further reported:
In some districts, notably Cleveland, Buffalo, Birmingham and Southern Ohio, there has been no further decline this week, but operations are lower in the Pittsburgh, Chicago, Youngstown, Eastern Pennsylvania, St. Louis and Detroit districts
There have been relatively few outright cancellations of tonnage on mill books, but deferred shipments have been requested in quite a number of nstances. Meanwhile, new business is not showing gains. A capacity, aggregate volume of incoming that good.
Most of the current orders are fill-in lots which are individually small. With prices stable and deliveries from the mills fairly prompt, steel users see no occasion to pursue other than a hand-to-mouth buying policy.
The hopes of the steel industry for a reversal of the downward trend are based primarily on preparations for the outdoor activity of spring and on export trade. Foreign orders have been in good volume and will, it is expected, be greatly stimulated if the war in Europe assumes a more active phase, but buying for spring activities, which usually manifests itself by this month, has not appeared in noticeable volume, having been delaye by unfavorable weather in some areas.
A possible harbinger of spring is a better showing in fabricated structura steel. Awards of 21,700 tons and inquiries for 34,700 tons are above the average of recent weeks. While public work still accounts for a good deal of the tonnage, private projects that have been arded 480 tons for a for a rear axle plant for the Buick Motor Car Co., a the inquiries of size building for the Bell Telephone Laboratories. Among the York and 10,000 are 13,000 tons for an elevated highway in Queens, New Y.
tons for Long Island RR. grade crossing elimsidering purchases of freight While the railroads are repor it not believed that action will be take cars totaling 50,000 to 60,00 , it inst contracts placed last fall, and this until deliveries are the year or later. Current orders ar may not come 10 ers ordered by the Nickel Plate and relatively small four loch current car-building programs by April at the shippe
Automobile assemblies continue at a high rate for winter. Favorable
belief that there will be no sharp falling off notwithstanding the large stocks of finished cars that have been built up.
Can manufacture, although coming into its most active season, is drawing partiy on stocks of tin plate; consequently tin plate production has declined 6 \% exactly equal to the ingot rate
The rush to turn out airplanes has brought further large buying of 000 and With may reach $\$ 1,000,000$
With the exception of reinforcing bars, on which price concessions have been generally recognized, the price situation presents no marked elements caused mainis by companies point to increased costs over the past year, arguments against addional taxation and wage and hour legislation, as has been made by wire quotations. A change in method of quoting prices barbless wire on a mosis similar to that uced barbed wire and twisted The trend of scrap prices is still that used in quoting fence Chicago and Philadelphia have brought a decline of 29 cents in thourgh, Age" scrap composite price to $\$ 1671$, or approximately the 1939, which was the first week of the sharp rise that followed the outbrea of war.

THE "IRON AGE" COMPOSITE PRICES
Finished Steel
Feb. 20, 1940, 2.261c. a Lb. $\quad$ Finished Steel . $\begin{gathered}\text { Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, } \\ \text { wire rails, black ple, sheets, and hot }\end{gathered}$
 One year ago.............................................. $85 \%$ of the United States output.


Pig Iron
Feb. 20, 1940, $\$ 22.61$ a Gross Ton $\quad$ Based on average for basic iron at Valley One week ago
One month ago
O One year ago


| Low |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$20.61 | Sept. 12 |
| 19.61 | July 6 |
| 20.25 | Feb. 16 |
| 18.73 | Aug. 11 |
| 17.83 | May 14 |
| 16.90 | Jan. 27 |
| 13.56 | Jan. 3 |
| 13.56 | Dec. |

Feb. 20, 1940, $\$ 16.71$ a Gross Ton $\$$ (Based on No. 1 heavy melting steel One week ago..-



The American Iron and Steel Institute on Feb. 19 announced that telegraphic reports which it had reeeived indicated that operating rate of steel companies having $97 \%$ of the steel capacity of the industry will be $67.1 \%$ of capacity for the week beginning Feb. 19, compared with $68.8 \%$ one week ago, $82.2 \%$ one month ago, and $53.7 \%$ one year ago. This represents a decrease of 1.7 points, or $2.5 \%$,
from the estimate for the week ended Feb. 12, 1940. Weekly from the estimate for the week ended Feb. 12, 1940. Weekly
indicated rates of steel operations since Feb. 6,1939 , follow:

"Steel" of Cleveland, in its summary of the iron and steel markets, on Feb. 19, stated:
Steel markets continue to follow the pattern of recent weeks. Buying is unchanged or lighter, and backlogs and shipments still tend downward. Steel making is receding less rapidly, the National average last week being off two points to $69 \%$. This compares with $55 \%$ a year ago. Ingot production remains in excess of new business, consequently a further adjustment between supply and demand is indicated.

Individual orders for most products are small. Circumstances sur rounding mill deliveries and prices encourage buying for only early needs, with purchases also restricted by tonnage in consumer's inventories and due against previous commitments. Cancellations of old orders have been relatively few, although in some cases buyers are requesting postponement of shipments
It is still problematical how soon depletion of mill backlogs and absorption of consumers' excess stocks will result in more active buying, since some uncertainty is attached to the probable course of consumption the next 90 days.
Seasonal betterment in operations of the automotive and building industries with the approach of spring is probable. Brisk activity in shipbuilding and in production of machine tools, aircraft and certain types of armament appears assured, while relatively good export demand for iron and steel products apparently will continue so long as existing European conditions prevail. Farm equipment builders anticipate active business in tractors and implements
additional buying will be equipment steadily are being worked off, and additional buying will be necessary by spring to maintain recent heavy shipments of freight car material. No significant inquiries currently are pending although some are contemplated.
Recent shrinkage in automobile assemblies moderated last week, total extended the margin over production a 930 from the week before. This reduction was accounted for largely by General Motors Corp.
Steel awards for heavy engineering construction have Corp.
by several large orders in the far West. Placements include 10 sharply for the Pit River Bridge, California, 11,857 tons for dry docks at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, 6,398 tons for a Los Angeles dam, and 2,800 tons for a Bell Telephone Laboraties, Inc., building in New Jersey. A grade crossing elimination program at Rockaway, N. Y., will take 25,000 tons of structurals. Adverse weather continues to hamper building work in some sections.
Export business is well sustained. In view of the slackening in domestic orders this quarter, foreign buying represents a larger portion of total tonnage than was true last quarter, when it was about $10 \%$ of total volume. No serious debts have appeared in the steel price structure. Producers are encouraged by maintenance of base quotations on recent automotive purchases, since concessions in the past frequently have had their origin in motor car centers. The finished steel price composite of $\$ 56.10$ compares with $\$ 56.50$ a year ago.
Scrap prices continue weak, despite recent heavy snowstorms in Eastern States, which interfered with collection and preparation of old material. 29 cents to $\$ 1679$. This is districts brought the scrap composite down from the $\$ 5.37$ rom the peak last October
Tin plate production is off five points to $60 \%$, and releases also have moderated. Export business in tin plate is improving, with foreign orders till carrying a differential over domestic prices.
Ads in steel making Foundry reguirut down as a result of curtailed needs in steel making. Fare fairly steady, the melt coke also are sustained.
Shipbuilding continues an important outlet for plates and other steel products. About $\mathbf{2 4 , 0 0 0}$ tons will be required for two ocean liners pending for the Maritime Commission.
Steel making schedules vary widely among different districts. For example, last week Birmingham was unchanged at $90 \%$ and Detroit declined one point to $92 \%$, while Youngstown was off one point to $43 \%$. Sharpest decline was six points to $68 \frac{1}{2} \%$ at Chicago. Other reductions included three points to 66 at Pittsburgh, $31 / 2$ points to $661 / 2$ at Cleveland, and two points to 68 at St. Louis. Buffalo advanced $91 / 2$ points to 70 . Unchanged areas were eastern Pennsylvania at 68, Wheeling at 86, New England at 63, and Cincinnati at 61 .
Steel ingot production for the week ended Feb. 19, is placed at $681 / 2 \%$ of capacity, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 23. This compares with $72 \%$ in the previous week and $761 / 2 \%$ two weeks ago. The "Journal" further stated:
U. S. Steel is estimated at $66 \%$, against $691 / 2 \%$ in the week before and $\mathbf{7 6 \%}$ two weeks ago. Leading independents are credited with $71 \%$, compared with $741 / 2 \%$ in the preceding week and $77 \%$ 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:

| 1940 |
| :---: |
| 1939 |
| 1938 |
| 1937 |
| 1936 |
| 1935. |
| 1934. |
| 1933 |
| 1932. |
| 1931. |
| 1930.. |
| 1929.. |
| 1928. |
| 1927. |


| U. S. Steel |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 66 | $-31 / 2$ |
| $511 / 2$ | $-21 / 2$ |
| 26 | +3 |
| 82 | +3 |
| 48 | $\pm 1 / 2$ |
| 46 | +4 |
| 12 |  |
| $151 / 2$ | $-1 / 2$ |
| $253 / 2$ | +1 |
| $531 / 2$ |  |
| 91 | +1 |
| 90 | +3 |
| 94 |  |

Independents



## Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks During the week ended Feb. 21 member bank reserve balances increased $\$ 90,000,000$. Additions to member bank reserves arose from decreases of $\$ 27,000,000$ in Treasury cash, $\$ 46,000,000$ in Treasury deposits with Federal Reserve banks, and $\$ 18,000,000$ in nonmember deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts, and an increase of $\$ 45,000,000$ in gold stock, offset in part by a decrease of $\$ 7,000,000$ in Reserve bank credit and an increase of $\$ 39,000,000$ in money in circulation. Excess reserves of member banks on Feb. 21 in circulation. Excess reserves of member banks on Feb. 21
were estimated to be approximately $\$ 5,630,000,000$, an increase of $\$ 50,000,000$ for the week.
The statement in full for the week ended Feb. 21 will be founded on pages 1234 and 1235.

Changes in member bank reserve balances and related items during the week and the year ended Feb. 21, 1940, were as follows:

|  |  | Increase ( | $\text { or Decrease }(-)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. 21, 1940 | Feb. 14, 1940 | Feb. 21, 1939 |
|  | \$ | 5 | - |
| Bills discounted | 6,000,000 | -1,000,000 | +2,000,000 |
| Bils bought.--7-7iles, direct and -------------1,000,000 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \$ 9,000,000 \text { committ'ts-Feb. 21). } \\ & \text { Other reserve bank credits } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10,000,000 \\ & 30,000,000 \end{aligned}$ | ,000 | -5,000,000 $22,000,000$ |
| Total Reserve bank credit....... 2,523,000,000 -7,000,000 - $69,000,000$ |  |  |  |
| Gold sto | 8,108,000,000 | +45,000,000 | 90,000,000 |
| Treasury currency. | 2,977,000,000 |  | +156,000,000 |



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 WEEELY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS


## 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 Feb. 14 :
The condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities shows the following principal changes for the week ended Feb. 14: Decreases of $\$ 21,000,000$ in holdings of Treasury bills and $\$ 31,000,000$ in
Government bonds, Government bonds, on increase of $\$ 40,000,000$ in "other securities," a
decrease of $\$ \$ 6,000,000$ in demand deposits-adusted, and an increase of
$\$ 69,000,000$ in deposits credited to domestic banks.
$\$ 69,000,000$ in deposits credited to domestic banks.
Commercial, industrial and agricultural loans declined $\$ 5,000,000$ as a result principally of decreases of $\$ 4,000,000$ in New York City and $\$ 6,000,000$ each in the Chicago and Dallas districts, ofiset in part by increases of $\$ 4,000,000$ and $\$ 3,000,000$, respectively, in the Philadelphia and Cleveland districts. Other classes of loans showed little change for the weck.

Hoidings of United States Treasury bills declined $\$ 15,000,000$ in New York City, $\$ 10,000,000$ in the Chicago district, and $\$ 21,000,000$ at all reporting member banks. Holdings of United States Government bonds decined $\$ 29,000,000$ in New York City and $\$ 31,00,00$ at all reporting member banks. Holdings of obligations guaranteed by the United States Government increased $\$ 14,000,000$ in New York City and $\$ 9,000,000$ at
all reporting member banks. Holdings of "other securities" increased $\$ 29,000,000$ in New York City and $\$ 40,000,000$ at all reporting member banks.

Demand deposits-adjusted declined $\$ 60,000,000$ in New York City, $\$ 23,000,000$ in the Philadelphia district, $\$ 17,000,000$ in the Chicago district, $\$ 13,000,000$ in the Cleveland district and $\$ 46,000,000$ at all reporting member banks, and increased $\$ 12,000,000$ in the Kansas City district and $\$ 10,000,000$ each in the Boston and St. Louis districts.
Deposits credited to domestic banks declined $\$ 19,000,000$ in New York City, and increased $\$ 32,000,000$ in the Chicago district, $\$ 15,000,000$ in the San Francisco district, $\$ 12,000,000$ in the Cleveland district and $\$ 69,000,000$ at all reporting member banks. Deposits credited to foreign banks increased $\$ 18,000,000$ in New York City.
A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of reparting member banks, together with changes for the week and the year ended Feb. 14, 1940, follows:

|  |  | Increase | Decrease ( - ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets | $\text { Feb. 14, } 1940$ | $\text { 7, } 194$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Real estate loans |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Loans to banks | 54,000,000 |  |  |
| Other loans | 49,000,000 | +5,000,000 | +10,000,000 |




$+9,000,000$
$+40,000,000$
$\begin{array}{r}+9,000000 \\ +43,000,000 \\ +33,000,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$+33,000,000$
$+19,000000$
$+445,000,000$
$+1855.000,000$ $\begin{array}{r}+45,000,00 \\ +3,043,000,000 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $+3,04,000,000$
$+5750,000,000$
$+58,000$, $\begin{array}{rr}-46,000,000 \\ & +3,111,000,000 \\ & +4,000,000 \\ & +2,000,000 \\ & -58,000,000\end{array}$ $+69,000,000$
$+19,000,000$ $\begin{array}{r}+1,903,000,000 \\ +213,000,000\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{rr}+19,000,000 & +213,000,000 \\ +1,000,000\end{array}$

Japanese Spokesman Indicates No Additional Steps Toward Trade Treaty with United States Are Planned at This Time-Senate Foreign Relations Committee Divided on Question of Export Embargo Yakichiro Suma, spokesman for the Japanese Foreign Office, indicated on Fen. 19 that his Government will not raise further trade treaty questions with the United States at the present time. Meanwhile he intimated that the Japanese Government will seek to lay the foundation for a renewal of the question at some future time by the disposal of grievances.

Abrogation of th 3 United States-Japanese trade agreement was referred to in our issue of Feb. 3, page 761. A Tokyo dispatch of Feb. 19 to the New York "Times" quoted the Foreign Office spokesman in part as follows:
Mr. Suma announced that he would publish tomorrow a list of Amerjcan cases that had already been settled. He also repeated that the Yangtze River would be reopened when preparations were complete.
"We regard our relations with the United States as very important and are making every effort to keep them cordial and friendly," he declared. "We have done our best and are sorry that our efforts have not been reciprocated. We desire to see Japanese-American friendship firmly secured on a treaty basis and hope to renew treaty relations as soon as possible.
He gave this description of the new Cabinet's policy toward America at a press conference today. It was an impromptu statement made in answer to questions aimed at ascertaining whether press articles suggesting that Japan should cease making efforts to regain American friendship accurately refelected the Government's views.
Mr . Suma considered that those articles were the natural outcome of the treatyless situation and would continue as long as dark clouds like the embargo proposals, China loan proposals and Guam forlifcation schemes overhung Japanese-American relations. To stopisuch specilations
"Wapanese Government wished to see the li and put all our cards on the State Department's table" he concluded. "Everything we could have done has been done."
Meanwhile, on Feb. 18, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in Washington indicated that there was marked disagreement on the question of imposing embargoes on exports to Japan. Associated Press Wasnington advices of Feb. 18 said:
The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is so evenly split on the question of imposing embargoes on exports to Japan that a word from Secretary of State Cordell Hull probably would decide the issue either way.
This became apparent today when an informal poll of the Committee's 23 members showed seven opposed to two pending embargo proposals seven qualifiedly in favor and six undecided. Three were unrecorded.
Of the six who said they had not made up their minds, four indicated they would be swayed by Secretary Hull's views, as yet not made public. One who declined to comment on his stand, Senator Theodore F. Green of Rhode Island, consistently has sup
tion considered by the Committee. Wednesday two pending embargo proposals. One by Chairman Key Pittman of Nevada would empower the President to restrict exports of war materials, including iron, steel, oil, gasoline and scrap metal, to Japan because of alleged violation of American rights in China.
The other, by Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Washington would impose embargoes on the ground that Japan had violated the Nine-power treaty in which the signatories pledged respect for the territorial integrity of China.

Senator Pittman, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Com mittee, said on Feb. 18 tnat the United States should take steps in retaliation against any foreign power that fails to heed protests against violation of rights. We quote further from a Washington dispatch oí Feb. 18 to the Philadelphia "Inquirer":
Mr. Pittman, in a radio debate on foreign relations, said "the law of retaliation and reprisal has existed since the beginning of time and does now exist.'
He observed that because the United States has indicated an unwillingnes cause belliges to fight, it did not mean it would do nothing
"We have provided for retaliation in our tariff acts against government who discriminate against our citizens," he asserted. "We have the powe of retaliation against every country in the world
Citing British interference with Americans mails and Japanese violations of American rights in China as specific instances illustrating his point Mr. Pittman, who has consistently advocated an embargo on exports to Japan, declared the United States sound in its protests.
Senator Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.), taking the position that the United States should not apply economic or any other kinds of pressure until careful consideration had been given the move, said:

We can be firm and yet kind. "We can take a position for principle and yet be friendly, and, more than anything else, we can manifest an under affairs, especially when other nations are wounded."

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## City of Flint Returns to United States After 116-Day

 Voyage-Vessel Had Been Seized by German Prize of Marine Buain Commended by ${ }_{4}$ Commander FieldThe American freighter City of Flint, which figured in the international news last October when the ship was seized by a German prize crew, arrived in Baltimore Jan. 28 at the end of a 116 -day voyage. The ship, which sailed from New York Oct. 3 en route to England, was captured by the German pocket battleship Deutschland and a German prize crew put aboard. After a sojourn at the Russian ice-free Arctic port of Murmansk, the ship finally was freed on Nov. 3 by the Norwegian Government, which ruled the Germans had stomped illegally in a neutral port.
In declining to give consideration to complaints against Captain Joseph A. Gainard, master of the City of Flint, Commander R. S. Field, Director of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation of the Department of Commerce was reported on Feb. 16 as saying:
The fact that the vessel and its crew returned safely to the United States is the best possible evidence that Captain Gainard, in spite United difficulties encountered, took a proper course and did a good job.
It is apparent that Captain Gainard performed bis duties throughout the whole affair, with wisdom, patience and forbearance. His actions as
master of the vessel while in Norwegian and Russian master of the vessel while in Norwegian and Russian ports were, as far
as the situation in those countries permitted, under the as the situation in those countries permitted, under the observation of
the officials of the United States Foreign Service. No criticisin of his conduct has keen heard from the Stare Department, and on oriticisu of his the American Minister to Norway has commented with high favor on the manner in which he conducted himself and his affairs.
Commander Field also said:
I could not possibly give serious attention to statements made by a
mess boy and a cook to the mess boy and a cook to the effect that they were not satisfied with the
way the captain haniled his job cioes not justify the institution. The evidence which you have submitted bureau.

According to Associated Press advices from Washington, Feb. 16, the complaints were filed by the National Maritime Tnion. The Associated Press added:
The complaints alleged that, after a German prize crew took possession
of the American vessel last October, Captain Gainard of the American vessel last October, Captain Gainard failed to conmuni-
cate with the Anerican consul at Tromsoe Gainard failed to sail from Muimansk, Russia, when the Germans temporarily left the ship.
Reference to the release of the ship to the American crew was made in these columns of Nov. 11, page 3048.

## Foreign Exchange Regulations in Great Britain Com

piled by Bank for International Settlements The Bank for International Settlements, Basle, Switzerland (Monetary and Economic Department) has just published, in a handy form, a collection of the oificial texts of foreign exchange regulations at present in force in Great Britain. The pamphlet includes the Defence (Finance) Regulations, the Currency Restrictions Exemption Orders, Seculities Restrictions Orders, lists of currencies and of authorized dealers, as well as the most important Rules of Application contained in notices and circulars issued by the Bank of England, \&c.
This compilation is the second of a series (one for France having already appeared) which the Bank intends to publish Issuance of the French regulations in European countries. Issuance of the French regulations was noted in our issue
of Feb. 17, page 1079 .

Governor Towers of Bank of Canada Warns Against
Over-Expansion of Production Over-Expansion of Production for War Purposes OSays in Annual Report That This Would Impair Output of Goods and Services for Other Purposes more than the production of all kinds can be physically more than the production of all kinds can be physically increased it must encroach upon the volume of goods and G. F. Towers, Governor of the available for other purposes, G. F. Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, said in his annual report on Feb. 10 to the Minister of Finance J. L. Ralston. Mr. Towers asserted that "to the extent that Government expenditure is not financed by taxes or loans which correspondingly reduce private expenditure, it is necessarily financed by an increase in the effective money sopply." This latter method beyond a certain point, he continued, "curtails real private expenditure in terms of goods and services just as surely as if private spending had been reduced directly by tax or loan. It does so by means of an inflationary rise in prices." Mr. Towers added:
Recollecting the effect of developments of this character during and doing everything possible to avoid a repetition of inflation intention of present struggle. The success of such an effort in of inflation during the made will, no doubt, largely depend upon the degree of country where it is ing and acceptance of the fact that the direct form of sacrifice is equitable, and in the long run less costly, than any other method of deaing with the financial problems of a war.

Commenting on Canada's balance of payments in 1939, Governor Towers said:
Preliminary calculations of Canada's balance of international payments in 1939, made by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, indicate that the net surplus on current account was appreciably greater than the revised 1938 figure of $\$ 189,000,000$. Exports of merchandise other than gold rose by $\$ 65,000,000$ increase in imports left the favorable trade balance about $\$ 65,000,000$ increase in imports left the favorable trade balance about
$\$ \$ 5,000,000$ greater than in 1938, and our net receipts on tourist account
showed little change. On the other hand it is estimated that net interest and dividend payments to non-residents were slightly higher, and that net
payments on account of freight and other service payments on account of freight and other service items also rose.
During the first part of the year it
total current account position would be shown, for the whole of the net rer in imports took place in the last four months. The small increase in net interest and divid
been mentioned above, deserves further commend payments, which has repatriation, net interest payments to non-residents followed the trend of recent years, and recorded a further decline. This is after allowing for the effect of the premium on United States funds in the latter part of the year, as all items in the balance of payments are expressed in terms of Canadian dollars. The increase in net dividend payments to non-residents which has taken place since the depth of the depression has, of course, been closely associated with, and in its effect upon the balance of payments
offset by, expanding mineral exports. offset by, expanding mineral exports.

British Treasury Taking Over Holdings of Its Na-
tionals in American Securities-T. J. C. Gifford to tionals in American Securities-T. J. C. Gifford to
Represent Great Britain in United States in Sale Represent Great Britain in United States in Sale
of Securities of Securities
Announcement was made by the British Treasury on Feb. 18 that it was taking over private British holdings in 60 United States securities. United Press advices from London on Feb. 18 in reporting the action said:
The Treasury announcement recalled that British-owned Amerlcan war and were registered with the Bank of England at the outbreak of the war and said "the next step, now taken, is to vest a certain number of United
States dollar securities in His States dollar securities in His Majesty's Treasury." Others may be vested
later, it was said. "The puaid
"The purpose of such vestings," the Treasury explained, "is to insure that realization of securities in American markets shall be orderly and that the total volume of sale from the United Kingdom, including both vested the average volume of recent months a period of time continue at about The vesting order, effective months.'
market value, instructs holders to deliver with prices fixed on Saturday's Payment will be made March to deliver securities to the Bank of England Feb. 23. will be made March 4, if securities are received not later than The announcement said the seven days of delivery.
the order was "expedient dom."

According to the same advices the move was apparently designed to preserve Britain's "overseas income," which amounts annually to millions of dollars from securities which private holders might otherwise sell for small profit. It was further stated:
The Treasury's action was similar to that in the World War, when it bought and borrowed British-held United States stocks and on them borrowed for munitions and general prosecution of the war.
It was estimated that at the outbreak of the present war British investments in the United States totaled $£ 200,000,000$.
In the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 19 it was stated:
While the purpose of the British Government in taking over English holdings of dollar stocks is to sell the securities here in order to finance war imports, stress was laid upon the statement in the announcement that sales in the future would hold to the average shown in recent months. Whille British selling totaled more than $\$ 1,000.000$ daily in the earlier period of the war, it has been almost negligible in the more recent past.
considerable part of in banking quarters that since the British pay for a considerable part of their imports with continued exports and since its gold and dollar balances are ample, there is no need for active selling of securities. Incentive also is lacking, it is held, since the interest of the British will be to
realize high prices. T. prices
T. J. Carlyle Gifford acting as the respresentative of the British Treasury will market in the United States the dollar securities to be requisitioned by the British Government, as to which the "Journal of Commerce" of Feb. 21 said in part:
Temporarily making his offices at J. P. Morgan Co. because he has long been acquainted with the firm, Mr. Gifford will open an office of his own
shortly shortly.
As the
As the Chairman of the Scottish Investment Trust Co., Ltd., of Edinburg, $35 \%$ of whose portfolio is invested in American securities, Mr. Gifford
has been a frequent visitor to and is well known in Wall Street. the United States in November to sound out the attitudes of the authorities and financial interests as to later British securities sales. He then returned to England and arrives here again Jan. 24. Since his arrival, Mr. Gifford has fully acquainted the Treasury Department in Washington with his plans and has visited some of the financial concerns through which the stocks presumably will be sold later.
From the make-up of the list of stocks to be taken over and sold by would be the primary vehicle for the that the over-the-counter market Mr. Gifford is not yet ready to consider detailed methods for the distribution of any of the stocks on the lists. As the securities actually are ready for distribution, decision will be made, after study of the market upon the means to be employed.
At the moment, it was learned, Mr. Gifford is not making any arrange-
ments with dealers or others for the sales of stocks this must a wait the ments with dealers or others for the sales of stocks; this must a wait the
actual requisitioning of stock by the Treasury. It is understood that for actual requisitioning of stock by the Treasury. It is understood that for
the time being the amounts to be available for sale are not being disclosed.
It was pointed out in a London cablegram Feb. 19 to the New York "Times" that while the British Treasury's order requisitioning certain United States securities theoretically applies to all residents of the United Kingdom, it was learned on that day that Joseph P. Kennedy, United States Ambassador has succeeded in getting exemption for all citizens of the "Tnited States now living here. In part the cablegram to the "Times" continued:
Under defense finance regulations of Aug. 25 and Sept. 3, 1939, all residents here were instructed to list their United States securities with the Bank of England. At the same time they were advised that the Treasury reserved the right to requisition these securities at a later date.
Mr. Kennedy went to the Treasury and declared such a rule unfair to United states citizens who were working and living in this country. He

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pointed out"that̄therrulezwould force many Americans to give up their investments.
After much discussion it was decided that any American who had been in this country seven years or less should be exempt from any requisitioning order and later, alter furtar con to Treasury amendedionality.
This exemption was granted to citizens of the United States in the form of a note from the Treasury which read in part as follows:
"When requisitioning orders are made, exemption will be granted to securities which are shown to the satisfaction of the Treasury to have besecurid on Aug. 26,1939 , to individuals resident in the United Kingdom who are American nationals and do not possess British nationality. The
Treasury would, however, always be glad to consider offers for sale from Ameasury would, however, always ne nationals on a voluntary basis."

The same note, while insisting that all American nationals here must offer gold to the Treasury, also exempted citizens of the United States from turning in dollars and other foreign exchange herd before Sept. 3, 1939
Another communication from the Treasury to the United States Govern ment further relaxed the finance regulations to permit United States citizens here to buy and sell securities. This new regulation read as follow "His Majesty's Treasury have no objection exemption the selling of securities in respect of wren reinvesting in other securities.
finance regulations and reinvesting in other securities. Majesty's Treasury also is prepared to agree that foreign nationals resident called upon to surrender income accruing to them by way of interest or dividends on exempted securities nor in consect
they purchase instead of their original holding.

Colombia to Pay Interest on Coupons Maturing in 1940 on Its $6 \%$ External Gold Bonds Due in 1961 -Statement by Foreign Bondholders Council
The Republic of Colombia, through its Ambassador at Washington, Gabriel Turbay, announced on Feb. 19 that it will pay interest represented by coupons maturing in 1940 on its $6 \%$ external sinking fund gold bonds due Jan. 1, 1961 and its $6 \%$ external sinking fund gold bonds of 1928 due Oct. 1, 1961 at the rate of $3 \%$ per annum in United States currency. The Republic is also announcing that it will set aside for application this year the sum of $\$ 400,000$ for purchase of bonds of these issues for retirement. It was further stated:

Interest payments, which are the result of negotiations between the Republic and the Foreign Bondholders Protective Council, Inc., will start with the payment immediately of the coupon which matured Jan. 1, 1940 and subsequent 1940 coupons will be paid on their maturity dates. Inter est paymen York, or Kidder, Peabody \& Co., 17 Wall Street, New York, as agents for the Republic.

In commenting on the offer the Foreign Bondholders Pro tective Council on Feb. 19 issued a statement, which follows in part:
Under the agreement with the Paying Agents the Republic of Colombia noposes that it will promptly present for cancellation and retirement $\$ 5,997,500$ principal amount of these bonds held by the Republic. This will leave outstanding $\$ 45,226,000$ principal amount of bonds.
Under the terms of the agreement with the Paying Agents the funds for the payment of the coupons falling due in 1940 will remain on deposit with the Agents of the Republic for five years after the payment date of the 1940 coupons for which such sums are held, Thereafter these funds may be returned to the Republic at its request and bondholders must then apply for payment to the Colombian Government in Bogota.
The Council would point out that this offer is for one year only during which time the Council will continue negotiations in the hope that they may result in an offer of a permanent settlement which the Council may be able to recommend to the hondholders as fair and equitable. The Council feels that the present resumption of payment on a temporary basis is a step in the right direction and the bondholders
interest to take the amount offered for this year.
The Council fully shares the great disappointment of the holders of Colombian bonds, Dertment, Municipal and bank, that their rights and Colombian bonds, Departmental, Municipal and bank, that their rights and
necessities have not yet been given the consideration which they require necessities have not yet been given the consideration which they require
and deserve. The Council will do everything it properly may to induce and deserve. The Council will do everything it properly may to induce the appropriate Colombian authorities at long last to make fair and just and bank bonds will be included at the time of future offers.

## New York Stock Exchange Rules on Republic of

 Colombia 6\% Gold BondsThe following ruling on the Republic of Colombia $6 \%$ external sinking fund gold bonds, due Jan. 1, 1961, was issued by the Committee on Floor Procedure of the New Fork Stock Exchange on Feb. 20 :
Notice having been received that payment of $50 \%$ of the interest due Jan. 1, 1940, is now being made on surrender of coupons from. Republic of Colombia $6 \%$ external sinking fund gold bonds, due Jan. 1, 1961 :
The Committee on Floor Procedure rules that the bonds be quoted exinterest $11 / 2 \%$ on Feb. 23, 1940 ;

That the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "Flat", and to be a delivery in settlement of Exchange Contracts made beginning Feb. 23, 1940, must carry the July 1, 1935, and subsequent coupons, with the exception of the coupon due Jan. 1, 1940.

## CHARLES E. SALTZMAN

Vice-President and Secretary
Note: Interest payable at the offices of Hallgarten \& Co. and Kidder, Peabody \& Co., New York, N. Y.
Reference to the resumption of payments on defaulted dollar bonds was made in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1061.

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

The Securities and Exchange Commission made public yesterday (Feb. 23) 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 Feb. 3, continuing a of these exchanges in the week ended Feb. 3 , continuing a
series of current figures being published weekly by the Com-
mission. Short sales are shown separately from other sales in these figures.

Trading on the Stock Exchange for the account of members during the week ended Feb. 3 (in round-lot transactions) totaled 651,135 shares, which amount was $19.69 \%$ of total transactions on the Exchange of $3,204,745$ shares. This compares with the previous week ended Jan. 27 of 702,690 shares, or $20.45 \%$ of total trading of $3,376,540$ shares. On the New York Curb Exchange member trading during the week ended Feb. 3 amounted to 128,045 shares, or $18.25 \%$ of the total volume on that Exchange of 641,505 shares; during the preceding week Exchange of for the account of Curb members of 124,895 shares was $18.67 \%$ of total trading of 657,945 shares.
was $18.67 \%$ making available the data for the week ended Feb. 3, the Commission said:

The data published are based upon weekly reports filed with the New York stock Exchange and the New York Curb Exchange by their respective members. These reports are classified as follows:
 Noto-On the New York Curb Exchange, odd-1ot transactions are handled solely by speciallsts in the stocks in which they are registered and the round-lot are not segregated from the of specialsts
 engaged solely in the odd-lot business. As a result, the round tor
specialists in stocks in which they are registered are not directly comparable on the two exchanges.

The number of reports in the various classifications may total more than the number of reports received because a single report may carry entries in more than one classification.
TOTAL ROUND-LOT STOCK SALES ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXOF MEMBERS * (SHARES)

Week Ended Feb. 3, 1940


3,204,745
B. Round-lot transactions for account of members, except for the odd-lot accounts of odd-lot dealers and specialists: . Transactions of specialists in stocks in which they are $\qquad$ 36,480 Short sales_

TOTAL ROUND-LOT STOCK SALES ON THE NEW YORK CURB EXBERS* (SHARES)

Week Ended Feb. 3, 1940
Total for
Week
A. Total round-lot sales: $\begin{array}{r}9,475 \\ \hline 62030\end{array}$
otal round-lot
Short sales--.
Other sales.b.
632,030
641,505
Tota sales.
B. Round-lot transactions for the account of members:

1. Transactions of specialists in stocks in which they are $\qquad$

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82,375
2. Other transactions initlated on the floor -Total purchases
$\qquad$


Total sales.-......................................-Short sales_ $\qquad$
$\qquad$ 3.56 25,275 775
14,270 15,045
106,160 $\stackrel{3.14}{ }$
 Short sales.$\mathbf{9 , 1 0 0}$
$\mathbf{1 1 8 , 9 4 5}$ 128,045
C. Odd-lot transactlons for the account of speclalists: Customers short sales.-.
 Total sales
$\qquad$ 100
58,324 58,324
58,424 39,119
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 of members' transactions includes both purchases and sales, while that the tota volume includes only sales.
b Round lot short sales which are exempted from restriction by the Commission
rules are included with "other sales,"
c Sales marked "short exempt" are included with "other sales."

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

The Securities and Exchange Commission made public on Feb. 23, a summary for the week ended Feb. 17 of complete figures showing the volume of stock transactions for the odd-lot account of all odd-lot dealers and specialists who handled 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 Feb. 10 were reported in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1062. 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 Feb. 17, 1940


Odd-lot purchases by dealers (customers' sales):
Number of orders:
Customers' short sales
Customers'
 215
16,252
Customers' total sales $\qquad$
Number of shares:
Customers' short sales
Customers' other sales
$\qquad$

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404,567
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Customers' total sales.
Dollar value. -........ 411,646

Round-lot sales by dealers:
Number of shares:
Number of share

Total sales. 94,200
Round-lot purchases by dealers:
Number of
Number of shares.
a Sales marked "short exempt" are reported with "other sales'.
which is less than a round lot are reported with "other sales".

## SEC Issues Opinion Dealing with Form of Accountants' Certificates

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Feb. 20 made public an opinion in its Accounting Series dealing with the form of accountants' certificates. The opinion, prepared by William W. Werntz, Chief Accountant, follows, in part:
In a recent case a registrant had not maintained cash books, journals, other books of original entry or ledgers during the period covered by the financial statements filed by it with the Commission. Its files, however, contained original underlying data such as canceled checks, check stubs, bank statements, purchase orders, vendors' invoices, sales orders and duplicate sales invoices.
In my opinion, when a registrant during the period under review, has not maintained records adequate for the purpose of preparing comprehensive and dependable financial statements, that fact should be disclosed. ( $x$ ) If, because of the absence or gross inadequacy of accounting records maintained by a registrant, it is necessary to have essential books of account prepared retroactively and for the accountant to enlarge the scope of the facts also should be disclosed, and I bo be able to express his opinion, these ing partial disclosure by ing partificate which opinion based on a lestchack my opinion, to state or imply that a . $y$ ) Moreover, it is misleading, in my opinion, to state or imply that accounting have if in fact during such period books of account were not maintained by registrant or were grossly inadequate, or if it has been necessary for a accountant to make pervasive and extraordinary adjustments of the character under consideration.

## Registration of 35 New Issues, Aggregating $\$ 145,182,000$, Under Securities Act Became Effective During

 JanuaryAnnouncement was made Feb. 22 by the Securities and Exchange Commission that the gross amount of securities effectively registered under the Securities Act of 1933 aggregated $\$ 145,182,000$ in January, 1940 , according to an analysis prepared by the Research and Statistics Section of the Trading and Exchange Division. Of this total, $\$ 102,375,000$ of securities was proposed for sale by issuers as compared with $\$ 149,542,000$ in December, 1939 , and $\$ 135,939,000$ in January, 1939. The Commission's announcement went on to say:
$(x)$ In this connection it should be noted that under somewhat similar circum-
stances the Commission in stop order odinions has previously held that an stances the Commission in stop order opinions has previously held that an account ant certifying financial data is under a duty to disclose the existence of areas of Ingston Mining Co., 2 S.E.C. 141, 148; In the Matter of Platoro Gold Mines, Inc., (y) Although not in question
experts may be jeopardized when employees of the certifying accountants inendent the registrant's ledgers and books of original entry or when the accountant's work becomes a substitute for management's accounting of its stewardship rather than check upon that accounting. Cf. In the Matter of Interstate Hosiery Mills, Inc.,
Securities Exchange Act Release No. 2048 .

Approximately two-thirds of the amount of registered securities proposed for sale by issuers in January, 1940 represented the securities of only four companies. The largest amount was shown for the American Gas \& Electric of $\$ 30,970,000$. Among the other large issues were the gross proceed Consumers Power Co. with gross proceeds of $\$ 19,616,670$ the $\%$ bonds of of Pennsylvania Water \& Power Co. with gross proced of and the $4 \%$ bonds of Libby, McNeill \& Libby with grose proceeds $\$ 11,000,000$.
In addition to the three debenture issues of American Gas \& Elec. Co., this company also registered an issue of $4 \% \%$ preferred stock with an estimated value of $\$ 37,340,415$ to be offered in exchange for its outstanding $6 \%$ preferred stock. This single issue accounted for almost all of the total amount of securities, namely, $\$ 38,640,000$, which was to be issued in excbange for securities. Of considerable interest was the registration by Lockheed Aircraft Corp. of 225,000 shares of common stock having estimated gross proceeds of $\$ 6,412,500$. This was one of the largest common stock issues, proposed to be offered to the general public through underWriters, to have been registered under the Securities Act.
$68.3 \%$ of the total amount utility companies accounted for $\$ 69,959,000$, or factur the total amount of securities proposed for sale by issuers. Manu facturing companies registered $\$ 24,635,000$ of securities, or $24.1 \%$ of the total, and financial and investment companies registered $\$ 4,999,000$ of As in recenty $4.9 \%$ of the total.
As in recent months, fixed interest-bearing securities predominated in the January registrations, such securities amounting to $\$ 77,259,000$, or $75.5 \%$ of the total, with long-term secured bonds accounting for $44.9 \%$
of the total and long-term unsecured of the total and long-term unsecured bonds for $30.6 \%$. Common stock aggregated $\$ 21,776,000$ or $21.3 \%$ of the total. The remainder of $\$ 3,339,000$ or $3.3 \%$ of the total, consisted of preferred stock.
issues. Of the gross amount of $\$ 145,182$ effective covering 35 separate securities, $\$ 1,300,000$ represented securities registered for tively registered others, all of which was proposed for sale, lea registered for the account of registered for the account of issuers. Securities not proposed for sale by issuers, comprised on the main of securities to be isused in exchange by other securities, equaled $\$ 41,507,000$. There remained $\$ 102,375,000$ of securities proposed for sale by issuers, of which only $\$ 752,000$ or $0.7 \%$ represented the securities of new ventures.
The amount of compensation to be paid distributors was $\$ 4,027,000$, or $3.9 \%$ of the total proposed for sale by issuers. Other issuing and dis tributing expenses were $\$ 701,000$, or $0.7 \%$, making total issuing and distributing expenses, $\$ 4,728,000$, equilvalent to $4.6 \%$ of the total.
Estimated net proceeds accruing to issuers totaled $\$ 97,646,000$. Of this amount $\$ 78,089,000$, or $80.0 \%$, was to be applied to the repayment of indebtedness, with $75.3 \%$ to be used for the repayment of bonds and note and $4.7 \%$ for repayment of other debt. All new money purposes combined accounted for $\$ 17,133,000$, or $17.5 \%$ of net proceeds. Only $\$ 2,395,000$, or $2.5 \%$ was to be used for the purchase of securities.
underwrtitten issues. A total of during January consisted principally of underwrtitten issues. A total of $\$ 89,150,000$ of securities, or $87.1 \%$ of the total amount proposed for sale by issuers, was to be offered through underwriters. This compared with $\$ 7,282,000$, or $7.1 \%$ to be offered through agents and $\$ 5,943,000$, or $5.8 \%$, to be offered directly by issuers. Securities to be offered to the general public accounted for $95.0 \%$ of the total securities to be offered to security holders for $4.5 \%$ and securities to be offered to others for $0.5 \%$
All of these data are exclusive of one reorganization and exchange issue represented by certficates of deposit, registered in one statement, with an chimated value of $\$ 1,300,000$.
TYPES OF SECURITIES INCLUDED IN 26 REGISTRATION STATEMENTS THAT BECAME FULLY EFFECTIVE DURING JANUARY, 1940

a securities having maturlty of three years or less are classiffed as "short-term
securities.
The registration figures for last year and December, 1939, were given in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1064.

SEC Publishes Statistics on Underwriting for Fourth Quarter-Participations Totaled $\$ 210,895,000$ for 34 Issues-Firms Outside of New York City Accounted for Majority
The Securities and Exchange Commission announced on Feb. 21 that underwriting participations in issues registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and offered for sale during the three months ended Dec. 31, 1939, amounted to $\$ 210$,895,000 for 34 issues, according to an analysis prepared by the Research and Statistics Section of the Trading and Exchange Division. This total included $\$ 188,860,000$ for 13 bonds issues, $\$ 13,211,000$ for 11 preferred stock issues and
$88,824,000$ for 10 common stock issues. The SEC further explained:
Firms outside of New York City accounted for a majority of the underwriting business during the fourth quarter. Ninety-nine of these firms had underwriting participations of $8109,388,000$, or $52 \%$ of the total. accounted for $65 \%$ of total participations in preferred stock issues and $75 \%$ of total participations in common stock issues.
Firms outaide of New York City led to an even greater extent in the management of underwritten issues. During the fourth quarter, 17 such firms managed an aggregate of $\$ 173,691,000$, or $82 \%$ of the total amount. A breakdown by types of issues indicates that firms outside of New York City managed $84 \%$ of the bond issues, $45 \%$ of the preferred stock issues and $93 \%$ of common stock issues.
Of the 144 firms which had underwriting participations during the fourth quarter only 31 firms acted as managers. Yet these firms had aggregate participations of $\$ 92,251,000$, or $44 \%$ of total participations. The 17 firms outside of New York City which acted as managers had total participations of $\$ 38,527,000$ in issues managed, as compared with only $\$ 15,447,000$ in other issues. This contrasted with the record for 14 New York City firms which acted as managers, only $\$ 14,343,000$ of their participations being in issues managed, as compared with $\$ 23,934,000$ in other issues.
The five firms which secured the largest amount of underwriting participations during the fourth quarter were as follows: Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., with $\$ 27,960,000$, Harriman Ripley \& Co., Inc., with $\$ 11,190,000$, Blyth \& Co., located outside of New York City. These five firms accounted for $29 \%$ located outside of New
of total participations.
of total participations.
In terms of the amount of underwritten issues managed the five leading firms ranked as follows: Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., $\$ 145,500,000$, White, Weld \& Co. $\$ 10,900,000$, Harris, Hall \& Co. $\$ 9,000,000$ Harriman Ripley \& Co., Inc., $\$ 8,000,000$ and A. G. Becker \& Co. $\$ 7,320,000$. The first, third and fifth of these firms are located outside of New York City. These five firms accounted for $86 \%$ of the total amount managed.
The amount of underwriting participations is shown separately in the tables for all of the 45 New York City firms which had participations during the final quarter and for the 50 largest firms outside of New York City. For the 49 other firms outside of New York City not shown separately in the tables, the largest amount of participations for any one firm was $\$ 325$,000 , the smallest $\$ 4,888$ and the average per firm $\$ 118,587$.

SEC Issues Report of Investments and Operating Results of 26 Life Insurance Companies from 1929 to sults of 26 Life Insurance Companies from 1929 to
1938 Study Made for Monopoly Committee-Shows $1938-$ Study Made for Monopoly Committee-Shows
Insurance in Force Increased $9.8 \%$ While Assets Insurance in Force Increased $9.8 \%$ While Assets
Advanced $63.1 \%$-Number of Policies Declined $2.2 \%$ The Securities and Exchange Commission made public on Feb. 10 through the Temporary National Economic Committee a statistical report presenting detailed comparative data on the investments and operating results of the 26 largest legal reserve life insurance companies in the United largest legal reserve life insurance companies in the United
States during the 10-year period, 1929 to 1938 . The report, States during the 10-year period, 1929 to 1938 . The report, 26 Largest Legal Reserve Life Insurance Companies in the United States, 1929-1938," was prepared as a part of the Commission's study of life insurance for the T. N. E. C. The report covers all legal reserve life insurance companies domiciled in the United States having assets in excess of $\$ 125,000,000$. The 26 such companies are as follows:

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City.
The Prudential Insurance Co. of America, New
New York Life Insurance Co., New York City.
New York Life Insurance Co., New York City,
The Equitable Life Assurance society of the United States, New York City.

The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, New York City
The Travelers Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.
John Hancock Murual Life Insurance Co., Boston, Mass The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Springfield, Mass. Aetna Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.
New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., Boston, Mass.
The Union Central Life Insurance Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Providence Mutual Life Insurance Oo., Philadelphia, Pa.
The Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Con
Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.
Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co., Hartford, Conn.
Bankers Life Co., Des Moines, Iowa.
National Life Insurance Co., Montpelier, Vt.
Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co., Los Angeles, Calif. State Mutual Life Assurance Co., Worcester, Mass.
Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa The Western and Southern Life Insurance Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. The Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., Fort Wayne, Ind.
The Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America, New York City. The SEC announcement explained:
The report contains over 250 separate tables. The data contained therein was assembled from information supplied by the companies in replies to two Investment Questionnaires of the SEC which were issued under dates of Jan. 31, 1939, and Aug. 11, 1939. Each company was asked to supply answers to identical questions. Replies to the questionnaires have been checked for mechanical accuracy and prima facie consistency, but the Commission has not gone beyond the replies themselves to verify or audit
the information set forth therein. In cases in which answers to questions the information set forth therein. In cases in which answers to questions appeared to be inconsistent or were found to be in disagreement with annual statements, the situation was called to the attention of the companies
involved and revised information submitted by such companies has been involved and revised information submitted by such companies has been
included in the tables. Finally the report was submitted to each company included in the tables. Finally the
for checking prior to publication.
The report presents no conclusions or recommendations. Furthermore, the report has not been approved by the Temporary National Economic Committee nor has the Committee drawn any conclusions therefrom; the nformation having been assembled purely as an aid to the Committee in he consideration of the various topics to be discussed in the course of the

Among the more significant facts contained in the report Among the more significant facts contained in the report following:

Although the amount of life insurance in force for the 26 companies at he end of the decade under observation had increased only $9.8 \%$ to $\$ 92,200$,000,000 , assets had jumped $63.1 \%$ to $\$ 24,200,000,000$. This growth is partly attributable to the increased sale of annuities and the use of supplementary contracts, which has tended to decelerate the outflow of funds during the period. The number of life insurance policies in force dropped $2.2 \%$ from a high of $101,500,000$ in 1931 to $98,000,000$ at Dec. 31, 1938. The two largest companies had $36 \%$ of the admitted assets of the group. The average amount of life insurance covered by each policy at the end of 1938 was $\$ 940$, as compared with $\$ 837$ at the end of 1929.
The two largest life insurance companies had 74,000,000 of the $98,000,000$ of life insurance policies in force at the close of 1938 , or $75 \%$. These policies represented $\$ 40,000,000,000$ of life insurance, or nearly $44 \%$ of the dollar amount of insurance in force for the entire group of 26 companies. Fifteen of the companies had a smaller dollar amount of life insurance in force at had written approximately $43.8 \%$ of the aggregate life insurance in force, while the New Jorsey companies had written $21.5 \%$, Connecticut $12.4 \%$ While Iowa $1.5 \%$, Indiana $1 \%$, California $0.7 \%$, and Vermont $0.6 \%$.
Funds available for investment over the 10-year period totaled \$26,970,000,000 of which $\$ 26,300,000,000$ was invested. The amount available for investment in 1938 was $\$ 4,300,000,000$, as against $\$ 2,000,000,000$ in 1929. The 5 largest companies alone had $\$ 2,800,000,000$ available for investment in 1938. Investments made in 1938 totaled $\$ 3,650,000,000$, of which $\$ 2,840,000,000$ went into bonds and stocks, $\$ 635,900,000$ in mortgages, $\$ 134,000,000$ in real estate, and $\$ 38,400,000$ in policy loans and other investments.
One of the usual schedules included in the survey discloses the rates of income from the principal types of assets at the close of 1938. The average rate of income from policy loans of $5.79 \%$ was the highest return from any ype of investment. The smallest company had $15.90 \%$ of its assets invested in policy loans and earned a return of $5.49 \%$. The largest company had $10.65 \%$ of its assets in policy loans, from which it received a return of $5.80 \%$. One company had only $5.07 \%$ of its assets invested in policy loans on which it received a return of $5.90 \%$.
At the end of 1938 , the 26 companies owned $\$ 13,100,000,000$ of bonds, of which $\$ 4,500,000,000$ were United States Government bonds, $\$ 209$,000,000 Canadian Government bonds, $\$ 5,900,000$ bonds of other foreign governments, $\$ 1,400,000,000$ bonds of United States political subdivisions, $\$ 277,000,000$ bonds of Canadian Provinces, $\$ 284,000,000$ railroad equip-
ment bonds, $\$ 2,300,000,000$ railroad bonds, $\$ 3,000,000,000$ public utility ment bonds, $\$ 2,300,000,000$ railroad bonds, $\$ 3,000,000,000$ public utility bonds, and $\$ 1,200, \$ 15000$ ndustral and miscellaneous bonds. The companies purchased $\$ 15,200,000,000$ of bonds curing the 10 years, of which $\$ 8,300,000,000$ $\$ 1,300,000,000$ were United Surchased $\$ 2,800,000,000$ of $\$ 1500$, which other bonds. Of the $\$ 6,900,000,000$ of bonds Other than United States Government bonds purchased over the 10-year period, $\$ 81,000,000$ were purchased at public bidding, $\$ 2,200,000,000$ were new issues purchased from bankers, $\$ 2,100,000,000$ were purchased in the open market, and $\$ 1,900$. 000,000 were purchased privately from the issuers. In 1938 alone, $\$ 659$,500,000 of bonds were purchased privately from the issuers, of which 2 companies bought more than $62 \%$
In the 5-year period ended Dec. 31, 1936, new corporate bond and note issues totaled $\$ 11,240,000,000$, of which $\$ 3,680,000,000$, or $32.8 \%$, were absorbed by the 26 companies. In 1938, new corporate bond and note issues totaled $\$ 2,190,000,000$, of which $\$ 1,040,000,000$, or $47.7 \%$, were taken by the group of companies under study.
The company with the lowest rate of return on bond investments, namely $2.90 \%$, had $39.05 \%$ of its assets in bonds, with $35.69 \%$ of this amount being in United States Government bonds. On the other hand, the company with the highest rate of return, namely $3.80 \%$, had $33,83 \%$ of its assets in bonds, but only $11.21 \%$ of this amount was in bonds of the United States Government.
The average rate of return from investment in stocks, most of which are preferred issues, was $4.95 \%$. The highest rate of return earned by any one company on stock investments was $5.68 \%$, but that company had only $0.69 \%$ of its assets invested in stocks. The lowest rate of return for any in tocks Four of the compris company had invested $6.32 \%$ of its assets in stocks and earned a return on its stocks during 1938 at the rate of $5.07 \%$.
ts stocks during 1938 at the rate of $5.07 \%$.
The sharp increases in cash and in holdings of United States Government bonds over the 10 -year period reflect some aspects of the insurance investment problem. Cash was more than 6 times greater at the close of 1938 than at the end of 1929 , jumping from $\$ 102,000,000$ to $\$ 665,000,000$. In this same period investments in United States Government bonds rose from $\$ 303,000,000$ to $\$ 4,500,000,000$.
While mortgage investments were on the decline over the decade, real estate holdings moved sharply upward, reflecting the large amount of fore closures. Mortgages declined from $\$ 6,200,000,000$ at the end of 1929 to $\$ 4,600,000,000$ at the end of 1938 , whereas real estate moved from $\$ 277,700,-$ 000 to $\$ 1,700,000,000$.
At the end of 1938, the companies owned farm mortgages in the amount of $\$ 743,960,000$, a substantial decrease from the $\$ 1.790,000,000$ owned in 1929. Over the 10-year period, however, the amount of farm real estate owned rose from $\$ 81,900,000$ to $\$ 529,400,000$. At the end of 1938, $\$ 81$, 800,000 of farm real estate was under contract of sale. Of mortgages owned, $\$ 195,200,000$ were on farms in Iowa and $\$ 91,700,000$ were on farms in Illinois. The bulk of farm mortgages were from $\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 25,000$ in size. At Dec. 31, 1938, $14.71 \%$ of the farm mortgages were delinquent as to interest 3 months or more. In different companies this delinquency ranged from $1.16 \%$ to $24.60 \%$ of farm mortgages owned. The average interest rate on farm mortgages owned at the end of 1938 was $4.76 \%$.
Urban mortgages valued at $\$ 3,890,000,000$ were owned as

Urban mortgages valued at $\$ 3,890,000,000$ were owned as of Dec. 31, 1938, of which $\$ 155,400,000$ were insured under the National Housing Act. Urban mortgage acquisitions rose from $\$ 48,860,000$ in 1933 to $\$ 487,000,000$ in 1938. The average interest rates on urban mortgages made in 1938 ranged as between companies from $3.98 \%$ to $5.25 \%$. During the years 1932-1938, inclusive, the 26 companies foreclosed urban mortgages in th amount of $\$ 1,230,000,000$. At the end of 1938 , there were $\$ 39,900,000$ o urban mate to
end of 1929 to $\$ 800,000$ on their policies rose from $\$ 1,900,000,000$ at the was in 1933 at $\$ 3,100,000,000$. During the 10 - wear peak for policy loans wasicy loans at $\$ 3,100,000,000$. During the 10-year period income from than $43 \%$ of total dividends paid on ordinary insurance
The total income of the 26 companies during the year 1938 from investments was $\$ 875,800,000$. of which the 2 largest companies accounted for over $35 \%$ and the 5 largest companies for almost $62 \%$. Interest from investments in bonds proved to be the most important source of investment income, averaging $49.90 \%$ of this income for all the companies during 1938 Interest on mortgages was second at $24.75 \%$, while interest on policy loans
came next with $18.66 \%$. Dividends on stocks brought in $2.90 \%$ of the of debt $2.66 \%$; income income from real estate acquired in satisfaction income $0.21 \%$; income from home office real estate $0.85 \%$; other investment lateral loans $0.01 \%$.
A comparison of the market value of bonds owned Dec. 31, 1938 with the value at which they were carried in balance sheets of the 26 compa ies shows that the market value exceeded balance sheets of the 26 compa ies Baa bonds, however, which were carried in the balance sheet at $\$ 1,400,000$ had a market value of $\$ 1,300,000$. Ba bonds which were carried on the balance sheet at $\$ 514,000,000$ had a market value of $\$ 353,000,000$ and the thus carried in the balance sheet at $45 \%$ above their market value.
Industrial insurance in force at the end of 1938 had increased nearly $\$ 2,000,000,000$ over 1929 to $\$ 17,500,000,000$. The number of industrial nsurance policies in force declined $\$ 6,400,000$ to $\$ 70,300,000$. Only 4 of he companies write industrial insurance. The 2 largest companies carried $10.200,000,000$ of the industrial insurance written, or $87 \%$. Over the 0-year period there was a net increase in surplus of $\$ 1,160,000,000$ from policy hold urance of $\$ 164000$ an addition to surplus arising from industrial inurance of $\$ 164,000,000$.
Ordinary life insurance in force at the end of 1938 amounted to $\$ 63,200$,000,000 , a gain of $\$ 3,200,000,000$ over 1929, but a drop of $\$ 957,900,000$ policies in force was of the 10-year period. The number of ordinary life n 1929. The ordinary life policy in 27,728 as compared with 23,451 $\$ 2,561$ in 1929. Only one company in the 1938 averaged $\$ 2,280$, as against of the 10 years in the amount of ordinary the group showed a gain in each Sales of yerdinary the amount of ordinary life insurance in force.
have decreased from $\$ 275,300,000$ of first year premium income in income $\$ 224,600,000$ in 1938 . In 1929 total ordinary premium income in 1929 to 000,000 ; in 1938 it was $\$ 1,900,000,000$; for the 10 years it was $\$ 18,800,000$,000 . From a 10 -year increase in surplus from ordinary insurance of $\$ 3000$,000,000 , dividends on ordinary life policies took $\$ 3,450,000,000$, The maximum dividends paid in any one year on ordinary policies were $\$ 426,000$ 000 in 1931; in 1938 dividends of $\$ 293,000,000$ were paid. As a result of ordinary life insurance operations $\$ 547,000,000$ was added to surplus or went to increase contingency reserves during the 10 years.
During the decade under observation the 26 companies have gained $\$ 3,570,000,000$ from mortality; $\$ 470,000,000$ from loading; and $\$ 751,000,000$ from surrenders and lapses. Although the companies showed a gain from sales of real estate of $\$ 34,000,000$ and a gain from sales and redemptions of bonds and stocks of $\$ 140,500,00$, they wrote off an account of declined stocks. Surplus, or unassigned funds estate and $\$ 624,000,000$ on bonds and increased $278 \%$, serves ad During the 10 -year ed $\$ 422,800,000$.
During the 10-year period a total of $\$ 4,500,000,000$ was paid to policy period. Dividends, while stockholders received $\$ 82,000,000$ in the same period. Dividends paid policy holders during 1938 were $\$ 435,00^{\top}, 000$, as holders during 1938 were disbursed by the 2 largest compands paid policy holders during, 1938 were disbursed by the 2 largest companies.
Value of Commercial Paper Outstanding as Reported by New York Federal Reserve Bank-Total of $\$ 219,400,000$ Jan. 31 Compares with $\$ 209,900,000$
The following announcement showing the total value of commercial paper outstanding on Jan. 31 was issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Feb. 14:
Reports received by this bank from commercial paper dealers show a
total of $\$ 219,400,000$ of total of $\$ 219,400,000$ of open market paper outstanding on Jan. 31, 1940 .
This figure compares with commercial paper outstanding on Dec. 30 of $\$ 209,900,000$ and with $\$ 195,200,000$ on Jan. 31, 1939.
Below we give a compilation of the monthly figures for more than two years:


## Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Sell $\mathbf{\$ 2 3 , 4 5 0 , 0 0 0}$ 3/4\% Debentures

The Federal Intermediate Credit banks on Feb. 16 sold an issue of $\$ 23,450,0003 / 4 \%$ consolidated debentures, of which $\$ 2,450,000$ was sold within the System and $\$ 21,000,000$ through public offering. The public offering, as usual, was made through Charles R. Dunn, New York, fiscal agent for the banks, at a price slightly over par. Both the privately and publicly placed debentures are dated March 1, 1940, and run for nine months, maturing Dec. 2, 1940 .
The offering is reported to have resulted in a very good sale, demand coming from a large percentage of the cuswill be required to refund. Of the total issue $\$ 20,200,000$ will be required to refund maturities on March 1 and the remaining $\$ 3,250,000$ represents new capital. At the close of business March 1 there will be outstanding a total of
$\$ 189,975,000$ FICB consolidated debentures.

## Members of New York Home Loan Bank Increased Assets $21 \%$ in Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939-Report

 by $P$The 66 Federal Savings and Loan associations in the Second Federal Home Loan Bank District had resources of $\$ 167$,597,968 at Dec. 31, 1939, an increase of $21 \%$ over assets of $\$ 138,575,758$ held by 64 associations at the end of the preceding year, according to a report transmitted Feb. 20 to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board by George L. Bliss, President of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and

Regional Agent for the Board in the supervision of such institutions in the Second District. Sixty-four associations, with resources of $\$ 163,787,200$ were located in New York. Two, whose resources total $\$ 3,810,768$, are in New Jersey. The Bank's announcement bearing on the report said:
Second District were that the Federal savings and loan associations in the Second District were serving 194,394 individual investors whose aggregate savings balances amounted to $\$ 144,797,367$ at the end of the year, as compared with 174,120 savings accounts amounting to $\$ 123,484,857$ a year previous. They held 33,871 first mortgage loans in the sum of $\$ 134,029,117$, 12 monpares with $\$ 106,147,541$ in first mortgages on 27,617 , properties 12 months earlier
A 61.6\% increase in mortgage loan activity characterized the operations of these institutions during 1939, according to Mr. Bliss' report. They smanced $\$ 36,902,236$ on 7,746 first mortgage loans, chiefly on homes and 5,289 mortgage loans amounting the past year. In 1938, they had made mortgages are written amounting to $\$ 22,825,489$. Practically all of such stalments over a period of years. Net earnings of the of years.
activities are reviewed in the report, amounted loan associations, whose of which $\$ 3,444,801$ was distributed in dividen $\$ 4,329,854$ for the year stitutions, and the remainder was addet to reserves and undivid the in as a bulwark for possible future

Federal Home Loan Bank of New York-Advanced Home Loan Bank of New York-A
$\$ 1,801,067$ in
Credit During January
The Federal Home Loan Bank of New York reported on Feb. 6, that it advanced $\$ 1,801,067$ in long-term and shortterm credits during the month of January to its member institutions in New York and New Jersey. This brought the outstanding adyances to $\$ 20,022,795$ at the end of the month, a new high point since the bank was established in 1932 as the central credit agency for thrift and home-financing institutions in the Second Federal Home Loan Bank District. The bank's January volume compares with advances of $\$ 1,834,267$ in December, and of $\$ 868,600$ in January, 1939 .

## Federal Reserve Advisory Council Favors Discontinuing Purchases of Foreign Silver

The Federal Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve System on Feb. 19 unanimou.sly adopted a resolution favoring the passage by Congress of a bill which would discontinue the purchasing of foreign silver by the Treasury. The council, composed of 12 bankers, representing banks in each of the Federal Reserve Districts, asked the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to transmit its resolution to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, which is now considering the bill. The resolution said:
The Federal Advisory Council has noted that the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency is considering at this time Senate bill 785, which would discontinue the purchase of foreign silver by the Secretary of the
Treasury. The Council is unanimously of the opinion that thes purchases Treasury. The Council is unanimously of the opinion that these purchases
of foreign silver should be discontinued forthwith, particularly in view of of foreign silver should be discontinued forthwith, particulariy in view of
the fact that silver purchases increase the already excessively large bank the fact

The Senate Committee deierred action on the measure last week; this was noted in these columns of Feb. 17, page 1081.

## Tenders of $\$ 200,702,000$ Received to Offering of $\$ 100$,000,000 of 91 -Day Treasury Bills- $\$ 100,836,000$

 Accepted at Average Rate of $0.006 \%$Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau announced on Feb. 19 that the tenders to the offering last week of $\$ 100$,000,000 , or thereabouts, of 91-day Treasury bills totaled $\$ 200,702,000$, of which $\$ 100,836,000$ was accepted at an average rate of $0.006 \%$. The Treasury bills are dated Feb. 21 and will mature on May 22, 1940. Reference to the offering appeared in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1067.
The following regarding the accepted bids to the offering is from Secretary Morgenthau's announcement of Feb. 19: Total applied for, $\$ 200,702,000$. Total accepted, $\$ 100,836,000$. Range of accepted bids:
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { High, } & 100 . \\ \text { Low, }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Low, } & 99.998 \text {; equivalent rate approximately } 0.008 \% \\ \text { Average price, } \\ 99.998 \text {; } \text {. }\end{array}$
$74 \%$ of the, 99.998 ; equivalent rate approximately $0.006 \%$,

New Offering of $\$ 100,000,000$, or Thereabouts, of $91-10$
Day Treasury Bills-To Be Dated Feb. 28, 1940
Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau announced Feb. 22 that tenders are invited to a new offering of 91 -day Treasury bills to the amount of $\$ 100,000,000$, or thereabouts, to be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. Tenders will be received at the Federal Reserve banks and the branches thereof up to 2 p. m. (EST), Feb. 26, but will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington. The Treasury bills will be dated Feb. 28, 1940 and will mature on May 29, 1940, and on the maturity date the face amount of the bills will be payable without interest. There is a maturity of a similar issue of Treasury bills on Feb. 28, in amount of $\$ 100,114,000$. In his announcement of the offering, Secretary Morgenthau also said:
They (the bills) will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or de$\begin{aligned} & \text { nominations of } \\ & \text { (maturity value) } \\ & \text { ) }\end{aligned} 1,000, \$ 10,000, \$ 100,000, \$ 500,000$, and $\$ 1,000,000$ maturity value).
No tender for an amount less than $\$ 1,000$ will be considered. Each tender basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, e. g., 99,125 . Frac
tions must not be une tions 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 ncorporated bank or trust company.
Immedlately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on Feb. 26, 1940, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve Banks erment of the acceptable to the closing hour whil soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following prices will morning. The secretary of th of tenders, and to allot less than the amount
 pitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Pay ment at the price offered for Treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve Banks in cash or other immediately available funds on Feb. 28, 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 al taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. (Attention is invited to Treasury Decision 4550, ruling that Treasury bils are not exempt from the gift tax.) No loss from the sale or other disposition of the Treasury bills hall be allowed as a deduction, or otherwise recognized, for the purpose ny tax now or hereanter imposed by the sessions.
Treasury Department Cícular No. 418, as amended, and this notice ibe the terms of the Treasury bills and govern the conditions of their issue.

Individual Income Tax Returns in 1938 Numbered 6,056,720 Showing Net Income of $\$ 18,664,056,932-$

## 724,215

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau made public on Feb. 19 preliminary statistics of individual income tax returns and taxable fiduciary income tax returns for 1938 filed in the period January through June, 1939, prepared under the direction of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Guy T. Helvering. The total number of returns is $6,155,856$, of which 6056,720 are individual returns with net income and rabile fiduciary returns and 99136 are individual returns taxable fiduciary returns, and with no net income. Further details were given by the Treasury as follows:
Of the $6,056,720$ returns showing a net income of $\$ 18,664,056,932$, there are $2,995,034$ taxable returns and $3,061,686$ non-taxable returns. The total tax liability is $\$ 764,724,215$, of which $\$ 764,175,194$ is reported on the 2,995,034 taxable individual and fiduciary returns with net income and $\$ 549,021$ is the alternative tax reported on 24 individual returns with no net income.
The total number of individual income tax returns is $6,104,010$, of which $6,004,874$ show a net income of $\$ 18,431,437,822$ and 99,136 show no net income. Of the $6,004,874$ returns with net income, $2,943,188$ are taxable and $3,061,686$ are non-taxable. The total tax liability is $\$ 725,171,237$, of which $\$ 724,622,216$ is reported on the $2,943,188$ taxable returns with net income and $\$ 549,021$ is the alternative tax reported on 24 returns with no net income. The alternative tax was reported on the tax, computed on net and with a net long-term cap of net long-term capital loss, exceeds $30 \%$ of income berore the long-term capital loss.
The total number of taxable fiduciary income tax returns filed for estates and trusts is 51846 The net income reported on these returns is $\$ 232,619$,110 and the total tax liability is $\$ 39.552,978$.

## President Roosevelt Inspects Panama Canal Defenses on Vacation Cruise

President Roosevelt this week studied the problems of inter-Ametican defense on his cruise tbrough Pacific waters in the vicinity of the Panama Canal Zons. Aboard the in tiser Tuscaloosa, Mr. Roosevelt on Feb. 17 arrived at the Canal Zone for an inspection trip of the Atlantic defenses. On Feb. 18 he went ashore at Cristobal for an automobile tour of the Zone's defenses and then crossed the Isthmus by train and reboarded his ship, which had passed through the locks, on the Pacific side. The President on Feb. 19 surveyed the Pacific defenses of the Canal and since Feb, 20 has been fishing in Pacific waters. On his return trip through the Canal, Mr. Roosevelt will be accompanied by President Augusto Boyd of Panama, at which time the President plans to confer again with Canal Zone naval, military and aviation officials.
His departure last week was noted in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1067.

## President Roosevelt Allots $\mathbf{\$ 2 7 2 , 5 0 0}$ for Storm Aid in New England

President Roosevelt on Feb. 16, authorized the expenditure of $\$ 272,500$ of Works Project Administration funds for storm relief in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Mr. Roosevelt's message sanctioned an increase of $\$ 210,500$ over the $\$ 62,500$ of emergency money released earlier by Colonel F. C. Harrington, WPA Commissioner.
The President designated a total of $\$ 190,000$ for Massahusetts, $\$ 55,000$ for Connecticut and $\$ 27,500$ for Rhode Island. Colonel Harrington previously had authorized $\$ 40,000$ ior Massachusetts, $\$ 15,000$ for Connecticut and $\$ 40,000$ for Massachuset

President Roosevelt Vetoes Bill Raising Salaries of Village Mail Carriers
President Roosevelt on Feb. 13 vetoed a bill which proposed to increase the salary rate of letter-carriers in the village delivery service. In his message to the House the President said that he vetoed a similar bill on June 25, 1938, and that he did not think he would be justified "in approv-
ing legislation that would give preferential treatment to this single group of employees." The following is his message:
To the House of Representatives
I return herewith, without my approval, H. R. 2001, Seventy-sixth Congress, entitled "An Act for equalization of letter-carriers."

I withheld my approve and set forth my reason therefor a follows:
at "Under existing law the annual salary rates for village delivery carriers are fixed at $\$ 1,150$ for grade $1, \$ 1,250$ for grade 2 , and $\$ 1,350$ for grade 3. This bill pro poses to increase the salary rates of each grade by \$7.5 per year, or to $\$ 1,225$ fo increase in the hourly pay of substitutes in said service from 50 to 55 cents. The salary rates for postal employees at post offices of the first-, second-, and thirdclasses were prescribed by the Act approved Feb. 28, 1925. Since and again furthe reduced to 40 hours, which in effect results in a decrease of $162-3 \%$ in gervice reduced to 40 hours, whe same rate of pay. Until the financial situation of the Government becomes greatly improved and until the postal recelpts and expenditures are brought more nearly into balance, I cannot, as a matter of sound policy, look with favor upon any proposed legislation which would provide ior an nerrease In the salary rates of postal employ this proposal to increase the salaries of village delivery carriers to justify an exception to the above-stated policy.
The bill, H. R. 2001, proposes to increase the minimum salary rate of carriers in the village delivery service from $\$ 1,150$ to $\$ 1,200$ and the maximum rate from $\$ 1,350$ to $\$ 1,440$, and the hourly rate for substitutes n that service from 50 c . to 60 c . an hour. This bill has been referred to the Postmaster General, who advises that under the authority contained in the bill, should it become law, he proposes to fix the pay grades at $1,200, \$ 1,320$, and $\$ 1,440$, and that the additional annual cost of the bill would amount to about $\$ 178,820$. This would represent an
more than $10 \%$ in the annual cost of visting H. R. 4285 , Seventy-fifth My objections and observations respecting H. R. 2001. I regret that I Congress, have equal applicationd with respect to this class of employees, but I do not think that I would be justified in approving legislation that would give preferential treatment to this single group of employees.

The White House, Feb. 13, 1940.

## R. G. Casey, First Australian Minister to United States

 Arrives in WashingtonRichard G. Casey, the first Australian Minister to the United States, arived in Washington Feb. 20 by airplane from Los Angeles to assume his new duties. He said that the major purpose of establishing an Australian legation in Washington was to improve it, good relations with the United States. Mr. Casey will present his credentials to President Roosevelt when the President returns to Washington from his cruise.
Establishment of diplomatic relations with Australia was reported in our issue of Jaa. 13, 1940, page 211.

## President Roosevelt Praises American Scientific Con-gress-Will Open Meeting of Scientists From 21 American Republics With Speech on May 10

President Roosevelt will formally open the eighth American Scientific Congress at the Pan American Union in Washington with an address on May 10. The purpose of the Congress, which will be attended by representatives from 21 American republics and be held from May 10 to May 21, is to advance scientific thought and accomplishment and to assist in celebrating the 50 th anniversary of the founding of the Pan American Union. In emphasizing its importance President Roosevelt in a letter to Secretary Hull, made public Feb. 21, praised the contributions of the men and pubicen of science to humanity and said, according to Washington advices Feb. 21 to the New York "Times":
The path of the scientist and scholar is the path to peace and prosperity, which lies open to all nations and all people, but which; unfortunately, has recently been spurned by some who still cling to the archa
It is hardly necessary to delineate here the obvious benefits resulting ft is hardin of these unselfish benefactors of mankind in an atmosphere from a meeting of these as the eighth American Scientific Congress offers. Irue fraternity such as the elgileaders in all of the Americas will avail Themselyes of this opportunity to share the experiences and friendship of their colleagues throughout the hemisphere.

## Senator Wagner Proposes Creation of U. S. Mediation Board to Aid Cases Outside NLRB

Senator Robert F. Wagner, Democrat, of New York, announced on Feb. 18 that he would introduce a bill proannoug for the creation of a three-member Federal Board vid or voluntary mediation of etployee-enployer ans not within wages, hours, working conditions and other factors not within the juyisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board.
In explaining the proposal Washington Associated Press advices Feb. 18 said:
Senator Wagner explained in a statement that his bill "does not amend or modify the National Labor Relations Act, nor do the functions of the two measures merge or conflict in any way.
Senator Wagner made it plain that the machinery his bill would set up would in no way involve compulsory arbitration. The board, established within the Labor Department, would take over the duties of the meagerly staffed conciliation service which he said had done "splendid work" in settling strikes.
"Building upon the work and the staff of the conciliation service," he said, "this bill places the Federal mediation function on a firmer statutory basis, defines its authority and authorizes more adequate appropriations for its prompt and efficient operations both in was to head up the mediation "The establishment of the new three-man board to head up the mediation service will give added presise to todiation boards to handle particular necessary the crealions as they arise, as in the automobile, textile and steel major strike situate years."

Under the terms of the bill, as Senator Wagner explained it, it would be the general duty of the mediation board to bring about agreements on rates of pay, rules and working conditions, including, wherever possible, provision for the final adjustment of grievances or interpretation of such greements.
Either or both parties to a labor dispute which threatened to interrupt the flow of interstate commerce could invoke the services of the board. The board itself would be permitted to offer its services if neither party had requested such action. If mediation failed, the board could attempt to persuade the disputants to submit their cases to arbitration.
Senator wagner declared. Senator Wagner declared.

## House Committee Investigating NLRB Expected to

 Make Report Shortly-Further Appropriation of $\$ 50,000$ to Continue Inquiry Voted By HouseThe House of Representatives voted yesterday (Feb. 23) fo: an additional appropriation of $\$ 50,000$ to continue the investigation of the National Labor Relations Board by the Special House Committee. The proposed legislation to provide additional funds was introduced in the House on Feb. 21 by Representative Howard W. Smith of Virginia, Chairman of the Committee. The Committee received the same amount last year. It is expected that the Committee will shortly cease hearing testimony and file a report with Congress dealing with amendments to the Labor Act. These recommendations are to be made in time for action at the present session of Congress, it is said.
Testimony before the Committee was mentioned in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1073.

## House Passes Proposal to Continue Trade Agreements

Program-Majority and Minority Reports of Ways and Means Committee
The House yesterday (Feb. 23) passed the resolution extending the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act for three years beyond June 12. Before approving the measure, which now goes to the Senate, the House defeated proposals requiring approval of the trade agreements either by both branches of Congres; or by the Senate alone and also a proposal to prohibit the changing, in any agreement, of the excise taxes on oil, coal, copper and lumber import.s. Debate on the measure was opened Feb. 19 by Representative Doughton of North Carolina, Chairman of the Waya and Means Committee and Floor Manager for the extension resolution.
The resolution was approved on Feb. 8 by the House Ways and Means Committee by a vote of 14 to the this was noted in our issue of Feb. 10, page 919. A formal report of the Democratic majority on the Committee recommending extension of the program was filed in the House on Feb. 15, the report said, in part:
In view of world conditions today, failure to extend the Trade Agreements Act at this time would not only deprive our Government of a prompt and effective means of promoting economic recovery and prosperity at home; it would also serve notice to the world that our country had abandoned its position of leadership as a peace-loving Nation in the effort to reestablish the basic and essential economic foundations of an enduring
eace.
On Feb. 16 the Republican minority report was made to the House and instead of advocating the continuance of the program, the Republicans proposed, according to the Baltimore "Sun" of Feb. 17, that:
The Authorization Act, due to expire on June 12, after a previous threeyear extension, be allowed to lapse.
A study be made with a view to setting up a substitute foreign trade is "geared to deal with foreign trade that "that is "truly flexible" and that is "geared to deal with foreign trade upon a realistic basis along consti-
tutional lines." tutional lines.'
trade agreements before they become provide for Congressional approval of
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Regarding the debate on the resolution in the House on
Feb. 19 we quoted the following from the Washington Feb. 19 we quoted the following from the Washington
"Post" of Feb. 20: The reciprocal trade
practical method of rebuildam is the "safest, surest, simplest and only Doughton told the House, while Republicans denouna secure basis," Mr. injurious to American agriculture.
Representative Crowther (Republican), of New York, acting Floor Manager for the minority, declared that tariff protection at the present of Minnesota, demanded that all trade agreements be placed on " a barter basis.'
Representative Carison (Republican), of Kansas, warned that future
trade agreements would be with "nnations that trade agreements would be with "nations that are in competition with
American farmers"; while Representative Robertson (Democrat), of American farmers"; while Representative Robertson (Democrat), of
Virginia, said that agriculture had benefited thus far under the program.

Debate was continued in the House on Feb. 20 and as to this we take the following from, a Washington dispatch to郎 Yow "Herald Tribune":
Representative John W. Boehne Jr., (Democrat), of Indiana, a member of the Ways and Means Committee and an advocate of extending tariffmaking authority by the Executive Branch after June 12, told the House that "a precious opportunity" would be lost to restore a sound world economy after the war if the United States returned to "Republican tariff Asserting
Asserting that the 22 agreements negotiated by the State Department In the peak years since 1934 had failed to lift the "depression and unemployment" in the United States, Representative August H. Andresen, (Repub-
Hican), of Minnesota, counter with the "International man, counter with the following argument:
attern of the 1930-33 depression by depreciating foreign currency to Increase their esports, and we are helping them by lowering currency to the reciprocal trade program. When the European war ends, and workers
now engaged in war get back into productive employment, depreciated of the American dollar. This scheme to destroy our export the high value matically bring about a flood of cheaply produced foreign trade will autofactured products into this country. Depreciated foreign currency manumatically increases the purchasing power of the American dollar in foreign markets. Our exports were reduced to a minimum in 1932 because of this fact, and the same thing will happen when the war ends in Europe", His After the submission of figures by Renesentatives crat, of Tennessee, and Allen T. Treadway, Republican, of Massachusettso designed to support their respective contentions for and against the program, the House listened to Representative Harry Coffee, Democrat, of
Nebraska.

Reporting that Representative Coffee took a leadis position in the movement to alter the Hull trade-agreements bill with the submission of an amendment which would make all future reciprocal tariff treaties subject to Senate ratification, the Associated Press said:
Delivering the first Democratic speech criticizing the program, Repz sentative Coffee asserted his amendment would "assure American agrio.
culture, labor and industry an adequate opportunity to culture, labor and industry an adequate opportunity to be heard" on all
future trade pacts. The House quit for the future trade pacts. The House quit for the day before voting on amend-
ments. ments.
On Feb. 21, Representative Barton (Republican, New York), in a speech before the Federation of Young Republican groups of Greater New York urged the continuance ol the trade treaty program which he cited as a means oistimulating two-way trade between the United States and other nations.

## House Passes Bill Changing Date of Transmission of

 Budget to Congress In Year In Which New President Takes OfficeThe House passed on Feb. 19, a bill to change the date of the transmission to Congress of the Federal budget in years in which a new President takes office. The bill was sponsored by Representative. Cochran, who in addressing
the House on Feb. 19, stated that the bill would give a new President an opportunity to have something to give a about the budget for the first year of his new adming to say without the embarrassment of having to modify recommendations previously made by his predecessor for a period of Government during which the predecessor would not be President. Mr. Cochran also said:
As the law now stands, Congress meets on Jan. 3, of each year of the regular session. The beginning of a Presidential term is on Jan. 20 . With the transmission of the Budget required on the first day of the regular session, Jan. 3, and a new President taking office on Jan. 20. the situation arises of an outgoing President preparing completely and
transmitting to Congress a budget for the fiscal year which transmitting to Congress a budget for the fiscal year which begins July 1
next following the taking of office by a new president next following the taking of office by a new President.
The Budget and Federal agencies, to proceed with through the Bureau of of the budget and advance the work as much the normal preparation of the, budget and advance the work as much as possible. "It would the incoming President to have until Feb. 20 following his would permit on Jan. 20 to determine the kind of a budget message he wished to present to Congress.
"A delay in the transmission of the budget in any year until February bills based upon that budget; yet if the law is not changed and the outgoing President sends in a budget and his successor taking office on Jan. 20 differs with that budget in policy or detail and sends a modifying message to Congress remaking the budget in essential particulars, there would be endless confusion and reconsideration, with accompanying work of going over the ground again in the light of the new recommendations."

## Federal Loan Administrator Jones Regards Finland

 Good Risk-Testifies Before House Committee Studying Bill Increasing Capital of Export-Import Bank.-Loan for Arms DefeatedThe Senate-approved bill increasing the capital of the Export-Import Bank by $\$ 100,000,000$, thus making possible a further loan of $\$ 20,000,000$ to Finland for the purchase of non-military goods in the United States, was considered this week by the House Banking and Currency Committee. Yesterday (Feb. 23) the committee defeated a proposal to permit a loan of $\$ 30,000,000$ to Finland for the purchase of military or other supplies in this country. The proposal was set out in an amendment to the Senate bill. Jesse H. Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, testified before the group on Feb. 16, expressing the opinion that Finland would survive its war with Russia and would pay off its debts. Mr. Jones again appeared before the committee on Feb. 19, saying that he would consider the nation a good risk "as long as she was still fighting with a good chance to win." On the following day (Feb. 20) Green H. Hackworth, State Department legal adviser, testified that the credit extension would violate neither the neutrality policies of the Government nor the law among nations. Yassage of the bill by the Senate was reported in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1070. Regarding Mr. Jones's testimony on Feb. 19, Washington Associated Press advices said:
"I don't think you should expect us to lend $\$ 20,000,000$ to Finland if she has been defaated before the loan is, acted upon,"' the TTexas banker
[Mr. Jones] said. "I think we would give them some additional credit if they were still fighting and with a chance to win." Finland already
las borrowed $\$ 10,000,000$. has borrowed $\$ 10,000,000$.
Mr. Jones told the committee that the bill was designed also to stimulate trade with South America.
Mr. Jones also expressed the vicw
Mr. Jones also expressed the view that the neutrality law would prevent the Export-Import Bank from making loans to Finland in case Russia declared war or the President proclaimed a state of war to exist. He said that if a state of war were proclaimed after the Bank had made a commitment to Finland a problem would arise as to disposition of the
commitment.
"We would obviously be obligated to pay for merchandise that already had been purchased," the Loan, Administrator testified. would ship it is another matter."
Asked what security the Export-Import Bank would have for advances Asked what securiye said an existing loan of $\$ 10,000,000$ was not ocured by property in this country, but that it had been made on the scumption that Finland would endure
"I have thought that the Finnish people would carry on in some organized form and would pay their debt," Mr. Jones declared.
Mr. Jones said the Export-Import Bank had agreed to grant credits of to Sweden and Norway, provided funds were available, and that both wanted "much more." He added that Denmark also had asked credit, but no definite commitment had been made.

## Finnish Relief Fund Establishes Remittance

To Send Gifts for Purposes Specified
Announcement was made on Feb. 19 by Herbert Hoover, dirman of the Finnish Relief Fund, that "to simplify andith to cooperate with or movements, we organization and to cooperanish Relief Fund a 'remittance have established in the 's statement went on to say:
division.'" Mr. Hoover's statement went on to say.
That is, in addition to our own purpose to recruit charity funds for general emergency purposes of the civil population, we wil thithout cost special donations to any of the pubic instified donations may be made
to the donors. The institut
nclude: The Lotta Svaard. (An organization of 110,000 Finnish women furnishing the backbone of army hos in Finland, chiefly the Lutheran Church,
The various religious bodies in Finland, chiefly the Lutheran Church, the Finnish people.
The Finnish people.
The educational institutions and any other established public institutions.
The Finnish Government for its own unrestricted use.
The Fund cannot accept remittances directed to individuals in Finland. The Fund cannout accept the Fund does not compete with other worthy efforts for Moreover, the Fund does not wempee wherely desire to facilitate them, to
Finland. By this arrangement we met lessen costs of organization.
Mr . Hoover preceded the above announcement by stating that:
Some 12 different organizations have arisen which are appealing for various forms of relief for Finland. They have naturally come into being in response to appeals from Finland fo
are real expressions of material sympatay.
It is therefore desirable both to clarify the relief situation somewhat It is therefore desirable both to clarify the relief situation somewhat cases assist charity organization in the United States.
Mr . Hoover also stated that "over $1,100,000$ individuals have now contributed to the total of about $\$ 1,900,000$ received by the Fund, reference to which was made in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1070. John D. Rockefeller Jr. gave 8100000 to the Fund on Feb. 21 on behalf of himself and his family
Under Secretary of State Welles Sails for Europe to Study Conditions-M. C. Taylor, Vatican Envoy, Also Sails
Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles and Myron 0 . Taylor, personal envoy of President Roosevelt to the Vatican, sailed for Europe on Feb. 17 on the Italian liner Rex. Mr. Welles will survey conditions in Italy, France, Germany and Great Britain for the President, while Mr. Taylor will explore the possibilities for peace through coordinated efforts. Mr. Welles was accompanied by Jay Pierrepont Moffat, Chief of the State Department's Division of Euronean Affairs, and Lucius Hartwell Johnson of the Foreign Service Office. Under-Secretary Welles gave no details of his plans, but Mr. Taylor issues a brief statement declaring his plans, but Mr. Maylor issues a brier statement dociering hat he would do his utmost to avoid further suffering His statement follows:
President Roosevelt has asked me to proceed to Italy to serve as his personal representative to Pope Piux XII, who has agreed to receive me in this capacity. We shall explore every possibility that a representative of the President may properly do to assist in furthering his desire and that of the United States for the reestablishment of
of freedom and independence for all nations.
Not only has his Holiness evinced his profound interest in any steps Not only has his Holiness evinced his profound interest in any steps
which might tend toward this goal, but his declarations on behalf of which might tend toward this goal, but his declarations on behalf or
suffering humanity, rearardless of race or creed, have led us in this country to believe that a useful purpose might be served through some coordination of effort.
This is a great and critical moment of world history, and I am determined to do my utmost to assist in avoiding further suffering.
The Associated Press reported yesterday (Feb. 23), in a dispatch from Berlin, that Mr. Welles would confer with Reich Chancellor Adolf Hitler when he arrives in Berlin.
Plans for Mr. Welles's trip were noted in these columns Feb. 17, page 1081, while the appointment of Mr. Taylor was mentioned in these columns Dec. 30, page 4101.

## Senator Vandenberg Requests That President Roosevelt Have Under Secretary of State Welles Obtain German Assurance That Relief Funds for Poland Will Be Distributed

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Republican of Michigan. on Feb. 16 suggested to President Roosevelt that UnderSecretary of State Welles be requested to urge the German Government to cooperate with Polish-American relief plans. In a letter to the President Mr. Vandenberg said that the Polish-American Relief Committee has been seeking per-Polish-American Relief Committee has been seeking per-
mission for representatives of the committee to enter the mission for representatives of the committee to enter the
Polish areas to supervise distribution or to cooperate with
the German Red Cross. Until such assurance is given that the funds reach their intended destinations and are adequately disbursed the movement cannot get fully moving, Mr. Vandenberg explained. The departure of $\mathbf{M r}$. Welles for Eurone to survey conditions is noted elsewhere in these columns of todar. Senator Vandenberg's letter to President Roosevelt follows: My dear Mr. President:
I take the liberty of respectfully suggesting to you that when UnderI take the liberty of respectruly his contemplated trip to Europe for a
Secretary of State Welles makes Secretary of state war conditions it would be highly desirable and undoubtedly of great helpfulness if he could be requested to urge the German Government to cooperate as intimately as possible with Polish-American
relief plans.
You are familiar with the fact that the Polish-American Relief Committee has been requesting permission for representatives of the committee to enter the Polish areas for which the relief is intended and to either supervise the distribution or to cooperate with the German Red Cross in this connection.
At the request of the Polish-American Relief Committee, I have discussed this matter informally with the German Embassy and my last reports were that some progress has been made in developing these hig effective and rrangements. It is to be greatly hoped satisfactory arrangements can be concluded wimun collection of Polish relief funds in the United States.
This latter movement cannot hope to get fully into stride until there is This latter mance that these Polish relief contributions reach their incomplete assulance that these Polish relief contributions reping with our American expectations.
It must be of mutual interest to all concerned that an adequate and satisfactory plan should be developed without further delay to permit American relief in Poland. I am hopeful that Mr. Welles may have these utcessities in mind and may find a way to serve them if and when he visits Germany on his contemplated mission.
With sentiments of great respect, I beg to remain
Cordially and faithfully, ARTHUR H. VANDESBERG.

## Eastern Railroads Denied Extension of 21/2-Cent

 Fare RateThe Interstate Commerce Commission on Feb. 15 denied petition of the Eastern railroads to extend to Oct. 31 the present one-way coach fare of $21 / 2$ cents a mile. The rate was to have expired on Jan. 24, but had been extended until March 24 to permit hearings on the carriers' petition. The maximum rate for coach travel on March 24 now will revert to a basis of two cents a mile. The basic rate of a maximum of three cents a mile for travel in Pullman cars will remain unchanged.
The ICC on its own motion first brocght a reduction in passenger fares in the East by ordering a maximum of two cents a mile for coach travel and three cents in Pullman cars in June, 1936. Prior to that time the basic rate had been 3.6 cents a mile for travel in both coaches and Pullman cars. The railrods petitioned the ICC for permission to raise coach fares cars. The railroads petitioned the 1938 and the Commission granted to a basis of 2.5 cents a mile in co chers for an 18 -month period.
In June 1939 the carriers, with the consent of the Commission, issued In June, 1939, the carriers, wres for round-trip travel on a sliding scale which ranged from a basis of $2 \frac{1}{4}$ cents a mile to as low as 1.7 cents a mile for the longer distances traveled. The latter rates also expire on March 24 with the $21 / 2$-cent fare.
The Baltimore \& Ohio RR. did not join the other Eastern roads in their petition for extension of the rates. B. \& 0 . receives a smaller percentage of gross revenue and a smaller amount of dollar revenue from passenger business than either of the other two major trunk lines, the Pennsylvania RR. and the New York Central System, and the B. \& O. long has been an advocate of lower fares in the Eastern territory.

## Department of Agriculture Announces Farm Parity

Rates on Four Crops
Rates of parity paryments to be made to producers of cotton, corn, wheat and rice who plant within their 1940 acreage allotments were announced on Feb. 13 by the Department of Agriculture. In reporting this a Washington dispatch of Feb. 13 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:
The payments, which will be made on the normal yield of each producer's acreage allotment were given as follows: Cotton, 1.55 cents per pound; corn, 5 cents per bushel; wheat, 10 cents per bushel, and rice 1.7 cents per hundredweight. Last year parity payments were 1.6
6 These price adjustment or parity payments supplement regular agriThese price adjust ond or por 1.6 cents per pound for cotton, 10 cents cuitural per busher for which the department previously announced for this year. Wetal of farm payments for the various crops this year will be 3.15 cents Tot poind for cotton, compared with 3.4 cents last year; 15 cents per bushel for corn, the same as last year; 19 cents per bushel for wheat, compared with 28 cents last year, and 8.2 cents per hundredweight for rice, compared with 21 cents last year.
The parity payments announced today will be made under the 1940 Department of Agriculture Appropriation Act providing $\$ 225,000,000$ to be paid producers of five major crops. The measure limited parity payments to crops for which the 1939 average farm prices were less than $75 \%$ of parity. Since the estimated 1939 average price for all tobacco, was above $75 \%$ of parity, no price adjustments will be made on that crop. The fund made a vailable for 1940 parity payments win be divided among the four major crops as follows: Cotton, $\$ 96,000,000$; corn, $18,60,000$ : wheat, $57,100,000$; rice, $\$ 300,000$. This allocation is
the formula established in the Adustment Act of 1938 . 1939 than in 1938 . Cotton, corn, wheat and rice prices were all higher in 1939 than in 1938. but because cotton prices improved relatively less than those for the other crops the proportion of the parity fund going to col.
is larger than it was in 193, of the $\$ 225,000,000$ fund include a transfer Other $\$ 11$, for administrative expense and reserve.

Officials indicated that estimated increases in participation in 1940 compared to 1939 estimates are responsible for the somewhat lower rates of he provisions of the Price Adjustment Act of 1938, which made available $\$ 212,000,000$ for that purpose.

Eight United States Lines' Vessels Sold to Belgian Firm
The United States Maritime Commission on Feb. 19, approved an application by United States Lines for the sale of eight of its vessels to Societe Maritime Anversoise, a Belgian corporation, and the transfer of the vessels to Belgian registry. The vessels are the President Harding, American Trader, American Merchant American Farmer, American Banker, American Traveler, American Shipper and American Importer
The United States Lines had first received tentative approval from the Maritime Commission to sell the ships to a Panamanian firm but withdrew its application when the State Department opposed the deal. Permission next was received Dec. 31 , to sell the ships to Norwegian interests but this deal also was dropped in January when the Norwegian government withheld its approval. The ships will operate between New York and Belgian ports, from which they were forced to withdraw by the revised neutrality aw.
Previous reference to the matter was made in our issue of Dec. 2, page 3485. On Jan. 19, the United States Maritime Commission approved tre applications of the AmericanHawaiiad Steamship Co., of San Francisco, and Lykes Brothers Steamship Co., of New Orleans, to sell six American cargo vessels to Runciman Ltd. of London, England, with transfer to British registry. The American-Hawaiian Line's ships involved were the Delawarean, Indianan, Louisianan and Tennesseean. Lykes Brothers ships are the Oakwood and Waban.

Improvement in Capital Position of Insured Banks and in Quality of Bank Assets Reported by FDIC Chairman Crowley-Issues Data Summarizing ReChairman Crowley-Issues Data Summarizing Re-
sults of Corporation's Examination of Banks not sults of Corporation's Examination
Members of Federal Reserve System
Marked improvement in the capital position of insured banks and a steady decline in the proportion of their assets criticized by examiners were revealed in figures released on Feb. 22 by Chairman Leo T. Crowley of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The data summarize results of FDIC's examinations of insured banks not members of the Federal Reserve System from 1933 through 1939. Regarding Chairman Crowley's remarks the FDIC announcement said:
At the beginning of deposit insurance, Mr. Crowley declared, only $65 \%$
of the banks not members of the Federal of the banks not members of the Federal Reserve System that applied for insurance had a net capital equal to $10 \%$ or more of deposits. In 1939
about $87 \%$ of the banks fell into this category. Banks with a net capital of from $5 \%$ to $10 \%$ of deposits constituted $15 \%$ of the banks in 1933-34, and $13 \%$ in 1939.
The reduction in banks with very low capital ratios reflected capital rehabilitation programs pursued jointly by FDIC, Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and State bank supervisors; improvement in economic and financial conditions resulting in recoveries in asset values on the banks' books; and elimination of a large number of weak banks through suspensions, mergers, absorptions, or voluntary liquidations, Chairman Crowley
said. Im
Improvement of the quality of bank assets during the past six years has been notable. Assets deducted from capital by examiners in 1933-34, in
banks covered by the study, equaled $55 \%$ of the banks' book capital banks covered by the study, equaled $55 \%$ of the banks' book capital.
In 1939 assets deducted amounted to only $11 \%$ of book capital. At the beginning of deposit insurance examiners appraised assets of these at the at $90 \%$ of their book value; in 1939 the assets were appraised at nearly $99 \%$ of book value. Assets classed as substandard, but not deducted by examiners, amounted to $20 \%$ of total assets in the earlier years, as compared with $11 \%$ in 1939 .

Mr. Crowley ascribed the lower proportion of criticized and substandard assets in 1939 to improvement in the economic outlook of obligors ; elimina tion by the banks of a sulstantial volume of criticized assets (charge-offs during the six years amounted to about $\$ 700,000,000$, or more than $10 \%$ of assets held in 1933-34); and acquisition by the banks of substantial amounts of new assets of which only a negligible proportion has been criticized. The elimination of criticized assets through charge-offs was made possible through retention of net earnings, recoveries on assets, and profits on securities, and by contributions and subscriptions to capital by the RFO and by private investors.
and satisfaction to this Corporation," Mr. Crowley a source of pride and satisfaction to this Corporation," Mr. Crowley declared, "current tendencies give us some concern. Improvement in the capital position of the banks occurred largely in 1934 and early 1935. Since 1936 growth in deposits at a rate more rapid than the growth of capital has caused a
general decline in capital ratios. The banks, therefore, have become more $g \in n e r a l ~ d e c l i n e ~ i n ~ c a p i t a l ~ r a t i o s . ~ T h e ~ b a n k s, ~ t h e r e f o r e, ~ h a v e ~ b e c o m e ~ m o r e ~$ ing the risk of loss to depositors and to this Corporation and more vigilant supervision than prevailed in the past."

## RFC Chairman Schram Denies An Agreement Had Been Made With NLRB to Bar Loans to Labor Act Violators-Tells House Committee, However, Loans

 Were Held Up in Three CasesEmil Schram, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, on Feb. 20, told the House Committee investigating the National Labor Relations Board that his agency did not have any "agreement" with the NLRB to withhold loans from firms against which labor practice complaints had been issued. Mr. Schram indicated, it is said, that in three cases the RFC had ordered loan disbursements held up at the suggestion of the NLRB, but he said
that in only one case was the disbursement materially delayed. This testimony was in contrast with that of $J$. Warren Madden, Chairman of the NLRB, who on Feb. 14 was said to have stated that such an arrangement had been made last Fall. An item thereon appeared in our Feb. 17 issue, page 1073. Further testimony on the question was reported in a Washington dispatch Feb. 20 to the New York "Herald Tribune":
Also in contrast with Mr. Madden's testimony before the Committee that the RFC had initiated the plan, today's principal witness for the procurement division of the Treasury, Frank Healy, special assistant in bar alleged Wagner act violators had taken the initiative in seeking to from his department. He identified a letter from Mr. Madden esling that firms involved in alleged unfair labor practices be deprived of Federal contracts.
The procurement division never did anything about it, Mr. Healy said, Oliphant, had genal counsel of the Treasury at that time, the late Herman withhold contracts that otherwise complied with the law.
Mr. Schram testified that there had been an arrangement with the Board by which information had been exchanged. Under this plan the RFC gave the Labor Board a list of approved loans and the Board sent the lending agency the names of companies charged with unfair labor practices.
Besides the three cases in which RFC "hold-up" orders followed recommendations from the NLRB, Mr. Schram testified that the RFC had refused in one case to follow the recommendation of the Board and had granted the loan

Report of Operations of RFC Feb. 2, 1932, to Dec. 31, 1939 -Loans of $\$ 13,403,310,913$ Authorized- $\$ 2,-$ 291,685,652 Canceled-\$7,685,895,980 Disbursed for Loans and Investments- $\$ 5,776,951,794$ RepaidRFC Transactions with Railroads Itemized
In his recently issued report of operations, Emil Schram, Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, states that authorizations and commitments of the RFC in the recovery program during December amounted to $\$ 29,738,957$, rescissions of previous authorizations and commitments amounted to $\$ 154,761,179$, making total authorizations through Dec. 31, 1939, and tentative commitments outstanding at the end of the month of $\$ 13,403,310,913$. This latter amount includes a total of $\$ 1,072,313,842$ authorized for other governmental agencies and $\$ 1,800,000,000$ for relief from organization through Dec. 31, 1939. Authorizations aggregating $\$ 9,857,899$ were canceled or withdrawn during December, Mr. Schram said, making total cancelations and withdrawals of $\$ 2,291,685,652$. A total of $\$ 650,830,440$ remains available to borrowers and to banks in the purchase of preferred stock, capital notes and debentures. During December $\$ 22,105,898$ was disbursed for loans and investments and $\$ 34,155,348$ was repaid, making total disbursements through Dec. 31,1939 , of $\$ 7,685,895,980$ and repayments of $\$ 5,776,951,794$ (approximately $75.16 \%$ ). Chairman Schram's report continued:
During December loans were authorized to five banks and trust companies (including those in liquidation) in the amount of $\$ 432,699$. Cancelations and withdrawals of loans to banks and trust companies (including those in liquidation) amounted to $\$ 125,093 ; \$ 1,771,906 \cdot$ was disbursed and $\$ 1,739,794$ repaid.. Through Dec. 31, 1939, loans have been authorized to 7,539 banks and trust companies (including those in receivership) aggregating $\$ 2,555,346,796$. of this amount $\$ 511,961,997$ has been with. drawn, $\$ 13,696,622$ remains available to borrowers, and $\$ 2,029,688,177$ has been disbursed. Of this latter amount $\$ 1,921,038,363$, approximately $94.6 \%$, has been repaid. Only $\$ 7,988,709$ is owing by open banks, and that includes $\$ 6,931,134$ from one mortgage and trust company.
During December authorizations
During December authorizations were made to purchase preferred stock of three banks and trust companies in the aggregate amount of $\$ 665,000$, and cancelations and withdrawals amounted to $\$ 300,000$. Through Dec. 31, 1939, authorizations have been made for the purchase of preferred stock, gating $\$ 1,348,866,934$, and 1,123 loans were authorized in the amount of gating $\$ 1,348,866,934$, and 1,123 loans were authorized in the amount of preferred stock, capital notes and debentures of total authorization for companies of $\$ 1,397,194,689 ; \$ 171,050,087$ of this banks and trust dirawn and $\$ 56,214,600$ remains available to the this has been with of authorizations have been met.
During December loans were authorized for distribution to depositors of
sive closed banks in the amount five closed banks in the amount of $\$ 432,698.71$; cancelations and withdrawals amounted to $\$ 125,093$; disbursements amounted to $\$ 1,771,906$, and repayments amounted to $\$ 1,364,998.78$. Through Dec. 31 . 1939, loans have been authorized for distribution to depositors of 2,776 closed banks aggregating $\$ 1,343,004,584$; $\Psi 333,954,258$ of this amount has been withdrawn and $\$ 14,146,822$ remains available to the borrowers; $\$ 994,903,504$ has keen disbursed and $\$ 942,854,080$, approximately $94.7 \%$, has been repaid. During December the authorizations to finance drainage, levee and irrigation districts 'were increased $\$ 246,800$, authorizations in the amount of
$\$ 14,000$ were withdrawn, and $\$ 425,655$ were $\$ 14,000$ were withdrawn, and $\$ 425,655$ were disbursed. Through Dec. 31, irrigation districts been authorized to refinance 645 drainage, levee and irrigation districts afgregating $\$ 144,907,227$, of which $\$ 31,901,486$ has
been withdrawn, $\$ 24,276,740$ remains availabl 729,001 has been disbursed remains available to the borrowers, and $\$ 88$, 722,001 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, 51 loans to industry, aggregating $\$ 20,994491$, were ing December. Authorizations in the amount of $\$ 1,435$ authorized duror withdrawn during December. Through Dec. 31, 1939, including canceled to the fishing industry, to banks and to mortgage loan companies to loans business and industry in cooperation with the National Recovery to assist istration program, the Corporation has authorized 6,980 loans Adminbenefit of industry afgregating $\$ 408,237,556$. Of this amount $\$ 89,888,570$ has been withdrawn and $\$ 125,073,995$ remains available to the borrowers. In addition the Corporation agreed to purchase participations amounting to $\$ 1,118,528$ in loans to 22 businesses during December, and similar authorizations aggregating $\$ 2,507,113$ were withdrawn. Through Dec. 31, 1939, the Corporation has authorized or has agreed to the purchase of parwhich has been withg $\$ 113,024,758$ of 1,680 businesses, $\$ 32,840,481$ of

During December, two loans in the amount of $\$ 115,000$ were authorized to public agencies for self-liquidating projects. Disbursements amounted
 1939, $\$ 19$ loans have $\$ 43,735,190$; $\$ 435,841$ of this amount has been withdrawn and $\$ 106,968,375$ remains available to the borrowers; $\$ 408,330,974$ has been disbursed and $\$ 322,199,139$ has been repaid.
During December the Corporation purchased from the Federal Emergency daninistration of Public Works six blocks (six issues) of securities having par value of $\$ 1,315,000$ and sold securities having par value of $\$ 7,826,800$ at a premium of $\$ 214,815$. The Corporation also collected maturing Public Works Administration securities having par value of $\$ 250,341$ Through Dec. 31, 1939, the Corporation has purchased from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works 4,140 blocks ( 3,079 issues) f securities having par value of $\$ 659,275,049$. Of this amoun, $\$ 13,753,550$ having par value of $\$ 483,698,521$ were sold at a prill held $\$ 13,753,550$ Securities having a par value of $\$ 147,1,282$ are tor the Corporation has agreed wher at of securities having held and collected or sold at a later date, such part Emergency Adminis. an aggregate par 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 Dec. 31, 1939.
Loans under Section 5:


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$146,500,000.00-\frac{2,425.46}{14.49}$ urchase of preferred stock, capital notes and debentures of banks and trust companies (in14.17 repaid on loans secured by pref stock).-1,169,930,001.56 $629,606,547.61$ Purchase of stock of the RFC Mortgage Co-
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oans secured by preferred stock of insurance companies (Including $\$ 100,000$ disbursed
the purchase of preferred stock) Total.
 Total.. $\qquad$34,475,000.00 $\quad 7,754,816.01$ $\overline{1,239,294,501.56} \overline{637,451,363.62}$ 623,275,429.49 502,456,990.48 $\overline{7,685,895,980.06} \overline{5,776,951,794,32}$

Allocations to Governmental agencles under pro
visons 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 Capital stock of Federal Home Loan banks--
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for loans to: for loans to: Joint Stock Land banks..-....................................... Federal Farm Mtge. Corp. for ioans to farmers.
Federal Housing Administrator: Federal Housing Administrator To create mutual mortgage insurance fund.sec. of Agricul, for crop 10 oans to farmers (net)-Governor of the Farm Credit Administration for
 Stock-Disaster Loan Corporation----1.---1-: Purchase of capital stock (incl. $\$ 39,500,000$



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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 127 |  | 127.000 | 127,000 |
| Ala. Tenn. \& Northern RR. Corp. | 275 |  | 275.00 | 000 |
| Alton RR. Co... | 2.500.000 |  | 2.534,757 | ${ }_{634,757}$ |
| Ann Arbor RR. Co. (rec | 634,757 |  | 400.000 |  |
| Ashley Drew \& Northern Ry, C |  |  | 95,343.400 | 12,204,879 |
| Baltinore \& Ohlo RR. Co (note) | 95,358.000 |  | 41.300 | 41.300 |
| Birmingham \& So'eastern RR.Co. | 11.069,437 |  | 11,069,437 | 102,307 |
| Boston \& Maine RR--- | 11,069,437 | 53,960 |  | 9 |
| Cariton \& Coast RR. Co | 549,000 | 13,200 | 535,800 |  |
| Carolina Clinchfield \& Ohio Ry. (Atlantic Coast Line and LoulsAlle ${ }^{\circ}$ |  |  | 14,150,000 |  |
| ville \& Nashville, lessees)...-- | 14,150,000 |  | 14,124,319 | 220.692 |
| Central of Georgia Ry. Co | +500,000 | 35,701 | 464.299 | 464.299 |
| Central RR. Co, of N. | 140,000 |  | 140,009 | 40,000 |
| Chicago \& Eastern III. RR. | 5,916.500 |  | 5,916,500 46888133 | 4,338,000 |
| Chicago \& North Western RR. | 46.589,133 | ,00 | 1,289,000 | 838 |
| Chicago Great Wertern RR | 1,280,000 |  | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Chic. Muw. St.P.\& Pac. RR.Co. | 12,000,000 |  | 11,500,000 |  |
| Chic. Milw. St.P. \& Pac. RR. (trustee) | 8,920,000 |  | $4,348,000$ | 3,840,000 |
| Chic. No. Shore \& Milw. RR. Co. | 1,150,000 |  | ${ }_{1}^{13,718.700}$ |  |
| Chicago R, I. \& Pac. Ry. Co-- | $1{ }^{13,718,705}$ | 2,098,925 | 8,300.000 | 8,300,000 |
| Cincinnati Union Termina | ,504,4 | 2,53,600 | 29,450.800 | 1,561,133 |
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| Copper Rrange RR Co | 53,500 |  |  |  |
| Del. Lackawanna \& Wester | 2,000,000 | 219,000 | 8,081,000 | 00,0 |
| Denver \& Rio Grande W.RR.Co. (trustees) | 1.800,000 |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1,800,000 \\ & 3,182,150 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 800.000 \\ 71.300 \end{array}$ |
| Denver \& Salt Lake West. RR.Co. | 3,182,150 |  | ${ }^{3} 589000$ | 000 |
| ${ }_{\text {Erie Rrie }}$ RR. Co | 000,000 |  | 8,000,000 |  |
| Eureka Nevada | 0 |  |  |  |
| Fla. E. Coast Ry. Co. (recel | 1,957,075 |  | ,827,434 |  |
| Ft.Smith \& W.Ry.Co.(receivers) | 8,176.000 |  | 8,176,000 |  |
| Ft. Worth \& Den. City Ry. Co-- | 8,170.000 | 15,000 |  |  |
| Fainesville Midiand RR. | 78.000 |  |  |  |
| Gainsville Midi'd Ry. (recelv | 10.539 |  | 3,183.000 | 111,000 |
| Galv. Houston \& Hend | 3,183,000 |  | 546,000 |  |
| Galveston Terminal Ry | ${ }_{354,721}$ |  | 354,721 |  |
| Georgia \& Fla.RR. | 5,422,400 | 99,422,400 | 6,000.000 | 6,000.000 |
| Green County RR. Co | 13,915 |  | 13.915 | 520 |
| Guif Moblle \& Northern | 520.000 | $\overline{22} \cdot \underline{667}$ | 36,330,000 | 125.000 |
| Illinois Central RR. | 10,278.000 | 1.000,000 | 9,278.000 | 8.500 .000 |
| Lehigh Valley RR. | +800.000 |  |  |  |
| Loutsiana \& Arkansas Ry | 0 |  |  | 550.000 |
| Maine Cencral RR. Co- | $2,550.000$ 20000 | 3,000 | 197,000 | 50,000 |
| Meridian \& Bigbee River |  | 744,252 |  |  |
| (trustee) |  | 744,2 | 6443.082 | a6,843.082 |
| Inn. St. P.\& S.s. | 6.843,082 |  | 100.000 | 100.000 |
| Mississippl Export Rr. | 5,124,000 |  | $5,124.000$ | 2,309,760 |
| Missouri-Kansas-Texas | 23,134,800 |  | 23,134,800 |  |
| Missouri Southern RR. | 99,200 |  | 99,200 785,000 | 785,00 |
| Mobile \& Ohio RR. Co--.-.-.-) | 1,070,599 |  | ,070.599 | 1,070,599 |
| Moblle \& Ohio RR. Co.(receivers) Murfreesboro-Nashville Ry.Co_ | 1,025.000 |  | ${ }^{25.0000}$ |  |
| New York Central RR | ,499,000 |  | 29,299,000 | 18,\%09 |
| N. Y. Chic. \& St. L. R | 18,200000 $7,700,000$ | $2 \overline{2}$ | 18,609,778 | 1861,901 |
| Nort. South. RR.Co. (recelvers) | ,607,000 |  |  |  |
| Pennsylvania RR. Co | 29,500,000 | 60 | 28,900.000 | 28,900,0 |
| Pere Marquette Ry, C |  |  | . 17.000 | -12,50 |
| Ploneer \& Fayette RR | 4,975.207 |  | 4,975,207 | 773,60 |
| uget Sound \& Cascade Ry.Co-- | 4,900,000 |  | 300,000 | $\stackrel{300,00}{ }$ |
| St. Louls-San Fran. Ry. Co.-.-- | 7,995,175 |  | $\begin{array}{r}7.995 .175 \\ \hline 18.672 .250\end{array}$ | 18,672,250 |
| St. Louls-Eouthwertern Ry. | 18,790,000 |  | 18,6720000 | 18,672,250 |
| Salt Lake \& Ttah RR. (recelv | 200,000 |  | 400.000 |  |
| Sait Lake \& Ttah Rr. Corp | 162,600 |  | ${ }^{162.600}$ |  |
| and Springs Ry. Co-- | 1.300 000 |  | 1,235,000 | 26,00 |
| vannah \& Atlanta Ry. | 5,200,000 |  | 2,065,000 | c320,00 |
| Seaboard Air ${ }^{\text {Southern Paclic }}$ C ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 45,200,000 | 1,200.000 | 44,000.000 | 24.200 .00 |
| Southern Ry. Co | 51,405.000 | 500,000 | $50.905,000$ 100 | $19,954,13$ 100 |
| Sumpter Valley Ry | 100.000 |  | 5,147,700 | 147,70 |
|  | 5,108,740 | 108,740 |  |  |
| Texas \& Pacifle R | 700.000 |  | 70.000 | 700.00 |
| Texas Southern-Fastern RR.CO- | 00 | 6,000 | 30000 |  |
| Tuckerton RR. | 23,231.583 |  | 23,223,383 | 991.80 |
| Wabash Ry. Co. (recelv | 4,366.000 |  | 4.366,000 | ,403 |
| estern Pacific Rr. | 13,502,922 |  | 13,502,922 | 3,600,00 |
| estern Pac. RR. Co (trustees)- | ${ }^{1500.000}$ |  | 750,000 | 400 |
| ichita Fails \& Southern RR.Co. | 22,525 |  | 22,525 | 22,5 |

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ment 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 bankruptey, we sold the balance Pacifle Ry. Co. and when the "Soo Line" went into bankruptcy, we sold the balance
due on the loan to the Canadian Pacific, recelving $\$ 662,245.50$ in cash and Canadian due on the loan to the Canadian Pacific, receiving $\$ 662,245.50$, 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 Corporatlon. Corporation has approved, in principle, loans in the amount of $\$ 127,319,341$ upon the performance of specified conditions.

Increased Income, Production Adjustment and Soil Conservation Described by Secretary Wallace as Greatest Needs of Agriculture-Advises House Committee on Marketing Certificates
The three basic needs of agriculture in the United States are increased farm income, strengthened production adjustmen and additional soil conservation, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace said on Feb. 15 in a described the Administration' mittee on Agriculture. He described "seven years of steady present farm program as the result of progress and solid progress in the welfare of agriculture and the nation," and declared that it constitutes a broad, deeprooted and sound foundation for the future security and well-

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being of all the people." The only practicable, possible source of increased income to the farmer at the present time, Mr. Wallace said, is through the marketing certificates which he recommended, "not as a substitute for any part of the farm program, but as a greatly needed addition."

In part Secretary Wallace said:
My recommendation is that the principle of marketing certificates be adopted as an addition to the present farm program in order to meet the needs for increased farm income, for strengthened production adjustment, and for additional soil conservation.
${ }^{(1)}$ A marketing certificate plan could be administered very simply. First, we would allot marketing certificates to farmers who cooperate in such values as would be necessary to cover their allotted normal production and assure them an income equivalent to parity prices on the domestically consumed portion of their crops. Second, we would require manufacturers and importers, upon the sale of finished products, to acquire the certificates, in amounts which would assure a market for the entire supply, and return them to the Government. No certificates would be required from manufacturers on sales for export. And third, we would establish a government revolving pool to purchase certificates from farmers and sell them to manufacturers whenever necessary in order not only to maintain the market price of the certificates at their face values but also to make buying and selling a convenient operation and to assure that an adequate supply of certificates would be a vailable for the needs of manufacturers and importers
at all times. at all times.
(2) A marketing certificate plan would achieve the benefits of processing taxes without entailing their difficulties. No appropriations would be required for a marketing certificate program; the certificate requirements would not be a tax; the program would be based on the power of the Congress 3) A markting
(3) A marketing certificate plan would be readily adaptable to most of our export crops. As illustrations, such crops might include wheat, which do not pass through a centralized manufacturing process, as corn, practical alternative for increasing income, a appears to be through ap propriations. For those crops to which it is adapted the superiority of the marketing certificate approach, as compared with the other alternatives may be summarized as follows:
(a) A marketing certificate program would promise to do more than any of the other alternatives as the principal method for bringing about a fair participation of agriculture in the national income, since it would constitute the most practical arrangement for obtaining the additional income through increased domestic prices. It seems clear that neither a system of pricefixing nor a system of high loans could be expected to provide as much income over a long period as could be obtained through a marketing certificate plan.
(b) A marketing certificate plan would also give agriculture a more dependable and permanent form of financing than the other alternatives, and one that would be more nearly comparable to those now enjoyed by industry through tariffs, quotas, franchises, and patents.
(c) A marketing certificate plan would contribute more than any of the other alternatives toward production adjustment and increased soil conservation. It has already been pointed out that proposals either for price-
fixing or for high loans would tend in themselves to constitute incentives fixing or for high loans would tend in themselves to constitute incentives (d) A marketing thent of production adjustment and soil conservation. (d) A marketing certificate plan is obviously superior to the other alternawould require standpoint of budgetary considerations, since such a plan (e) A marketigg pertificato pin
(e) A marketing certificate plán has several special advantages over the It would avoid thatives.
It would avoid the danger of interference with the Trade Agreements
Program, through the long continued use of export subsidies. It would avoid the accumulation of unmarketable $s$ rpluses.
It would a void the undesirable encroachment of government upon business It should assist in avoiding interference with the competitive position
of the product in the market. A marketing certificate program, but not a fixed-price or high loan program, is adapted to the r se of partial or complete exemptions on those manufactured products which compete most strongly satory tax might be levied on campeting materials in conjunction with anyof the alternatives, including a marketing certificate program. It would keep inventories out of the hands of the Government and in the consumption.

## Hearing at Albany on Bill Proposing Revision of New <br> York Stock Transfer Tax-Views of Mayor La Guardia, George H. McCaffrey, Etc.

In addition to representatives from New York's financial district, who this week argued against the present stock transfer tax at hearings in Albany before the Taxation committees of the State Senate and Assembly, Clendenin J. Ryan, New York City Commissioner of Commerce, appeared on Feb. 20 in behalf of Mayor La Guardia and read from a letter in which the Mayor was quoted (in Albany advices Feb. 20 to the New York "Journal of Commerce") as saying: The present stock transfer tax has reached the point of diminishing
returns. This naturally has resulted in loss of employment to several returns. This naturally has resulted in loss of employment to several thousand people.
It has also resulted in many firms going out of business and has made vacant a great deal of office space in lower Manhattan. All of this is a matter of grave concern to the city.

From the same advices we also take the ollowing: Asserting increased tax rates, applied in 1932, have driven a large share of the stock brokerage business out of the State, George H. McCaffrey, representing the Merchants Association of New York urged the taxation
committees to approve the Coudert-Mitchell bill reducing the present tax He also urged a one-half cent per share tax on stock shares selling for less than $\$ 5$ and a one-tenth cent per share tax on shares selling for less than $\$ 1$.
Mr. McCaffrey led a group opposing the present stock transfer rates, including William McC. Martin, President of the New York Stock Exchange

## Proposing the new tax on low-priced shares, Mr McCaffrey said the New

 York firms have lost this type of busines "almost entirely."We are losing the higher priced share business," he added. "Unless we take positive steps to lessen these handicaps we face the prospect of seeing one of the greatest business assets of the State wither away or in desperation move out of the State as a matter of sheer self-preservation.
He said that downward revision of stock transfer tax rates might complicate the problem of State revenues, but contended that any reduction
would be a "very real inducement to bring business back to New York and to increase the yield of this and other taxes.
William A. Lockwood, General Counsel of the New York Curb Exchange, said:
today. What a crippled Wall Street means to New York State is sadly evident today. That the Legislature should continue to stand by and watch this seem unthinkable. seem unthinkable.
and far wall Street goose is not laying many golden eggs. They are few in her daily food ration-not a starvation diet."
Ray Hofford, Executive Vice-President of the State Real Estate Association, introducing a series of speakers, asserted realty owners "have been the goat of our ourmoded tax system," and added:
"In other words, they are the sheep that have been corralled each year for an annual shearing. Certainly if they have to pay a major share of the cost of Government they should be entitled to fair and equitable ments.
Mr. Hofford explained that property owners can fight what they consider unfair" assessments only in the courts-an expensive procedure.
The boards would have power to reconsider the assessor's judgment and should not include any of the original assessors, he said.

- In Associated Press accounts from Albany, Feb. 20 it was noted:
A measure now before the lawmakers proposes a 1 cent tax for each share on securities sold under $\$ 10,2$ cents for each share from $\$ 10$ to $\$ 50$ and 3 cents for each share above $\$ 50$. At piesent the State imposes 3 cents a share
old at less than $\$ 20$ and 4 cents on each share above that amount
The arguments against the tax presented by W. McC. Martin, R. P. Boylan and A. C. Beeson are referred to in an other item in this issue.


## Leaders from New York Financial District Argue

 Against Stock Transfer Tax at Albany HearingW. McC. Martin, R. P. Boylan, and A. C. Beeson Point Out Disadvantages of LevyThe New York State tax on stock transfers may force the New York securities exchanges to move to another State, William McC. Martin Jr., President of the New York Stock Exchange, said on Feb. 20 in testifying at a hearing on the Mitchell-Coudert bill before the Tax Committee of the State Senate and Assembly at Albany. Albert C. Beeson, Chairman of the Employees' Committee from Lower Manhattan, also argued for revision of the tax on behalf of 200,000 employees in the financial district. Robert $P$. Boylan, Chairman of the Special Tax Committee of the New York Stock Exchange, told the hearing that the stock New York Stock Exchange, told the hearing that the stock ing between the States and acting as a brake on activity." Mr. Martin said, in part:
May I point out to you one of the economic results of stock transfer taxation, and may I ask that you consider it for the moment as a problem in itself and divorced from the problem of raising revenue. I refer to the natural flow of business from high cost markets to lower cost markets. New York State in its search for revenue has tended to overlook the
fact that it has created serious competitive disadvantages for its stock fact that it has created serious competitive disadvantages for its stock
market. It has been repeatedly emphasized elsewhere that New York market. It has been repeatedly emphasized elsewhere that New York exchange. For many years New York has been able to collect substantial exchange. For many years New York has been able to collect substantial
taxes from security transactions, three out of every four of which origitaxes from security transactions, three out of every four of which origi-
nated outside the State. It was able to do this largely because, until a nated outside the State. It was able to do this largely because, until a
few years ago, New York was virtually the only market for stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

This is no longer the fact. Eight other major exchanges in the United States have so-called listed or unlisted trading privileges in New York stocks.
These privileges to other exchanges mean that these competitor exchanges, all located in States having stock transfer taxes lower than New York's or none at all, can offer investcrs a market in New York stocks. The economic consequences seem inevitable. Since it is estimated that more than $75 \%$ of the New York Stock Exchange's public business comes
from outside the State it is apparent that New York's financial markets from outside the State it is apparent that New York's financial markets
are peculiarly susceptible to competitive attacks by exchanges elseare pec
The New York Stock Exchange does not wish to give the impression that it hopes or expects that the Legislature can assist them, in general, in the solution of those problems which will bring about more normal market conditions. It does, however, urge the very great importance of seeing to it that the stock transfer tax is made more competitively
equitable. Only if the Legislature, which alone has the power to equitable. Only if the Legislature, which alone has the power to do so,
sees fit more nearly to equalize the competitive position of the sees fit more nearly to equalize the competitive position of the New
York exchanges with respect to exchanges in other States can we feel York exchanges with respect to exchanges in other States can we feel assured that

I have not overstated the dangerous potentialities of this situation.
Your problem with respect to revenue is, we know, a difficult one. But, I respectively submit, for the reasons outlined above, that this par-
ticular tax must be viewed not only as a source of revenue but as an ticular tax must be viewed not only as a source
economic factor driving business from the State.
Permit me to repeat-Stock Exchange business is our livelihood, but it bas been one of the State's principal fiscal assets. Thercfore, we hope that you will agree with our contention that, in the matter of preserving the financial supremacy of New York, your interest and the interest of every citizen of the State is identical with ours.

In the course of his testimony Mr. Beeson said:
On Lincoln's Birthday some 600 employees from lower Manhattan paid for their own transpurtation and gave up their holiday to come to Albany to ask the Ways and Means Committee to make provision in the budget
for the revision of the New York State stock transfer tox for the revision of the New York State stock transfer tax.
"The Employees' Committee from Lower Manhattan." The committee indirectly represents approximately 200,000 employecs in the financial district. As its Chairman, I urge you to act favorably on proposed legis. lation to revise downward the exorbitant New York stock transfer tax and eliminate the inequitable double tax presently imposed upon the "less than 100-share lot" purchaser.
Last week we presented 52,496 signatures petitioning for such legisla-
tion. In the short space of one week an tion. In the short space of one week an even larger number have added
their names. I herewith prsent an additional petition with about 54,000
signatures. These petitions, gentlemen, offer proof of public demand for the revision we ask.
We employees will benefit immediately from the proposed revision. Our incomes and jobs will be made more secure.
Unemployment has been steadily growing in lower Manhattan for the past 10 years. The most accurate figures available, those showing the employment by Stock Exchange member firms, reveal a drop from 51,740 as of Jan. 1, 1937, to 37,848 as of Sept. 1, $1939-a$ decline of $27 \%$ in two and a half years. Remember, these figures do not begin to take into consideration allied businesses or industries servent trusts, over-thedistrict. They do not include employees of inhesges themselves, member firms of the New York Curb Exchange, or the investment banking and retail bond houses. They do not include the many employed in the various statistical and research organizations, or the financial printing various statistical and research oerging the district. As you can readily
and publishing establishments serig and publishing estabiishments serving a small portion of those directly
see, 14,000 jobs were lost among only employed in financial work.
When our many thousands south of Fulton Street find their purchasing power seriously curtailed, it is reflected in a very short time in other parts of the State. New York City is the largest market for the dairy products, fruits and agricultural products of up-State New York.
On behalf of the employees of the financial district, I ask you for revision of the stock transter tax. We are joined by the thousands in all walks of life who have signed our petition. We ask for revision to sale guard our incomes and our jobs. We ask it for our de

Mr. Boylan, in pointing out the defects in the stock trans fer statutes of the State, described the workings of the New York odd-lot dealer system and in part said:
Because of the double tax involved on odd-lots, as compared to round-lot Because of the double tax transactions, the this burden is particularly heavy in security transactions involving stocks of low market value, and transactions in such stocks today nepresent a goodly proportion of the total volume of odd-lot trading. The weight of the burden can be judged from these figures: On a completed purchase-sale transfer involving 50 shares of no par value costing $\$ 10$ per share, and representing an investment of $\$ 500$, the investor pays in transfer taxes $\$ 7$, or $1.4 \%$ of his total investment. The unfavorable effect which such heavy imposts have on small investors is very serious, or these small investors comprise approximately $80 \%$ of the stockholders of nationally known corporations in this country. A tax which obstructs so mportant a source of industrial capital defeats its own ends.
The double taxation of the small investor can only be relieved by incorporating into the statute a provision which recognizes the fact that the odd-lot dealer is not a buyer or seller of securities in the true sense of the term; that is, he does not buy or sell stock for his own gain either as a speculator or as an investor.
Active efforts by out-of-State exchanges to attract trading in stocks that have markets in New York began in the spring of Philadelphia, Clevetime the stock exchanges of Chicago, Boston, Doous campaigns, often with and the cooperation
trade at home.
The actual loss of volume due to diversion-in itself a troublesome The actual loss of volume due to diversion-in itself a troublesome
matter-is sccondary in importance to the loss of customers. When the matter-is secondary in importance to the loss of customers. Then to
customers no longer come to market there is no market. The Stock customers no longer come to market there is no marke..
Exchange is a place, but a securities market is bids and offers. Bids and offers can go from New York to another city by wire, in a matter of offers can go from New York to another city by wire, in a matter on
seconds, and when they go the market goes with them. That is one seconds, and when they go the market goes
reason why the difficulty which the New York Exchange faces because of outside competition is more serious than the bare figures of percentage volume indicate
Another reason is that diversion is apparently increasing rapidly and, like any other well-defined trend as it gains momentum, it becomes increasingly difficult to stop. Thirdly, to regain the business once lost to other exchanges is most difficult.
The Exchange's problem is further complicated by the character of the business which is being diverted. The volume lost to outside exchanges is concentrated in the most active and profitable securities, since the outside exchanges naturally tend to select for trading those New York stocks in which there is a prospect of a substantial amount of business. Selective competition of that type is difficult to meet.
The committee feels that the free and open securities market which the New York Stock Exchange maintains is favorably known the world over, that the system has been brought to its present great efficiency
through the experience of years, and that the Exchange merits the through the exper it is asking the Legislature to give in protecting it from assistance which
outside attack.
May we also respectfully urge that the double tax on odd-lot transactions be eliminated? We are convinced that these changes in the tax law will result in substantial benefits to the in
Exchange, and primarily to the State of New York.

Previous hearings in Albany on the budget and the effect of the stock transfer tax appeared in our issue of Feb. 17, pages 1074 and 1075. The views of Mayor La Guardia and others presented at this week's hearing are noted in another item in these columns today.

## Imposition of Tolls on New York State Barge Canal

 Opposed by Merchants' Association-Bills Now Pending in State LegislatureDeclaring that to impose tolls on the New York State Barge Canal would place the Port of New York at a great disadvantage in competition with Montreal and New Orleans, the Merchants' Association of New York has filed with the Chairmen of the Senate and Assembly Judiciary Committees at Albany a memorandum criticizing the current proposal to amend the Constitution so as to eliminate the existing prohibition against the imposition of tolls. The bills proposing such amendment have been introduced in the Senate by Senator Feinberg of Plattsburg and in the the Senate by Senator Feinberg of Plattsburg and in the Assembly by Assemblyman Shaver of Montgomery County.
In its letter to the Judiciary Committee Chairman, the In its letter to th
Teh passage of this legislation, which would give the Legislature the authority from time to time to place tolls on canal traffic and to increase those tolls under political pressure would place the State of New York, and particularly the Port of New York, at a great disadvantage in competing with the Port of Montreal on the North and the Port of New Orleans
on the South, both of which are served by waterways on which no tolls
are now imposed or are proposed to be imposed.
${ }^{\text {The }}$ value of the State Barge Canal to the Port of New York has been emphasized by this 'Association in every port differential case in which it has taken part, and it is a matter of common knowledge that if the State and the port are deprived of the use of this free waterway, great advantages will accrue to the ports south of New York which now, 80 far as rail rates are concerned, enjoy the advantage of rates differentially related to New York. That the Barge Canal has been a regulator of freight rates, which has greatly increased the prestige of the Port of New York, is so well known that we deem it unecery to enter into any discussion of this fact.
The Port of Montreal has already secured large volumes of traffic both east and westbound by reason of the improvement of that port by the Canadian Government and reduction of rates by the canalian Commissioners made for the purpose or present conditions a large volume through Canadian ports. Even exprts now move through the Port of Montreal and by water from Montreal to ports on the Great Lakes and points in the interior reached through such ports.
It is obvious, therefore, that any action taken to increase the cost of transportation to and from the Port of New York will result disadvantageously to New York and to the benefit of the competing ports served by inland waterways where no such tolls are exacted. What has been said respecting the increased cost of transporting import and export freight applies with equal force to the cost of transporting commodities for applies with equal force the Port of New York, which move in volume over the Barge Canal.

## Private Business and Government Regulation Debated <br> by Ernest Weir and Secretary of Interior Ickes

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes and Ernest T. Weir, Chairman of the National Steel Corporation on Feb. 14 debated the subject of "Private Enterprise versus Government Regulation" at a dinner of the Economic Club of New York. To Secretary Ickes's contention that the Roosevelt York. Administration had saved the system of private enterprise by humanizing the business system with new rights for farmers, laborers, investors, consumers and the unemployed, Mr . Weir replied that New Deal policies retarded recovery by being not attempts at governmental regulation of business, but "definitely Government control.". This was realso take the following:
Mr. Ickes said that individual men were becoming more and more important as leaders of the masses and that the character of leadership everywhere was of tremendous importance to the fate of mankind. He said hat the great mass of people in the United States today have confidence only in one symbol, the Federal Government, and added that "regardless of whethe you agree wition of confidence in him is an all-pervasive reality,"
"For the intelligent conservative the situation is clear," Mr. Ickes said.
anything you do at this time to shake the confidence of the great mass of the American people in either the President or the National Government is a sin against free enterprise, indidivual liberty, poilical democracy and your own self-interest. No matter on what you may disagree with him, he is now a symbol of confidence whose loss of symbolic value would now make all agreements and disagreements utterly unimportant.
Discussing governmental interference with business, he said that the most common form in which Government had a voice about the conduct of business was through regulatory commissions such as the Interstate Comerce Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or through the Departmen of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission

These regulatory agencies came into being, he said, through business men who persuaded Congress they were necessary to preserve the system of private enterprise for the majority of business men against the depredations of a minority

When, therefore, a business man is mad because government is interfering' with his business, what he is really sputtering about is another business man-because government acting as a referee between the two men, has decided that the second business man is right in his idea
promotes the American system of free enterrprise." Mr. Ickes said.
promotes the Ammericat no one in private enterprise objected to the exercise My the Government of its undoubted rights to police industry and referee its activities, but that such regulation under the New Deal had been extended to stifling control. "And it is killing the venturesome spirit of business beto suse that spirit lives only with the freedom which is the lifeblood of American enterprise," he declared.
"Enterprise," Mr. Weir said, "asks government to stop trying to run business-it asks government to stop its competition, its restrictions and its threats-it asks understanding of the economic necessities of businessit asks administration that has respect for common place legal safeguards. Enterprise says to the country that progress can come again only with these changes in government attitude."
As specific moves by governmental agencies detrimental to business, Mr. Weir charged that the SEC had interfered with the spread of investment, the Wagner Labor Relations Act and the National Labor Relations Board had set up "virtual despotism" over labor relations and that in the hands, of the Board the Act had become "an ugly spectacle of power run wild."
The Guffey bituminous coal Act, he contended, had aggravated evils of the coal industry.
Government had gone from regulation to ownership in the field of public utilities, he charged further, and forced the sale of competing properties at sacrifice prices, causing loss of millions to investors and in taxes to State and local governments. It had discouraged private nvestment and expansion and arrived at contro over the not far removed in principle from the human purges of the German and Russian type," he added.

## Importance of Commercial Shipbuilding Program in Private Shipyards to Industry and Labor Indicated in Analysis Made by National Council of American

 ShipbuildersThe importance to American industry and labor of the commercial shipbuilding program now underway in the private shipyards of the country is emphasized by an analysis made by the National Council of American Shipbuilders of the origin and cost of materials and equipment entering into
the 141 vessels which are already a part of this program The Council had the following to report in part on Feb. 22:
These vessels have been ordered by the Maritime Commission either on its own account or on the accounts of private owners. Private shipyards $50 \%$ of the total cost of the plogram-for materials and equipment. An additional $40 \%$ of the total cost of the program, or approximately $\$ 148$ 000,000 , is being expended for shipyard labor on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts.
With $50 \%$ of the total cost of the commercial program going for materials and equipment and $40 \%$ for shipyard labor, the remaining $10 \%$ in private shipyards is taken up with various miscellaneous items, including taxes insurance, depreciation of plant, transportation, administrative costs and profits.
In order to ascertain the source of materials entering into the average commercial seagoing vessel which forms the largest part of the Maritime Commission program, the National Council of American Shipbuilders analyzed the returns of material and equipment ordered by three different shipyards for vessels of three different types, including two cargo types and one combination cargo and passenger type.
America" in eress $\$ 3000$, $\$ 17,00000$, and 12 onkers, costing somewhat in excess of $\$ 3,000,000$ each. Ships of the "America" type and many of the than vesels now under construction call for a greater variety of materials specifications and requirems ands bring into play through their elaborate country. Taking into consideration the "A cry " existing Maritime Commission program 141 hipe is the 12 tankers, the 150 ships of the types on which the analrsis was based. With this adjust ment, the analysis is fairly representative of the program of commerial vessels now under construction.
The average cost per vessel of-materials and equipment shown by the analysis was $\$ 1,236,533$. Although the materials entering into the thre types were purchased from only 23 of the 48 states, their character is such that raw products entering into their fabrication or production come from such widespread sources that every State in the Union is supplying materials or equipment, and in most instances a variety of materials and equipment for the present commercial shipbuilding program

Monopoly Committee Resumes Investigation of Insurance Companies-Hears Data on Increase of Senator O'Mahoney Denies Move for Federal Control of Insurance-Farm Problems Discussed
The Temporary National Economic Committee resumed its hearings Feb. 12 in its study of life insurance. The SEC survey of investments, financial policies and operating results of the 26 largest legal reserve life insurance companies in the United States, which is referred to elsewhere in our issue of today, is the subject now being considered. Opening the hearings Leon Henderson, member of the SEC, presented a statement, in which he said one of the purposes of the insurance hearing. was to answer this question: "Has the trend of private savings to accumulate in insurance companies dried up venture capital and hampered the developmant of new business enterprises?"
Regarding the testimony of Thomas A. Buckner, Chairman of the Board of the New York Life Insurance Co., a Washington dispatch Feb. 12 to the New York 'Times"' said:
Mr . Buckner gave figures on the tremendous growth of cash and investment of the country's 26 largest legal reserve life insurance companies for the SEC, suggested might be indicative of the companies' inability or the SEO, suggested might be indicative of the companies' inability Cash in hand jumped from $\$ 102,188,000$ at the end of 1929 to $\$ 66$
at the end of 1938, while investments in United States Government bond by the 26 companies stood at $\$ 4.525,174,000$ at the end of 1938 , compared with only $\$ 302,834,000$ at the earlier date.
"It has been the policy of the life insurance companies to follow the trend of capital needs, and just now," Mr. Buckner testified, "the demand for capital seems to come largely from the United States Government." He added that this was "due to a slowing down of demand for capital by private industry," but insisted that "this is a passing phase."
"I'm an optimist," the executive declared. "I don't by any means
believe the growth of the United States has reached a standstill, but I
don't want to get away from the subject." don't want to get away from the subject."
In its reference to the hearing on Feb. 14 a Washirgton dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribure" reported Senator O'Mahoney as statiag that "there is nothing in the study of life insurance by the T. N. E. C.; in the slightest study of life insurance by the T. N. E. C

The hearings oa Feb. 15, 16 and Feb. 19 had to do with the farm mortgagas and farm real estate held by the insurance companies. William G. Murray, Professor of Agricultural Economics at Iowa State College, declared on Feb. 15 that the government farm agencies, the life insurarce companies and other large farm mor tgage holders, must co-operate in order to solve the farm tenancy problem.
Washington advices Feb. 15 to the New York "Herald Tribune" stated:
Mr. Murray testified that because of the extensive competition for morttage loans, life insurance companies and other investors had made high loans on "mediocre land." This factor has accentuated the so-called absenee ownership of farm lands in Iowa
He. said that in 1933 the corporate-owned land in Iowa measured $7 \%$ or $2,683,000$ acres. In 1935 it was $3,401,000$, or $10.1 \%$ while in 1937 . it was $3,813,000$ acres, or $11.2 \%$. At the end of 1939 insurance companies held more than $8 \%$ of the farm land, held by investors through default. Deposit banks was the second largest group, with $-1 \%$.
Senator O'Mahoney observed that on the basis of testimony developed by the SEC, "the individual farmer is being swallowed up by the Federal government and the lending institutions." Mr. Murray said that in 1928 or $40 \%$ of all mortgaged land in the State.
When the hearing began Mr. Gesell read a statement to the committee asserting that at the end of 1929 the 26 largest life insurance companies which the SEC has studied owned $\$ 1,787,799,000$ worth of farm mortgages.

In the next 10 years this amount decreased until at the end of 1938 it stood at $\$ 743,961,000$.
However, during this 10-year period the amount of farm real estate worth owned under $\$ 81,907,000$ to $\$ 529,392,000$ with another $\$ 81,755,000$ end of 1938 the companies acquired $\$ 430,407,000$ of farm of 1932 to the

The following regarding testimony bofore the Committe on Feb. 19 is taken from a Washington dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" Feb. 20:
R. R. Rogers, Vice-President of Prudential Insurance Co. of America, outlined a recently adopted program of his company whereby farmers whose mortgages have been foreclosed may repurchase the land without a down payment under an operating contract under which the insurance company
and the farmer divide the crop equally. This plan, he testified, gradually and the farmer divide the crop equally. This plan, he testified, gradually
is being extended to farmers other than the former owner of the land in is being ex
question.

Earlier, Glenn D. Rogers, director of the farm mortgage division of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., told the committee of a somewhat similar plan under which any capable and experienced farmer can purchase a tract from the Metropolitan for a down payment as low as 3\% of the purchase price.
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The two Messrs. Rogers differed upon the advisability of requiring a down payment. The Metropolitan official expressed the opinion that farmers take a better interest in the land if they "have a stake in it," even
if it only a hundred dollars or so. The Prudential official said, however, that his company's program of selling without any such payment was work ing very satisfactorily and that the repossession rate has been surprisingly low.
Both officials were agreed that from a "social standpoint" it is better themsurance companies acquiring farms through foreclosure to return Metro operating farmers as soon as possible, although Mr. Rogers of the farms than said his company could profit more from the operal.

The two were also agreed that insurance companies should approach foreclosures with reluctance and that before taking such a step every effort should be made to adjust the debt.

Previous reference to the insurance investigation was given in our issue oí Feb. 10, page 923.

## Administrative Policies of SEC Discussed by Philip W.

 Russell-Member of New York Stock Exchange Board of Governors Tells Indiana Bankers Methods of Enforcement Impede TradePhilip W. Russell, member of the Board of Governors of the New York Stock Exchange and senior partner of Fenner \& Beane, discussing on Feb. 12 the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, declared that "if I were trying to appraise the respective merits and faults of the Acts I should say that they were $75 \%$ good and $25 \%$ bad in themselves, and that in theory of administration that ratio is changed. That change is partly because of a lack of experienced knowledge of the business and partly because of what I myself am convinced is a false philosophy and aims at a wrong result." Mr. Russell false philosophy and aims at a wrong result." Mr. Russell
went on to say that "the Acts are so drawn that they can we vitally affected by the theory of their administration, and that is a fault in itself and should be remedied." Mr. Russell, who spoke before the Indiana Banking Conference at Bloomington, Ind., expressed the hope that Congress would re-study the effect of the securities laws in the light of experience, and be open-minded in the matter of amendment, also said, in part:

Section 9 of the Securities Exchange Act was designed to eliminate manipulative abuses, obviously a proper purpose. Section 9 (a) 2, how-
ever, is so broad and is so administered as to seriously interfere with ever, is so broad and is so administered as to seriously interfere with
the normal flow of securities in a public auction market. It is so broad the normal flow of securties in a public auction market. It is so broad as to be entirely uncertain, indefinite and confusing in its provisions.
No one is able to say what constitutes manipulation, although that is a No one is able to say what constitutes manipulation, although that is a
penal offense. Men, in consequence, refrain from performing acts which are not only proper but definitely beneficial through fear of being public'y are not only proper but deinitely beneficial through fear of being public.y ability of the administrators to charge men with violations of a penal statut-an ability which exists by reason of the vagueness of the statute and the consequent inability to obtain a clear legal opinion.
What is forbidden is a series of transactions creating actual or apparent active trading in a security or raising or depressing the price for the purpose of inducing the purchase or sale of such security by others. The vagueness of the Act does not deter the unscrupulous but it does hold
back honest men desirous of obeying the law, and it does put it into back honest men desirous of obeying the law, and it does put it into the
power of a bureau to persecute more or less at will. power of a bureau to persecute more or less at will.
Section 16-the so-called insiders' provision-is for the purpose of
preventing the unfair use of information by large stockholders, directors preventing the unfair use of information by large stockholders, directors and officers.
In the first place it is fairly arguable whether as a practical matter in any widespread sense insiders do possess such confidential information capable of abuse. That it has happened in occasional instances is not to
be denied, but in the most celebrated cases the statute would not have be denied, but in the most celebrated cases the statute would not have prevented the abuses. The six months period is arbitrary and is no for the purpose of narrowing the spreads in the market which I believefor the purpose of narrowing the spreads in the market which I believein the public interest. Moreover, evasion is easy, with the, result that the law-abiding man is kept out of proper and desirable activities and the unscrupulous man evades the law. Disclosure is desirable; prevention of proper sponsorship is not. Here again the danger is illustrated if the aim of the Act is to control markets.
One of the main purposes of the Securities Act of 1933 is disclosure, and no fair-minded, public-spirited man but would support the principle. But to make disclosure so difficult and the failure to disclose so uncertain of determination is to defeat the purpose. The difficulty of defining what is necessary to a full understanding of a situation and what is the recitation of a multitude of inconsequential details of finance and management is always present. Then the two Acts duplicate that difficulty. For instance, a new issue must be registered under the Securities Act of
1933, and if it is to be listed upon an organized national exchange a 1933, and if it is to be listed upon an organized national exchange a separate registration statement must be filed. That is a patent duplica-
tion of time and effort and an additional expense to apparent.

Again, if a corporation which has filed a complete registration statement under the 1934 Act sells new securities, it must again fully register under the 1933 Act, although much of the information required is duplication.
In this connection we must consider also the burdensome provision of the law as to the delivery of prospectuses. A reading of the prospectus of any issue in an established little useful they must be to the average intelligent
Time does not permit me to go at length into the many complexities of he Acts and the regulations and the rulings under them which have resulted in a whole new body of administrative law.
But in passing let me point out that it is only provisions here and there which even to a minor degree impinge upon your businas and call for expert advice.
The definition of a "dealer" in the Act of 1933 in Section 2 (12) covers anyone who engages for even part of his time directly or indirectly as agent, broker or principal in the business of buying, selling or otherwise trading in securities. If you act for customers or as principals for your own account you may very well be within that definition. The banker then may be a dealer, and as a dealer subject to Section of the act and to Section 12 (2) relating to resp
penalties for sam be an issuer under Secticn 2 (11) as the holder of a A banker may either as trustee or executor and might conceivably become liable under Section $1 \overline{5}$.
As I bave already said, such provisions are not serious in their direct effect upon banks. Still a bank must, to be conservative, view itself as a "dealer" as defined in Section 2 (12).
The time has come when Congress should review these great Acts in the light of experience, and I repeat that in my opinion they are $75 \%$ bood in themselves, but that the philosophy of administration is bad.
The unfortunate provisions are not aimed at banks as they are at dealers and brokers, but if the purpose is to control absolutely the security dealer and broker and the character of his wares, then these Acts and each of them supplemented by the other have a decided effect on your business.
The banking business supplies, to some extent, the need for capital, ooth an individual need and a corporate need, originally a need for shortterm capital, and so long as it takes the form of loans, still short-term capital. The bulk, of course, of funds which you furnish to industry and to individuals is obtained from deposits made with you. Such deposits are, I suppose, prompted by a desire on the part of individuals for sate custodiansinip and for convenience, although nowle to effect that volume of deposits and its turnover arbitrarily.
Since the bulk of deposits are on demand, a certain liquidity is essential to a bank, and it must have as small an amount of idle funds as is consistent with its ability to meet normal current demand. The only form of completely liquid wealth in any volume which is available today is securities. The only thing that gives liquidity to listed securities are the exchanges, primarily the New York Stock Exchange, licensed, regulated and controlled under the Securities Exchange Act. Whatever artificial restraint is put on that market, whatever lessens the volume of honest offerings and honest bids, lessens the ability of any particularly owner, including a banking owner, at any given time to appraise the
value of his securities in spendable money and to obtain that spendable money.
Brokers' loans have been the best of prime paper. They have always been good because the collateral is listed securities with an unquestionably immediate market. It will not be true that there is an unquestioned market for listed securities in any volume if our markets continue to be controlled under a policy which restricts volume. That particular problem, I take it, is not yours in. Indiana, but it still remains true, I assume, that you cannot lend all of your funds on short-term paper. You must have a certain amount in senior securities producing the income and yet readily capable of liquidation. As ma
tainty of ability to liquidate becomes less.
The banks furnish, too, a substantial part of the capital required by industry through the purchase of bonds, and here again both banks and industry through the purchase of bonds, and here again both banks and
industry suffer if those bonds have no market because neither banks nor industry suffer if those bonds have no market becau
If the provisions of the Securities Act are so burdensome in the registration provision, and if the period of incubation is so long as to present hazardous market problems, and if offenses under either Act are so unceraffected in your to make activity potentially dangerous, you aliquidity.
I hope you understand that I am merely attempting to point out some of the complexities that government brings to pass when it undertakes to coutrol business.
It is difficult for me to avoid the conclusion that the legislation which has been enacted to effect reforms, if it is administered by men whose spirit is unsympathetic to private initiative, may be very dangerous, and that Government spending may be used not primarily to stimulate busi-
ness but to take the place to private investment. Those two things may ness but to take the
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go hand in hand.
It must suggest itself to anyone that the difficulty of issuing and dealing in securities and the many restrictions upon freedom of dealing may have something to do with the fact that new security issues for 1939, totaling only $\$ 3,000,000,000$, were something under $55 \%$ of the business done in 1936, in spite of the accumulation of a really tremendous volume of idle funds in the banks, and in spite of a depreciation in capital
requirements in the United States of what seems to be in the neighborhood requirements in the United States of what
of $\$ 13,000,000,000$ to $\$ 15,000,000,000$.

Let me try to summarize:

1. Primarlly the problem is not what direct effect any particular section or
sections of these Acts may have on your business, but what is the philosophy upon which it is being administered. 2. If that phllosophy is the philosophy of government control and management
of what hitherto has been private enterprise, then you should seek clarification of what hitherto has been private enterprise, then you should seek clarincation
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2. If you think the function of government is to protect and foster individual Hiberty and private initlative and enterprise, you still may live happilly under these
Acts, as we all may, even in Wall Street, so long as the Acts must by their terms Acts, as we all may, even in Wall Street, so long as the Acts must by their terms
be administered-and they can be-in accordance with that philosophy. 4. It is not reasonable to suppose that legislative enactment involving such drastic tration are not certain to require change or correction in the light of experience and Congress should now restudy them.

Information Disclosed in SEC Report on Insurance Is Not Confidential or New, H. J. Johnson Tells A. B. A. Trust Conference-Urges Institutions to Let Public Know Services Performed
Rumors that material in the Securities and Exchange Commission analysis of life insurance recently released was
of a confidential nature and quite new have no basis in fact, Holgar J Johnson, President of the Institute of Life Insurance, told the mid-winter trust conference of the Trust Division of the American Bankers Association in New York on Feb. 13. Mr. Johnson said in part:
"The facts are that the information is not new-for years the companies themestas very same information. Insurance commss could have drawn practically receive yearly reports, fikewise, this and other material is published by rade publications and business manuals. The question which the compade publications and business mated concerns not the facts but possible misinterpretation of the facts.
"Frequently, as you of course know, when isolated statistical items are ompared apart from their full content, a very different impression than he true one is likely to be formed. Recognizing this, the SEC made the following qualifying statement in the report-'An examination of the ables as a whole is important to an adequate understanding of the relative position of any given company, and undue emphasis should not be
given to any single set of figures which are indicative of only a portion of the facts.'"

Speaking on the subject "The Public Must Know," Mr. Johnson urged financial institutions and life insurance companies to translate the service they perform into terms of people, individual families, personalities, communities and tates. It is not enough to have lived a good business life, he said; business must also tell how and why this has been done. Mr. Johnson further declared:
We in the life insurance business say we have 114 billions of insurance in force, 28 billions of assets and last year had a premium income approximately equal to five per cent to know what these figures mean.
Such figures can mean a lot. They can show, for instance, that life insurance paid out two and a half billions in 1938 to millions of families who needed money most, either because of death, old age or financial misfortune. The figures also mean that our investment funds play an important part
transportation.
transportation.
Yet even figures do not tell the whole story; life insurance has done much more for America than can be measured in dollars and cents. It has given medicine a great aggregation of death statistics to aid in lengthening life; it has aided in the development of commercial aviation by allowing insurance on passengers. Through its cash reserves, it made one of the great contributions to depression relief, turning out in a single year $\$ 4,000,000,000$.
Life insurance has built up a great backlog of independence in the world. It has helped build homes and then has helped keep these homes together despite death, old age, and financial misfortune. It has clothed and fed millions during times of family or community trouble. It has sent thousands of young people to colleges and universities who otherwise could not have afforded this education.
It becomes increasingly important that as reports are made to the public about life insurance, the public must be made conscious of the fact that life insurance belongs to the people. The companies are in reality an uggregation of management, brought together to serve the policyholder and make it possible for him to receive insurance protection at the lowest possible cost.

John M. Abbink Declares American Stocks of Gold and Silver Would Be More Valuable as Tin, Tungsten and Other Essential Materials-Publisher Addresses Chicago World Trade Conference
It would be better for the United States if the huge gold stock held by the Treasury could be converted into tin and tungsten and other materials "indispensable for our wellbeing and our way of life," John M. Abbink, President of the Business Publishers International Corp., said on Feb. 20 in an address before the Chicago World Trade Conference. Unless this country employs its gold wisely, Mr. Abbink declared, "fate may transmit it into bitter gall." "Unless we plan now to put to use the one adequate fiscal reserve existing anywhere," he continued, "post-war rehabilitation can come about only through barter, for which Germany has shown the way." An official summary of his address reported him as saying further, in part:
That the smugness felt by a few over our tons of buried treasure might be permitted to overrule the economic axiom that to be of any genera benefit, gold, like men, must be employed, was feared by the publisher executive, who asked: "Where can we find work for it, without harm to our own fiscal system, unless we devote it to the rehabilitation of other members of the global body of which we are a part, whose every economic infirmity affects us as it does the whole, and, conversely, whoser
material health is translated into our own security and prosperity-under safeguards, to be sure-for should not he who pays the piper call the tune?"
Ten days ago, Mr. Abbink said, partial answer came when Secretary of State Hull announced that he recently had been carrying on important diplomatic conversations with neutrals in Europe, and the President desig nated Under-Secretary Welles to confer about them personally with neu trals and combatants alike. "None of us know, or need to yet, what the purport is of the communications Mr. Hull has had," said Mr. Abbink, "but we can surmise that they entailed progressive disarmament, stabilization of the exchanges backed by our gold, without which this operation would be impossible, and complete elimination of the types of trade barrier that have come into vogue in recent years. It would be easy to expect too much of Mr. Welles's visit, but it is hard to visualize what more could be gained by a victor, even after frightful and exhaustive campaigns, unless a debacle results and barbarism triumphs completely. "Are We Outgrowing Economic Adolescence?
in which the speaker, conclucic months are gone, a period of sore tribulation for "Now that the past six hectic months are gone, a period of sore tribulation for
the foreign trader, there is hardly one among you who would exchange his position the foreign trader, there is hardiy one among you who wound exchange his position
for one in humdrum domestic pursuits. We shall have continuing trials, to be sure
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outcome, if we use it wisely, without the need to sacrifice a single life, the forelgn
trader need have little fear for the future.
"Our business associates marvel today that we produce an increasing volume be expected to appreclate, as we do, that hundreds of millions of people in noncombatant countries continue to need machinery and shoes, automoblles and food,
typewriters and lumber and tractors and steel and fountain pens and a thoussnd typewriters and lumber and tractors and steel and fountain pens and a thousand
other things that we can supply. They do not see, as we do, the notices indicating that the paralysis which seized markets when the war in Europe broke out has been overcome, and that buying confidence, at least, has returned. Above all, they do
not visualize, as we do, the increase, of which we get a share, in general trade that
follows the development of a local national resource in countless peaceful comnot vows the development of a local or national wesource
munities overseas, with materials that we send them."

Trends in Trade Discussed by Eugene P. ThomasHead of National Foreign Trade Council Says United States Should Act Now with View to PostWar Conditions in Europe-Cites Objections to Vandenberg Bill to Place Trade Agreement Powers of State Department in Board of Six
The thoughts and energies of the legislative leaders of the United States at the present time should be "directed to the enactment of measures which will insure the economic unity and stability of the Nation," Eugene P. Thomas, President of the National Foreign Trade Council, said on Feb. 20 in an address on war-time trade trends before the Chicago World Trade Conference. Mr. Thomas added that the United States, anticipating economic readjustments in post-war Europe, should keen as its main object at the present time "the necessity for presenting a united economic front, divested of all sectional and partisan feeling, in coping with any national emergency which may arise." Mr. Thomas also stated in his address that "I feel convinced that our reciprocal trade agreement policy is destined to have an important influence when a peace conference is charged with the task of establishing on a more permanent basis the economic foundations of an orderly and peaceful Europe," and in a discussion of the Vandenberg bill, he said:

This brings me to a consideration of the Vandenberg bill, introcuced in the present session. A comparison shows that it revives, almost word or word, the rejected and discredited Lewis bill of 1935 which had the support of George N. Peek, former President of the Export-Import Bank. It is a proposal to replace the powers of the State Department in dealing
with trade agreements-investing these powers in a board of six members, with trade agreements-investing these powers in a board of six members.
The reasons advanced by Senator Vandenberg for setting aside the Department of State as the channel of communication with foreign governnents are also, word for word, taken from the Lewis bill. Clause (b), Section 2, of both bills reads as follows:
To provtde for separate and unifled administration of the foreign commercial
and finanoial activities of the United States (as distinguished from the diplomatic and finanoial activities of the Un
Senator Vandenberg is reported to have explained to the press that this proposed separation between the foreign commercial and financial activities of the United States and the diplomatic and political activities of the State Department will meet the objections of those who are opposed to tariff log-rolling in Congress. There is a wide distinction between the demand of business that the tariff be taken out of congressional politics and the proposal of the bill to transfer the trade agreement administrative functions of the inter-departmental body to a board which has no higher claim to be non-political and disinterested, and may have much less claim to the experience possessed by those who at present are responsible for he negotiation of trade agreements.
It must be obvious to anyone examining the Vandenberg bill that our Government would lose prestige and influence abroad were the Secretary of State asked to stand aside in matters which so frequently are interwoven with the diplomatic and political prerogatives of the State Department. A close examination of the bill reveals as its chief objective a clamping down on imports and a return to the tariff policy of the 1930 Act. Further, the bill would empower this proposed board to compel
production by business firms of all books, contracts, letters or other papers production by business firms of all books, contracts, letters or other papers relating to transactions in foreign exchange, transfers of credit or payment and gold and silver. This would reestablish exchange control.
A fundamental objection to the Vandenberg bill is its failure to provide satisfactory substitute for the Department of State, with its coordination international acivities in our Government's commercial and financial elations with other governments.
The administrative powers and duties of the Department of State are comprehensive and clearly defined. The Vandenberg bill would withdraw from it functions which it alone can perform as the officially recognized channel of communication between our Government and those of foreign countries.
The proposal of the bill to set up a Foreign Trade Board, of which the Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of Washington shall be ex-officio Chairman, and to transfer from the Departments of the Government to this Board the powers, personnel, appropriations and the enormous collection and collation of data already obtained, which would make the Board the ubstitute for all existing departments in affairs relating to the adminstration of foreign commercial and financial activities, must be regarded as revolutionary and impractical. The bill would throw back into the political arena what Congress and the country regard as settled-a policy of seeking through bilateral trade agreements to break down the obstacles foreign trade expansion.
It must be obvious to any student of intergovernmental relations that this only can be accomplished when our trade negotiations with another overnment carry the whole weight and prestige of our Government, as presented by the Department of State.
the discredited Lewis bill, at a time when the the be made to resurrect the discredited Lewis bill, at a time when the thoughts and energies of
our legislative leaders should be directed to the enactment of measures which will insure the economic unity and stability of the Nation.
In discussing experiences in commerce as a result of the current European war, Mr. Thomas said, in part:
While we are relieved temporarily from German competition in Latin America, other nations cannot be expected to stand aside while the United States is capturing that trade. Our trade relations with our sister Amer ican republics require careful study and long-term policies. At our National Foreign Trade Convention in New York, last October, we had a letter from Jesse H. Jones suggesting that "the National Foreign Trade Council could be helpful in providing facilities for financing exports and imports by the organization of export and import companies to which private lenders, as well as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and
the Export-Import Bank, could lend when necessary." The further suggestion export-Import Bank, could lend when necessary." The further sugges-
tones that these companies could look for things to buy from the countries to which we sell, things that would not compete with our own products, will appeal to American foreign traders as a key to a door in Latin America that leads to a wide vista of future opportunities for all the Americas.
No extravagant hopes should be entertained of an inordinate boom in our Latin American trade. The trends in international trade to which I have alluded combine to prevent any early realization of extravagant expectations of an economic tie between all the Americas, including the United States, which will make them more independent of other markets.
Financial experts of the 21 Latin American republics have reached substantial agreement on the plan to create a $\$ 100,000,000$ bank designed to stimulate trade among the Americas. The bank would be financed by purchase of capital stock by the several governments, the United States share to be $\$ 5,000,000$. A chief proposed function of this bank, if the plan is realized, will be the making of long-term loans, to be guaranteed by the borrowing government. This plan is the outcome of the Panama
Conference, envisaging cooperation by the United States in effectually Conference, envisaging cooperation by the United States in effectually
building up on this Western Hemisphere building up on this Western Hemisphere an economic front to the rest of the world which will insure equality of opportunity and treatment in I am confident that many American fan-American group of nations. with Latin America will avail themselves of whatever opportunities may be offered of participating in sound enterprises in the Latin Americas and in the development for export purposes of the vast mineral and other natural resources with which these countries are so richly endowed.

Value of United States Gold Holdings not in Danger in Event of Abandonment of Gold by other Nations in the View of H. H. Heimann of National Association of Credit Men
The danger that other nations will abandon the use of gold for monetary purposes is discounted as improbable by Henry H. Heimann, Executive Manager of the National Association of Credit Men, in his monthly review of business released to members Feb. 19. After pointing out that the United States has acquired more than half the world's available gold supply, the credit executive states that "people are borrowing trouble when they get worried about a possibility that we may eventually be left with a lot of gold that will have only a commodity value. In part he also says:
"Over the centuries no nation has found a measure of value as satisfactory as gold. If the nations of the world abandoned gold and we still had our hoard of gold, the others would sit back and wait for us to reach the conclusion that it only had a commodity value. Then they would exchange goods and services for it. When once again it came in their thought of our gold being valueless except as a commodity can dismiss any thought of our gold being valu
The great potential danger, of course, in the tremendous gold stock is the infalionary threat.
On the favorable side our gold hoard, in the last analysis, represents the in stopping the military struggle, but once the battlefields are abandoned our gold will be a great influence as to whether or not a permanent peace is to be established.
If, when the struggle is over, the nations will have participated in it become credit conscious and decide that they will again develop a respect for obligations, will use credit for peaceful purposes, will actually set to be distributed.
When that time comes, its distribution will have to carry with it a realistic approach, namely, that we be willing to adopt policies that will help create conditions conducive to sound redistribution of our gold supply.

## Amendment to Federal Anti-Trust Laws Proposed by

 J. K. Javits in Address Before National Paper Trade Association Convention-Designed to Permit Business Men to Enter Contracts Affecting Their Industries Under Auspices of Trade Associations At the 37th annual convention of the National Paper New Yorl Asciation held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Association, proposed an amendment to the Federal AntiTrust Laws designed to enable business men to enter into contracts on matters affecting their trades or industries under the auspices of trade associations and to obtain under the auspices of trade associations and to obtain that such contracts are not unlawful. A summary of his address follows:Under the statute as proposed by Mr. Javits to be an amendment to the Sherman Act, the Clayton Act and the Wilson Tariff Act, constituting together the anti-trust laws, the rule of reason under which the courts now decide anti-trust cases would not be changed nor would the antitrust laws be repealed. Mr. Javits' proposals is in the nature of a procedural change which will enable business men to ascertain before they proceed with the performance of an agreement whether it will be held to violate the anti-trust laws. Under Mr. Javits' proposal, if the court declares such contract not to be unlawful it may be performed without fear of criminal prosecution or injunction suit under the anti-trust laws, and he has further suggested that civil suits for triple damages if based upon acts occurring under such a contract shall also not be permitted except with eave of the court which passed upon the matter
cirst it makes or first, . it makes for decentralization, in that such agreements can be effected locally and can be passed upon locally; second it gives business men the immediate mandate of nal voice, the judiciary.
The statute which he proposes provides also that the Attorney General be given notice of all such proceedings in court and have the right to taries of Commerce and Labor and of the Federal Trade Commission and that the court may also hear from representatives of labor who may be affected and representatives of trade associations for other trades or industries which may be affected.
In the proposal Mr . Javits also outlined the types of agreement which would he possible under it:
"The proposed amendment permits contracts brought before the court to contain provisions prohibiting sales below cost, where they would be destructive of competition and against the public interest, cost to be defined as cost of materials, plus direct labor, with suitable exceptions to take care of the situations which experience has shown to require exof goods below aim is to put a concrete base under pines, it is a waste of resources, human and material. Such a restriction does not penalize the efficient producer, nor limit in any way competition which serves the public by producing better goods at lower prices.
"Such contracts may also contain prohibitions of enumerated unfair methods of competition and unfair acts or practices in commerce, as well as of labor conditions detrimental to the maintenance of the minimum standards of living necessary for the health, efficiency and general well being of workers."

The convention was attended by about 400 members of the Association in sessions which lasted for four days and dealt with problems of the Paper Industry as well as with problems brought about by the emergency of war conditions problems brought about by the emergency of war conditions dent Finley T. Jamison of Pittsburgh and the election of officers for the coming year. The following are the officers chosen: President, P. W. Lesh of Indianapolis, VicePresident in charge of Wrapping Paper Division, C. E. Roach of Springfield, Ill.; Vice-President in charge of Fine Paper Division, J. H. Brewer of Boston; and Treasurer, Chas. W. Vernon of New York. A. H. Chamberlain continues as Executive Secretary.

National Cotton Council Rejects Resolution Proposing that Congress Enact Legislation Calling for Trading in Cotton on Basis of Net Weight
Rejection of a resolution proposing that Congress be memorialized to enact legislation requiring that cotton for interstate or foreign commerce should be traded in upon a basis of net weight with appropriate standards for tare to be prescribed by the United States Department of Agriculture, was one of the developments at the annual meeting on Feb. 14 of the National Cotton Council of America held in New Orleans. According to the New Orleans "TimesPicayune," from which this is learned, the Council adopted several other resolutions affecting phases of the industry, heard the annual address of Oscar Johnston of Scott, Miss., its President, and elected 25 members of the board of directors. From the same paper we quote:
Resolutions adopted by the Council included:
That the Council to "undertake by every means at its command to bring about an intelligent and selective revision of our national tariff laws downabout an intelligent and selective revision of our national tarif revision can be accomplished without serious economic disturbance, by (a) attempting to educate the people throughout the nation, and more especially the South, with respect to the evil effects of the present tariff system, through (1) the development and widespread distribution of affects both producer and consumer, such analysis to be supported by comprehensive data that will clearly apply the effects of the present tariff system to producers and consumers."
That the Council to continue its study of the tariff system as it affects American grown cotton, cottonseed and products thereof in order to keep the industry fully informed on the tariff question.
Urging extension of authority to President Roosevelt to conclude without further legislation action reciprocal trade agreements with foreign nations. Asking that the situation arising from abrogation of the commercial treaty between this nation and Japan be dealt with through diplomatic channels rather than by legislation.
Requesting that the Government seek to provide greater shipping facilities for cotton in the Atlantic ocean.
Commending the Commodity Credit Corporation for postponement of shipments of barter cotton from February through April of this year and requesting extension of the postponement for an additional long period,
Urging increase of $\$ 1 C 0,000,000$ in the capital funds of the Federal Export-Import Bank.
Condemning penalties of the Federal Government on the use and sale of all margarine, including that made exclusively of domestic oils and fats, and that requesting that the Council "condemn similar laws, rules and regulations" of various States and "take immediate and appropriate action looking toward the fair and equal treatment of all producers and processors
of farm products in the United States." of farm products in the United States."

The Council also adopted the report of the committee on scientific recourage each and every project which may conceavor to support and encotton and its byproducts, not only as to the development of new uses, but for the purpose of maintaining and expanding existing outlets against the ravages of substitutes."

President Johnston is reported to have recommended a plan for net weight trading; the New Orleans paper, from which we quote, indicating this, added:
A. M. Grayson of Dallas, Texas, a cotton merchant, led opposition to the net weight trade proposal, asserting that "when we are ready to class cotton at the gin and let that classification go all the way through, I will
be for net weight trading," be for net weight trading."
He said that if, as would be the case under the proposal, cotton bagging were to be used to wrap bales, it would use only about 50,000 bales a year and "we would lose more in exports to Europe than that."
E. O. Jewell of New Orleans, Chairman of a special Council committee which studied the problem, and Norris C. Williamson of Lake Providence endorsed the plan.
Mr. Johnston was optimistic for increased domestic consumption of cot-
ton, asserting that he is "still ton, asserting that he is "still confident that by 1944 at the latest largely through activity of the Council, we will be consuming 10,000,000 bales of than $6,000,000$ bales.
He also expressed advocacy of the plan now being considered by the He also expressed advocacy of the plan now being considered by the Ocean commerce to the Atlantic and to use American ships left idle by the Ocean commerce to the Atlantic and to use American
Neutrality Act to replace the shifted British vessels.

The extension of the power of President Roosevelt to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements was also urged by
President Johnston.

## Financial Advertisers' Association and Bankers' Asso

 ciation for Consumer Credit Establish Financial Clearing House of Ideas and ProceduresAn unusual type of cooperation between trade associations in the financial field is announced jointly by the Financial Advertisers' Association and the Bankers' Association for Consumer Credit, following meetings of the executives of those two associations this week in New York and Cleveland. Effective immediately, the Financial Ad vertisers' Association is establisning a department of consumer credit advertising and merchandising which will serve as the clearing house on such matters for the Bankers' Association for Consumer such matters for the Bankers' Association for Consumer
Credit. Similarly, the B. A. C. C. will serve as the clearCredit. Similarly, the B. A. C. C. Wiln serve as the clearing house on operating and management pro
Kenton R. Cravens, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Co. and President of the Consumer Credit organization, and Stephen H. Fifield, Vice-President of the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville and President of the advertisers' group, have each appointed three members of their respective associations to serve as a liaison committee to facilitate this cooperative effort. The advertiser's representatives will be I. I. Sperling, Assistant Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Co., who is also Chairman of the new consumer credit department of the F. A. A.; George Everett,
Assistant Vice-President of the First Citizens Bank \& Trust Co., Utica Assistant Vice-President of the First Citizens Bank \& Trust Co., Utica, Union Trust homs Union Trust Co., Cincinnati. All three are past Presidents of the advertisers' association.
The consumer credit committee is composed of Swayne P. Goodenough, Vice-President of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank \& Trust Co., Rochester;
Lewis F. Gordon, Assistant Vice-President of the Citizens \& Southern NaLewis F. Gordon, Assistant Vice-President of the Citizens \& Southern Na-
tional Bank, Atlanta, and Carl M. Flora, Assistant Vice-President of the tional Bank, Atlanta, and Carl M. Flora, Assistant Vice-President of the
First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee. Mr. Goodenougn and Mr. First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee. Mr. Goodenougn and Mr
Gordon are also active members of the F. A. A., the latter being a director. Gordon are also active members of the F. A. A., the latter being a director.
One of the first evidences of this cooperative effort will be apparent at the second annual convention of the B.A.C.C. to be held at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., March 28, 29 and 30, where an exhibit of consumer credit advertising and merchandising methods will be displayed.

A joint statement issued in Cleveland Feb 20 by Preston E. Reed, Executive Vice-President of the Financial Advertisers' Association, and George T. Spettigue, Executive Secretary of the Bankers' Association for Consumer Credit, discussed the move as follows:
These two specialized groups have taken this step to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and to facilitate the popularizing of a bank service which has a wide public appeal and is of wide public service.
It has been estimated that practically every bank in the United States is extending personal credit in some form or another, and both banking and the public in general should benefit by this new kind of financial clearing
house of ideas and procedures. It should help keep operating practices house of ideas and procedures. It should help keep operating practices sound and maintain the advertising of bank consumer credit on a high, ethical and constructive plane.

More Attention to Legislation Urged by A.L.M. Wiggins at Trust Conference of a B. A.-Elmo Roper on
Business Ability of Trust Officers-Remarks of L. G. Tighe

Trust executives were urged on Feb. 15 to take a more active interest in legislation by A. L. M. Wiggins, Chairman
of the Association's Committee on Federal Legislation, who of the Association's Committee on Federal Legislation, who took the place of John W. Hanes, former Under-Secretary of the Treasury on the program of the mid-Winter Trust conference of the A. B. A. Mr. Wiggins is President of the Bank of Hartsville, Hartsville, S. C. He continued:

It would be easy to call a long roll of Federal legislation of recent years that has had and will have a serious effect on trust estates and will make
impossible the adequate servicing of the purposes for which the trusts were impossible the adequate servicing of the purposes for which the trusts were
created. Philosophies of government have been translated into laws in recent years that have had as their effect the destruction of opportunity for a trust officer to secure the results in the administration of the trust that the maker had in mind at the time the trust was created.
It is not my intention at this time to discuss such legislation, whether with the responsibility of the admining home to you, who are charged special obligation as trustees not only to know and evaluate legislation and legislative trends in terms of the trusts with which you are charged, but more than that, that you have a positive duty to help create legislation or to help defeat it, if it represents policies of government or progress of political parties that now or in the future seriously affect the integrity of the trusts you administer.
It seems to me that we have now reached a point in this country when we
should carefully should carefully re-examine the legislation of recent years. We should take a fresh look at the policies and programs of government. We should
examine and evaluate not only the objectives but the results. We should examine and evaluate not only the objectives but the results. We should
approach this study as students and not as critics; as citizens, not as bankers. approach this study as students and not as critics; as citizens, not as bankers.
A survey of public opinion regarding the trust businessestate management by trust companies and banks with trust departments-reveals that by far the majority of the people interviewed have high regard for the investment managing ability of trust officers, it was asserted Feb. 13 by Elmo ability of trust officers, it was asserted Feb. 13 by Elmo
Roper, economic analyst who conducted the survey, in addressing the Conference. The survey also reveals public knowledge that trust institutions are interested in caring for small estates as well as those which involve large amounts of money, Mr. Roper declared. He went on to state:
$95 \%$ of the people interviewed said that the investment ability of trust institution officers is better than that of the average wife and mother; $76 \%$ themselves who were interviewed agreed with that statement. $71 \%$ regarded it as being better than that of the average businessman, he added. In conducting the survey, we had expected to find a general feeling that trust institutions were "high hat" about the size of the estate they would handle, and a general feeling that they ought to beinterested in much smaller estates.
This is not borne out by the survey. In fact, trust institutions generally are credited with a willingness to handle estates which are smaller than the persons interviewed would be willing to put in trust.
$29 \%$ of the people interviewed, excluding the attorneys, either now or have been the beneficiaries of trusts, and two-thirds of these people expressed themselves as satisfied that the amount of income they derive from their trusts is all that ought to be expected.
Only $25 \%$ believed that the fee charged by the trustee was high, while $60 \%$ called it either low or reasonable, with the balance expressing no opinion.

An investment plan for endowed universities and other institutions supported by incomes derived from property held in trust was outlined here today by Laurence G. Tighe, Associate Treasurer of Yale University, in an address at the Conference.

Pointing out that investment funds of most public institutions such as schools and churches are supervised by an investment committee, $\mathbf{M r}$. Tighe emphasized the need for the committee to adopt a definite investment program and outlined the plan adopted by Yale University. He added:
After considerable research and study, the finance committee of the Yale Corp. adopted a plan for handling the equities in the University's portfolio providing that fixed income securities should constitute $70 \%$ of
the portfolio and equities $30 \%$. Preferred stocks and bonds in good standing were classified as fixed income-bearing securities while defaulted bonds preferred stocks paying no dividends and common stocks were classified as equities.

Previous reference to the Conference appeared in our issue of Feb. 17, page, 1076.

## A. F. of L. Urges House of Representatives to Adopt

 1939 Amendments to Housing ActHouse passage of amendments to the United States Housing Act, providing for increasing the loan authorization by $\$ 800,000,000$ and the annual contributions by $\$ 45,000,000$, was urged by the Executive Council of the Americar Federation of Labor in a resolution adopted at its recent meeting in Miami. In a communication to Nathan Strauss, Administrator of the USHA, the Council directed the Authority's officers to take steps necessary to insure the passage of the amendments and requested them to continue their cooperation with the A. F. of L. Housing Committee.

The Council's communication follows:
Executive Cuncil of A. F. of L. has adopted the following resolution: T. The 1939 Amendments to the United States Housing Act, embodied in S. 591, have been approved by the Senate, have been favorably reported by the House.
These amendments increase the loan authorization of the USHA for slum clearance and rehousing of low income families by $\$ 800,000,000$ and increase the authorization for annual contributions by $\$ 45,000,000$.
The passage of these amendments will in effect double the scope of the USHA program and double the employment of building trades mechanics and laborers on USHA projects at prevailing wages and under fair working conditions.
In view of continually widespread unemployment among building and construction trades, the Executive Council recognizes the urgent need for the expansion of the low rent housing and slum clearance program as pro-
vided in S. 591 .
In order to carry out the policies of the Department, the Executive
Council hereby: Council hereby
(1) Directs the officers of the Department to call upon members of the House of Representatives urging them to give their unqualified support to the approval of the United States Housing Act Amendments of 1939; to bring these amendments to the attention of the officers of the affiliated national and international unions and of all local building trades councils and to take all other steps necessary to insure the passage of these amendments and thus provide for the expansion of the program.
(2) Requests the officers of the Department to continue their active cooperation with the Housing Committee of the American Federation of Labor in order to safeguard fair wages, working conditions and construc-
tion standards during construction of all USHA projects, and in order to secure satisfactory labor representation on all local housing authorities.

Finencial Questionnaire Rule of New York Stock Exchange Has Aided Solvency Record of Member Exchange Has Aided Solvency Recor
Firms, According to F. S. Todman
Twelve years before the Securities and Exchange Commission was established, the New York Stock Exchange had adopted its financial questionnaire rule, and there is no doubt that this rule has contributed an important part in building up the excellent record of solvencies of member firms, it was stated in an address delivered by Frederick S. Todman Feb. 15 at the forum discussion of "Stock Brokerage Accounting" held under the auspices of the Pace Institute, New York City. Mr. Todman, author and lecturer on stock brokerage accounting, was prior to 1939 chairman of the Brokerage Accounting Committee of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. He pointed out that notwithstanding the favorable record as to failures the Exchange has enunciated an additional rule as to examination of member firms for the purpose of providing additional public protection. Mr. Todman declared:
Effective Feb. 1, 1940, unscheduled examinations by independent public accountants are to be made without prior notice or intimation to New York Stock Exchange firms.

Under this audit regulation of the Committee on Member Firms, auditors are selected by each Exchange house doing business with the public and after such selection, the accountants agree
(1) to make the audit. ${ }^{\text {(2) }}$. Member Firms promptly that the audit has been commenced.
(3) to prepare an answer to its financial questionnaire based upon such audit.
(4) to submit to the Committee on Member Firms a copy of such answer accompanied by an attestation in the prescribed form signed by the general partners of the Member Firms.
(5) to submit to the Committee on Member Firms a copy of our audit report or findings and conclusions.

## National Association of Securities Dealers Issues Forms for Handling Trade Practice Complaints

The National Association of Securities Dealers took an important step on Feb. 20 toward perfecting its macninery for handling trade practice complaints in forwarding to its District Business Conduct Committees a set of 10 different forms for use in handling these complaints. This machinery, according to the Association, is designed for use by the Business Conduct Committees in hearing and acting upon controversies between members and between members and their customers and to afford investors dealing in the over-thecounter market with members protection comparable to that provided by stock exchanges. With the receipt of the forms. these committees are now fully prepared to go forward with this important phase of the Association's work. The announcement in the matter further said:
Accompanying the forms was a comprehensive set of instructions designed to aid the committees in the speedy and just determination of complaints. All members of the N. A. S. D., on being admitted to membership, agree to abide by the rules of fair practice of the Association. These rules are principally designed to assure fair dealings with customers and other Complaints Complaints may be filed by Conduct Committees.
iled and one promulgated today include one upon which a complaint must be a complaint is filed, than answer to the complaint must be made. Once a complaint is filed, the Association's rules provide for original hearing such a complaint may appeal a decision of these committees to the National Board of Governors, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the courts.
A member may be censured, fined, suspended or expelled from the Association for a violation of its rules. If a member is suspended or expelled he loses all the economic advantages of membership and is in substantially the same position as a person suspended or expelled from a stock exchange. Perfecting the machinery for this part of the Association's work indicates substantial progress in the program of the securities business and the SEC looking toward cooperative regulation of the business, as envis ioned by the recent amendment to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
The District Business Conduct Committee for District No. 13 includes:

Henry W. Beebe of Harriman, Ripley \& Co., Inc., New York, Chairman; Russell V. Adams of Adams \& Mueller, Newark; Robert C. Buell of Robert C. Buell \& Co., Hartford; J. Taylor Foster of Foster \& Co., Inc.; Lee M. Limbert of Blyth \& Co., Inc.; William J. Minsch of Minsch, Monel \& Co., Inc.; Richard C. Rice of J. K. Rice, Jr. \& Co.; Henry G. Riter, 3rd, of Riter \& Co.; Olver J. Troster of . Frederick M. Warburg of Kuhn Unterberg of C. E. Unterberg \& Co.; Frederick M. Warburg of Kuhn Twichell, Inc., Buffalo.
District No. 13 embraces New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Republican National Convention to Meet in Philadelphia June 24: Democrats in Chicago July 15Republican Committee Issues Report Designed as Basis for Presidential Platform
The Republican National Convention will meet in Philadelphia June 24, while the Democratic National Convention will convene in Chicago July 15, according to announcements this week. The decision for the place and date of the Republican gathering was made in Washington Feb. 16 by the Republican National Committee after its Chairman, John D. M. Hamilton, had challenged the Democrats to nominate President Roosevelt for a third term, thus providing "a clear-cut issue." The site for the Democratic viding "a clear-cut issue." The site for the Democratic
Convention was selected during a recent Washington conConvention was selected during a recent Washington con-
ference, but on Feb. 17 James A. Farley, as Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, announced the date the convention would begin.
Later, on Feb. 18, the Republican National Committee made public a report of the Republican Program Committee, headed by Dr. Glenn Frank, which was designed as a basis on which Republican leaders might formulate their platform for the coming presidential campaign. In reporting the Republican selection of the convention site and date, the Republican selection of the convention site an
United Press Washington advices of Feb. 16 said:
The action ended maneuvering between Republicans and Democrats for last convention position. Postmaster General Farley has authority to fix the date of the Democratic convention, which will meet in Chicago.
The national committee's action followed a speech by John D. M. Hamilton, National Chairman, who said he hoped that President Roosevelt would be a third-term candidate so the Republican party, in a showdown next November on th
off all three."
The first motion to set the convention date was offered by Walter $\mathbf{S}$. Hallinan of West Virginia. He proposed a June 25 meeting, but accepted Hallinan of West Virginia. He proposed
an amendment changing it to June 24.
A second motion, calling for the opening July 2, was offered by $G$. Mason Owlett of Pennsylvania.
He subsequently accepted an amendment by Cyrus McCormick, of New Mexico, to make the date July 1.
The final issue, thus, was between the dates of June 24 and July 1. By a voice vote the committee approved the June 24 date.

Associated Press Miami advices of Feb. 17, after noting Mr. Farley's selection of July 15 for the Democratic convention, added:
The Democratic convention city was selected during a recent Washington conference, but the chairman was empowered to name the actual con-
vening date. He acted just one day after the Republican committee picked vening date. He acted just one day after the Republican committee picked Philadelphia for its convention and set/ the date for June 24.

By choosing the later date the Democrats will be able to take a look at By choosing the nompaign issues before settling down to their own rival nominees and plations and plat

The party's strategy generally is understood to include a plan to shorten the usual June-to-November campaign for the Presidency in the belief the party in power has definite advantages and needs less time to put its candidate over.

Mr. Farley said he would have set the Chicago sessions to start a week earlier, on July 8, but this would have required delegates from distant States to be traveling on July 4.
The Democratic chairman reiterated that he was confident the party nominees would be successful, regardless of who they were.
He declined again, however, to discuss the third term question. When informed that Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Utah, had declared "if the Democratic party is in such a situation that only one man can save the country from the Republicans, the ill probably will," Mr. Farley said he did not care to comment

Then he added
"I don't know whether Senator Thomas is for a third term." sylvania primary, Mr. Farley said.
sylvania primary, Brir. Farley said: "Under the Pennsylvania primary set-up, it is not necessary to enter formally."

We also quote from a Washington dispatch of Feb. 18 to the New York "Inerald Tribune," regarding the report of the IRepublican Program Committee:
Proposing sweeping revision of farm, business and fiscal policies, the report warned that, because "our domestic affairs are far from a state of health, it is highly questionable whether either our economic system of free enterprise or our political system of representative self-government would survive participation in a European war,"
A $20 \%$ reduction in Federal spending, looking to a balanced budget by 1942, and fundamental changes in the Government's farm, labor, business and social programs were proposed in the report, which, it was emphasized, was based on four principles:

A balanced representative government
A protectively regulated system of free enterprise.
A workable economics of plenty.
An inviolate code of civil liberties supported by political and economic circumstances which will make the practice of these liberties possible

## Two Years of Research

Stressing the need to turn from the "defeatist" and "reactionary" philosophy underlying New Deal domestic policies, the report recognized merit in some social security and other innovations of the last seven years and supported President Roosevelt in his appeal for non-partisan support of foreign policies. At the same time it called for "a thoroughly adequate defense force-land, air and water," which it held to be needed to implement the Monroe Doctrine and "make our defense policy a working part of a common protective policy of all the Americas."
The 35,000 -word report distilled the conclusions
The 35,000 -word report distilled the conclusions of two years of research and consultations conducted by the Republican program committee which comprised more than 200 lay leaders in the party's ranks and was headed by Dr. Glenn Frank, former President of the University of Wisconsin. It was presented to the national committee by Dr. Frank when it met here Friday.

## Formation of New Arbitration Group Aimed to Decrease

 Commercial LitigationThe American Arbitration Association announced on Feb. 20 the creation of a special business men's Board of Liaison Officers, designed to decrease commercial controversies and litigation, which have been on the rise since the war. C. V. Whitney, Chairman of the Board of the Pan American Airways, has been appointed Chairman of the new arbitration board, which will be composed of representatives of the leading trades and profossions. The announcement also stated:

The aim of the board, according to Mr. Eastman, Chairman of the Association, will be to cushion, through the use of arbitration, the ill-effects of rade dislocation which followed the outbreak of hostilities abroad.
The initial task of the liaison officers will be to make a survey of pending contract disagreements with a view towards arranging for disputants to off trade relations or continuing action in the tribunals instead of breaking Af trade relations or continuing action in the courts
problems of particular industries will be added to the experienced in the problems of particular industries will be added to the existing national panel
maintained by the Association.

Dr. Karl T. Compton at Gathering in Rochester Honoring "Modern Pioneers" Declares Technological Progress Has Aided Employment-Regards
President Roosevelt's Message to Congress as Disclosing Lack of Understanding in Matter
At a dinner in Rochester, N. Y., on Feb. 19-one of 15 affairs arranged this month under the auspices of the Na tional Association of Manufacturers in various parts of the country in honor of "modern pioneers"-Dr. Karl T. Compton, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, defended technological progress as a boon to employment and declared that President Roosevelt in his recent message to Congress disclosed a"lack of understanding recent message to Congress disclosed a "lack of understanding
and appreciation" of its role. Dr. Compton, according to and appreciation" of its role. Dr. Compton, according to
Associated Press advices from Rochester stated that in spite of "increased efficiency in production, the percentage of our population which was gainfully employed increased $25 \%$ in the 60 years from 1870 to 1930 , which was the era of great technological progress." The Associated Press went on to day:
He [Dr. Oompton] cited two phrases he said appeared in the President's He [Dr. Compton] cited two phra
message to Congress a month ago:
message to Congress a month ago:
"We have not yet found a way to employ the surplus of our labor which
the efficiency of ovr industrial processes he "We have not yet found a way to employ the surplus of our labor which
the efficiency of our industrial processes has created," and
"To face the task of finding jobs faster than invention can take them "To face the tark of finding jo
away .
Admitting that technological progress has sometimes created technological unemployment in specific situations which "undoubtedly efforts

Nevertheless the record clearly shows that the efficiency of our industrial processes has not created a surplus of labor but, on the contrary, has, over a long period of time, created new employment while making available to the general public materials and services which would otherwise have been completely inaccessible to any except a favored few."
"Such statements as those made by President Roosevelt," he asserted, "focus attention upon the least important results of technological progress, and even then handle the subject in such a superficial manner as to distort the real significance of efficiency in industrial production."

Previous reference to the "Pioneer Dinners" appeared in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1079.

## "Modern Pioneers" Dinner Held in Chicago Honoring inventors and Research Workers for Contributions to American Standard of Living

A dinner honoring the "Modern Pioneers" from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin was held in the Palmer House, Chicago, on Feb. 20. The banquet was sponsored by the Armour Institute of Technology, and the Illinois and Wisconsin Manufacturers Associations to pay tribute to the area's 60 -odd inventors, scientists and research workers who have played a part in such creation of new industries and more jobs during the last quarter century. Robert L. Lund, Executive Vice-President of the Lambert Pharmacal Co., St. Louis, Mo., was the principal speaker on the "Modern Pioneer" program, which is industry's observance of the founding of the American patent system 150 years ago. Other industríal communities throughout the country are holding similar "Modern Pioneers" programs this month and on Feb. 2719 persons selected as outstanding by a committee of six eminent scientists will be honored nationally in New York at which time they will be given awards by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Sub-Treasury in New York City Dedicated as National Historic Shrine-Plaque Commemorating Federal Hall, Where George Washington Was Inaugurated, Is Unveiled-Remarks of President Martin of Stock Exchange
In celebration of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, a tablet was dedicated on Feb. 21 on the Wall Street front of the Sub-Treasury Building to identify this site as a National Historic Shrine in commemoration of Federal Hall, the first capitol of the United States, where Washington was inaugurated as President on April 30, 1789. The ceremonies were opened by George McAneny, Chairman of the Federal Hall Associates, who explained the historical significance of the exercises. Manhattan Borough President Stanley M. Isaacs unveiled the bronze plaque. Nrewbold Morris, President of the City Council, represented Newbold Morris, President of the City Council, represented
Mayor LaGuardia, and reviewed the part that Wall Street Mayor LaGuardia, and reviewed the
had played in the life of the Nation.
William McC. Martin Jr., President of the New York Stock Exchange, also spoke at the ceremony. From his remarks we quote:
I am very pleased at the opportunity to participate in the ceremonies dedicating the old Sub-Treasury site as Federal Hall Memorial. It is gratifying that the Federal Government has seen fit to recognize the historic role played by wall Street in the early development of this country by perpetuating this site where George Washington was inaugurated as first as a shrine of our people means, we hope that visitors in increasing numbers will come to Wall Street and learn to understand the functions and purposes of this community.
Few people realize that the name Wall Street has a very practical connotation in the historic sense, in that it found its origin in the fact that it marked the site where a stockade was built to prevent the straying of cattle and to afford a protection against the Indians. It was at one time a wall both in name and in fact and a vital part of the protection of the early settlers in this community.
It remains today as an example of American achievement, American Initiative and American energy. It is today in every sense of the word a national street and one which still stands in its rightful place as a bulwark of strength against the forces which would endeavor to upset the form of government under which this country has been developed.
In our issue of Feb. 17, page 1079, we referred to the plans for the dedication.

Investment Bankers Association Issues Volume
Covering Proceedings of 1939 Convention
The Investment Bankers Association of America has recently made available an attractively bound volume embodying the proceedings of its 28 th annual convention held at Del Monte, Cal., Oct. 9-13. Full details of the meeting are contained in the publication, in which is also presented the list of the 1939-40 officers and governors, national committees, group executive committees, constitution and by-laws, group constitution and membership roster.

## Death of T. L. Robinson, Retired New York BankerAssisted Dawes Commission in 1924

Thomas L. Robinson, former New York banker and former President of the Republic Rubber Co. of Youngstown, Ohio, died on Feb. 20 in Zurich, Switzerland. He was 59 years old and had retired from business three years ago. Mr. Robinson went to Berlin in 1924 as an assistant to Owen D. Young, member of the Dawes Commission. His work there concerned the establishment of a bank to replace the Reichsbank on plans adopted by the Reparations Committee in 1923. In 1932 he was Vice-Chairman of the Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee of New York City
and from 1933 to 1934 was Deputy Administrator in charge of all financial codes under the National Industrial Recovery Act. The following concerning his career is taken from the New York "Herald Tribune" of Feb. 21.:
After being graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor Mr. Robinson devoted himself to the practice of law in Youngstown. In 1908 he became President of the Wicks Brothers Trust Co., which he had organized. In 1910, he became chairman of the board of the Republic Later Mr . Robinson sellowing year was elected President of the company. He was a Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York from He was a Vice
1926 to 1929.
During the World War he was a major in the American Expeditionary Force and served in France and Germany. He was also with the Army of Occupation in Coblenz in 1919, and was sent on a special mission to Berlin by General Headquarters in 1919. In 1917 he was made a Chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Italy for his services in the war, and in 1924 he received the Order of the Crown from King Leopold of the Belgians. He was also made a permanent commissioner of the American Red Cross by President Woodrow Wilson.

## 'Tribute to France'' Dinner Given in New York CityFrench Ambassador Makes Address-Proceeds to go for Civilian Relief

The Ambassador of France, Count Rene Doynel de Saint-Quentin, and Miss Anne Morgan, President of the American Friends of France, were guests of honor at "A American Friends of France, were guests of honor at "A New York City, on Feb. 19. Miss Morgan explained the New York City, on Feb. 19. Miss Morgan explained the appealed to Americans to show their friendship and sympathy for France. The proceeds of this dinner, which was attended by more than 1,000 persons, are to be devoted to that organization.
Regarding the French Ambassador's talk the following is taken from the New York "Times" of Feb. 20:
Count de Saint-Quentin told the gathering that the war in its present stage is strange, but, drawing an analogy from the world of sport, he pointed out that hearyweight wrestlers are nearly motionless at the Czecho-Slovakia would rise again.
"We hear a great deal about peace and peace is indeed our ideal, and it is the light that shines on the horizon and guides our stéps over a hard to think of peace and to prepare for peace.
"We are grateful to friendly governments who, having remained out of the conflict, have indicated that they were ready, at the opportune moment, to make their contribution in the restoration of a just peace. We are happy to see statesmen initiating consultations for the purposes of seeking the basis of a lasting peace, of a peace whose essential character they themselves have long since defined with foresight and authority as involving order under law, general limitation of armaments, restoration and development of international trade based upon the principle of the most favored nation."

## James G. Blaine Tells of Agency Needs at Greater New York Fund's Second Annual Meeting

Citing specific examples of how money contributed through the Greater New York Fund has prevented serious curtailment of voluntary social services in some areas and made possible expansion of services in others, James $G$. Blaine, President, described at the Fund's second annual meeting, in terms of human needs, some of the results of its first two years of existence. More than 400 business, civic, labor and welfare leaders heard Mr. Blaine's report at the meeting held on Feb. 15 in the auditorium of the Federal Reserve Bank. Members of the Board of Directors and executive and campaign committees, as well as executives and board members of agencies attended.
John M. Schiff, Honorary Assistant Treasurer of the Fund, reported that paid subscriptions in the 1938 campaign totaled $\$ 3,785,345$ and in the 1939 campaign $\$ 3,420,554.46$, as of Jan. 31, 1940. The total expenses of the two campaigns were $\$ 423,064.59$ for 1038 and $\$ 420,842.31$ for 1939 .

## William S. Gray Heads Finance Division of Greater New York Fund

William S. Gray, President of the Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. of New York, has accepted the chairmanship of the finance division for the 1940 campaign of the Greater New York Fund. Announcement of his appointment was made by John A. Brown, Campaign Chairman. As Finance Chairman, Mr. Gray will direct campaign activities in one of the seven major trade groups to which the Fund makes its annual appeal. The division will seek contributions from more than 1,700 New York financial houses in the drive which opens April 1. The acceptance of appointments to posts within the finance division by business leaders also was made public. John C. Traphagen, President of the Bank of New York, will be Vice-Chairman of the unit which Mr. Gray heads. Chairmen who will direct solicitation in the various sections of the division are:

Bernard M. Culver, President of the Continental Insurance Co., insurance.
Pierpont
V. Davis, Vice-President of Harriman, Ripley \& Co., investment bankers.
Arthur H. Ham, Vice-President of the Provident Loan Society of New Arthur H. Ham, V
Robert L. Hoguet, President of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, savings banks.
Frank K. Houston, President of the Chemical Bank \& Trust Co., banks
G. M. Minton Jr., of William P. Hoffman \& Co., Curb Exchange. John J. Schumann Jr., President of the General Motors. Acceptance Corp., finance companies.

## G. O. Boomer Appointed Director of Louisville Branch of St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System announced Feb. 15 the appointment of George O. Boomer, Vice-President, Girdler Corporation, Louisville, Ky., as a director of the Louisville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis for the unexpired portion of the three-year term ended Dec. 31, 1942.
R. K. McConaughey Appointed General Counsel of FCA

Governor A. G. Black announced Feb. 17 the resignation of Peyton R. Evans as General Counsel of the Farm Credit Administration and the appointment of Robert K. McConaughey as his successor. Mr. McConaughey comes to the Farm Credit Administration from the Attorney General's office where he has been special assistant to the Attorney General. Previously Mr. McConaughey was the head attorney in charge of the legal work connected with the administration of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. He had formerly been in the office of the Solicitor for the Department of Agriculture.
H. N. Rodewald Reelected Vice-Chairman of New York Curb Exchange-Other Appointments
The organization meeting of the new Board of Governors of the New York Curb Exchange was held Feb. 14 in the Governors Room of the Exchange. Clarence A. Bettman, Chairman of the Board, presided. Herman N. Rodewald was reelected Vice-Chairman of the Board for a term of one year and the following officers and directors of departments were appointed for the ensuing year:
Charles E. McGowan, Secretary, and Director of Department of Transactions and Quotations; Christopher Hengevelt, Jr., Treasurer, and Directoz of Department of Administration; Joseph R. Mayer, Assistant Treasurer ;
Henry H. Badenberger, Director of Department of Outside Supervision, and Martin J. Keena, Director of Department of Securities.
The following appointments of Chairmen of the standing committees for 1940-41 were also made:
Committee on Admissions-Charles M. Finn.
Committee on Arbitration-Sherman M. Bijur.
Executive Committee-Clarence A. Bettman.
General Committee on Securities-Robert B. Stearns.
Committee on Formal Listing-Robert B. Stearns.
Committee on Unlisted Securities-Edward E. Barry.
Committee on Security Rulings-Henry Parish, 2nd.
General Committee on Transactions and Quotations-Herman N. Rodewald.
Committee on Stock Transactions-Herman N. Rodewald.
Committee on Bond Transactions-David S. Cooper.
Committee on Quotations-E. Burd Grubb,
General Committee on Outside Supervision-Morton F. Stern.
Committee on Member Firms-Morton F. Stern.
Committee on Business Conduct-Sherman M. Bijur.
Committee on Communications and Comma
Committee on Communications and Commissions-Ramon 0. Williams. Committee on Finance-Austin K. Neftel.

Reference to the annual election, at which Mr. Bettman was reelected Chairman of the Board, was made in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1081.

## Governors of New York Curb Exchange Adopt New Rule on Listings

The Board of Governors of the New York Curb Exchange adopted at its regular meeting held Feb. 14 a new rule, to be known as Rule 17, reading as follows:
Rule 17. (a) "The Committee on Formal Listing may list or admit to dealings on an "issued" or "when issued" basis securities of an issuer having securities already listed on the Exchange and certificates of deposit, rights to subscribe, and other securities issued in exchange for or growing out of securities already listed on the Exchange. The Committee on Formal Listing is authorized to certify to the Securities and Exchange Commission the approval of the Exchange of such securities for listing and registration.
(b) The Committee on Formal Listing shall submit to the Board with its recommendations any application acceptable to said Committee for the listing or admission to dealings of a security which said Committee is not authorized by these rules to list or admit to dealings.

## Chicago Mercantile Exchange Names Standing Committees

Sixty-seven appointments to Chicago Mercantile Exchange standing committees for the ensuing year were announced Feb. 1 by Garrett B. Shawhan, President. Maurice Mandeville again heads the important clearing house committee. Frank P. Collyer, First Vice-President, is chairman of the rules committee, and C. C. Tatham, Sr., Treasurer, heads the finance committee. Other chairmen are:
R. L. Feddersen, butter committee; Lawrence Ryan, egr committee; Michael E. Fox, hides; Roy E. Eldredge, secretary of the exchange, cheese and house committees; George E. Clark, potato; John Coleman, publicity;

By a recent action of the Exchange's directors the legal, public service, trade and statistics, and arbitration committees have been eliminated. The board provided that arbitrators be selected from the membership rather than from a committee of fifteen as was done heretofore.
C. K. McIntosh Reelected President of San Francisco Clearing House Association-Other Officers Renamed
At the annual meeting of the San Francisco Clearing House Association, held Feb. 13, C. K. McIntosh, Chairman of the Bank of California, N. A., was reelected President. E. Avenali, Senior Vice-President of the Crocker First National Bank, was reelected Vice-President and R. R. Yates, Vice-President of the Bank of America N. T. \& S. A., was again elected Secretary. Members of the Clearing House again elected Secretary.
C. K. McIntosh, (ex-officio) President; E. Avenali, (ex-officio) VicePrexident J. K. Lochead, President, American Trust Co.; R. B. Motherwell, President, Wells Fargo Bank \& Union Trust Co.; W. H. Thomson, President, The Anglo California Nati
Bank of America N. T. \& S. A.
The Manager of the San Francisco Clearing House is Russell W. Schumacher and the Assistant Manager is Howard H. Huxtable.

New Program of American Bankers Association Ex-
plained by President Hanes-Says It Is Enlarge-
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Robert M. Hanes, President of the American Bankers Association, and President of the Wachovia Bank \& Trust Co., Winston-Salem, N. C., issued a statement on Feb. 15 explaining the new program of the A. B. A. He said that the program now being put into operation is an enlargement of the existing activities of the Association. His statement follows in part:
Early in December the Administrative Committee of the American Bankers Association voted to undertake a substantial increase in the association's services to its members and to take steps |to restore its income to the 1929 level in order to make this expansion possible.
I am delighted to be able to report that the project announced then has become a reality. To initiate it 200 of the larger banks have agreed to provide the necessary funds. Leaders of new activities have been engaged. The new program is on its way.
The program consists of a plan to personalize and make more effective the services of the association through expertly trained representatives in the field, to extend these services to cover the newer forms of banking activity and to make the products of anterer source, available and useful to banks. This will be diene along Whatever source, available and useful to banks. This will be done along ines thoroughly tested out by the association for almost three years through
the Trust Research Department of its Graduate School of Banking. Trust Research Department of its Graduate School of Banking.
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has long been an effective educational and service organization. Through has Anerican Institute of Banking and The Graduate School of Banking, it has greatly advanced the fundamental knowledge of bank personnel. It has inspired and assisted in the development of educational conferences in the various states.
It has furnished advertising, employee training and public relations material to thousands of banks. It has taken its facilities to the membership each year through regional conferences held in various sections of the country and has pioneered informative meetings for bank customers as part of these conferences. It actively and effectively represents the interests of its members at Washington. Its Insurance and Protective Committee has negotiated large cash savings for the members through reductions obtained in the past three years on bank insurance premiums, these savings amounting to $\$ 3,000,000$ annually.
The dissemination of printed reports, studies and books by mail is not enough. Banks must have direct and individual aid to help them utilize the knowledge and improved technique which research has discovered to be sound. This requires the services of qualified personnel to take the prodThis, then, is the new program of the A. B. A.
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To extend its educational research activities to cover a larger variety of extend its educational research activities to cover a larger variety
of important subjects; to establish departments to cover the newer forms
of banking service; to develop the latest information and soundest knowledge possible on banking and economic matters; to cooperate with other bankers' organizations and banking agencies having research programs; and to present the results of all to the banks in the most practical and effective manner through representatives in the field for the use of banks and the betterment of banking.
P. K. Alexander Heads A. B. A. Denver Conference Committee
P. K. Alexander, Vice-President of the First National Bank, Denver, has been named chairman of the General Denver Committee for the regional conference of the American Bankers Association to be held in Denver, March 21-22 Denver bankers acting with Mr. Alexander on the General Committee are:
Clarence H. Adams, President, International Trust Co. ; B. F. Clark, President, Colorado State Bank; Roblin H. Davis, President, Denver National Bank; T. A. Dines, President, United States National Bank; John Evans, President, First National Bank; W. L. Johnson, President, Union National Bank in Denver; Frank Kirchhof, President, American National
Bank; Harold Kountze, President Bank; Harold Kountze, President, Colorado National Bank; G. E. Totten, Bankers Association ; and A. E. Upton, President, National City Bank.
The program for the conference was given in our issue of Feb. 10, page 932.
William Powers Named A. B. A. Director of Customer Relations
Appointment of William Powers, Assistant Cashier and Manager of personnel and training of the National Bank of Detroit to the post of Director of Customer Relations of the American Bankers Association, was announced on Feb. 15 by Robert M. Hanes, President of the Association, and President of the Wachovia Bank \& Trust Co., WinstonSalem, N. C. The Association summarized his career as follows:

Mr. Powers has been in the banking business since 1915 when he joined the former Peoples State Bank of Detroit. In 1934 he became associated with the National Bank of Detroit. In January, 1937, he was elected an assistant cashier of that institution, in which he is atso manager of persornel and training. Mr. Powers has been an instructor in the Detroit Chapter of the A. I. B. since 1929 and was president of the chapter in the year 1933-34.
Mr. Powers graduated from The Graduate School of Banking in the class of 1937 and during the past two years has been an instruetor of The Graduate School in personnel relations.
In making the announcement, Mr. Hanes said:
For the past several years the Public Relations Council of the American Bankers Association has carried on an active program of employee training in customer relations as a basic factor in sound public relations for banks. It has published eight books on this subject and has promoted extensively the development of bank employee training groups.
However, many banks have asked for more direct assistance in this type ot work. So we have asked Mr. Powers to come with us as director of customer relations and carry this work forward in the field. He will also be assistant registrar of The Graduate School of Banking.
I am delighted that we have been able to secure the services of a man with the experience and ability that Mr. Powers has.

## Federal Savings and Loan Associations Have Advanced $\$ 1,355,852,158$ in Home-Mortgage Loans Since 1934

 - $\$ 986,383,000$ Advanced in 1939A total of $\$ 1,355, \$ 52,158$ in home-mortgage loans has been advanced by Federal savings and loan associations since 1934, when Congress authorized the chartering of these locally owned and managed institutions which operate under a Federal charter, it was reported Feb. 10 by officials of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, their supervisory of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, their
of this cumulative figure, some $\$ 400,337,000$ was extended to borrowers last year, $39.5 \%$ more than in 1938.
More than two-thirds- $\$ 841,622,181$-of the cumulative loans made in the past five and a half years went into the construction and purchase of homes. Approximately $68 \%$ of the 1939 total was used for these two purposes, as against $45 \%$ in 1935.
There were 1,409 Federal associations as of Dec. 31, 1939, with assets of $\$ 1,577,981,000$. Savers had $i, 414,900$ accounts in the institutions, with the end of the year.
A proportion of the home mortgage loans made by savirgs and loan associations during the last four years has gone directly into the construction and purchase of homes, a survey by economists of the FHLBB indicated on Feb. 17. The $\$ 986,383,000$ advanced last year was the largest annual amount since 1930 , and was nearly one-fourth greater than that for the previous year. In the last four years associations have loaned $\$ 3,435,9555,000$. The advices also said:
Sixty-five per cent of the 1939 total went for construction and home purchase loans, the Board's Division of Research and Statistics estimated. accounted for only $54 \%$ of total loans, which aggregated $\$ 754,997,000$.
The ratio of loans for reconditioning purposes has remained about the same, while the proportion of advances for refinancing of existing mortgages and other rurposes has declined. Refinancing loans in 1936 represented $24 \%$ of all advances, other purpose loans $14 \%$. Last year this ratio had dropped to $18 \%$ and $11 \%$, respectively.
Member savings and loan associations of the Federal Home Loan Bank System-numbering 3, 570 on Dec. 31, 1939-accounted for $\$ 2,641,728,000$, or more than three-fourths of the $\$ 3,435,955,000$ loaned by all associations in the United States in the last four years. This proportion has moved
upward each year, climbing from $71.3 \%$ in 1936 to $80.7 \%$ in 1939 upward each year, climbing from $71.3 \%$ in 1936 to $80.7 \%$ in 1939.

## ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, \&c.

Barnet Nover, columnist on foreign affairs for the Washington "Post," will speak at the New School for Social Research, New York City, Tuesday evening, (Feb. 27) as guest of Jay Allen, who has been conducting a course "On the State of Journalism" at the School. Mr. Nover has chosen as his topic "Do You Get the News from Washington."
John Y. G. Walker, senior partner and co-founder of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Walker Brothers, died of heart disease on Feb. 17 at his home in Llewellyn Park, N. J. He was 68 years old. A native of Liverpool, England, Mr. Walker began his career with the banking house of Laidlow \& Co. in New York and later served as an official of the First National Bank of Walla Walla, Wash.--Returning to New York in 1895, Mr. Walker and his brother, the late Norman S. Walker, organized in 1896 the firm of Walker Brothers, of which he continued as a partner until Wis ret Brothers, of which he continued as a partner until
his rent in 1914 to assume the First Vice-Presidency of the Central Union Trust Co. of New York. When this bank became a part of the Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. in March, 1929, Mr. Walker was elected a Director of the larger organization and at the same time returned to Walker Brothers. At his death he was a Trustee of the Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. and of the Bank for Savings in the City of New York, and a director of many insurance companies.

William H. Perkins, President of the former Bank of America from 1890 to 1920, died of heart disease on Feb. 19 in his apartment at the Hotel Vanderbilt, New York City. He was 80 years old. Born in Athens, Pa., Mr. Perkins came to New York in 1881 and joined the staff of the Importers \& Traders National Bank, of which his brother, Edward Perkins, was President. After service with this bank, Mr. Perkins became associated with the Fourth National Bank and, finally, with the Bank of America. He retired in 1920 as President of the Bank of America and
served the institution for a year as Chairman of the Board. In 1921 he retired. In 1931 the Bank of America was consolidated with the National City Bank of New York.

The 19th annual Savings Banks Dinner Dance of the Metropolitan Area will be held in the main ballroom of the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, N. Y.; on March 30, at 7:30 P.M., it was announced on Feb. 19 by Albert Sturcke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Union Square Savings Bank, New York City, who is chairman of the Publicity Committee for the affair.

Orson D. Munn, President and Director of "Scientific American" and of Munn \& Co., Inc., publishers, and senior partner of Munn, Anderson \& Liddy, one of the oldest patent-law firms in New York City, was elected a Trustee of the Union Dime Savings Bank, New York City, succeeding William McMaster Mills, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on Feb. 21, according to the announcement made by William L. DeBost, President of the bank.

The Woodside National Bank of Woodside, Long Island, announced on Feb. 20 that Irving L. Wharton, prominent Brooklyn real estate lawyer, has resigned his private law practice to head the bank's new Federal Housing Administration mortgage servicing department.

On Monday evening, Feb. 26, The County Trust Co., of White Plains, N. Y., will be host to The Westchester Electrical and Gas Appliance Dealers Association members at their regular meeting. The members of The Furniture and Hardware Dealers Associations of Westchester County have also been invited to attend. William J. Cheney, Executive Vice-President of National Retail Furniture Association will be the guest speaker. His subject "The Diversion of Trade from Retail Channels." An illustrated Sound Picture "Know Your Money" describing real and counterfeit money, released by the United States Secret Service, will also form part of the program.

Shareholders of the First National Bank of Stonington, Conn., on Feb. 21 voted to place the institution in liquidation owing to the fact, it is said that business conditions prevent the paying of an adequate return to stock holders prevent the paying of an adequate return to stock holders
on their investments. Judge J. Rodney Smith oi Groton, on their investments. Judge J. Rodney Smith or Groton, carry out the liquidation, and it was decided to transfer the total deposits of $\$ 188,458$ to the Mystic River National Bank of Mystic, Conn. The liquidation of the institution, effective yesterday, Feb. 23, leaves Stonington, a town of 12,000 persons, without a bank in nearly 90 years, the First National Bank having opened for business as a State institution in 1851.
J. Andrews Harris, Jr., former Senior Vice-President of the Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa., died at his home in Chestnut Hill on Feb. 18. He would have been 78 years of age on Feb. 24. Before becoming associated with the Philadelphia National Bank, from the Vice-Presidency of which he retired six months ago, he was VicePresident of the Franklin National Bank, Treasurer of the Lesigh Valley Railroad and a director of the Real Estate Title \& Trust Co.
John D. Ames, publisher of the Chicago "Journal of Commerce," has been elected a director of Personal Loan \& Savings Bank of that city. Mr. Ames is a director of the Murray Corporation of America and President of the Legislative Voters League. Calvin Fentress, President, reports that the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ a share and an extra dividend of 75 c . a share has been declared, payable extra dividend of 75c. a share has been declared, payable is the 84th consecutive quarterly dividend paid by Personal Loan \& Savings Bank.
Robert H. Fayfield was recently named Vice-President of the Empire National Bank \& Trust Co. of St. Paul, Minn., it was announced by Alex Highland, President of the institution. He will be in charge of credits, succeeding D. L. Carroll, Assistant Cashier and Credit Department Manager since April, 1926, who will retire March 1. For the past 10 years Mr. Fayfield has been associated with the Northwest Bancorporation, Minneapolis, with which the Empire is affiliated.

As of Feb. 13, the First National Bank of Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala., was authorized to increase its capital from $\$ 3,600,000$ to $\$ 4,600,000$.

Effective Feb. 10, the First State Bank of Kellogg, Kelogg, Ida., a member of the Federal Reserve System, was absorbed by the Idaho First National Bank of Boise, Boise, Ida. In connection with the absorption the national bank has established a branch at Kellogg.

Resignation of R. W. Kinney from the Board of Directors of Central Bank of Oakland, Calif., was announced on Feb. 16 to be effective immediately, following a regular
meeting of the Board. $\boldsymbol{m}$ Mr. Kinney had been a member of the Central Bank Board for 19 years, and his resignation was in accordance with a Governmental regulation prohibiting interlocking directorates in banks of the Federal Reserve System. He is a member of the Board of the Crocker First National Bank of San Francisco. In noting this, the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Feb.17, added:
Wallace E. Hyde, son-in-law of Mr. Kinney, was elected to the Central Bank Board of Directors in his place. Walter A. Starr, member of Central also held by Mr. Kinney. Crellin Fitzgerald will take Mr. Kinney's place on the Executive Committee.

The Board of Directors of the Swiss Bank Corp. (head office Basle, Switzerland), at their meeting on Feb. 7, approved the accounts for the year ended Dec. 31, 1939. After providing $3,088,824$ francs (against $2,899,797$ the previous year) for writing off bad and doubtful debts, the net profit for 1939 amounts to $9,626,378$ francs (as compared with $10,029,946$ in 1938). Total resources of the bank as at Dec. 31,1939 are shown at $1,350,564,620$, as compared with $1,451,066,892$ francs at the corresponding date of 1938. At the general meeting to be held on March 1, next, the directors will recommend a dividend of $41 / 2 \%$ (against $5 \%$ for 1938) and to carry forward $2,426,377$ francs to the current year's profit and loss account. The institution's share capital and its reserve fund, at $160,000,000$ francs and $32,000,000$ francs, respectively, are both the same as in the previous year.

## THE CURB MARKET

Trading on the New York Curb Exchange was quiet during the fore part of the week, but prices gradually strengthened and a number of the more active of the market favorites worked up to new high ground as the week advanced. Industrial specialties attracted considerable attention and a number of the preferred stocks in the public utility group registered substantial gains. Oil shares were quiet and there was very little activity apparent in the mining and metal issues. Aircraft stocks were irregular with most of the move. $^{\text {m }}$ ments in minor fractions.

Curb market prices pointed toward higher levels during the brief period of trading on Saturday. The changes were not particularly noteworthy, and while the turnover was higher than the preceding short session, the transfers were down to 107,000 shares. Public utilities and industrial specialties attracted most of the speculative attention, but there was also a modest demand for the aircraft shares and the paper stocks. Outstanding among the advances were Southern New England Telephone which forged ahead $81 / 4$ points to 167 , Aluminum Co. of America, $11 / 2$ points to 161; Borne Scrymser, $13 / 4$ points to $383 / 8$; Pennsylvania Sugar, 1 point to 16 ; Brillo Mfg. Co., A, $11 / 4$ points to $32 \frac{3}{4}$; and Celluloid pref., 1 point to 34 .
Narrow price movements and light dealings were the dominating characteristics of the Curb Market trading on Monday. Fisk Rubber pref. was one of the strong stocks as it again climbed upward to its recent all time peak at 1103 . Borne Scrymser moved into new high ground at $391 / 2$ and Aluminum Industries reached a new top for 19391940, at 10 $/ 8$. Aircraft stocks were irregular, Brewster and Grumman moving moderately higher, while Bell, Republic and Bellanca were off. Singer Mig. Co. was weak and drifted downward 2 points to its low for the year at 143. Quaker Oats declined 3 points to 120, Pennsylvania Salt was off 2 points to $1711 / 2$ and Axton-Fisher A touched a new low. for 1940 at 42.

Rallying tendencies all along the line were apparent on Tuesday, and while some of the trading favorites, particularly those in tne public utility group, failed to participate in the advances, the market, on the whole, was stronger, Modest gains were registered in the aircraft section and many of the poputar trading stocks in the industrial specialties moved briskly forward. Promineot among the issues closiog on the side of the advance were Aluminum Co. of America, $21 / 2$ points to $1631 / 2 ;$ Mead Johnson, 3 points to 160; Tubize Chatillon A, 2 points to 38 ; Jones \& Laughlin Steel, $13 / 4$ points to $303 / 4$; Singer Mfg. Co., 11/2 points to $1441 / 2$; and Pennsylvania Salt, $11 / 2$ points to 173 .
Stocks moved moderately higher in the pre-holiday market on Wednesday. The volume of sales was below the preceding day, and while the advances extended to all sections of the list, a goodly part of the speculative activity centered around the industrial specialties. Royal Typewriter was one of the most active stocks in this group and forged ahead $21 / 2$ points to 59 . Tubize Chatillon climbed up to a new peak at $393 / 4$ at its high for the day but reacted to 38 at the close. Public utility shares were moderately active, Peninsular Telephone moving upward to a new top for 1940 with a gain of $7 / 8$ points to $343 / 4$. Rubber issues were fractionally higher, both Fisk Rubber and Hewitt Rubber registering fractional gains. Aircrait stocks were weak, Fairchild Aviation being the only issue showing an advance. Oil shares were moderately active and mining and metal stocks moved were moderately actinge.
The New York Curb Exchange, the New York Stock Exchange and the commodity markets were closed on Thursday in observance of Washington's Birthday.

Declining prices prevailed during most of the dealings on Friday as the market resumed its session following the W ashington's Birthday holiday. There were occasional exceptions to the trend, especially in the field of industrial specialties, but at the close the declines were in excess of the advances. The aluminum shares were quite active, Aluminum Co. of America showing a gain of 3 points at 166 and Aluminium Ltd. was fractionally higher. The declines included among others Gulf Oil Corp., $13 / 8$ points to $351 / 8$; Nehi Corp., $31 / 4$ points to 62; St. Regis Paper pref., 2 points to 66 ; Western Maryland 1st pref., 2 points to 57 'and Quaker Oats, $11 / 4$ points to $1501 / 4$. As compared with Friday of last week the range of prices was toward lower levels, American Gas \& Electric closing last night at $347 / 8$ against $351 / 4$ on Friday a week ago; Bell Aircraft at 227/8 against 231/4; Carrier Corp. at $125 / 8$ against $131 / 4$; Creole Petroleum at $201 / 4$ against $213 / 8$, Gulf Oil Corp. at $351 / 3$ against 36; Humble Oil (new) at 60 against 61, and Standard Oil of Kentucky at $201 / 2$ against $203 / 4$.
daily transactions at the new york curb exchange

| Week Ended | Stocks(NumberofShates) | Bonde (Par Valuo) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Foraton overnment | Forcion Corporate | Total |
| turd | 107,345 | \$643,000 | \$19,000 | \$15,000 | \$677,000 |
| Monday | 165,440 | 942,000 | 13,000 | 22.000 | 977,000 |
| Tuesday | 180,675 | 1,029,000 | 45,000 | 21,000 | 1, $1,323,000$ |
| Wednesday | 165,605 | 1,290,000 $\mathbf{~ H O}$ | OLIDAY | 32,000 | 1,323,000 |
| Thursday | 154,098 | 911,000 | 5,000 | 24,000 | 940,000 |
| tal | 773,163 8 | 84,815,000 | \$83,000 | \$114,000 | 85,012,000 |
| Sales as New York Curb Exchange | Week Ended Feb. 23 |  | Jan. 1 to Feb. 23 * |  |  |
|  | 1940 | 1939 | 1939 |  | 1938 |
| Stockg-No. of shares . <br> Bonds | 773,163 $\$ 4.815,000$ | 709,905 <br> $88,900,000$ | 5,765,604 |  | 6,850,430 |
| Domestic $\qquad$ <br> Foreign government | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 4,815,000 \\ 83,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rr}0 & \$ 8,900,000 \\ 111,000\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathbf{8 5 8 , 5 5 5 , 0 0 0} \\ \mathbf{4 8 4 , 0 0 0} \end{array}$ |  | $\$ 80,592,000$ 672,000 |
| Forelgn cordorate...-- | 114,000 | 62,000 | 740,000 |  | 671,000 |
| Total. . | \$5,012,000 | 89,073,000 | \$59,779,000 |  | \$81,935,000 |

## 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 bank to treasury under tariff act of 1930

FEB. 17, 1940, TO FEB. 23, 1940, INCLUSIVE

| Country and Monetary | Noon Buytng Rate for Cable Transfers in New York Value in Untted States Money |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb. 17 | Feb. 1) | Feb. 20 | Feb. 21 | Feb. 2 | Feb. 23 |
| E | ${ }^{5} 112$ | 8 | ** |  | 8 |  |
| Belgium, belga | . 168112 | . 168161 | . 168200 | . 168233 |  | . 16857 |
| Bulgaria, lev......- | a | a | ${ }^{\mathbf{a}}$ | a |  |  |
| Czechoslov'la, koruna <br> Denmark, krone. | . 193100 | . 193116 | $\stackrel{\text { a }}{\text { a }}$ | ${ }_{.}{ }^{\text {a }}$ a 116 |  | . 193116 |
| Engl'd, pound steri'g 3 | . 958888 | 3.952361 | 3.949583 | 3.955972 |  | . 956805 |
| Finland, markka... | .017000** | . $017000{ }^{*}$ | .017000* | .017000* |  | .017000* |
| France, franc- | . 022430 | ${ }^{.022397}$ | . 0223883 | . 022416 |  | .$^{022412}$ |
| Germany, relchsmark | .401140* | . $401175^{*}$ | .401175** | .401175** |  | .401175* |
| Greece, drachma. | .007171* | .007171* | .007162* | . $007159{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | .007159** |
| Hungary, pengo. | .176037* | .076050* | .076050* | .076050* |  | .176050* |
| Italy, lira | . 050457 | ${ }^{0} 530475$ | . 05040471 | ${ }^{.050475}$ |  | . 0530475 |
| Netherlands, gullder- | . 530850 | . 530955 | . 531288 | ${ }^{.} 532077$ |  | . 531822 |
| Norway, krone. | . 227087 | . 227100 | . 227093 | . 227087 |  | . 227087 |
| Poland, zloty |  |  | ${ }_{0}^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |
| Portugal, escudo | . 036200 | . 036200 | . 036175 | . 036175 |  | . 036187 |
| Rumanla, leu- |  | b |  |  |  |  |
| Spain, peseta | .099500* | .099500* | .099500* | . $0999500^{*}$ |  | 099500* |
| Sweden. krona | . 238056 | . 238075 | . 238081 | ${ }^{.238081}$ |  | . 238081 |
| Switzerland.franc. | . 224172 | . 224172 | . 224188 | .224183 |  | . 2241888 |
| Yugoslavia dinar... | .022537* | .022597* | .022637* | .022537* |  | .022537* |
| 1na- |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chetoo (yuai) dol r |  | a |  |  | HOLI- | a |
| Hankow (yuan) dol | - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shanghal (yuan) dol | .068833* | .068625* | .068593* | .068041* |  | .068031* |
| Tlentsin (yuan) dol | 245066 | 244966 | 244900 | 245450 |  | 245033 |
| Hongkong, dollar | .245066 .301675 | .244966 .301675 | .244900 .301635 | . 24016450 |  | . 2450033 |
| British India. | ${ }_{.234362}$ | . 234383 | . 234383 | . 234383 |  | . 234383 |
| Straits Settlem'ts, | . 463450 | . 463616 | . 463516 | . 464337 |  | . 463466 |
| Australia, pound. | 3.154583 | 3.148958 | 3.146250 | 3.152083 |  | 3.15250 |
| New Zealand, Dound | 3.167187* | 3.161458* | 3.159375* | 3.164218* |  | 3.165000* |
| Afri |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Onion South Africes, f | 3.980000 | 3.980000 | 3.980000 | 3.980000 |  | 3.980000 |
| Canada, dollar | . 863750 | . 863437 | . 863593 | . 865078 |  | . 865703 |
| Mexico, peso | .166600* | .166575* | .166525* | .166525* |  | .166525* |
| Newfoundl'd, dollarSouth America | . 861250 | . 860781 | . 861250 | . 862656 |  | . 863281 |
| Argentina, peso | .297733* | .297733* | .297733* | .297733* |  | .297733* |
| Brazil, milirels official | .060575* | .060575* | .060575* | .060575* |  | .060575* |
| . ${ }^{\text {tree }}$ | .050000* | .050333* | .050333* | .050333* |  | .050333* |
| Chile, peso-otficlal | . 051650 * | .051650** | .051650** | .051650* |  | .051650* |
| " " export- | .040000* | .040000* | .040000* | .040000* |  | .040000* |
| Colombia, peso | .572650** | .572650* | ${ }^{.572650 *}$ | .572650* |  | .572650* |
| Uruguay, peso contr. Non-controlled..- | .658300** | $.658300 *$ $.379000 *$ | ${ }^{.658300 *}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | .658300* |  | .658300* $.379375^{*}$ |
|  |  | , | b Tem |  |  |  |

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS
We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu \& Co. of London, written under date of Jan. 31, 1940.

GOLD
The gold held in the Issue Department of the Bank of England on Jan. 24 amounted to $£ 219561$ at 1688 , per fine ounce showing no change The Bank of England's buying price for gold has remained unchanged at 168s. per fine ounce.

The week under review onened with a fall of $3-16 \mathrm{~d}$. in the cash and $1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$ In the two months' quotation, prices on the 25th instant being fixed at $2113-16 \mathrm{~d}$. and $213 / 4 \mathrm{~d}$. for the respective deliveries after having ruled anchanged at 22 d . for both quotations for the prexigus four working days. to $2115-16 \mathrm{~d}$. and $211 / \mathrm{d}$ : subsequent movements were she rply downward until yesterday when there was a drop of 4 did for cash and 13-16d. for two months' to 21 1-16d. and $2015-16 \mathrm{~d}$. Absence of support was mainl responstble for the fall, which followed a heavy decline in siver prices in Bombay where, it is reported, sukstantial purchases have
Today, with sellers holding back, there was an upward reaction and price were quoted level at $213 / 8 \mathrm{~d}$. for both cash and two months' delivery.
Quotations during the wee

$$
\text { IN LONDON } \quad \text { IN NEW YORK }
$$

(Per Ounce 999 Fine)
U.S. Treas. Mark

The official dollar rates fixed by the Bank of England during the week were as follows: Buying, $\$ 4.031 / 2$; selling, $\$ 4.02 \frac{1}{2}$.
Statistics for the month of January, 1940:


ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET-PER CABLE
The daily closing quotations for securities, \&e., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sal. } 17 \\ \text { Feb. } 17 \end{gathered}$ | ${ }_{\text {Feb. }}^{\text {M }}$, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ${ }_{\substack{\text { Tues. } \\ \text { Feb, } 20}}$ | $\underset{\text { Feed.in }}{\text { W }}$ | ${ }_{\text {Feb }{ }_{\text {Thers. }} \text { 22 }}$ | ${ }_{\text {Feb. } 23}{ }_{\text {Fer }}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sllver | Closed | 20\%/d. | 20\% d, | 203/d. | 203/6d. | ${ }_{1688}^{20316 d .}$ |
| Consols, ${ }^{\text {Gold }}$ ( $21 / 2$ | ${ }_{\text {Closed }}^{1688}$ | E773\%/8 | 1688.8 | ${ }_{1}^{1688}$ | ${ }_{\text {E74 }} 1688$ | 674 |
| British War Loan S | Closed | f98 13-16 | £99 | ¢99 | ¢98 15-16 | E981/4 |
| British 4\% 1960-90 | Clo | ¢111/4 | ¢1113/2 | ¢1111/2 | ¢1113/2 | £111/4 |
| The pric | of sil | ver per | ounce | 1 | in |  |
| States on the same days have been: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ar N. Y. (for) | 343/4 | $343 / 4$ | 343/4 | 343/4 | Hol. | 34/4/ |
|  | 71.10 | 71.10 | 71.10 | 71.10 | 71.10 | 71.1 |

## AUCTION SALES

The following securities were sold at auction on Wednesday of the current week:

## By R. L. Day \& Co., Boston

Shares Stocks
5 units Thompson
Let Shar
5 units Thompson Spa-.-.....................

 $\$ 500$ Scltuate Country Club $4 \mathrm{~s}, 1939 ; \$ 500$ South Shore Realty Co. $7 \mathrm{~F}, 1943$ reg.; 5 South Shore Realty Co. v. t. c.; 8 Allerton Real Estate Trist
43 warr. American \& Forelgn Power Co., Inc.; 5 Compania Salitrera Anglo Chiliana class A; 11 Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd., ordinary shares; 500 New

## COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS

Bank clearings this week show an increase 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, Feb. 24) clearings from all cities of the United States for which it is possible to obtain weekly clearings will be $5.9 \%$ above those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at $\$ 4,816,771,710$, against $\$ 4,548,755,056$ for the same week in 1938. At this center there is a gain for the week ended Friday of $1.4 \%$. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

| Clearings-Returns by Telegraph Week Ending Feb. 24 | 1940 | 1939 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { Cent } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Yo | \$2,012,638,925 | \$1,985,364,988 | +1.4 |
| Chicago | 223,019,688 | 186,150,484 | +19.8 |
| Philadelph | 265,000,000 | 251,000,000 | +5.6 |
| Boston. | 153,952,538 | 137,667,019 | +11.8 |
| Kansas Cil | 65,259,633 | 58,373,555 | +11.8 |
| St. Louls | 67,500,000 | 58,300,000 | +15.8 |
| San Franclo | 99,237,000 | 112,817,000 | $-12.0$ |
| Pittsburgh | 95,391,250 | 79,103,753 | +20.6 |
| Detroit | 70,451,843 | 64,083,410 | +9.9 |
| Cleveland | 71,060,308 | 55,720,957 | +27.5 |
| Baltimo | 48,108,569 | 45,235,849 | +6.4 |
| Eleven cities, tive days | \$3,171,619,124 | \$3,033,817,015 |  |
| Other cittes, five days.- | 681,798,244 | + ${ }^{\text {+ }}$ +81,331,752 | +17.3 |
| Total all cities, five days | \$3,853,417,368 | \$3,615,148,767 |  |
| All cities, one day | 963,354,342 | 933,606,289 | +3.2 |
| Total all cities for | \$4,816,771,710 | \$4,548,755,056 | +5.9 |

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 the last day of the week in all cases has to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statement, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous-the weak ended Feb. 17. For that week there was a decrease of $5.8 \%$, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country having amounted to of clearings for the whole country having amounted to $\$ 5,020,725,341$, against $\$ 3,331,344,782$ in the same week in
1939 . Outside of this city there was an increass of $9.0 \%$,
the bank clearings at this center having recorded a loss $o_{i}$ ? $17.0 \%$. We group the cities according to the Federal Resel ve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District (including Reserve District of $92 \%$ decrease of $16.4 \%$ and in the Boston District there is an increase in the Philadelphia Reserve Reserve District an increase of $11.6 \%$. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals show an improvement of $10.8 \%$, in the Richmond Reserve District of $14.2 \%$, and in the District the totals record a gain of $14.1 \%$, in the St. Louis Reserve District of $9.1 \%$, and io the Minneapolis Reserve totals are smaller by $1.5 \%$, Dullas Reserve District the District the totals are larger by $6.3 \%$ and in the San Francisco Reserve District by $20.4 \%$.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

| Week End. Feb. 17, 1940 | 1940 | 1939 | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Inc.or } \\ \text { Dec. } \end{array}\right\|$ | 1938 | 1937 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal Reserve Dists. |  | 8 | \% | \$ | 5 |
|  | ${ }_{2}^{22631,982,505}$ | 245,497,819 | ${ }^{-9.2}$ | 223,341,975 | 308,862,612 |
| 3d Philadelphialo .. | $2,631,186,913$ $384,436,966$ | 3,145,829,645 | -16.4 | 3,197,593,714 | 4,573,955,501 |
| 4th Cleveland.- 7 \% | 301,750,759 | $344,6919,107$ $272,279,49$ | +11.6 +10.8 | $403,236,897$ $293,201,630$ | $437,409,106$ $349,100,548$ |
| 5th Richmond.- 6 \# | 144,286,057 | 126,331,844 | +14.2 | 125,302,705 | 138,402,533 |
| 7th Chicano -- 18 .. | 179,201,291 | 168,514,855 | +6.3 | 157,181,308 | 168,849,210 |
| 8 8th St. Louls --. 4 | $\begin{array}{r}484,093,862 \\ 147,427 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 424,205,856 | +14.1 | 476,158,645 | 570,069,313 |
| $9 \mathrm{th}^{\text {a }}$ Minneapoils 7 .. | - ${ }^{145,15127,893}$ | $135,099,444$ <br> $81,771,967$ | ${ }_{+}^{+9.1}$ | 142,661,166 | 164,090,596 |
| 10th Kansas Clity 10 " | 127,503,706 | $81,719,967$ $119,963,752$ | +12.2 | 100,933,113 | 102,263,268 |
| 11th Dallas.--- 6 | -69,266,693 | 170,346,690 | ${ }_{-1.5}^{+6.3}$ | 121,804,326 | $147,196,618$ 75700145 |
| 12th San Fran... 10 " | 233,437,929 | 193,924,364 | +20.4 | $240,816,565$ | $75,700,145$ $281,028,470$ |
| Total_-....- 113 citles | 5,020,725,341 | 5,331,344,762 | $-5.8$ | 5,557,609,771 | 7,316,927,920 |
| Outside N. Y. | 2,495,034,903 | 2,288,677,196 | +9.0 | 2,482,029,580 | 2,888,200,806 |
| Canada_-...... 32 citles | 265,140,516 | 279,426,836 | $-5.1$ | 284,768,929 | 360,697,647 |

We now add our detailed statement showing last week's figures for each city separately for the four years:


[^1]The following information regarding National banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:
Feb. 10 -The Idaho First National Bank of Boise, Boise, Idaho. Location of branch, north-west corner of the intersection of Main St. and McKinley
Ave., in the City of Kellogg, Shoshone County, Idaho. Certificate No. Ave, in the City or Kelloge, Bas \& Trust Co. of Bridgeport, Bridgeport,
Feb. 14-The First National Bank \& Conn. Location of bran

COMMON CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED Amt. of Inc. Feb. 13-The First National Bank of Birmingham, Birmingham Feb. 13 - National Bank of Com nerce of Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb. From $\$ 300,000$ to $\$ 330,000$......... VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION Feb. 10-The Farmers \& Merchants Nat. Bank of Hooker, OklaFeb. 3, 1940. Liquidating agent, W. D, Myers Jr, Alva Okla.
Okla.

## 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 1ssueAllied Stores Corp. 15-year bond
Aroostook Valley R . 1 it Aear Mountain Hudson River Bridge Co., 1st mtge. 7 m .-Bell Telephone Co. of Canada 1st mtge. 58-_Chicago Union Station Co., $4 \%$ guaranteed bonds. Colorado Power Co. 1st mtge. 5 s
 Delaware Electric Power Co. $51 / 2 \%$ debs. Denver Gas \& Electric Co. gen. mtge, 5s.-......--
Denver Gas \& Electric Light Co. 1st mtge. bonds. *Fairchild Engine \& Aviation Corp. \$6 pref. stock--

 17\% preferred stock Johns-Manvile Corp., ${ }^{\text {LLexington Water Por Co. } 1 \text { Pt mitse. } 5 \mathrm{~s} \text {. }}$ Libby, McNeill \& Libby, $5 \%$ bonds $-\ldots-{ }^{2}-2$ Louisville \& Nashville RR., unified 50-year 4s.-. *Marion-Reserve Power Co., 1st mtge. 41/2s
National Distilers Products Corp., $10-\mathrm{year}$
$31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ New York Fire Protection Co. 1st mtge. 4 s
Niagara Falls Power Co., 1st mtge. $31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$. Ohio Water Service Co., 1 st mtge. 5 s ...... Oklahoma Natural Gas Co. 1st mtge. 3 3 /8 $\mathrm{s}---$
 Pennsylvania Water \& Power Co.. 1st ref. mtge ----Peoples Light \& Pdwer Co.. coll. lien bonds...........-- Mar. Richfleld Oil Corp. 4\% debentures..*Sayre Electric Co. 1 st mtge. 5 s .
 *Southwestern Gas \& E1. Co. 1st mtge. 48.18 stm me. $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$.-M Spang Chalfant \& Co.. Inc., 1 st mtge. 5 s .
Strawbridge \& Clothier, Inc. $5 \%$ bonds.
Sundstrand Machine Tool Co.
$31 / \%$
$5 \%$
debentus.

* Announcements this week. $\bar{x}$ Volume 149.


## 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Abb | c | M | Feb. 15 |
| Aero Supply Mig., class a (qu | 371 |  | Mar. 15 |
| Alabama Power $\$ 6$ preferred | \$1 |  | Mar |
| \$5 preferred (quar.) | \$114 | мay |  |
| Allied Laboratorles (quar.) | 15 c |  | Mar. 15 |
| American Box Board Co, ${ }^{\text {American }}$ Oigarette \& Cumar, pret. pref. (quar.) | 18\% | Mar. | Mar. |
| American Colortype | 250 | M |  |
| American Electric Securities Participating preferred (q | c |  | Feb. 20* |
| American Forging \& Sock | 121/2c | Ma |  |
| American Ice Co. preferred | , | Mar. 15 | Mar. $\frac{1}{6}$ |
| American Power | +933/48 | Apr. 1 | Mar. 6 |
| Amer. Rad. \& Standard Sanitary, pref. (quar.) | \$1 | June | May 24 |
| American Sumatra Tobacco (quar.) | 25 C | Mar. | Mar. ${ }^{1}$ |
| American Telep \& Teleg. (quar.) | \$25c | Apr. ${ }^{\text {Mar }}$ | Mar. 5 |
| Anchor Hocking Glass Corp. (see Corp. \& Invest. News section of this issue.) |  |  |  |
| Andes Coppen Mining Co | ${ }^{255}$ | Mar. 15 | Mar. 8 |
| Arkansas Power \& Light, $\$ 7 \mathrm{pr}$ | \$14 | Apr. | Mar. 15 |
| \$6 preferred (quar.) - | \$11/2 | Apr. | Mar. 13 |
| shland Oil \& Refining ( | \$114 |  | Mar. 13 |
| Assoc. Breweries of Coan | 1258 | Mar. 30 | Mar. 15 |
| Preferred (quar.) | \$\$13 | Apr. | Mar. 15 |
| Atlanta \& Charlotte Air Line Ry. (s.-a.) ------- | \$ | Mar. | Feb. 20 |
| Bangor \& Aroostook RR., pref. (quar.) --.-.--- |  |  | Feb. 29 |
| Bayuk Cigars, Inc. (quar 1st preferred (quar) | \$13 | Mar. <br> Apr. | Mar. 31 |
| Beech Creek RR. (qua | 50 c | Apr. | Mar. 15 |


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| Name of Company | Per Share | When Payable | Holders of Record |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ohio Edison Co. $\$ 5$ pre |  | Apr. | Mar. 15 |
| $\$ 6$ preferred (quar.)- |  | Apr. | Mar. 15 |
| \$7 preferred (quar.) | \$1.65 | Apr. | Mar. 15 |
| \$7.20 preferred (guar.) | \$1.80 | ${ }^{\text {Apr. }} 1$ | Mar. 15 |
| Oklahoma Gas \& Electric Co. $6 \%$ cumulative preferred (guar.) |  |  |  |
|  | $13 \%$ | Mar. 15 | Feb. 29 |
| Oshkosh B'Gosh, Inc., ( | 10 ${ }^{10}$ | Mar. 1 | Feb. 20 |
| Paraffine Cos | 50c | Mar. 1 | Feb. 20 |
| Preferred (qua | 75 c $\$ 1$ | Mar. 27 | Mar. 11 |
| Park \& Tilford, pref. Parker Rust-Proof Co | 7515 | Apr. ${ }^{\text {Mar. }} 20$ | Mar. ${ }^{\text {Mar }}$ |
| Pennsylvania salt Mf | ${ }^{25 \mathrm{C}}$ |  | 29 |
| Pennsylvania Sugar | 25 c | Mar. 15 | Mar. 1 |
| Philadelphia suburban Water Co.pref (quar.) | 25 c |  |  |
| Plymouth Oil Co. (quar.) --.-.- pre. (quar.)- | \$1/3 355 | Mar. ${ }^{\text {Mar. }}$ | Mar. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Pratt \& Lambert, Inc | 50 c | Apr. 1 | Mar. 15 |
| Prosperity Co., 5\% preferred (quar.) --------- | \$114 | Mar. 1 | Feb. ${ }^{\text {Fepr }}$ |
| Pubic preferred (quar.) Service Electric \& | \$114 | July 15 | July 5 |
| Pubic service Electric \& Gas, \$5 pref. (quar.)-- | \$13 | Mar. 30 | Mar. 1 |
| Quaker Oats Co. (q) | \$11 | Mar. 25 | Mar. |
| Preferred (quar.) | \$11/2 | May 31 |  |
| Rayonier, Inc. $\$ 2$ pref | 50 c | Mar. 11 | Mar. 11 |
| Republic steel Corp., $6 \%$ cum. $6 \%$ cum. conv. preferred (au | \$11/2 |  | Mar. 11 |
| Rice-stix Dry Goods | \$13/2 | ${ }_{\text {Apr }} \mathrm{Apr}$ A 1 | Mar. 11 |
| Rustless Iron \& St | 15c | Mar. 15 |  |
| Schiff Co. (quar.) | 25 c | Mar. 15 | Feb. 29 |
| Seeman Bros., | \$18/8 | Mar. 15 | Feb. 29 |
| Selby Shoe Co. | $12{ }^{1 / 2}$ | Mar. 15 | Feb. 29 |
| Sheller Manufacturing | 10 c | Apr. 1 | Mar. 15 |
| Simon (H.) \& Sons | 15 c | Mar. 28 | Mar. 12 |
| Smith (He) Paper Mills | \$18/4 | Mar. 28 | Mar. 12 |
| Southland Royalty (qu |  | Apr. 15 |  |
| South Porto Rico Sugar | 25 c | Apr. 1 | Mar. 7 |
| Preferred (quar.) | $2 \%$ | Apr |  |
| Square D Co.... | \$5 |  | Mar. 12* |
| 5\% preferred (quar |  | Mar. 30 | Mar. 16 |
| Staley (A. E.) Mfg. Co., $\$ 5 \mathrm{cu}$ | \$1/4 | Mar. 20 | Mar, ${ }^{-1}$ |
| Standard Oil Co. (Ky.) (qu |  | Mar. 15 | Feb. 29 |
| Sundstrand Machine T | 20c | Mar. 30 | Mar. 15 |
| Sunshine Mining Co. | 40 c | Mar. 30 | Mar. 1 |
| Sunset Oils Lt | $21 / 2$ | Mar. 15 |  |
| Tacony-Palmyra |  | Mar. 20 | Feb. 29 |
| Extra | 25 c | Mar. 30 | Mar. 16 |
| Class | 50 c | Mar. 30 | Mar. 16 |
| Ext | 25 c | Mar. 30 | Mar. 16 |
| Talcott (James), in | \$11/4 | May 1 | Mar. 18 |
| $51 / 2 \%$ participati |  |  |  |
| Talon, Inc. (quar | 60 c | Mar. 14 | Feb. 29 |
| Tappan Stove C | 25 c | Mar. 15 | Mar. 5 |
| roit Axle (C | \$11/8 | Apr. 1 | Mar. 5 |
| Transue \& Williams steel | 25c | Mar. 20 | Mar. 11 |
| Udylite Corp | 10 c | Mar. 20 | Mar. 5 |
| Preferred (quar | $12^{1 / 2} \mathrm{c}$ | Mar. 15 | Mar. 14 |
| Union Pacific R | \$11/2 | Apr. 1 | Mar. 2 |
| United Dyewood |  | Ap.r | Mar. 2 |
| United States Freight | ${ }^{2} 5{ }^{5}$ | Mar. | Feb. 26 |
| United States Graphite | 15 c | Mar. 15 | Mar. 1 |
| Utah Power \& Light, | 1.1623 | Apr. 1 | Mar. |
| Valspar Corp., \$4-7 | $\$ 1$ | Apr. 1 | Mar. 2 |
| Weber Showcase \& Fixtures, | 50 c | Mar. 15 | Feb. 23 |
| eston (Geo.) | 20 c | Apr. 1 | Mar. 15 |
| West Virginia Pulp \& Pape | 10 c | Apr. | Mar. 11 |
| Wieboldt Stores $6 \%$ pref. | 3 | Mar . | Feb. 15 |
| Prior preferred (quar.) | \$114 | Apr. | Mar. 20 |
| oungstown Sheet \& T | 25 c | Apr. 1 | Mar. 2 |

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.

| Name of Company | ( $\begin{gathered}\text { Per } \\ \text { Share }\end{gathered}$ | When Payable | Holders of Record |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Abbott Lal | 40 c | M | Mar. 14 |
| ${ }_{4 \%}^{4} / 5$ prapeered (qua | \$100 |  | Mar. 14 |
| Acme Steel |  |  |  |
| Agnew-surpass shoe Stores (s. | ${ }^{35 \mathrm{c}}$ | Mar. 15 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Agreference }}$ Pritural In | 13, ${ }^{4}$ | Ap |  |
| Alabama Water Service Co.., ${ }^{\text {s }} 6$ prêr. | \$159 | ${ }^{\text {Apr. }}$ |  |
| Allegheny Ludium Steel, pref. (quar.) | \$15 | Mar: |  |
| Olass A (quar. | $43{ }^{2} 4$ |  |  |
| Alpha Portla |  |  | ${ }^{1 *}$ |
| Aluminum Goods | $\xrightarrow[20 c]{250}$ | Mar. ${ }^{\text {Apm}}$ |  |
|  | \$11/2 |  | Feb. |
| Quarter | 50c |  |  |
| Quarterly |  |  |  |
| $7 \%$ preferred (quar. | \$13/4 | Mar. | Mar. |
| $7 \%$ preferred (quar.) | \$1 | June | June |
| $7 \%$ preferred (quar.) | \$1, | Dec. 31 | Dec. 15 |
| American Asphalt Aoof Corp. prepr. (quar. | \$11/2 |  | Mar 30 |
| American Automobiie Insurance Co. (q |  | Mar. 15 | Iar. 1 |
| American Business shares, Inc. (quar.) |  | Apr. ${ }^{\text {Mar. }}$ |  |
|  | \$1 |  |  |
| American Chatin \& Cable Co., In |  | Mar. 1 |  |
| American Chicle Co. (quar.) | 31 | Mar. |  |
| American Dock Co. 8\% pref. (quar | ${ }_{5}$ | Ma |  |
|  |  | ${ }_{\text {M }}$ |  |
| $7 \%$ preferred A (quar.) | 1 |  |  |
| American efrerelgn Power Co.; | 5 | M |  |
| Amerrcan Gas \& Electric Co. (quar |  | Mar. 15 |  |
| American General Corp., 33 preferr |  |  |  |
| $\$ 21 / 1$ p preferred (quar.)........-....... $\$ 2$ preferred (quar.) |  | Mar. |  |
| American Hide d Leather, prê. ${ }^{\text {a quar.) }}$ | 750 |  |  |
| erican Home Products |  |  |  |
|  |  | Mar. | 5 |






*Transfer books not closed for this dividend

+ On account of accumulated dividends
+ Payable in Canadian funds, and in the case of non-residents of Canad
deduction of a tax of $5 \%$ of the amount of such dividend will be made.


## 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 Feb. 21, 1940, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

|  | Feb. 21, 1940 | Feb. 14, 1940 | Feb |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | \$ | 8 | \$ |
| United states T |  |  |  |
| her casph fund- | 1,591,000 | - | $\begin{array}{r} 5,627,500,000 \\ 1,293,000 \end{array}$ |
|  | 88,489,000 | 91,509,000 | 129,497,000 |
| $\mathrm{T}_{\mathrm{ol}}^{4}$ | 7,916,593,000 | 7,784,269,000 | 8,290,000 |
| Secured by U. s. Govt. |  |  |  |
| direct and guarantee |  | $00$ | 081,000 |
|  |  |  |  |
| 13 bou |  | 2,356,000 | 1,524,000 |
| ustrial ad | 2,050,0 | 2,050,0 | 3,847,000 |
| U. S. Govt. securities, direct and guar anteed: |  |  | ,84,00 |
| nds | 8,181,000 | 408,181,000 |  |
|  | 344,156,000 | 344,156,000 |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| direct and guara | 752,337,000 | 752,337,000 | 724,663,000 |
| Total | ,831 |  |  |
| Due from | 17,000 | 36,717,000 | 66,000 |
| ${ }^{\text {Federal Res }}$ | ,749.000 |  |  |
| Bank premis | ${ }^{5,8763}$ | 187,701,000 | 54,135,000 |
| Oiher assets | 18,718,00 | 18,473,000 | 13,921 |
| Total assets | 8,863,707,000 | 8,760,105,000 | 6,668,898,0 |
| ${ }^{\text {Llabutules- }}$ |  |  |  |
| R. notes in a | ,242,057,00 | 1,233,126,0 |  |
| Deposits-Membe |  |  |  |
| Foreign | 135, | 159,556,000 |  |
| Other deposits | - | - ${ }_{244,989,000}$ |  |
| Total | , |  |  |
| Deferred availabilite | 739 |  |  |
| Other liabliltes, incl. acc | 668 , | $682,00$ | $1,056,000$ |
| Total liabilitles | ,742,148,000 | 617 |  |
| Captal Accounts- |  |  |  |
| Capital paid |  |  |  |
| Surplus (Sectio | 326,000 | 3,326 | 2,463,000 |
| Other capital a | 7,109,000 |  |  |
| capital a |  | 9,90 |  |
| Total liabliltles and capltal accounts | 8,863,707,0 | 8,760,105,000 6 | 6,668,898,0 |
| Ratio of total reserve to deposit and |  |  |  |
| F. R. note liablitites comblned | 92.1\% | 92.0\% | 89.9 |
| vances | 1,753,000 |  |  |
| $\stackrel{+}{+} \mathrm{Other}$ cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes or a bank's own Federal eserve bank notes. <br> $x$ 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 befing 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 clearing house ASSOClATION at Close of business wednesday, feb. 21, 194u

| Clearing House Members | Captal | Surplus and Undiolded Profits | Net Demand Deposits, Average | Tume Deposits. Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bank of New York.---- |  |  |  |  |
| Bank of Manhattan $\mathbf{C}$ | 20,000,000 | 26,512,700 | 505.166.000 | 14,126,000 |
| National Clty Bank | 77,500,000 | 67,518,600 | a2,191,548,000 | 168,110,000 |
| Chem Bank \& Trust Co- | 20,000,000 | 56,744,100 | 685,812,000 | 5,088.000 |
| Guaranty Trust Co.- | $90,000,00$ | 184,702,000 | b2,037,042,000 | 77,091,000 |
| Cent Hanovers Trust ${ }^{\text {co }}$ | 42,117,000 | 40,151,100 | 625,028, | 99,429,000 |
| Corn Exch Bank | $21,000,000$ 15,000 | 72,745,600 | c1,053,682.000 | 0,481,000 |
| First National Bank. | 10,000,000 | $109,480,000$ | 658,129,000 | 2,138,000 |
| Irving Trust Co | 50,000,000 | 53,188,800 | 653,052 | 4,898,000 |
| Continental Bk \& Tr | 4,000,000 | 4,409,900 | , | 1,575,000 |
| Chase National Bank | 100,270,000 | 133,291,800 | d2,734,641,000 | 35,032,000 |
| Bankers Trust ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | 25,000,000 | 81,047,700 | e1,097 | $4,583,000$ 3980800 |
| Title Guar \& Trust Co | 6,000,000 | 2,515,700 |  | 2,192,000 |
| Marine Midland | 5,000,000 | 395,300 | 125,557,000 | 2,973,000 |
| New Yor | 12,500 | 27,959,100 | 409,262,000 | 29,038,000 |
| Public Nat Bk \& | 7,000,000 |  | 103,173,00 | 2,070,000 |
|  |  | , |  |  |
|  | 518,887,000 | 925,016,000 | 3,610,740,00 | 8,113,000 |
| * As per official reports: Natlonal, Dec. 30, 1939; State, Dec. 30, 1939; trust companies. Dec. 30, 1939. <br> Includes deposits in forelgn branches as follows: a (Jan. 25) \$253.161,000; $b$ (Feb. 20) \$70,345,000; $c$ (Feb:21) \$3,207,000; $d$ (Jan. 31) \$69,931,000; $e$ (Feb. 21) $\$ 19,846,000$. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
Quotations of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week:
$\begin{array}{ccccccc}\text { Sat., } & \text { Mon., } & \text { Tues., } & \text { Wed., } & \text { Thurs., } & \text { Frl., } \\ \text { Feb. } 17 & \text { Feb. } 19 & \text { Feb. } 20 & \text { Feb. } 21 & \text { Feb. } 22 & \text { Feb. } 23\end{array}$
Boots Pure Drugs.....
Cable \& $\mathbf{W}$ Ord
Cable \& $W$ ord
Central Min \&
Invest...
Central Min \& Invest.--
Cons Goldflelds of S .
Courtaulds 8 .
Courtaulds S\&CO....
De Beers-
Distllers
Co
Electric \& Musical Ind Ford Ltd Musical Ind Hudsons Bay Co--...-- Closed London Mid Ry
Metal Box-.-
Rand Mines.
Rolls Royce.-.
Royal Dutch Cö
Shell Transport
Swedish Match B.......
Vickers.

Areas...............

## Weekly Return of the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System

Foilowing is the weekly statement issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, giving the principal tems of the resources and liabilities of the reporting member banks in 101 leading cities from which weekly returns are obtained. $t$ These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. The comments of the Board of Governors of he Federal Reserve System upon the figures for the latest week appear in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," mmediately 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 thls statement, which were The changes in the report 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 ciassification has been changed primarily to show the securities. The revised form also eliminates the distinctions, and (2) loans (other than to brokers and dealers) for the purpose of purchasing or carrying outside New York City. Provision has been made also to include "aans to brokers and dealers in securities located in New York City and those located cial paper boight 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 as Pormerly.
would each be segregated as "on securities" and "otherwise secured and unsw items "commercial, industrial and agricultural loans" and "other loans"
A more detailed explanation of the revisions was published in the May
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN 101 LEADING CITIES BY DISTRICTS ON FEB. 14, 1940 (In MIIlions of Dollars)

| Federal Reserve Districts- | Total | Boston | Newo York | Phla. | Cleveland | Rechmond | Allanta | Chicaso | St. Louts | Minneap. | Kan. Ctuy | Dallas | San Fran. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |  |  |  | ¢ |  | \$ | 8 | \$ |  |  |
| Loans-total | 23,202 8,516 | 1,165 606 | $\mathbf{9 , 6 0 0}$ 3,272 | 1,168 | 1,926 | 714 | 628 310 | 3.402 | 697 | 431 | 679 | 537 | 2,255 |
| Commerclal, indus. and agricul, loans | 4,309 | 291 | 1,763 | 198 | 681 288 | 116 | 316 169 | 907 529 | 333 194 | 188 100 | 296 | 275 | ${ }^{964}$ |
|  | ${ }^{327}$ | 66 | ${ }_{117}$ | 23 | ${ }^{258}$ | 17 | 169 | 529 38 | 194 | 100 4 | 179 19 | 178 | 336 18 |
| Other loans for purchasing or carrying securitles | 611 483 | 21 | 470 <br> 217 | 24 | 22 | 2 | 5 | 41 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 13 |
|  | 1,183 | 81 | 197 | 32 50 | 173 | 15 41 | ${ }_{31}^{11}$ | 73 114 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 47 |
| Loans to banks. |  |  | 49 | 1 | 173 | 41 | 1 | 114 | 5 | 10 | 28 | 22 | 384 |
| Other loans--- | 1,549 | 127 | 459 | 94 | 193 | 73 | 89 | 112 | 58 | 6B |  | 56 | 16 |
| Treaury blils- | 1.638 | 12 | 183 |  | 7 |  | 1 | 352 | 16 | 30 | 9 |  | 11 |
| United States bonds | 1,752 6,465 | ${ }^{46}$ | ${ }_{2} 785$ | 31 | 180 | 177 | 29 | 289 | 34 | 37 | 68 | 44 | 62 |
| Obligatlons guar. by U. S. Govt.-- | 2,420 | ${ }^{524}$ | 1,351 | 344 98 | ${ }_{122}^{648}$ | 154 | 114 | 1,073 | 140 | 114 | 105 | 92 | 722 |
| Other securitles ---------------- | 3,411 | 122 | 1,404 | 274 | 288 | ${ }_{65}^{64}$ | 102 | ${ }_{497}^{284}$ | 103 | 19 | ${ }^{60}$ | 52 | 181 |
| Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.- | 10,214 | 500 | 6,146 | 436 | 548 | 193 | 135 | 1,209 | 103 248 | 43 <br> 85 | 141 | 57 142 | 315 |
| Cash in vault---... | 485 | 142 | 100 | 20 | 45 | 22 | 14 | 71 | 12 | 7 | 196 | 142 | 378 24 |
| Balances with domestlc banks | 3,107 | 175 | 216 | 219 | 338 | 202 | 218 | 539 | 194 | 95 | 329 | 294 | $\begin{array}{r}24 \\ 288 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Other assetg-net_ | 1,249 | 80 | 8 | 86 | 100 | 38 | 48 | 79 | 22 | 16 | 22 | 29 | 241 |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Demand deposits-adjusted.- | 19,062 | 1,199 | 9,311 | 933 | 1,308 | 497 | 413 | 2,579 | 487 | 287 | 540 | 475 |  |
| Time deposits - ${ }_{\text {Unlted Sta }}$ | 5,260 | 235 | 1,018 | 262 | 742 | 200 | 189 | -954 | 190 | 119 | 145 | 136 | 1,073 |
| Inter-bank deposits: |  |  |  | 54 | 47 | 32 | 44 | 134 | 18 | 3 | 24 | 31 | 108 |
| Domestic banks | 8,188 | 326 | 3.572 | 444 | 467 | 311 | 292 | 1,221 | 376 | 158 | 27 |  |  |
| Borrowings |  | 22 |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  | 1 |  | 1 | 21 |
| Other liabilities | 694 | 20 |  | 15 |  | 31 | 12 | 18 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital accounts | 3,719 | 245 | 1,613 | 215 | 377 | ${ }_{97}$ | 92 | 385 | 95 | 59 | 103 | 83 | $\begin{aligned} & 290 \\ & 352 \end{aligned}$ |

## 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 Friday afternoon, Feb. 23, 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."


[^2]$\times$ 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 59.00 cents on Jan. 31,
provisions of the Gold

Weekly Return of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Concluded)
Weekiy statement of resources and liabilities of each of the 12 federal reserve banks at close of business peb. 21,1940

| Feder | Total | Boston | New York | Phila, | Cleveland | Richmond | Atlanta | Chicago | St. Louts | Minneap. | Kan. City | Dallas | San Fra |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS | \$ | s | \$ | \$ |  | \$ | \$ | \$ |  | 5 |  |  |  |
| from | 15,739,122 | 880,002 |  |  | 4,944 |  | $98.699$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Redemption fund-Fed. Res | 9,430 | ${ }^{880,067}$ | 7,8261,591 | 650 | ,471 | 77 | 298,699 | $\left\|\begin{array}{r} 2,400,682 \\ 1,199 \end{array}\right\|$ | 426,7 | 244,065 668 | $\begin{array}{r}351,172 \\ \hline 896\end{array}$ | 226.929 309 | 858,748 1,193 |
| Other cash | 369,498 | 30,692 | 88,489 | 27,916 | 29,233 | 23,60 | 21,152 | 49,099 | 16,633 | 9,228 | 20,545 | 15,000 | 1,193 37,903 |
| Bills discounted: <br> Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations, direct and guaranteed. <br> Other bills discounted. <br> Total bills discounted. | 16,118,050 | 61 |  |  | 1,014,648 | 433,160 | ,684 | 2 | 444,050 | 1 | 3 | ,238 | 897,844 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | ,96 | 526 | 48 | 278 | 250 | 56 | 17 |  | 439 | 24 164 | 43 378 |
|  |  |  |  | 596 |  | 300 |  | 626 | 172 | 136 | 489 | 18 | 421 |
|  | 10,427 | 1,420 | 050 | 3.102 | 300 | 1 | 6 | 332 |  |  | 19 | 483 | 95 |
| Bond |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 408,181 \\ & 344,156 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,133,225 | $\begin{aligned} & 96,123 \\ & 81,047 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 110,221 \\ \mathbf{9 2}, 934 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 137,084 \\ & 115,581 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 68,135 \\ & 57,447 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54,495 \\ & 45.945 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 144,872 \\ & 122,148 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 60,273 \\ 50,818 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 39,771 \\ & 33,533 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 62,897 \\ 53,031 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 51,196 \\ & 43,167 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 110,799 \\ 93,418 \end{array}$ |
| Total U. S. Govt. securities, direct and guaranteed. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 2,477,270 | 177,170 | 752,337 | 203,155 | 252,665 | 5,58 | 100,440 | 7,02 | 1,091 | 73,304 | 115,928 | 94,363 | 204,215 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Due from foreig | 2,493,776 | 178,590 | $\begin{array}{r} 756,831 \\ \hline 18 \end{array}$ | 206,853 | 253,462 |  | 101,506 | 267,978 | 111,263 |  |  |  | 20,331 |
| Fed. Res. notes | 20,003636,295 | 5961,407 | 1,749159,923 | $\begin{array}{r}853 \\ 50 \\ \hline 898\end{array}$ | ${ }_{7}^{1,393}$ | $2,874$ |  | 2,607 ${ }^{6}$ | $1,671$ | See a | 16,486 | -11 | ${ }^{4}$ |
| Uncollected item |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2,658 |  |  |  |  |  | 2,349 $\mathbf{3 3 , 9 0 9}$ |
| Bank premises | 41,771 <br> 63,931 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,885 \\ 2,285 \\ 4,255 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 93,876 \\ 18,717 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,050 \\ 4,562 \\ 5,373 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,523 \\ 7,064 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 51,674 \\ 2,538 \\ 3,736 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,027 \\ 2,542 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 88,270 \\ 3,384 \\ 6,560 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25,325 \\ 2,244 \end{array}$ | 14,923 1,393 | 27,173 3,229 | 24,0381,172 | 3,909$\mathbf{2 , 9 3 8}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,393 1,935 | 3,229 2,870 |  |  |
| Total assets <br> LIABILITIES <br> F. R. notes in actual circulation. Deposits: <br> Member bank reserve account. U.S. Treasurer-General account Foreign banks. <br> Other deposits | $19,373,873$ | 1,159,097 | 8,863,707 | 1,128,762 | 1,355,32 | 620,7 | 455,141 | 2,819,7 | 87.2 | 7,2 | 23,15 | 365,577 | 1,148,015 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 401,557 | 1,242,057 | 345,374 | 454,924 | 218,968 | 157,808 | 1,069,290 | 190,2 | 139,807 | 180,816 | 0, | 79,466 |
|  | 4,860,77 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $12,240,683$595,990361,381 | $\begin{array}{r} 586,254 \\ 55,914 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,836,495 \\ 135,050 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 595,466 \\ 44,263 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 684,746 \\ 68,889 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 293,452 \\ 23,890 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 213,858 \\ 24,844 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,460,583 \\ 108,840 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 313,607 \\ 26,551 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 143,901 \\ 27,046 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 261,431 \\ 32,458 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 212,592 \\ 25,143 \\ 10,766 \\ 2,404 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 638,298 \\ & 23,102 \\ & 26,255 \\ & 24,058 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  | 25,828 | -129,872 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 354,865 | 6,115 | 253,267 | 26,284 | 10,555 | 1,43 | 12,56 7,77 | 43,06 3,13 | $\mathbf{1 0 , 7 6 6}$ <br> $\mathbf{9 , 7 4 1}$ | 7,89 $\mathbf{6 , 6 1}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,407 \\ 354 \end{array}$ |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 13,552,919 \\ 606,706 \\ 2,733 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 674,111 58,863$\quad 259$ | 7,354,684 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 701,180 \\ 49,272 \\ 317 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 797,563 \\ 69,573 \\ 299 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 337,338 \\ 49,203 \\ 70 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 259,035 \\ 25,462 \\ 103 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|r} \hline 1,615,617 \\ 89,840 \\ 365 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 360,665 \\ 25,452 \\ 55 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 185,458 \\ 12,715 \\ 131 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 304,650 \\ 27,098 \\ 224 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 250,905 \\ 22,958 \\ 99 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 711,713 \\ 31,531 \\ 143 \end{array}$ |
| eferred availabu |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| her liablities, incl. |  |  | ${ }_{668}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 19,023,136 | 1,134,790 | 8,742,148 | 1,096,143 | 1,322,359 | 605,579 | 442,408 | 2,775,112 | 576,448 | 338,11 | 512,788 | 354,397 | 1,122,853 |
| CAPI |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| rplus | 136,075 | 9,346 | 51,149 | 11,908 | 13,992 | 5,245 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surpius (Section 7 ) | 151,720 | 10,405 | 53,326 | 14,198 | 14,323 | 5,247 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surplus (Sec | 26,839 | 2,874 | 7,109 | 4,393 | 1,007 | 3,246 | ${ }^{5} 713$ | 13,81824 1,429 | 4,709 538 | 3,152 1,001 | 3,613 1,142 | 3,974 1,266 | 10,224 $\mathbf{2}, 121$ |
| Other capit | 36,103 | 1,682 | 9,975 | 2,122 | 3,64 | 1,480 | 1,673 | 6,839 | 1,476 | 2,016 | 1,237 | 1,266 1,846 | 2,121 2,111 |
| Total liabilit | 19,373,87 | 1,159,097 8 | 8,863,707 | 1,128,762 | 1,355, | 620,797 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tmentsjt | 8,63 | 35 | 1,753 | 42 | 1,02 | 76 |  |  |  |  |  | ,577 | $\begin{array}{r} 10, \\ 3, \end{array}$ |

* "Other cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes. a Less than $\$ 500$.

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT

| Three Ciphers (000) Omitted Federal Reserve Bank of - | Total | Boston | New York | Phila. | Cleveland | Richmona | Atlanta | Chicajo | St. Louts | Minneap. | Kan. Cuty | Dallas | San Fran. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Federal Reserve notes: | 8 | \$ | \$ | 8 | ${ }^{5}$ | \$ | \$ | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Issued to F. R. Bank by F. R. Agent Held by Federal Reserve Bank | 5,166,486 | 420,085 | 1,326,308 | 360,557 | 479,012 | 233,173 | 170,120 | 1,116,343 | 200,962 |  |  |  |  |
| Held by Federal Reserve Bank...- | 305,708 | 18,528 | 1,84,251 | 15,183 | 24,088 | 14,205 | 12,312 | 1,116,343 ${ }^{47,053}$ | 200,962 10,686 | 143,819 4,012 | 89,649 | 88,646 8,211 | $\begin{array}{r} 437,812 \\ 58,346 \end{array}$ |
| In actual circulation. | 4,860,778 | 401,557 | 1,242,057 | 345,374 | 454,924 | 218,968 | 157,808 | 1,069,290 | 190,276 | 139,807 |  |  |  |
| Collateral held by Agent as security nor notes lssued to banks: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1,005,290 | 190,276 | 139,807 | 180,816 | 30,4 | 379,466 |
| Gold certificates on hand and due from United States Treasury |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 5,298,500 \\ 1,068 \end{array}$ | 440,000 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{\|c\|c\|c\|} 1,340,000 \\ 512 \end{array}\right.$ | $375,000$ | 482,000 | $250,000$ | 175,000 | 1,130,000 | 209,000 | 147,500 | $195,000$ | 91,000 | 464,000 |
| Total collateral | 5,299,568 | 440,000 | 1,340,512 | 375,105 | 482,000 | 250,107 | 175,000 | 1,130,000 | 209,000 | 147,536 | 195,308 | 91,000 | 44,000 |

United States Treasury Bills-Friday, Feb. 23 Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

|  | Btd | Asked |  | Bid | Asked |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Feb. 281940 | 0.05\% |  | April 171940 |  |  |
| Mar. ${ }_{\text {Mar. }}^{6} 121940$ | 0.05\% | --.-- | April 241940 | $0.05 \%$ |  |
| Mar. 201940 | $0.05 \%$ |  | May May 1940 1940. | $0.05 \%$ |  |
| Mar. 271940 | $0.05 \%$ |  | May 151940 | 0.05\% |  |
| April 31940 | 0.05\% |  | May 221940 | 0.05\% |  |

Quotations for United States Treasury Notes-Friday' Feb. 23
Figures after decimal point represent one or more $32 d s$ of a point.

| Maturity | ${ }_{\text {Inte }}$ | ${ }^{\text {bid }}$ | Asked | Maturity | ${ }_{\text {Rate }}$ | Bid | Asked |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mar. 151 | ${ }^{15 \%}$ | 100.2 |  | Mar. 151 | 13\% | 103.23 | 103.25 |
| June 151949 | $1{ }^{13} \%$ | ${ }_{102.1}^{101.16}$ | 102.3 | Sept. 151942 | ${ }^{2 \%} 9$ | 104.30 10 | ${ }_{104.20}^{105}$ |
| Mar. 15 1941. |  | 102.8 | 102.10 | June 15 1943- | 11\%\% | 102.21 | 102.23 |
| Dee. 15 1941-:- | 1\%\% | 102.18 | 102.10 | Dec. 15 1943- | 13\% | 102.26 | 102.23 |
|  |  |  | 102.21 | Mar. 151944 |  | 10.27 | 101.29 |
|  |  |  |  | (ept. 15 1944-2 | 1\%\% | 10 | ${ }^{100.4}$ |

THE BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE
Closing prices of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week:


## THE PARIS BOURSE

Quotations of representative stocks as received by cable each day of the past week:

Fri., Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.,

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fri., } \\ & \text { Feb. } 17 \\ & \text { Francs } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sat. } \begin{array}{c} \text { Feb. } 19 \\ \text { Francs } \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | Mon. <br> Feb. 20 <br> Ftancs | Tues., <br> Feb. 21 <br> Ftancs | $\begin{gathered} \text { Wed. }, \\ \text { Feb. } 22 \\ \text { Francs } \end{gathered}$ | Thurs. Feb. 23 Francs |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Banque de France | 7.700 |  | 7,870 | 825 | 785 | ,770 |
| Bank de Paris et Des Pays Bas | 18 |  | 952 | 940 | 940 | 951 |
| Banque de l IUnion Parlisienne | 487 |  | 482 | 469 | 472 | 76 |
| Cale Distr d'Electriekt | ${ }_{1614}$ |  | ${ }^{16,990}$ | ${ }^{16,715}$ | 16,860 | 16,860 |
| Cle General d'Ele | 1,970 |  | 165 | 2,069 |  | , 102 |
| Citroen B | 80 |  | 515 | 510 | 515 |  |
| mptoit Nationale d'Escompte | 777 |  | 789 | 782 | 783 | 81 |
| Coty 8 A | 213 |  | 220 | 220 | 220 | 20 |
| Courrieres.------- | ${ }^{226}$ |  | ${ }^{243}$ | 240 | 240 | 40 |
| Credit Lyonna |  |  |  | 15 | 15 |  |
|  | 1,275 | Closed | 1,662 | 1,650 | 1,635 | 1,665 |
| Enerrie Electrique du Littoral:- | ${ }_{611}$ |  | 621 | ${ }_{616}^{280}$ |  | - $\overline{0}$ |
| Kuhlmann. | 789 |  | 794 | 787 | 809 | 22 |
| LeAir | 1,524 |  | 1,559 | 1,550 | 1.555 | 1,567 |
| Lyon (P L M |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nord Ry | 888 |  |  | 870 | 70 | 8 |
| Orieans Ry (6) | 920 |  | 03 | 908 | 09 | 10 |
| Pathe cap | 30 |  |  |  | 30 |  |
| Pechiney | 1,124 |  |  | 1.824 |  |  |
| Rentes, Perpetual 3\%..------ | 73.85 |  | ${ }^{73.95}$ | ${ }^{73.70}$ | ${ }^{73.35}$ | 74.00 |
| ${ }_{5}^{4} \%{ }^{1} \%$ | ${ }^{83}$ |  | 83.20 | ${ }^{83.55}$ | 80 | ${ }^{84.20}$ |
| int Gobs | ${ }_{2}^{1885}$ |  | 2.423 |  | 11.420 | ${ }^{113.60}$ |
| Schnelde | 1,695 |  | 1,705 | 1,700 | 1,073 | 1,719 |
| societe Gen |  |  |  |  |  | 67 |
| 何 | 1,10 |  | ,125 | 1,140 | ,238 |  |
| socete Marselilalse-- | ${ }^{77}$ |  | 646 | 845 | 843 | 1 |
| Union d'Electricte | 415 |  | 415 | 815 | 812 | ${ }^{8120}$ |
| n-L | 41 |  | 41 | 41 | $44$ | 42 |

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# Stock and Bond Sales-New York Stock Exchange DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY 

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NOTICE-Cashワand deferred delivery salles are crregarded in the day's range, unless they are the only transactions of the day. No -Nonce-Can

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






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| $\begin{array}{l}\text { Saturday } \\ \text { Feb. } 17\end{array}$ |
| \$ per share | \$per share 8 per 19


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 \$ per share \$ per shate

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| STOCKS <br> NEW YORK STOCK <br> EXCHANGE | Range Stnce Jan. 1 <br> On Basts of 100-Share Lots |
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| Range for Prepious <br> Year 1939 |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Lowest | Highest |

per share

## 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, which they occur. No account is taken of such sales in computing the range for the year. weeky rang
in the week in which they occur. No account is taken or such saicale in each case the month when the bonds mature.


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Uyigawa Elec Power 17 P Union Electric (M0) 348 ffeVnilon Eler Ry (Chic) $50-21945$




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Drug Co (Del) $58 .$. O S steel Corp $3 \% 8$ debs. Un Steel Workt CorD 615 s




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 Vera Crus \& Pactic RR--
f* $41 / 8 \mathrm{~s}$ July coupon off




e Cash sales transacted during the current,week and not included in the yearly
range. range.
No sales.
T Cash saie; only transaotion auring ourrent week. a Deferred dellvery sale; only
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the dollar quotation per 200 -pound unit of bonds. Acorued interest payable at excha
I The following is a llat of the Now York Stook Exchange bond lisues whloh have
been called in theif entiretr: Treasury 3 3/8s 1940-1943, June 15 at 100.
Vanadium Corp. 5 s 1941 , March 15 at 101.
S Companies reported as betng in bankruptoy, recolverahip, or reorganised under - Friday's bid and arted price, or socurres amumed by maok companies

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- Bonds selling flat.
in the yearly range: 2 sales transacted during the current week and not included No sales.



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Below are the daily closing averages of representative stocks and bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange as compiled by Dow, Jones \& Co.:

| Date | Stocks |  |  |  | Bonds |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 30 \\ \substack{\text { Indus- } \\ \text { trats }} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20 \\ \text { Raf. } \\ \text { roads } \end{gathered}$ | ${\underset{i t c t}{15}}_{\substack{101}}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { 65 } \\ \text { Stocks } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10 \\ \text { indus- } \\ \text { itfals } \end{gathered}$ | 10 Frat Radt |  | $\begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { Utul } \\ & \text { thes } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Toual } \\ & \text { Bonds } \end{aligned}$ |
| Feb. 23. | 147.35 | 30.62 | 25.05 | 49.43 | 107.76 | 91.90 | 47.61 | 108.66 | 88.98 |
| Feb. 22. |  |  | ${ }_{25.05}$ |  |  |  | Holl |  |  |
| Feb. ${ }^{21}$ | 148.34 | 30.81 | 25.05 | 49.72 | 107.75 | ${ }_{91.96}$ | 47.99 | 108.74 | 89.11 |
| ${ }_{\text {Feb }}{ }^{\text {Feb }} 10$ | 148.65 | 31.06 30.90 | ${ }_{24.96}$ | 49.86 49.75 | 107.84 107.84 | 91.95 | 48.15 | 108.91 | 89.21 |
| Feb. 19- | ${ }_{148.72}$ | 30.90 30.94 | 24.96 24.99 | 49.75 49.83 | 107.84 107.86 | 91.89 92.03 | 47.89 48.25 | 109.05 109.09 | 89.17 89.32 |

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for he week beginning on Saturday last Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or entirely from the daily reports of ted Curb
bond, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.





| stocks (Concluded) | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Friday } \\ & \text { Last } \\ & \text { Sale } \\ & \text { Price } \end{aligned}\right.$ | Week's Range of Prices Low High | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Whak } \\ \text { Shares } \end{gathered}$ | Range Stince Jan. 1. 1940 |  |  | $\xrightarrow{\text { BONDS }}$ (Continuec) | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price } \end{array}\right\|$ | Week's Range of Prices Lowo High |  | Ranje Stince Jan. 1, 1940 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Lovo | High |  |  |  |  |  | Lowo |  | H20 |  |
| Unexeelled Mtg Con-..-10 |  | 13/6 $11 / 2$ | 700 | $\begin{array}{ll} 123 / 6 & \mathrm{Feb} \\ 12 & \mathrm{Jan} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 15018 \\ 963 / 4 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rr} 1501 / 3151 \\ 965 / 8 & 97 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 5,000 \\ 26,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 141 \\ 96 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Jan} \\ & \mathrm{Feb} \end{aligned}$ |  | Feb |
| Unon Gas of Canada |  |  |  | $12 \quad \mathrm{Jan}$ |  |  | Birmingham Elec 41381968 | 963/4 |  |  | 941/3 |  |  | Jan |
| Unlon Premier Foods | 有 | 181/2 $181 / 2$ | 100 | $17 \%$ Jan |  | Feb | Broad river Pow ${ }^{56}$ |  | $1013 / 1023 / 4$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Un Stk Yds of Omaha |  |  |  | $643 /{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | 64 | Jan | Canada Nor | 97 |  | 28,000 | ${ }^{97} 83$ | $\underset{\mathrm{Feb}}{\mathrm{Feb}}$ | 100 $83 /$ | JJan |
| United Aircratt Prod- | 71/6 | 13398\% $131 / 2$ | 100 | $12{ }^{\text {\% Jan }}$ | 14 | Jan | Carolina Pt |  | 106\%\% 107 |  | 106\% |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{3}$ cum chemis part |  |  |  | ${ }^{12} 0$ | ${ }_{62}$ | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | Cent Power 58 ger D |  | ${ }_{993} 10016$ |  | 983 |  | 100 | Feb |
| On Clig | 316 |  | 12,500 | ${ }_{10} \mathrm{Feb}$ | 1/ | Jan | Cent | ${ }_{35}^{35}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| d C |  |  | 600 | J Jan | 3/3 | Jan |  | ${ }_{761}^{35}$ |  | 49,000 | $711 / 2$ | Jan |  |  |
| Unted Elartic Cor |  | 15/20 | 5,700 | 13 Jan | $21 / 2$ | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | Chtcaro |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{2 k t} 83$ pret non-voti | \% | ${ }_{610}{ }^{99 \%}$ | 800 | 921/ J Jan |  | Jan | Ry $41 / 8 \mathrm{BA}$ |  | \$105\%/4 105\% |  | 1043/2 | Feb | 106 | an |
| Option marra |  |  |  | $83^{1 / 4} \mathrm{Jan}$ |  | Jan | Chic Jet Ry \& Union ${ }^{\text {Yards }} 58$. |  |  |  | 100\%/8 | Feb | 100 | an |
| Onited Lt \& $P$ | 1/8 | $1 / 81$ | 2,800 | Feb | 136 | Jan | 4-Chie Rys 58 ctis --.-1927 |  | ${ }^{461 / 3} 478$ | 8,000 |  |  | ${ }_{90}^{49}$ | an |
| ne |  | --35--37- | - 300 | Jan | 11 | Jan | Cincmanat St Ry 53/38 A 52 |  |  |  | ${ }_{90}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{JJan} \\ & \mathrm{Jan} \end{aligned}$ | 91 | - |
| - | /8 | $35 \quad 37 / 2$ | 8,300 | $24{ }^{29}$ | ${ }_{24} 8$ | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |  |  | ${ }^{73 / 2} 74$ | 12 | ${ }^{70}$ | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |  | Jan |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Conv dob 5s.......1950 | ${ }_{70} 713$ | $713 / 72$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Jan} \\ & \mathbf{J a n} \end{aligned}$ |  | Jan |
| Onited Molases C | 54/ |  | 700 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 701/2 |  |  | Feb |
|  |  | $2433 / 42433$ | 20 | 240 Jan | 2433/4 | Feb | Deben | 703 | 71 |  |  | Jan |  | Jan |
| United Proitt sharing |  |  | 300 875 | 3/3 Jan |  | ${ }_{\text {F }}^{\text {Feb }}$ |  | 885 | 88 |  | ${ }_{83}^{82 / 8}$ | Jan |  | Jan |
| United Shoe Mach co |  | 431/2431/2 | 10 | 43 Jan | ${ }_{44} 8$ | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ | Commu | 95 | $95 \quad 95$ \% | 34,000 | 91 | J |  | eb |
| Untred Speciaities |  |  | 100 | Jan | 55\% | Feb | Conn 1 |  | 34 |  | ${ }^{133}$ | eb | 134 | an |
| U F Foll Co | 6/4 |  | 31,100 | Jan |  | Feb | Conso |  |  | 12,000 | 1093/4 | eb | 1/2 |  |
| U S Graphite com | ${ }_{16}$ |  | 400 | Jan |  | Feo | (istref mitge 38 ser P-1969 |  | 1081/2 $1087 / 6$ | 11,000 | 1073/4 | Jan | 109 | an |
| ${ }_{\text {S }}^{65118 t}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll}62 & 63 \\ 41 / 8\end{array}$ | ${ }^{1,2500}$ | ${ }_{3}^{61} \begin{array}{cc}\text { Jan } \\ \\ \\ \text { Jan }\end{array}$ | ${ }_{6}^{651 / 2}$ | ${ }_{\text {Jeb }}$ | Consol Gas (Balt Clty) |  | 127 | 2,000 | 1253/4 | Feb | 127 | an |
| U \% Lines |  |  | 23,400 | $191 / 2 \mathrm{Jan}$ | $231 /$ | Feb | Consol has Util |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| s11/2 convi | 81 | 28382834 | ${ }^{250}$ | ${ }^{27} 1$ | $303 / 2$ | Feb | ${ }_{6 s}$ ser A stamp | $\begin{aligned} & 83^{3 / 4} \\ & 90^{n} / 2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}833 / 8 & 857 / 8 \\ 803 / 29 & 92\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56,000 \\ & 93,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 781 / 3 \\ & 877 / 8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{J a n} \\ & \mathbf{J a n} \end{aligned}$ |  | Feb Jan |
| U S Rubber Reclai | 23/4 | 23/4 $21 /$ | 100 | $21 / \mathrm{Feb}$ | $2 \%$ | Jan | Cuban Tobaoco |  | \$54. 57 |  | 53 | Jan |  | Feb |
| U 8 stores common |  |  |  | ${ }_{5}{ }^{16}$ Jan ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |  | JJan | Cudahy Packing |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 9,0,000 \\ & 2,000 \end{aligned}$ | 1013/4 | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Feb} \\ & \mathrm{Feb} \end{aligned}$ |  | Jan |
| ${ }^{\text {Unted }}$ Stores comm |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | Detroit Internat Br |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United Wall | 23/8 | 21/4 $23 / 8$ | 1,000 | $17 / 2 \mathrm{Jan}$ |  | Feb | H/s-A--Aug 11952 | 61/8 |  | $2,000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 51 / 8 \\ & 51 / 4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan } \\ \text { Feb } \end{gathered}$ | \% | ${ }_{\text {F }}^{\text {Feb }}$ |
| Universal Conse |  |  |  |  |  |  | eb 78. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Class B. |  |  |  |  |  |  | Eastern ${ }^{\text {asa }}$ | 800/4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| niversal |  | $3 \% / 4$ | 700 | ${ }_{173}^{3} \mathrm{~J}$ |  | Feb | ${ }_{\text {Ede }}$ | ${ }_{79}^{1101 / 4}$ | ${ }_{79}^{110}$. $110{ }_{79 \%}{ }^{1 / 4}$ | 48,000 54,000 | 110 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}^{\text {Jeb }}$ |  | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |
| Unlversal |  | $10 \quad 10$ | 0 |  |  | $\underset{\text { Feb }}{ }$ |  |  | +1191/2 120 | 54,00, | 1173/4 | Jan | 119 | Feb |
| Universal Pr |  | 18 |  | 16\% Feb | 18 | Feb | El Paso Elee 5s A----1950 |  | $1053 / 2$ |  |  | an |  | Jan |
| Utah-Idaho S |  | $13 / 8$ 613 | 2,2000 | ${ }^{131 \% / 3} \mathrm{Feb}$ | ${ }_{66} 13$ | Jan | Empire Dist E1 58--1962 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Utab Pow \& Lt |  | 613/8 62/2 |  |  |  | Jan |  |  | 491/2 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Utility Equities |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | Erio L |  | 109109 | 2,000 |  | Jan |  | an |
| \$5. 50 priority st |  |  | 25 | ${ }^{2}{ }_{1}$ Jan |  | Jan | Federal Wat Serv $51 / \mathrm{s} 1954$ | 983/4 | 881/4 99 | 33,000 |  | Jan |  |  |
| dilty of Ind Cor |  |  | 100 | $1 /{ }^{1 / 2} \mathrm{Jan}$ |  | Jan | Finland |  |  | ,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Util Pow \& Lt | 16 | $1{ }^{16818181}$ | 350 | $131 \%$ Jan | 20 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | 101 | eb |
| Valipar |  |  | 3,100 | $1{ }^{3 / 6} \mathrm{Jan}$ | 12 | Feb | Florida Power \& Lt sbe 1954 | 1043/6 | 1041/8 104\%/8 | 67,00 | 103\% | an | 104 | an |
| ve | 212 | 18, ${ }^{1812} \times 22^{2 / 4}$ | ${ }^{550}$ | ${ }_{25}{ }^{17}$ Jan | 22 | Feb | Gary Exeotric \& | 10076 |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |
| Van Norman Math |  |  | 10,300 | $1{ }^{17}$ | 13 | Jan | General Bronze $88 .-{ }^{\text {a }}$ - 1940 | 88 | , | 21,000 | ${ }_{81}^{81}$ | Jan |  | eb |
| Pligh |  |  | 41,500 | Feb |  | Feb | 58 | 98.4 |  | 10,000 |  |  |  |  |
| Va Pub serv |  |  |  |  | 113 | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ | -General Rayon 68 A. 1948 | 8 |  |  | 74 | Jan |  | Jan |
| Waco Alreratt |  |  |  | $45 / 2 \mathrm{Jan}$ |  | Jan | Gen Wat Wre \& E1 58.1943 |  | 961/3 961/4 | 7,000 | 96 | Feb | 98 | Jan |
| Baki |  |  |  | 51/2 Jan | 61/2 | Jan | ceorgla Power ret 58--1967 | 10632 | $106 \frac{3 / 8}{106} 5$ | 68,000 7,000 | $106{ }^{1}$ | Jan | 107 | eb |
| Waid co common |  | 2 | 200 | i\% Jan |  | Feb | -Gesfurel 68 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Waitt \& Bond clas |  |  |  |  |  | Feb | Glen Alden | 711 | 704.7174 | 37700 | 70 | Jan | ${ }^{73}$ | Jan |
| Clase B. |  |  |  | Jan |  | Jan | Cobel | 78 | 788 |  | 70 |  |  |  |
| Walker MII |  |  | 60 | $14 \%{ }^{1}$ | 113 | Jan | Grand | 76 | 768.761/4 | , | 108 | Fe | 108 | eb |
| pe Kn |  |  | 100 |  |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | Grocery Store Prod |  |  |  |  | Feb | 63 | an |
| Wentworth Mtt | $1 / 4$ |  | ${ }_{200}^{700}$ | $13 / \mathrm{Jan}$ | 2 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | Guantanamo \& $W$ esi |  | \$49 52 |  | 50 | Jan | 50 | Jan |
| eat Texas Util |  | 1013/31011/2 | 30 | ${ }^{963 / 2}$ Jan | 102 | Feb | Guardian Investors 58-1948 |  | ( $381 / 498$ | 8,000 | 381/4 | Feb | 42\%/4 | Jan |
| Weat Va Coal \& Col | 4 | 18\% 48 | 700 |  |  | Jan | - Hamburg Elec 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western Air Exprese |  |  | 700 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | ${ }_{6}$ | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | ${ }_{4}{ }^{\text {d }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Western Maryland B |  |  |  |  |  |  | Heller (W |  |  |  | 1023/8 | Feb |  | Jan |
| 7\% 1st preferred | 57 | 57 | 10 | 57 Jan | 1/2 | Jan | Houston Guif Gas 88.1943 | 104 | 103\% 104 | 4,000 |  | Jan | 10435 |  |
| Western Tablet \& St |  |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{61 / 3}$ |  |  |  | 1093/4 | $\stackrel{\text { Jan }}{\text { J }}$ | 1111 | Jan |
| Weatmoreland Coai |  |  |  | 10 Jan | 10 | Jan | ${ }^{+}$ |  | ${ }_{45}{ }^{25}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Westmoreland |  | j01 |  | 9 Jan | 103 | Feb | Hygrade Food 6s A - 1949 | 7414 | $711 / 45$ | 13,00 | 663/3 | Jan |  | Feb |
| Weyenberg Shoe Mig | 73 | $71 / 281 / 2$ |  | ${ }^{63 / 2} \mathrm{Feb}$ | 73 | Feb |  |  | ${ }^{772} 76$ |  |  | Jan | 6993/8 | $\underset{\text { Feb }}{ }$ |
| Wlohta River Oil Cord | 61/8 |  | 600 |  |  | Feb Feb | Idaho Power 33/8 |  |  |  | 107 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |  | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ |
| Whllams Oll- 0 Mat |  |  |  | $13 / 2 \mathrm{Jan}$ | 2 | Jan | ${ }_{\text {1st }}$ | 104/2/ | 1044105 | 18,00 | , | Jan | 105 | Jan |
| Willison Products I |  |  |  | $10 . \mathrm{Jan}$ | 113/4 | Jan | lat \& ref 58 ser C --1956 | 103 |  | 85,00 | 101 | Jan | ${ }^{1039}$ | Jan <br> Feb <br>  <br> a |
| Wlison-Jones Co-- |  | 8\% 8\% | 400 | Jan |  | Feb | - ${ }_{\text {R1 deb }}$ | 100 | ${ }_{981 / 29}^{99} \times 100$ | 10,0 | 98\%/4 | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |  | reb |
| ${ }_{\text {Wraconsin }} \mathrm{P} \& \mathrm{~L} 7 \%$ |  |  |  | -104 ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | -1073 | Jan | Indiana service | $661 / 2$ |  | 12,00 | 65 | Jan | 734 | Jan |
| Wolverine Porti Ceme |  |  | 100 | $43{ }^{4} \mathrm{Jan}$ |  | Jan | 1 18t Ifen | 651/4 | 651/65\% | 14, | 643/4 | Feb | ${ }^{724}$ | Jan |
| Woiverine Tube com | 61/4 |  | 600 | ${ }_{5}^{6 / 8} \mathrm{~J}$ | 73/2 | Jan | ${ }^{\text {Indian }}$ |  |  | 6,000 6 | 103/2 | Feb |  |  |
| Woolworth (F W) Lit |  |  |  |  |  |  | International P |  |  | 6,00 |  |  |  |  |
| Amer dep rets -- |  |  | 00 | 12 Jan | 12\% | Feb | 63/8s serles C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wrikht Hargreaves Itd.-* | $61 / 8$ |  | 4,700 | $61 / 8 \mathrm{Feb}$ | 6\% | Jan | \%s eerles E-.....-1957 | 4414 | ${ }_{431}^{43} 1844{ }^{441 / 4}$ | 22,000 | ${ }_{41}^{43}$ |  | 47\% | JJan |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Intersta |  | $62{ }^{4} 83$ | 52,000 | ${ }_{81}{ }^{4}$ | Jan |  | Jan |
| BONDS |  |  | Bonds |  |  |  | Deber | 425\% | $421 / 233$ | 12,000 | 42 | Jan |  | Jan |
| abama Power Co |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6,000 |  |  | 105\%/6 | JJan |
|  |  | \$1083/109 |  |  | 108 | Jan |  |  | 107/21074 | ${ }^{170000}$ | 421/ | Feb | d | Jan Jan |
| 1st \& ret 58, ${ }_{\text {lit }}$ |  | 1063/3106 | \$1,000 | 1061/2 Feb | 105 | Jan | Inasco Hydro Elee 78-1952 | 40 | $\begin{array}{lll}44 & 44 \\ 40\end{array}$ | 18,000 | 38 | Jan |  | an |
| 18t \& ref 58,--------196 | 1047/6 | 104\%\% 104/8 | ${ }_{8} \mathbf{8}, 000$ | 104 Feb | 1063 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | Jacksonvile 0 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 103 | ${ }^{1023} 1103$ | 22,000 | 1023 Jan | 103 年 | Jan | ${ }^{58}$ stamped $-1 .-1942$ | 50\%2 | 91/2 | 49,00 | 45 | Jan | 51 | Feb |
| Amer Seating 6s stp..1946 | 101/ | ${ }_{103}{ }^{103 / 203}$ |  | $100{ }^{\text {J }}$ | 102\% | Feb |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ADpalachian Eliec Power- |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4/58 sertes C --.-.-.-1961 | 1053/2 |  | 8,000 |  |  | 105 |  |
|  | 1093/8 | $1093 / 110$ $1071 / 108$ | 16,000 <br> 18,000 | $\begin{array}{ll}1081 / 3 & \mathrm{Jan} \\ 106 \% & \text { Feb }\end{array}$ | 1113/8 | ${ }_{\text {Jeb }}$ |  |  |  |  | 105\%/8 |  |  |  |
| $\triangle$ Apalao Power Dob 68.20 |  | 12714/1271/4 | 3,000 | 126 Jan |  |  | Kentucky Utulities $\mathrm{C}_{0}$ - |  | 120\%/20\% |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Arranasas Pr }}$ | 1061/ | 106\% ${ }^{187} 107$ | 9,000 | 1063/8 Jan | 107316 | Jan | ${ }^{\text {lit }}$ mtge 58 ------ 1918 | 104 | 1047104 | 8,00 | $1031 /$ |  | 1044/ |  |
| Assoolated | 51/4 |  | 25,0 |  | $62 / 4$ | Jan | 1388 series $\mathrm{D} . .-\mathrm{C}-1948$ |  | +105123105\% $103 \%$ | 6,000 | $103 / 1$ | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | 103 |  |
| ${ }^{*}$ Conv debt $43 / 8$ |  | 151/3 151/2 |  |  |  |  | \% |  | 102\% 102 | 6,000 | 102 | Jan | 102 | Pb |
| ${ }^{*} \mathrm{Conv}$ deb $43 / 8$. | 1515 | 151/1616/8 | 32,000 | $153 /{ }^{\text {15an }}$ | $263 /$ | Jan | Late Sup | 106 | $1061061 / 2$ | 4,00 | 105\% | Jan | 107 | Feb |
| ${ }^{-}$Donventure 58. | 15 | 15/4/46 | 45, | ${ }^{1514 / 2} \mathrm{Jan}$ | 283/4 | JJan | ${ }^{\text {c/ Loonard }}$ |  | +105 105 | 1,000 |  |  | 106 | Jan |
| $\bullet$ Conv deb 53-7--19 | 16 | ${ }^{16}{ }^{16} 1616$ | ${ }_{6} 6$ | ${ }_{68}^{16}$ Feb | 343 | Jan |  | 107/4 | 107. 1071/2 | 48,000 | 105 | Jas | 108 | Jan |
|  | 72 | 1073/310731/2 | 28,000 1,000 | (1063/3 Jan | 107 | $\underset{\text { Feb }}{\substack{\text { Feb }}}$ | Manstield Min \& Smelt- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | t107/4 1081/4 |  | 106\%/8 Jan | 10814 | Feb |  |  |  |  | 103 | Feb | 1041/ |  |
|  |  |  | 7,000 |  |  |  |  |  | 693/4 7031 | 3,00 | \% |  | 703/2 |  |
| without werrants 1947 |  |  |  | 924 |  | $\underset{\text { Feb }}{\text { Feb }}$ | Memphis Commi |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Baldwin Loom' Wor |  | $111.113 \%$ |  | 105 Jan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bell Telep of Canadio- |  |  |  |  |  | Jan | Metropolitan Ed 4a E_ 1971 <br> es series G | 107 | ${ }^{107} 10{ }^{107} 10{ }^{1072}$ |  | 107 |  | , |  |
|  | $\left.\begin{aligned} & 1101 / 2 \\ & 111 / 2 \end{aligned} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1101 / 2112 \\ & 111 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 57,000 \\ & 14.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1101 / 8 \\ 111 \end{gathered} \mathrm{Feb}_{\mathrm{Feb}}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 116 \\ & 117 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jan } \\ & \operatorname{Jan} \end{aligned}$ | $\text { Hes G............. } 1965$ |  |  | 6,000 | 108 | Jan | 110\% |  |

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## Other Stock Exchanges




Members：Cincinnatl Stock Exchange，New York Stock Exchange 115 E．Fourth St，
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Cincinnati Stock Exchange
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| Week＇s Range |  |
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| Range Since Jan．1， 1940 |
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## Ohio Listed and Unlisted Securities Members Cleveland Stock Exchange

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Cleveland Stock Exchange
Feb． 17 to Feb．23，both inclusive，compiled from official sales lists

| Stocks－ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Frldayu } \\ \text { Sase } \\ \text { Prrce } \\ \text { Pre } \end{array}$ | Week＇s Ranoe Low Prices High | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { Wherk } \\ & \text { Shares } \end{aligned}$ | Ranje Since Jan．1， 1910 |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Lovo |  | Hi，h |  |
| Airway Elec preff．．．．．．． 100 |  |  | 75 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $a 5$ |  |  |  |  | Feb |
| ${ }^{\text {c Bond Store }}$ |  | a $231 / 8.2443$ | 25 | 22 | Jan |  |  |
| City Iee \＆Fuel |  |  | 50 |  | Jan |  | eb |
| C1 Bullders R | 2 |  |  | 源 |  |  | Jan |
| Clitfs Iron p |  | $51 / 452$ | 125 | 51 | ${ }_{\text {Jeb }}$ |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |
| Hs Corp com． | 16 |  |  | 35 | Jan |  | eb |
| Colonial |  | 111／3 |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Eaton M |  | ${ }_{\text {131 }} 11 / 1153$ | 25 |  | Ton |  |  |
| Elect Con |  | 451／2 $453 / 2$ |  | 45 | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ |  | Jan |
| ${ }^{\text {Fostoria Pressed }}$ |  |  | 14 |  |  |  | an |
| ${ }_{\text {c }}^{\text {c General }}$ Elilectren |  | a383／6a3 |  | 37\％ | Jan | 41 |  |
| $\mathrm{G}^{\text {codrich（ }}$（ F ） |  |  | ${ }_{23}^{10}$ |  | Jan | 20 | Jan |
| Goodyear Tire \＆ |  |  | 100 |  |  |  | Jan |
| ${ }_{c}^{c}$ Industrial Rayon |  |  | 62 |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}{ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |  | Feb Jan |
| Interlake Steamsh | 373／4 |  | ${ }_{2}^{85}$ | 37\％ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Febe } \\ \text { Feb } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| ine |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Kelley Ifl Limed | 13 |  |  | ${ }_{13}^{16}$ | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |  |  |
| Lamson \＆Ses |  | $3.31 / 2$ | ${ }_{795} 2$ | ${ }_{3}$ | $\underset{\text { Feb }}{ }$ |  |  |
| Medusa Portland C－ |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
| Metro Pav Brick |  | ${ }_{60} 150$ |  | 150 | Feb |  |  |
| Natier Wholesal |  |  | 110 | 43 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |  |  |
| Natl Refining | 31\％ | ${ }^{1616}$ | 18 | 131／2 | ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ | ／8 |  |
| ${ }^{\text {c Prior }}$ |  |  | 25 | 36 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | $40^{3 / 4}$ |  |
| － |  |  | 20 | 6\％ | Jan | \％ | Jan |
| cker |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {c }} \mathbf{C}$ Repubilie St |  | a20 | ${ }^{219}$ |  | Jan | 231／8 |  |
| Selberling Rubbe |  |  |  | ${ }^{36}$ | Jan |  |  |
| mpson Produ |  | a32 $1 / 23448$ | 250 | 274 |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{c}{ }^{\text {c U }}$ S Stoel 0 |  |  | 170 |  | Ja |  |  |
| Warren Retit |  | $1 / 6$ | 192 |  | Ja | ${ }^{683} 1$ | Jan |
| Whinberger D | 9\％ |  | 165 |  |  |  |  |
| youngstown Sheet \＆ |  |  | 121 |  |  | 13\％ |  |
| ngstn Stl Door Com＿＊ |  | a23 $3 / 2 \times 24 / 4$ | 12 | 22 |  |  |  |

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Detroit Stock Exchange
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| Stocke－ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Friday } \\ & \text { SNo } \\ & \text { Sale } \\ & \text { Pro } \end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Week's Range } \\ & \text { Lof Prtcecs Hon } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { Whares } \\ & \text { Share } \end{aligned}$ | Ranje Since Jan．1， 1940 |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Low | Hfoh |  |
| Auto | 20 |  |  |  | 400 |  |  |  |  |
| Baldwin Rubber |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Briggs Mig com }}$ |  |  |  | ${ }_{295}$ |  |  |  |  |
| own MeLaren co |  |  | 176 | 500 |  | an | 1 |  |
| Consolldated Paper com＿ 10 |  | 15\％ | 153／4 | 100 |  |  |  |  |
| Consumers Steel com |  |  |  | 30 |  |  |  |  |
| － |  |  | 㝃 |  |  |  |  |  |
| et－Michigan Stove com＿1 | 114 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| traper Prod |  |  |  | 150 |  |  |  |  |
| detroit Steel Prod | 84 |  |  | 15 | 19 |  |  |  |
| Eureka Vacuum |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |  |
| －Cell－0 Corp |  | 22 |  |  |  | Jan |  |  |
| Federal Motor Truck com |  |  | ${ }_{4} 14$ | 36 |  | an |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Frankenmuth Brew com }}$ |  | 2\％ | 25 |  | 21／8 |  |  |  |
| nance |  | 25\％ |  | 100 |  |  |  |  |
| nebel Brewing com． | \％ |  |  | 2，379 | 513 |  |  |  |
| ham－Pal |  | 1.00 | 11／8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 俍 |  | 700 |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Stocks (Concluded) Par | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Friday } \\ & \text { Last } \\ & \text { Sale } \\ & \text { Price } \end{aligned}$ | Week's Range of Prices Low High |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Whek } \\ \text { Shares } \end{gathered}$ | Ranje Since Jan. 1, 1940 |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | Lo |  | Hi |  |
| Hoover Ball \& Bear com. 10 |  | $171 / 2$ | $171 / 2$ |  | 127 |  | Feb |  | Jan |
|  | 14 | 14 |  | 100 |  | Jan | 141/2 | eb |
| Houdalle-Hershey B...-******* |  | $121 / 2$ | 121/2 | 460 |  |  |  | Jan |
| Hudson Motor Car com. | 61/4 | 64/4 | 65/88 | 810 500 | 410 |  | $65 / 8$ 520 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}^{\text {Feb }}$ |
| Hurd Lock \& Mfg com... | 44 c |  | 13/4 | 250 | 13/4 |  | 17/8 | Jan |
| Kingston Products com. | 4/8 | $41 / 8$ | $41 / 8$ | 100 |  | Jan | 41/2 | Jan |
| Lakey Fary \& mines com. | \% | $11 / 2$ | 13/4 | 600 | $11 / 2$ | Feb | $13 /$ | Jan |
| Masco Screw Prod co | 950 | 90 c | ${ }_{40 \mathrm{c}}^{95}$ | 400 | ${ }_{30 \mathrm{c}}^{90}$ |  | 40c | ${ }_{\text {Jeb }}$ |
| Mcaleer Mtg com. |  | 198 | 20 c | 1,20 | 19 c | Jan | 25 c | Jan |
| McClanahan Oil | 75 c | 74 c | 75 c | , 300 | 740 | Feb | 83 c | Jan |
| Micromatic Hone com---1 | 856 |  | 85/8 | 1,285 | $71 / 2$ | Jan |  | Jsn |
| Mid-West Abrasive com 50 | 158 | 1715 | $171 / 3$ | 2,080 281 | 161/4 | Jan | $171 / 3$ | Feb |
| Motor Wheel com.-.-.- 5 |  | 1717 | 171/2 | 3,257 | 16/4 |  | 181/3 | Feb |
| Murray Corp com_......io |  | 3\%/8 | $31 /$ | 1,010 | 31/8 | Jan | $35 / 8$ | Feb |
| Packard Motor C |  | 431/2 | 433/4 | 829 |  | Feb | 443/8 | Jan |
| Parke Davis com-1-7--71/2 | 201/4 | 2014 | $201 / 4$ | 135 | $201 / 4$ | Feb | 21018 | Jan |
| Parker-Wolverine com | 11 | 91/8 | $101 / 4$ | 2,805 <br> 470 | 11/8 | Jan | $11 / 4$ | Jan |
| Peninsular Mtl Prod co | 1/8 | $81 / 8$ | 87 | 150 | 69 | Jan | 97/8 | Feb |
| Preiffer Brewing co | 17/8 | 11/8 | $17 / 8$ | 250 | 11/8 | Jan | \% | Jan |
| Rickel (HW) com......-2 | 27/8 | 2318 | ${ }_{2}$ | ${ }_{125}^{350}$ | $2_{2}^{21 / 8}$ | Jan |  | Jan |
| River Raison Paper com- ${ }^{\text {- }}$ |  | 23 | ${ }_{231 / 2}^{2}$ | 125 650 |  | Feb Feb |  | Jan |
| Scotten-Dilion com....-10 |  | 47/1 |  | 270 | 41/2 | Jan | $53 / 8$ | Feb |
| Sheller Mig com | 1/4 | $11 / 4$ | 114 | 833 | 11/3 | Jan | ${ }_{24}^{13 / 2}$ | Feb |
| Timken-Det Axle com.... 10 | 2214 | 2214 | 2214 | ${ }_{623}^{620}$ |  | Jan |  | Jan |
| Tivoli Brewing com.-.-.- 1 | 21/2 | $23 / 8$ | 21/2 | 623 | 26c | Jan | 438 | Jan |
| 'Tom Moore Dist co |  | 714 | $71 /$ | 200 | 714 | Feb | $71 / 4$ | Feb |
| Walker \& Co B... |  | $31 / 8$ | 314 | 445 | $31 / 8$ | Jan | $31 / 4$ | Feb |
| Warner Alrcraft com | 18 | $11 / 2$ | $13 / 4$ | 3,075 | 13/8 | Jan | $17 / 8$ | Jan |
| Wayne Screw Prod com_. ${ }^{4}$ | $11 / 8$ | 150 | 19 c | 4,610 <br> 700 | 10c | Jan | 10 c |  |

## MEMBERS

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New York Stock Exchange Chicago Board of Trads
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Feb. 17 to Feb. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

| Stocks- Par | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Fridat } \\ \text { Lasi } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price } \end{array}$ | Week's Range <br> of Prices High | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \\ & \text { Weeek } \\ & \text { Shares } \end{aligned}$ | Range Stnce Jan. 1, 1940 |  |  |  |
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|  | 131 |  | 175 | 1 | , |  |  |
| American Te | 171 | $1711 / 172$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Bankers Sec }}$ |  |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |
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| ${ }^{\text {Chr }}$ |  | 303/31 | 712 |  |  |  |  |
| eral Motors _--.--- 10 | 533/4 | 52 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ch Coal |  | 21/8 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Lenigh Vall |  |  | 205 |  |  |  |  |
| Pennr | ${ }_{22}^{2}$ | $\begin{array}{cc}178 \\ 223 \\ & 23 \\ 23\end{array}$ |  |  |  | 24 |  |
| Pennsylvania ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | $170{ }^{26 / 170}$ | 25 |  | Jan |  |  |
| Penn Tratilic com |  |  | 200 |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Phila }}$ Elec of |  | ${ }_{31}^{117 / 311813}$ | 381 |  |  |  |  |
| Scott Paper-.........--* |  |  | 61 |  |  |  |  |
| Transit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| United Gas improve com-* | 116 | $116{ }^{116}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Westmoreland Coal-...---- |  | 1 |  | 91/2 |  |  |  |

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange
Feb. 17 to Feb. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

| ocks- | $\left.\begin{array}{\|} \text { Friday } \\ \text { Last } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price } \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{l} \text { Week's Range } \\ \text { of Prices } \\ \text { Low } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Sales } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { Wheek } \\ \text { Shares } \end{array}$ | Ranoe Stince Jan. 1, 1940 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low |  | High |  |
| Allegheny Ludum Steel. | 22\% |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A |  | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }^{\text {Blaw-K }}$ |  | 12\%\% |  |  | - |  | eb |
| Carnegie |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Columb | \% | 12\%\% 12 | 501 | 11 | Jan |  |  |
| Follansbee |  |  | 32 |  | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |  | eb |
| Koppers Co |  |  |  |  |  |  | an |
| Lone star Gas |  |  |  |  | Jan |  | eb |
| Nat1 Fireprootin | 1\% | 13\% |  |  | Jan |  | JJan |
| ${ }^{\text {Presefrred }}$ | 34 |  |  |  |  |  | eb |
| Plttsburgh Piat | 10 |  |  |  |  |  | Jan |
| Pltssburgh Scree |  |  | 16 | 1 | Feb |  | an |
| uid MIg C |  |  | ${ }^{12}$ |  | Jan |  |  |
| an Toy Minin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| hamrock Oill |  |  | 100 | 55 c |  |  |  |
| United States |  |  | 139 |  | Jan |  |  |
| Westinghouse Air |  | 243\%/8113 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Unlisted- |  |  | 17 | 13/8 |  | 21/8 |  |

St. Louis Stock Exchange
Feb. 17 to Feb. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists



ST. LOUIS, MO.

## Gatch Bros., Jordan \& McKinney

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ST LOUIS STOCK EXCHANGE ISSUES (MEMBER) 418 OLIVE ST.
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Quotations on St. Louis Bank and Trust Companies



San Francisco Stock Exchange
Feb. 17 to Feb. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Friday } \\ & \text { Last } \\ & \text { Sale } \\ & \text { Price } \end{aligned}$ | Week's Range of Prices Low High | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { for } \end{aligned}$ | Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Shates | Lono |  | Hioh |  |
| Alaska-Juneau Gold_...- 10 <br> Anglo-Callf Naril liank-20 |  | $a_{61 / 8} \quad 1{ }^{63 / 8}$ | 50 |  | Feb | $61 / 2$ | b |
| Associated Ins Fund Inc_10 | 414 | $\begin{array}{cc} 61 / 2 & 618 \\ 4 & 41 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}120 \\ 554 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $61 / 2$ | Feb | $71 / 2$ | Jan |
| Atlas Imp Diesel Engine. 5 | $41 / 4$ | ${ }_{7}{ }^{1 / 4}$ | 554 200 |  | Jan | $48 \%$ | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ |
| Bank of California N A.-80 | 125 | $1221 / 4125$ | 60 |  | ${ }_{\text {Jeb }}$ | 75 | Feb |
| Blishop Oil Co---....... 2 | 1.50 | 1.501 .50 | 8,380 | 1.50 | Feb |  | Jan |
| Byron Jackson Co......--** |  | $14 \quad 141 / 4$ | 8,433 | $133 / 8$ | Feb | 151/2 | Jan |
| Calamba Sugar com.-.-20 |  | $16 \quad 16$ | 125 | 16 | Feb | 18. | Jan |
| Preferred_-_-.-.-. 20 |  | 20.20 | 75 | $193 / 4$ | Jan | 203/8 | Jan |
| Calif Packing Corp com. Preferred |  | $251 / 2.251 / 2$ | 480 | 23 - | Jan | 2 \% $1 / 3$ | Feb |
| Calif Water Service pref 100 |  | $518 / 4{ }^{513 / 4}$ | 17 | 51 | Jan | $521 / 2$ | Jan |
| Carson Hill (iold M cap.-1 |  | ${ }_{27 c}^{105}{ }^{105}$ | 30 | 1021/2 | Jan | 105 | Feb |
| Caterpillar Tractor com.--* | 9 | $\mathrm{S}^{27 \mathrm{c}} \quad 501 / 2$ | 560 | ${ }_{49}^{260}$ | Jan | 32 c | Jan |
| Cent Eureka MIn Co oorn 1 | 4 | $\begin{array}{lll}37 / 8 & 41 / 8\end{array}$ | 12,110 | 433/3 | Jan |  | Jan |
| Chrysler Corp com_...- ${ }^{\text {coast }}$ |  | a847/8 $\quad$ a86 | 12,10 $\quad 30$ | 8478 | Jan | 871/8 | Feb Feb |
| Cos G \& E18t pret 100 |  | 1071/2 1085/8 | 75 | 106 | Jan |  | Feb |
| Commonwealth Edison__-25 |  | a257/8 ${ }^{2}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conis Chem Indust A......* | 24 | $\begin{array}{ll}321 / 2 & 321 / 2\end{array}$ | 580 | 311/2 | Feb | $321 / 2$ | Feb |
| Cons. Coppermin |  | $\begin{array}{cc}2318 & 24 \\ 91 / 8\end{array}$ | - 524 | 83 | Jan | $24 \%$ | Jan |
| Creameries of Am |  | 53/8 $\quad 51 / 3$ | 1,300 |  | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ |  | Feb |
| Crown Lellerbach com.--5 | 161/2 | 1638 163 <br> 18  | 2,163 |  | Jan | 173/8 | Feb |
|  | 89312 | $\begin{array}{\|cc\|}89 & 803 / 4 \\ 10 & 10\end{array}$ | 360 | 881/4 | Feb | 921/2 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ |
| El Dorado Oll Works_.-.-.-* | 8 | 108 | 20 | $91 / 2$ | Jan | 101/2 | Jan |
| Emporiun Capwell Corp. | 191/ | 181/2 $191 / 4$ | 2.645 |  | Feb | 83/4 | Jan |
| Prefarred (ww) .-... 50 | 42 | $41^{1 / 2}$ 12 ${ }^{19}$ | 2,645 | 40 | Jan | 1914 | Feb |
| Emsco Der \& Equip Co_-5 | 101/4 | $101 / 4$ | 135 | $101 /$ | Feb | 11 | Jeb |
| Fireman's Fund Ins Co.. 25 |  | $961 / 2$ $96 \%$ <br>   <br> 18  | 105 | $931 / 2$ | Jan | ${ }_{97} 11$ | Jan |
| Foode Machine Corp com 10 |  | ${ }_{175}^{33} 18314$ | 200 | $321 / 4$ | Jan | 3314 | Feb |
| Preferred_-............ 25 | 1.75 | $\begin{array}{lll}1.75 & 1.75 \\ 18 & 18\end{array}$ | 170 20 | 1.75 | Feb | 1.75 | Feb |
| Galland Merc Laundr | 22 | ${ }_{22}{ }^{1} 82$ | 10 | 18 | Feb |  | b |
| Gen Metals Corp cap_-21/2 |  | $65 / 8$ 734 <br> 18  | 205 | ${ }_{616}{ }^{1 / 6}$ | Jan |  | Feb |
| Genersi M otors com. |  | 527/8 53 | 687 |  | Jan | 554/4 | Jan |
| al Pal |  | $7 \quad 718$ | 300 | $63 / 8$ | Jan | 71/3 | Feb |
| Goiden state Co Led | 103/ | $10.101 / 4$ | 1,750 |  | Jan | $101 /$ | Feb |
| Greyhound Corp com | al6s/8 | $a 161 / 8 \quad a 165$ | 30 | 161/4 | Jan | 161/2 | Jan |
| Hale Bros Stores Inc Hawalian Pine Co L | 20 | ${ }_{20} a_{214}^{1 / 2} a_{20} 141 / 2$ | 25 | 131/2 | Jan |  | Feb |
| Holly Development --.--1 | 73 c | 73 c 75 c | 700 | 73c | Jan | ${ }_{76 \mathrm{c}} \mathbf{2}$ | Jan |
| Home F \& M Ins Co cad |  | 44.44 | 160 | $411 / 2$ | Jan |  | Feb |
| Honolulu Oil Corp cap---* | $161 / 2$ | $161 / 2161 / 2$ | 529 | 161/2 | Feb | 173/4 | Jan |
| Hudson Motor Car Co_- ${ }^{\text {cos }}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc}111 / 2 & 113 / 2\end{array}$ | 40 | $111 / 2$ | Feb | $12 y$ | Jan |
| Hunt Brothers com ...--io | 1.10 | 1.051 .15 | 600 | 55 c | Jan | 1.15 | Feb |
| Preferred --..-- |  | 314 | 1,020 | 2.00 | Jan | 1.75 | Feb |
| Hutchinson Sugar Plant |  | $81 / 2.83 / 2$ | 135 | 8 | Feb | $81 / 2$ | Feb |
| Class B.- |  | 16.16 | 173 | 1578 | Jan |  | Jan |
| Lemile Salt Co-......-- 10 |  | $431 / 8481 / 4$ | ${ }_{218}^{615}$ | $4^{71 / 8}$ | $\underset{\text { Jan }}{ }$ | ${ }_{43 \%}$ | Feb |
| LeTourneau (R G) Inc.-1 | 34 | 34.34 | 280 | $321 /$ | Jan |  | Jan |
| Libby McNeill \& Libby |  | $71 / 271 / 2$ | 500 | 6\% | Jan | 75/3 | Jan |
| Lock heed Alrcraft Cord | a30 | a30 ${ }_{43 /}{ }^{3}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 75 | 29 | Jan | $321 / 2$ | Feb |
| B...... |  | $\begin{array}{ll}40 \mathrm{c} & 48 \\ 30 \mathrm{c} \\ \\ \end{array}$ |  | 41/2 | Feb | $43 / 4$ | Feb |
| Magnavox Co Ltd.-.--21/2 | 60 c | $60 \mathrm{c} \quad 65 \mathrm{c}$ | 1,185 | 50 c | Jan |  | Feb |
| Magnin \& Co (1) com |  | 9 | 100 | 9 | Jan | 95\% | Jan |
| March Calcul M achine_- ${ }^{5}$ | ${ }_{12}^{151 / 2}$ | 151/2 $151 / 2$ | 208 | 15 | Jan | 167\% | Jan |
| Menasco Mfg Co com....-1 | 1.90 | 1.902 .00 |  | 11.75 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | 1210 | Feb |
| Rights | 18 c | $17 \mathrm{c} \quad 23 \mathrm{c}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Natl Anto Fhimmermmell | 81/2 | 71/2 | ${ }_{1,650}$ | 73/2 | Feb | 33c |  |

## Canadian Markets

LISTED AND UNLISTED


## Canadian Markets-Listed and Unlisted



## Toronto Stock Exchange

Feb. 17 to Feb. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

| Stocks- |  | Weef'r' PangeLoforces HonHTon | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { Sore } \\ & \text { Sheer } \\ & \text { Shares } \end{aligned}$ | Range Stnce Jan. 1, 1940 |  |
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| Stocks- |  |  |  | Lowo | $\mathrm{Hi}^{2}$ |
| Abitibl_- |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\text {2.25 }}^{2.25}$ |
| Alberta Paeltio | ${ }^{231}$ |  |  | ${ }_{\text {12, }}^{2}$ |  |
| Steel | ${ }^{15}$ | ${ }^{10}$ | ${ }^{11,475}$ |  |  |
| and | 530 | cois | ${ }^{3,900}$ |  |  |
| Anglo-Hur |  |  | 13,600 | 2.30 <br> 8.300 | ${ }^{3.00}$ Jan |
| Astoris Que- |  |  |  |  |  |
| coan |  |  | 8,436 |  | 2.88 Jan |
|  | 2031 | ${ }_{2}^{20150}$ | ${ }_{8,74}^{1,42}$ |  |  |
| Bank of Montrea |  | ${ }_{313}{ }^{315}$ |  |  |  |
| Rot Toranto |  | ${ }_{263}^{315}$ |  |  |  |
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| ${ }_{\text {cosem }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | ${ }^{15} 38$ | ${ }^{6}$ | 13 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Bear }}$ Beatte cold | ${ }^{6.6}$ | 1.10 | 2,500 |  |  |
| Beatty A . |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 1432 | 13\%\%10 |  |  | ${ }_{\text {cibis }}^{168}$ |

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## Canadian Markets-Listed and Unlisted

## Toronto Stock Exchange



British and Any Other European Internal Securities Foreign Dollar Bonds

## English Transcontinental, LTD. 9 RECTOR STREET <br> NEW YORK <br> Telephone Whitehall 4-0784 <br> Teletype N. Y. 1-2316

| Stocks (Concluded) Par |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Week's Range } \\ \text { of Prices } \\ \text { Lowo Hioh } \end{array}\right\|$ | Sales for Week Shares | Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Low |  | High |  |
|  | $1011 / 2$ | $1001013 / 2$ | 96 | 993/4 | Jan |  |  |
|  | 810 | $77 \mathrm{c} \quad 81 \mathrm{c}$ | 24,885 | ${ }_{390} \mathbf{3 5}$ | Jan | 87 c | Jan |
| Bladen Malartic | 50 c | 48 c | 9,200 1,500 | 39 c 5 c | Jan | 7314 | Jan ${ }^{\text {Jan }}$ |
| Slave Lake- | 5 c | 5c $41 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ 4152 | 7,500 | 4 c | Feb | $71 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ | Jan |
| Standard Chemlcal |  | $101 / 2{ }^{111 / 2}$ | . 155 | $81 / 4$ | Jan | $111 / 2$ | Feb |
| Stanciard Paving. |  | $1.30 \quad 1.50$ | 150 | 1.30 | Jan | 2.00 | Jan |
| Preferred | $23^{51 / 4}$ | ${ }_{251 / 8}^{51 / 4}$ | 200 50 | $5311 / 2$ | Feb | 268 | Jan |
| Stedman. | 26 | $\begin{array}{ll} \\ 771 / 8 \\ & 26 \\ \end{array}$ | 136 |  | Feb | $861 / 2$ | Jan |
| 8tel ${ }_{\text {Preferred }}$ |  | 76.78 | 175 | 76 | Feb |  | Jan |
| Steed Rock Iron Mines.--* | 2.59 | $2.43 \quad 2.60$ | 31,805 | 1.80 | Jan | 2.65 | Feb |
| 8traw Lake Bea | 31/8c |  | 18,000 1000 | $37 / 8 \mathrm{c}$ <br> $111 / 4$ | Feb | 5 5 | Jan Feb |
| Sturgeon R1ver | 1.95 | 12.901 .98 | ${ }^{1} 600$ | 1.80 | Jan | 2.05 | Jan |
| Sudbury Con | 8 c | $43 / 4 \mathrm{c} 83 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ | 21,500 | $41 / 4$ | Feb | $83 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ | Feb |
| Sullivan. |  | $87 \mathrm{c} 871 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ | 4,300 | 32 | Feb | ${ }_{3}^{1.02}$ | Jan |
| Avivanita ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 3.30 | 3.25 | 1,225 | ${ }_{11} 3$ | Feb | 12.4 | Feb Feb |
| Texas-Canadia | 45 c | ${ }^{45 \mathrm{c}}{ }^{5} 5$ | 5,050 | 45 C | Feb | 72 c | Jan |
| Tlp Top Ta, | 13 | 1313 | 20 | $123 / 4$ | Jan | 1131/4 | Jan |
| Preferred.-.-.-.-.-. 100 |  | 109109 | 110 | $1061 / 4$ | Feb |  |  |
| Toburn. |  | $l_{49}^{1.73} \begin{array}{ll}1.73\end{array}$ | 110 |  | Jan |  | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}$ |
| Toronto Elevator pret... 50 Toronto General Trusts 100 |  | $\begin{array}{ll}49 & 49 \\ 87 & 89\end{array}$ | 15 | 87 | Jeb | 90 | Feb |
| Toronto General Trusts 100 | 87 94 | $\begin{array}{ll}87 & 89 \\ 86 & 94\end{array}$ | 35 | 86 | Feb |  | Jan |
| Towagmac.-.-.-------- | 22 c | $22 \mathrm{c} \quad 22 \mathrm{c}$ | 2,000 |  | Feb | 35 c | Jan |
| UchI Gold...-.-.-.......- 1 |  | 80 c 83 c | 6,550 | 80 c | Feb | 1.12 | Jan |
| Trion Gas | $16{ }^{5 / 8}$ | $161 / 217$ | $\begin{array}{r}1,356 \\ \hline 210\end{array}$ | 15838 | Fan | 4013 | Feb |
| United Fue |  | $\begin{array}{cc}397 / 8 & 401 / 2 \\ 8 & 814\end{array}$ | 226 |  | Jan | $81 /$ | Feb |
| United Ste | $53 / 8$ | $51 / 4515$ | 310 | 514 | Feb | $61 /$ | Jan |
| Upder Can | 64 c | 64 c 66c | 7,450 | 64c | Feb | 85 | Jan |
| Ventures | 4.25 580 | 4.05 <br> 5.75 | 1,542 | 4.00 5.50 | Jan | 6 | Jan |
| Waite A | 5.80/8 | $\begin{array}{ll}5.75 & 5.85 \\ 43 & 431 / 2\end{array}$ | 1,168 | 41. | Jan | $431 / 2$ | Jan |
| Preferred | 2038 | $20 \quad 203 / 8$ | 1,038 |  | Jan | 2038 | Feb |
| Wendigo |  | 10 c 12 c | 5,700 |  | Jan | ${ }_{45}^{120}$ | Feb |
| Western Can Flour pret100 | 421/2 | $\begin{array}{lll}421 / 2 & 45 \\ 55\end{array}$ | 25 | $3783 /$ | Jan | 55 | Feb Feb |
| Western ${ }^{\text {Westona }}$ | 125\% | $\begin{array}{lll}55 \\ 123 & 5123 / 4 \\ \end{array}$ | 934 | 12 | Feb | 13 | Jan |
|  | 12\% | ${ }_{96}^{123 / 8} 198$ | 10 | 95 | Jan | 96 | Jan |
| Wiltsey-Coghlan-----1.-1 | $23 / 4{ }^{-3}$ | 23/4 ${ }^{23 / 4}$ | 3,000 | 2 c | Jan | 314c | Jan |
| Winnipeg Electric A. |  | $17 / 8{ }^{21 / 4}$ | 11.004 | 1911/4 | ${ }_{\text {Jan }}$ | $20 / 8$ 30 c | Jan |
| Wright Hargre | 238 7.60 | 21 c 7.55 7.70 | ${ }_{5}^{11,332}$ | 19.55 | Feb | 8.15 | Jan |
| Wright Hargre | 7.60 | $414 \mathrm{c} 41 / 4 \mathrm{c}$ | 2,000 | $41 / 80$ | Feb | $51 / 2 \mathrm{c}$ | Jan |
| York Knltting. |  | $81 / 2 \quad 81 / 2$ | 54 |  | Jan | 11 | Jan |
| Bonds- <br> War Loan 1948-52 | 993/4 | 995\% 993/4 | \$21,800 | 995/8 | Feb | 993/4 | Feb |

Toronto Stock Exchange-Curb Section Feb. 17 to Feb. 23, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

| Stockg- | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \text { Frdavy } \\ \text { Lest } \\ \text { Sale } \\ \text { Price } \end{array}$ | $\left.\begin{gathered} \text { Week's Range } \\ \text { oow Prices } \\ \text { Hohon } \end{gathered} \right\rvert\,$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales } \\ & \text { Sor } \\ & \text { Week } \\ & \text { Shares } \end{aligned}$ | Ranpe Stnce Jan. 1, 1940 |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 170 |  |  |  |  |
| Canadd Vin |  | 1.25 | 1.40 | 2,314 | 100 | Jan | 140 |  |
| Consollidated Pade |  | $6 \%$ | 73 | 1,081 | $6{ }^{64 / 4}$ |  |  |  |
| Consolliated Press | $83 / 2$ | 60 | ${ }_{60}{ }^{81 / 2}$ |  | $60^{7 / 2}$ | Jan |  | - |
| Corrugated Box pre |  | 50 | 50 | 10 | 40 | Jan | 50 | e |
| DeHavilland | 12 | 12 | 1476 | 20 | 12 | ${ }_{\text {Feb }}^{\text {Feb }}$ | 40 | 边 |
| Dominion Brid |  | 897/8 | 897 | 25 | 897/8 | Feb | 89 | eb |
| othlils |  | 80 |  | 500 | ${ }^{756}$ | Feb | ${ }^{05}$ | Jan |
| Kirkland-Townst |  |  |  | 75 |  |  | 3014 |  |
| Montreal Power | 303/4 | $3031 / 2$ | ${ }^{30768}$ |  | ${ }^{30} 21 / 5$ |  | ${ }_{21}^{31 / 4}$ |  |
| (ils Selections |  | 30 | 35 |  |  |  | 35 |  |
| Pend-Orellle |  | 1.80 |  | 2,600 | ${ }_{2} 1.75$ |  |  |  |
| rs M |  |  | $211 / 2$ | 230 | 21 |  |  |  |
| 1 skaming Minin |  | 6 C |  | 3,800 |  |  | 83/3 |  |

Industrial and Public Utility Bonds
Closing bid and asked quotations, Friday, Feb. 23

|  | $B 1 /$ 48 | ${ }^{\text {Ask }}$ | Gatineau Power 3\%8_1969 | ${ }_{871 / 4}{ }^{\text {B1d }}$ | ${ }_{88}{ }_{88}$ |
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| Abitid P \& Pap ctis 6o 1963 | 78 | 81 | Gen Steel W\%ares 41/88-1952 | 80 | 82 |
| Algoma Steel Sa....... 1948 | 84 | 86 | Gt Lakes Pad Co 18t $5 \mathrm{~s} \cdot 55$ | 76 | 78 |
| ${ }_{\text {Beauharnols PT Corb }}{ }^{\text {A }}$ '78 | 78 | 80 | Int Pr \& Pap of Nfid 58 ' 68 | 85 | 87 |
| British Col Pow 41/8.1960 | $791 / 2$ | $80^{1 / 2}$ | Lare St John Pr \& Pad Co |  |  |
| Brown Co 1st 5159....1946 | 44 |  |  | 71 | 73 |
| Calgary Power Co 58-1960 | 943/4 | 96 |  |  | 62 |
| Canada Cement 41/8-1951 | 80 | 82 | Massey-Hartis 41/8_-.1954 | 75 |  |
| Canada S8 Lines 58-F-1957 | 80 | 82 | Minn \& Ont Pap 6s--1945 | 36 | 37312 |
| Canadlan Inter Pap 681949 | 86 | 87 | McColl-Front O11 43/8 1949 | 80 |  |
| Canadian Vickers Co 6 ' ${ }^{\text {'47 }}$ | 55 | 57 |  |  | 69 |
| Consol Pap CorD-_... 519618 ex-stock | 501/2 | 52 | Power CorD. of Can 43/38 ${ }^{\circ} 59$ Price Brothers 1st 58_-1957 | 89 77 | 91 79 81 |
| Dom Gas \& Elec 6 $1 / 8.1945$ | 86 | 87 | Quebeo Power 4s...-. 1962 | $801 / 2$ | 1/2 |
| Dom Steel \& Coal $61 / 8 \mathrm{~s} 1955$ | 88 | 80 |  |  |  |
| Dom Tar \& Chem 41881951 | 80 | 82 |  | 80 | 82 |
| Donnacona Fader Co-1956 | 66 | 68 | 4-58 serles A.-.-.-- 1965 |  | 64 |
| Famous Players 431/3-. 1951 | 79 | 81 | 4-58 ser! |  |  |
| Federal Grain $68 \ldots 1949$ | 78 | 80 |  |  |  |

## Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities-Friday Feb. 23



## New York State Bonds

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## Port of New York Authority Bonds



Federal Land Bank Bonds



| Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | $\|$Ask <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ |
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Joint Stock Land Bank Stocks


Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures


## New York Trust Companies

| Bank of New York.... $\begin{array}{r}\text { Par } \\ 100\end{array}$ Bankers. Bronx County new Brooklyn. | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Bid } & \begin{array}{c} A s k \\ 433 \\ 59 \end{array} \\ \hline 543 \\ 183 / 623 / 23 / 2 \\ 82 & 87 \end{array}$ | \|Fulton_-.-.-.-...- ${ }^{\text {Par }} 100$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} \text { Ask } \\ 3010 \\ 302 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Guaranty .-..--.-....- 100 |  |  |
|  |  | Kings County |  |  |
| Central Hanover . . . . . 20 |  | Manutacturers.-........- ${ }^{20}$ | ${ }_{39}^{29}$ | ${ }_{41}^{32}$ |
| Chemical Bank \& Trust. 10 | ${ }_{51}^{51}{ }^{53}$ | Preferred.-.-.-.-.-.-. 20 |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{lll}31 & 3 \\ 10\end{array}$ | New York---- ${ }_{\text {NTte }}$ |  |  |
|  |  | Title Cuarantee \&\% Tr..-12 | 10 | $12{ }^{4 / 4}$ |
| Corn Exch Bk [ Tr --.-20 |  |  | 80 |  |
| Emplire.-- | 12 <br> 12 | Underw States --..-...... 100 |  | 1725 |



## Vermilye Brothers

## Specialists in Insurance Stocks

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## FHA Insured Mortgages

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| Alaba | 101 | 102 | Minnes | 101 | 1023/2 |
| ${ }_{\text {Arkansas }}{ }_{5}$ | 10036 | 104 | New Jers |  |  |
| Delaware $41 / 3$ |  | 102 | $\mathrm{N} \mathbf{~} \mathrm{Y}$ (Metrop area) |  |  |
| District ot Columbia $41 / 28$. | $1011 / 2$ | $1023 / 2$ | New York State 41/2 | 1013 | 023 |
|  | 101 | ${ }_{1022}^{1023}$ | North Carolina ${ }^{\text {Pennsylvanis }}$ 4 | 101324 |  |
| Illnois 43/8. | 101/2 | 1021/2 | Rhode Island 41/28. |  |  |
| Indiana $4 / 3 / 8$ | 101 | ${ }_{102}^{102}$ | South Carolina ${ }^{\text {T }}$ Tennessee $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ |  |  |
| Maryland $41 / 28$ | 101 | ${ }_{102}^{102}$ | Tennessee 4 | 1013/2 |  |
| Massachusetts |  |  | Virgina 41/8 |  |  |
| Michigan 41/28 | 1011/2 | 1023/2 | West Virginia $41 / 28$. | 101 |  |

## Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities-Friday Feb. 23-Continued

| Guaranteed Railroad Stocks <br> Joseph TJalker \& Sons |  |  |
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Guaranteed Railroad Stocks

| Par | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dioldend } \\ & \text { in Dollars } \end{aligned}$ | Btd | Asted |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama \& Vlcksburg (dilinols Central) - .-......- 100 | 6.00 | 71 | 74 |
| Albany \& Susquehanna (Delaware \& Hudson) .....-100 |  |  |  |
| Allegheny \& Western (Butr Roch \& Pitts) .-.---.... 50 | ${ }_{2}^{6.00}$ |  |  |
|  | 8.75 | 851/2 | 86 |
| Boston \& Providence (New Haven) | -8.50 | ${ }_{37}^{17}$ | 22 |
| Canada Southern (New York Central) - ${ }^{\text {cour }}$ | ${ }_{5}^{3.00}$ | 861/2 | 88 |
| Caroina | 5.00 |  | 85 |
| Cleveland \& Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) .......---...-50 | 3.50 | $763 /$ | 78 |
|  | 00 |  |  |
| ware (Pennsylvania) --7 | 2.00 <br> 5 <br> 5 <br> 50 | ${ }_{58}^{46}$ | ${ }_{62}{ }^{472}$ |
| Fort Wayne \& Jackson pre ( N-A CLI) | ${ }_{9.00}$ | 154 |  |
| Lackawanna RR of N J (Del Lack |  | 41 | 42 |
| Mlichlyan Central (New York Central) | 0.00 |  |  |
| Morris \& Essex (Del Lack \& Western)--- --->--50 | - 3.875 |  |  |
| New York Lackawanna \& Destern ( ${ }^{\text {N }}$ | 4.00 | 873/4 | $901 / 2$ |
| Oswego \& Syracuse (Del Lack \& Western) | 4.50 |  |  |
| Pittsburgh Beessemer \& Lake Erie (U S Steel) | ${ }^{1.50}$ | 43 83 83 | 45 |
|  | 7.00 | ${ }_{173}$ | $17 \overline{6}^{-9}$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| Renselaer \& Earatoga ( Delaware \& Hudson) .......100 | 6.64 | ${ }_{66}$ | ${ }^{69}{ }^{\circ}$ |
| St Louls bridge 1st prei (Terminal RR | - 6.00 | ${ }^{135}$ | 71 |
| Second preterred - | - ${ }^{3.00}$ | ${ }_{136}$ |  |
| United New Jersey RR \& C Canal (Peñsylvania) ----100 | 10.00 | 243 | 26 |
| Utica Chenango © Susquehanna ( ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 6.00 <br> 5.00 <br>  | ${ }_{62}{ }^{49}$ |  |
|  | 5.00 | 57\% | ${ }^{1}$ |
| Preterred | 5.00 |  |  |
| Warren RR of N J (Del Lack \& Western) | 3.50 3.00 | $\stackrel{25}{54}$ | 551/2 |

Railroad Equipment Bonds

|  |  | Ast |  | ${ }^{\text {bta }}$ | Ask |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Atlantic | ${ }_{6}{ }^{\text {br }}$ | 2 | New |  |  |
| Baitimore \& Ohio $41 / 8.8$ Boston \& Maine $41 / 28$. | ${ }_{\text {b }}^{63.00}$ | 2.50 | New York Centrail $41 / 2 \mathrm{~B}$--- | ${ }_{62,00}^{62.75}$ | ${ }^{2.50}$ |
|  | ${ }^{\text {b3 }} 3.50$ | 2.50 | New York Chicag |  |  |
| 31/28 Dec 1 1936-1944 |  |  |  | 62.50 | 2.00 |
| Canad | ${ }^{63.50}$ | 2.50 | Hartiord 43/2 | ${ }_{\text {b }}^{63.00}$ | 2.25 |
| Canadian Pautifo 41/28 | ${ }_{63.50}^{63.50}$ | ${ }_{2.50}^{2.50}$ |  | ${ }_{61}{ }^{\text {b2 }}$ | 1.00 |
| Cent RR New J Jersey 43/2 | b2.50 | 1.50 |  | b1.00 |  |
| Ciesabea | b1.75 | 1.25 | 4 s serles E |  |  |
| Chicago \& Nor West 43/2 |  |  | Jan \& July 1937-49 | 62.00 | 1.60 |
| Chic Mlw \& St Paul 41/8. | ${ }_{64.50}^{84.50}$ | 3.75 <br> 3.75 | 23/8 serres G non-call |  |  |
| Chicago RII \& Pacific Trustees' ctis $31 / 28$ | 100 | 100 | Dtte | 62.10 | 1.60 |
|  |  |  | Reading Co 43/2 |  |  |
| Denver 58. | ${ }_{\text {b3, }}{ }^{\text {a }}$ | 3.00 | Louls-San Fran |  |  |
| Erte Rr 4h/s........... | 63.25 | 2.25 | 41/6 | ${ }_{63}{ }^{8}$ | 2.25 |
| Great Northern $41 / 2$ | ${ }^{63} 1.00$ | 0.50 | St Louis B | 62.7 | 2.00 |
| Hocking Valley | b1.00 | 0.50 | Southern Pacirlic Southern Ry 41/2 | ${ }^{62.00}$ | 1.50 |
| Illinols C | 62.2 | 1.50 |  |  |  |
| Internat Great Nor 41/2s.- | 62.75 | 2.0 | Texa |  |  |
| ng | \%2.50 |  |  |  |  |
| 58 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Malne Central 5s-......- |  |  |  |  |  |
| MMssouri Paol |  |  | Weestern Maryland Western Pacilic 5 s | ${ }_{6}^{61.75}$ | 1.25 <br> 3.00 |
|  |  |  | estern P |  |  |
| We Maintain Markets In Unlisted Sugar Securities <br> LAWRENCE TURNURE \& CO. <br> FOUNDED 1832 <br> Members New York Stock Exchange New York Coffee \& Sugar Exchange New York Curb Exchange (Associate) ONE WALL ST., N. Y. <br> Bell Teletype NY 1-1642 <br> WHitehall 3-0770 |  |  |  |  |  |
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## Sugar Securities

| Bonds | ${ }^{\text {Btd }}$ | Ask | Stocks $\quad$ Par | Bud | Ask |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Antilla Sugar Estates- | 5231/2 | 25 | Cuban Atlantic Sugar....-5 Eastern Sugar Assoc com. | ${ }_{9}^{914}$ | 93/4 |
| ${ }_{\text {Baraqua Sugar Estates }}^{68}$ | 162 | 64 | $\text { Preferred -- } \begin{array}{\|l\|l} \text { Punta Alegre Sugar Corp- } \end{array}$ | 281/2 | $\begin{aligned} & 30 \\ & 12 \\ & 12 \end{aligned}$ |
|  | f3312 | 5 | Savannh Sugar Reitg - 1 | 33 | 35 |
| New Niquero Sugar Co- |  |  | Sugar Co $\qquad$ | 334 | ${ }_{9}^{414}$ |

Railroad Bonds

|  | Btd | Asked |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Akron Canton \& Youngstown 53/8 |  | 43 |
|  | ${ }^{\text {f } 115 / 2}$ |  |
| Baltimore \& Ohlo 4s secured notes.------------------1944 |  |  |
|  | ${ }_{49}^{75}$ | ${ }_{501 / 2}^{76}$ |
|  | 461/3 |  |
| Cambria do Clearileld 48 |  | ${ }_{61} 102$ |
|  | 74 | 78 |
|  | 103 |  |
|  | 59 | 61 |
| Connecting Rallway of Phllad | 112 |  |
| 3 RR improvement an |  | 34 |
|  | 78 50 | ${ }_{55}$ |
|  |  |  |
| Indiana | 581/4 | 611/2 |
| Kansas Oklahoma \& Gulf 5s..-------------------1---1978 |  |  |
|  | 104\%/4 | 104/8/8 |
| Memphis U nion Station 5 S |  |  |
|  | 100 | $\cdots$ |
| New York \& Harien 31/28--7- |  |  |
| New York Phliadelphas at Norin | ${ }^{13} 1$ | 14 |
| New Orieans ${ }^{\text {New }}$ Hork H Hoboken Ferry |  |  |
| Norwich \& Worcester $413 / 8$ - - | ${ }^{90}$ |  |
| Pennsylvanla \& New York Canail 5 sextended to.........-1949 | 103 | 105 |
|  |  |  |
| Pitaburgh jessemer |  | 88 |
|  | 80 |  |
| Tennessee Alabama \& Geo | ${ }_{70}^{73}$ | ${ }_{99} 7$ |
| rminal RR Assn of St Louls | 97 |  |
| mre Haute \& | 106 | 102 |
| Toledo Peoria \& | 19 |  |
| Toledo Terminal 4 L/8, 8 - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ${ }_{93}$ | 97 |
| United New Jersey Railiroad \& Canal $31 / 2 \mathrm{~B}$. | 105 |  |
|  |  | 90 |
|  |  | ${ }_{47} 70$ |
| Washington County Ry 3 | 59 | ${ }_{61}$ |

Industrial Stocks and Bonds


Telephone and Telegraph Stocks

| Par |  | ${ }^{\text {Ask }}$ | Par | Bid |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Am Dist Teleg ( N J ${ }^{\text {com- }}$ * | 103312 | 1073/2 | Mtn States Tel \& Tel - 100 | 139 | 142 |
|  | ${ }_{130}^{11532}$ | ${ }^{1135}{ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | $181 / 2$ |  |
| Bell Telep of Pa pret--100 | 123 | 125 | Peninsular Teled com..-- ${ }^{*}$ | 33\% |  |
| Cuban Teleph 6\% pret. 100 | 54 | 59 | Preterred A --------- ${ }^{25}$ | 30\% | $321 / 8$ |
| Emp \& Bay State Tel. - 100 | ${ }_{25}^{45}$ |  | Roch erter Telephone- |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Frank }}$ Gen Telep Allied Corp- |  |  | So \& At1 Telegraph--.- 25 | 181/2 | 20313 |
|  | 7373 |  |  |  |  |

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Public Utility Preferred Stocks
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## Public Utility Stocks



## Public Utility Bonds



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## Foreign Stocks, Bonds and Coupons Inactive Exchanges

BRAUNL \& CO., INC.
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## Foreign Unlisted Dollar Bonds

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## Real Estate Bonds and Title Co. Mortgage Certificates

| tge 3s. 19 | Bid S34 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Beacon Hotel inc 48.. 1958 |  |
| B'way Barclay inc 28... 1956 | $f 22$ |
| B'way \& 41st Street- 1st leasehold $31 / 2-58$ 1944 |  |
| Broadway Motors Bldg- |  |
| Brooklyn Fox Cor |  |
| 38........-.........- 1957 |  |
| Chanin Bldg 1 | 42 |
| Cheseborough Bidg 1st 68'48 |  |
| Colonade Construction |  |
| 1st $4 \mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{~W}-\mathrm{B}) \ldots \ldots{ }^{\text {a }}$ - 1948 |  |
| Court \& Remsen St Off Bld |  |
| 1st 31/8.-.-.-.-.-- 1950 |  |
| Dorset 1st \& fixed 2s_. 1957 |  |
| Eastern Ambass |  |
| Hotel unit |  |
| Equit Off Bldg deb 5s 1952 |  |
|  |  |
| Broadway Bldg |  |
|  |  |
| 0 Fifth A venu |  |
| $61 / 28$ (stamped |  |
| \& Madison Off B |  |
| 1 st lease |  |
| Fllm Center Bldg 1st 4 s '49 |  |
| 40 Wall St Corp 6s..-1958 | $f 2$ |
| 42 Bway 1st 68_-...-1939 |  |
| 1400 Broadway Bld |  |
| 1st 4s stamped ..... 1948 |  |
| Fuller Bldg debt 6s... 1944 |  |
| 1st 21/2-4s (w-8) ... 1949 |  |
| Graybar Bldg 1st lshld 58 '46 |  |
| Harriman Bldg 1 |  |
| rst Brisb |  |
| Hotel St George 4s... 1950 |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |
| fcourt State B |  |
| 1st lease 4-61/4._-. 1948 |  |
| Lewls Morris Apt Bldg 1st 48 |  |
| exington Hotel |  |
| ncoln Buildin |  |
| Income $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ w-8... 1963 |  |
| London Terrace Apts |  |
| 18t \& gen 3-48--...-1952 |  |
| 1st 5s (Bklyn) ..... 1947 |  |
| 1st 5 s (L I) |  |


| $\begin{aligned} & B i d \\ & 534 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{\text {A } 8 \mathbf{k}}$ | Metropol Playhouses Ino- | $B 1 d$ 72 | 73 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $f 22$ | 24 |  |  |  |
|  |  | N Y Athletic Club- | 20 |  |
|  |  | N Y Maj |  |  |
| $631 / 2$ | 651/2 | $1{ }^{18}$ | 41/2 | 6 |
|  |  | $\mathrm{N}_{5} \mathrm{Y}$ |  |  |
|  | -101/8 | 5 $5 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ series ${ }^{\text {C }}$ | 36 | 37 |
| 42 | 44 | $51 / 28$ serles F | 553/4 | 57 |
| 50 | 52 | $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ series | 423/4 |  |
| 19 |  | Olicro | 2 | 3 |
|  |  | 1 Park Avenue- |  |  |
| 26 | 28 | 2 d mtge 6 s -- | $521 / 3$ | 23 |
| 26 | 28 | ${ }_{165}$ E S7th St 1st 68_-1941 | 21 | 23 |
| $21 / 2$ | 3 | Sec f ctis $41 / 4 \mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{~W}-\mathrm{s}) \cdot 58$ | 41 | 43 |
| 25 |  | Prudence Secur Co- $51 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ stamped $-\ldots . .-1961$ | 63 |  |
| 17 | 19 | Realty Assoc Sec Corp- 58 income.-...-1943 | 541/2 |  |
| $133 / 4$ |  | Roxy Theatre- <br> . 1st mtge 48 ......... 1957 | 66 |  |
|  | 36 |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {403 }}^{403}$ |  | Savoy Plaza Corp- 3s with stock |  |  |
| ${ }_{f 30}{ }^{23}$ | 241/2 | 38 with stock ...... 1956 | J11 |  |
|  |  | $1 \mathrm{st} 53 / \mathrm{s}$ ( $\mathrm{W}-\mathrm{8}$ ) 1956 | $f 10$ |  |
| 20 |  | 60 Park Place | 39 |  |
| 20 | 32 | 1st 31/28............ | 39 |  |
| 80 | 82 | 61 Broadway |  |  |
|  | 20 | (31/28 With |  |  |
| 41 | 43 | 3s with stock...... 1 | 21 |  |
| 31 | $323 / 2$ | Syracuse Hotel (Syracuse) | 69 |  |
| 52 | 55 | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Textlle Bldg } \\ 1 \text { 1st } 3-5 s, \ldots \end{array}\right\|$ | 24 | 26 |
| 55 |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Trinity Blags Corp- } \\ 18 t 51 / 28 & 1939 \end{array}\right\|$ |  |  |
| $49$ |  | Park Ave Bldg ist 4-5s'46 | 49 |  |
|  |  | Waibridge Bldg (Butalo)- |  |  |
| 70 | 72 |  |  |  |
| 381 | 393/4 | $1 \mathrm{st} 41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ w-s | $91 / 2$ | 21 |
|  |  | estinghouse 1 st mige 48 | 65 |  |
| 60 |  |  |  |  |

## Chain Store Stocks

| Par | B1d | Ask | Par | Btd | Ask |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Berla | $41 / 2$ | 7 | Kobacker Stores- |  |  |
| B/G Foods inc common | 18 | ${ }_{3}^{21 / 8}$ | 7\% | 65 |  |
| Bohack (Hefred common. $7 \%$ | $261 / 2$ | 29312 | Miller (1) Sons com | ${ }_{15}^{2}$ | 4 |
| amond shoe pref. .-. 100 | 1081/4 |  |  |  |  |
| Flshman (M H) Co Inc.-* | $71 / 2$ | $91 / 2$ |  | 99 |  |
| Kress (S H) 6\% | 12 |  | $\$ 5$ preferred | 177/8 |  |

* No par value. a Interchangeable. $b$ Basis price. $d$ Coupon. e Ex-interest.
$f$ Flat price. $n$ Nominal quotation. $v$ i When issued. $w-s$ With stock. $x$ Ex$f$ Flat price. $n$ Nomina
$\dagger$ Now listed on New York Stock Exchange.
$\ddagger$ Now selling on New York Curb Exchange.
Quotation not $\$ 89.50$ of principal amount. $5 \%$ was pald on July 2 and $5 \frac{1}{2} \%$ Sept. 25.

Millers National Insurance Co. of Chicago Observes Seventy-Fifth Anniversary
The Millers National Insurance Co., which claims the distinction of being the largest and oldest fire insurance company in Illinois, observed its seventy-fifth anniversary on Feb. 15. The company was founded on Feb. 15, 1865 under the name of the Planters Insurance Co. of Springtield, IIl., four years beîore the Stata oi Illinois passed a general law governing the organization $o_{1}$ tire insurance companies. The Millers National Insurance Co. has grown to an institution with services extending from coast to coast. The company is headed by L. C. Gray of Kansas City, Mo., a director since 1935 and a member of the executive committee, who was elected non-resident President in April, 1939. From an account of the company's activity we quote the following: The history of Millers National is not spectacular, rather it is the story of sound and steady growth. The company has alw year has been security
management whose chief concein all through the years has for its policyholders, so today out of total assets of $87,014,075$, an actual surplus of $\$ 3,460,361$ is maintained.
In 1869 the company's charter was amended locating the home office at Chicago. In 1875 its name was changed to the Fidelity Fire Insurance Co. of Chicago, Ill. Then in 1877 the name was changed to Millers National Insurance Co. when a separate department was organized to specialize in the writing of property insurance for millers and grain dealers. It was in this
way that the name which this company has been known as for the past 63 years came into being.
The year 1939 has been a successful year for the Millers National both from the standpoint of premium income and loss experience. Its 3,000
agents in the United States and Canada produced over $\$ 3,500,000$ in fire, agents in the United States and Canada produced over $\$ 3,500,000$ in

## General Corporation and Investment News RAILROAD-PUBLIC UTILITY-INDUSTRIAL-INSURANCE-MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE-For mechanical reasons it is not alwaye possible to arrange companios in oxact alphabetical ordor However, they are always as near alphabetical position as possible.

## FILING OF REGISTRATION STATEMENTS UNDER

 SECURITIES ACTThe following additional registration statements (Nos. 4319,4320 and 4322) have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933. The amount involved is approximately $\$ 9,714,800$.
Tampa Northern RR. Co, bondholders' protective committee
(2-4319, Form D1) of Baltimore, Md., has filed a registration statement (2-4319, Form D1) of Baltimore, Md., has filed a registration statement
covering
$\$ 1,258,000$ bonds for issuance after deposit of certificates of deposit for the 5\%\% 1st mitge. orold counce bonds due 1936. Filed without
plan of reorganization. Filed Feb. 17, 1940. plan of reorganization. Filed Feb. 17, 1940.
 stock and 100,000 warrants. Of the common stock registered $8,0,00$ shares remain unsold from previous registration 2 2-4163 (see "Chronicle" of writer will offer 49,160 units composed of five shares of common stock and $t$ wo warrants at $\$ 12.50$ per unit 100,000 shares of the stock registered are reserved for the conversion of warrants. Proceeess of issue will be
used for exploration, leases, drilling and working capital. John C. Meyer used for exploration, leases, drilling and working capital. John C. Meyer
is President of the company. The Meyer Corp. has been named underis President of the company.
writer. Filed Feb. 20, 1940 .
West Ponn Power Co. (2-4322, Form A2) of Pittsburgh, Pa., has filed a registration statement covering $\$ 5,000,000$ of 1 st mtge. $3 \%$ bonds,
series K , due March 1, 1970, and 24,923 shares of $43 /{ }^{2}$ cum pre series K, due March 1, 1970, and 24,923 shares of $43 / \%$ cum. pref. stock,
par $\$ 100$. Flled Feb. 21,1940 . (See subsequent page for further details.)

The last previous list of registration statements was given in our issue of Feb. 17, page 1127.

Air Investors, Inc.-Exchange Offer-
Subject to the condition that stockholders authorize a reduction in the
capital of the corporation on or before March 16, all holders of the concapital of the corporation on or before March 16 , all holders of the con-
vertible preference stock are being offered the privilege, until the close of vertibe preference stock are beig orfered the priviege, untin exe ciose or
business on March 16, or exchanging all or any partor the share of con-
vertible preference stock held by them for shares of the capital stock of vertithe preference stock held by them for shares of the capitar 1 stock of
Pan American Airways Corp. at the rate of $11 / 2$ shares of capital stock of Pan American Airways Corp. at the rate of $11 /$ shares of capital stock op
Pan American for each share of convertible preference stock of Air InPan American for each share
vestors, Inc.-V.
. 49, p. 876.
Alabama Power Co.-Would Sell Unit-
for authority to sell its Decatur distribution system to the municipality for authority to sell its Decatur distribution system to the municipality, Athority electricitity. Hearing on the petition has been set for March 4 The price amsreed upoa, according to Mo W. W. Robinson, operations manager
of the company, is $\$ 193$,o00. He said there would be a salvage value of of the compary, is $\$ 193$, oovo He said there would be a salvage value of
about $\$ 10,000$ in the private system. The Decatur system, once under option to TVA, was offered at one time to Decatur for something under
$\$ 350,000$, he said, which is estimated to have been the cost of the duplicate municipal system. The two systems have been competing since March, 1939 . -V. 150, p. 985.
Alleghany Corp.-Time for Filing Plan ExtendedThe Marine Midland Trust Co. New York, as trustee for the Alleghany within which a plan of readjustment for the 58 of 1950 may be submitted,
under the terms of the agreement dated Sept. 28,1939 under which Manuunder the terms of the agreement dated sept, 28 . 1939 under which Manu-
facturers Trust Co. is holding in trust 107.579 shares of Chesapeake \& Ohio Ry. Co. common stock withdrawn from the collateral securing Alleghany

Allen Industries, Inc.-Earnings-

c Interest, expenses and miscellaneous deductions.
Note-Provision for depreciation for the year, amounting to $\$ 135,066$ has been made herein. Balance Sheet Dec. 31

| . Balance Sheet Dec. 31 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | 1939 | 1938 | LTabllities- | 1939 | 1938 |
| Cash on hand \& on |  |  | Trade accounts.-- | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 300,378 \\ 28.885 \end{array}$ | \$148,445 |
| U.S. Treas.bills- | ,506 | \$73,466 |  |  |  |
| at |  | 200,000 | bal'ces \& claims | 10,735 | 12,329 |
| Trade acets. (net). | 661,175 | 477,927 | Payrolls taxes.--- | 25,136 | 17,081 |
| Inventorles. | 644,783 | 486,312 | Miscell. curr. liab. | 898 | 1,232 |
| Other assets (net)- | 95,391 | 64,192 | Accrued expenses. | 9,076 | 7,600 |
| Value of life insur. | 10,870 | 8,377 | Fed. taxes on inc., |  |  |
| Misc. acets. \& ad- |  |  | estimated.----- | 135,000 | 14,200 |
| vances.- | 2,507 | 1,175 | Reserves | ,386 | 7,613 |
| Property, plant \& equipment (net) | 1,678,791 | 1,547,453 | Mortgage payable a Capital stock | $\begin{array}{r} \text { b451,800 } \\ 262,800 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 496,375 \\ & 254,400 \end{aligned}$ |
| Deferred charges.. | 77,314 | 84,189 | Capital surplus. | 1,204,389 | 1,135,761 |
|  |  |  | Earned surplus. | 1,028,852 | 823,879 |
| Total | 30,337 | 43,090 | Total | 460,336 |  | Total_-....... $\$ 3,460,337 \$ 2,943,090$ Total........-- $\$ 3,460,336 \$ 2,943,090$

a Par value $\$ 1$ per share. b Includes $\$ 46,449$ due within one year.-V.

Allied International Investing Corp.-DelistingThe securities and Exchange Commission has issued an order granting registration the common stock (no par value), of the corporation. The application stated, among other things, that in the opinion of the Board of Governors of the Exchange the aggregate market value of this stock out-
standing in the hands of the public is so inadequate as to make further standing in the hands of the public is so inadequate as to make further
dealings in it on the Exchange inadvisable. The order granting the application becomes effective at the close of the trading session on March 11.
V. 149, p. 4163 .

Allied Mills, Inc.-Borrows $\$ 1,600,000-$
Company on Jan. 26 last borrowed a total of $\$ 1,600,000$ on 30 promissory
notes with interest ranging from $11 / 5 \%$ to $31 / 2 \%$ to pay for the 133,780 shares of its stock which it bought from Corn Products Refining Oo. Na-
tional City Bank of New York and Bankers Life Co. of Des Moines, Iowa provided the funds in equal amounts.
Notes numbered from 1 to 15 are repayable, in principal at an average of
$\$ 53,333.33$ for each installment, to the National Cint Bank of New York with interest starting at $11 / 2 \%$ and ranging to $3 \%$. The first installment due the National City Bank falls due six months after date of issue and each succeeding installment due six months later. Notes numbered 15 to 30
are repayable to the Bankers Life Oo., the first falling due 8 years from the date of issue and each succeeding installment due six months later, a date of issue and each succeeding installment due six months later, at
interest rates ranging from 3 to $35 / 5$, , the final payment due 15 years
after the date of issue
Alpha Portland Cement Co.-Earnings-
 Summary of Surplus for the Years Ended Dec. 31, 1939 and 1938 Years Ended Dec. 31-
Surplus at beginning of yea $\begin{array}{r}1939 \\ -\$ 3,313,336 \\ \hline\end{array} \mathbf{1 9 3 8}, 737,879$
 Amond discount on bonds owned. ye.................
 Surplus at end of year .-......................-- $\$ 3,395,1 2 4 \longdiv { \$ 3 , 3 1 3 , 3 3 6 }$

|  | 1939 | 1938 |  | 1939 | 193 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | - | \$ | Liablltites- |  |  |
| Cash | 1,885,538 | 1,892,821 | Accounts payable. | 202,097 | 244.816 |
| U.S. Treas, bonds | 4,378,070 | 3,603,041 | Wages payable... | 29,778 | 41,628 |
| Wkg. funds, advs., |  |  | Accrued taxes. | 237,090 | 124,825 |
|  | 125,259 | 154,065 | Res.-Compens. \& |  |  |
| Notes \& accts. rec. |  |  | other insurance. | 606,493 30,437 | 605,916 34,471 |
| Inventorles | 1,323,900 | $1,163,283$ | Miscellaneous |  |  |
| Com. stock (5,100 |  |  | value \$26 a sh.). | ,759.600 | 16,759,600 |
| shares, at cost)- | 61,739 | 61,739 | Surplus. | ,395,125 | 3,313,336 |
| Miscell. investm'ts |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ,082,815 |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred items. | 35,931 | 13, 49,644 |  |  |  |

a
-V After depreciation and depletion (1939, p 2501 . $\$ 21,504,715 ; 1938, \$ 20,556,360$ )
American Business Credit Corp.-Earnings$\begin{array}{cc}6 \text { Months Ended Dec. 31- } & 1939 \\ \text { Net income after all charges }\end{array}$ ${ }_{\mathbf{\$ 4 7}}^{\mathbf{1 9 3 8}} \mathbf{1 3 6}$

American Can Co. (\& Subs.) -Earnings-


 Special pay under om-
ployes annuity plan-


 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Pref. dividends }(7 \%) & 2,-- & 286,331 & 2,886,331 & 2,886,331 & 2,886,331 \\ \text { Common dividends...- } & 9,895,992 & 9,895,992 & 9,895,992 & 12,369,990\end{array}$ Goodwill, trade marks,
\&ce., charged off....
 Unreg. bals. in contg.res. $\frac{\ldots \ldots-}{\quad \text { Profit and loss }} \frac{\ldots \ldots}{\$ 50,255,973} \frac{4,284,970}{\$ 44,753,332} \frac{\ldots 43,890,157}{\$ 79,053,557}$ $\begin{array}{rrrrr}\text { Shares com. stock out- } & 2,473,998 & 2,473,998 & 2,473,998 & 2,473,998 \\ \text { standing (par } \$ 25) & \mathbf{\$ 4 . -} & \mathbf{2 , 4 5} & \mathbf{\$ 6 . 0 8} & \\ \text { Earned per share } & \$ 5.80\end{array}$ x Includes $\$ 975,000$ for surtax on undistributed net income. Y Includes interest expense and sundry other deductions. z pricludes $\$ 584,483$ interest and sundry deductions and $\$ 434,000$ addition to referred accounts and bills receivable. doubtful deferred accounts and
a Includes $\$ 271,016$ for interest and exchange, $\$ 516,003$ adjustments applicable to prior years and purchase
and $\$ 593,364$ for plant retirements. \&c.

| Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Incl. Subs.) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 19391938 |  | 1939 | 38 |
| Assets- | 3 | Llabtlities- |  |  |
| Plants, real est., |  | Preferred stock. | 41,233,300 | 41,233,300 |
| \&c., incl. new |  | Common stock | 61,849,950 | 61,849,950 |
| Other investm'ts | 774,27 1,378,005 | Accts; pay., in |  |  |
|  | 764,227 10, 1 , 378,005 | acce wages |  |  |
|  | 17,071,915 10,922,028 | taxes, ins., \& | 13,442,128 |  |
| Accts. \& bills rec 1 | 15,638,977 15,855,455 | Res. 10 Fed.tax |  | 2,950,000 |
| Deferred acts. and bills rec.- |  | 10-yr. $23 / 4 \%$ debs | 10,000,000 |  |
|  | ${ }_{2}{ }_{307}^{534,064} \quad 2{ }^{6460,306}$ | Pref. and com. | 3,195.581 | 3,195,581 |
| Mat'ls \& prod.. | 44,284,502 36,153,099 | Conting. funds. | 8,906,828 | 6,678,968 |
|  |  | Surplus. | 50,255,973 | 44,753,332 |
|  |  | Total..- |  |  | -V. 148, p. 1467.

American Car, \& Foundry Motors Co.-Petition to Examine Company's Books Denied-
William W. Fogarty's application to the Supreme Court of New York
for an order to inspect the books and records of the company has been denied. Judge Bernstein, in his opinion, said: respondents is denied. The petitioner is a resident of Pennsylvania, th
respondent company is a Delaware corporation not authorized to do bus
ness in this State, and the books and records sought to be examined are
located in Philidelphia. No authority has been called to the attention of the Court to warrant its assumption of jurisdiction on an application for an foreign corporation. Assuming, however, without deciding, that this Court has such jurisdiction by reason or the fact, as clatmed by the petititoner, that the respondent corporation is actually doing business here. the application
is not so convincing on the issue of good taith and proper purpose as to is not so convincing on the issue of goo faith and proper purpose as to
Warrant the exercise of discretion in its favor (Matter of Steinway, 159
N. Y., 250 ). N. Y., 250)."-V. 149, p. 404.

American Chicle Co.-To Reduce StockStockholders at their annual meeting on Mardh 5 will consider decreasing the caphotal stock by retiring 1, 100 shares of common stock owned by the the
company and approving the write-down of certain intangible assets to $\$ 1$. company and appra
American Ice Co.-Preferred DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the $6 \%$
non-cumulative preferred stock. payable March 15 to holders March 1 Last previous payment was 25 cents and was made on Sept. 24, 1938.-v. 149, p. 2960.

American News Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-


 Operating expenses....... $\frac{19,616,967}{\$ 983,608} \frac{18,522,584}{\$ 877,855} \frac{18,129,602}{\$ 1,701,940} \frac{15,786,903}{\$ 1,193,656}$
 $\begin{array}{crrrr}\text { Total net income. } & \mathbf{8 1 , 0 9 7 , 4 0 4} & \$ 1,000,819 & \$ 1,855,430 & \$ 1,318.106 \\ \text { Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes } & 200,000 & 175,000 & 350,000 & 218,097\end{array}$


 declared on the stock of American News New York Corp.
Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

|  |  |  | Shel De. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ssets- | 19 | ${ }_{8}$ | Clabulites- |  |  |
| x Land, building |  |  | y Capital stock. |  |  |
| equipment, | 760 | 7,776,833 | Accts. pay., \% | 7,262,847 |  |
| Cash- |  | ${ }^{5} 1203,208150$ | Ded. income | 108.000 250,000 |  |
| Accts. \& notes rec. | ,256,515 | 4,404,177 | Customer \& agents |  |  |
| ventories | 4,454,930 | 4,433,761 | dep. \& def. cred. | 605,607 |  |
| gees, ree., |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred charges.. | ${ }^{3288,151}$ | 335,734 <br> 376,999 | Insurance, ${ }^{\text {ded }}$ Prov. | 170,430 | 156,5 |
|  |  |  | , |  |  |
|  |  |  | Earned surplus... | 4,871,733 |  |

Iotal .......... $23,892,017$ 23,656,471 $\mid$ Total x After depreciation y Represented by 421,436 no par shares, exclud-
ing 10,564 shares held in treasury.-V. $149, \mathrm{p} .2960$.
American Stores Co.-Sales-
5 Weeks Ended Feb. 31940
$. \$ 11,509$
Sales-150, p. $42 \overline{2}$.
$\qquad$ $\stackrel{1940}{1939}{ }_{1,509,841}^{10,262,876}$

American Tel. \& Tel. Co.- $\$ 65,953,125$ Suit Dismissedtrust law action for tripie damages amounting to $\$ 65,953,125$ against American Telophone \& Telecraph Co., Western Electric Co. and Electrical Research Product, Tnc The action,' riled in Jull, 1933 by the Vocorilm

## American Water Works \& Electric Co., Inc.-Weekly

 Output -Output of electric energy of the electric properties of American Water kilowatt hours, an increase of $11.4 \%$ over the output of $45,846,000$ kilowat hours for the corresponding week of 1939 . lectric energy for the last five
Comparative table of weekly output of en


Anchor Hocking Glass Corp.-To Exchange Preferred Stock-Dividend-New Director-
The board of directors authorized an offer of exchange of shares of a new series $\$ 5$ dividend preferred stock for the $\$ 6.50$ dividend convertible preferred stock now outstanding, at a meeting held Feb. 14 . The exchange
will be on a share for share basis and will be made as of April 1,1940 , if accepted by the requisite number or or holders of the present shares.
The new series of preferred stock will be entitled to cumulative dividends The new series of preferred stock will be entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of \$5 per share per annum, and will be callable at $\$ 110$ per share.
The new shares will not be convertible but in all other respects will be exactly the same as the present preferred stock. the New York stock Exxhange. If the exchange becomes effective any
shares of the $\$ 6.5 \mathrm{p}$ dividend convertible preferred stock not shares of the $\$ 6.5 p$ dividend convertible preferred stock not exchanged will
be called for redemption. Full details concerning the offer will be contained in a leter which will go forward to the holders of the present preferred stock At the same meeting the dir
of $\$ 1.62 \frac{\text { At the }}{}$ per meeting the directors declared the reaular quarterly dividend the corporation, payable April 1, 1940, to holders of record at the close of business March 20, 1940 . New York City was elected as a director to fill the vacancy ch
149, p.
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\section*{A. P. W. Paper Co.-Earnings- <br> | Net sales <br> Cost of sales beff. dëpro Sell., adm. \& gen. exps | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 64 Days } \\ & \text { n. } 13,{ }^{2} 0 \\ & 1,955,805 \\ & 1,3888,145 \\ & 1,386,676 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1938,0 \\ \$ 1,524.028 \\ 1,110.077 \\ 252,764 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mos. Dec. } \\ \text { 1,977 } \\ \$ 1,466,557 \\ 1,085,902 \\ 288,057 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross profit Miscell. earnings (net) | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{\$ 2 4 0 , 9 8 4} \\ \text { Dr8,134 } \end{gathered}$ | \$161,187 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 92,598 \\ D r 10,623 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 140,363 \\ 2,838 \end{array}$ |
| Total $\qquad$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 232,850 \\ & 103,008 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 159,653 \\ & 96,561 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 81,975 \\ & 96,768 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|} \$ 143,201 \\ 96,764 \\ \hline 20 \end{array}$ |
| Depreciation ----- | 2,780 80,693 | 77,210 | 83,227 | 78,53 | <br>  <br> Asbestos Corp., Ltd.-Extra Dividend- <br> Drectors have deciared an extra dividend of 15 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share on the common

stock, both payable March 31 to holders of record March 15. Extra of}

35 cents was paid on Dec. 31 , last and an extra of 15 cents was paid on
Sept. 30 last.-V. 149, p. 3401 .
A. P. W. Properties, Inc.-Earnings-

Rental from Acome Account for $\mathbf{P}$ Months Ended Dec. 31, 1939





-V. $149, \mathrm{p} .4166$.
Arkansas Power \& Light Co.-Earnings-

Period End. Dec. 31- 1939-Month-1938 1939-12 Mos.-1938 | Operating revenues |  | $\$ 809,029$ | $\$ 73,754$ | $\$ 9,686,86$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Oper. exps., incl. taxes.

Prop. retire. res. approp.
Net oper. revenues
Other income (net)
Iross income- ...-. Other int. \& deductions


- Balance. $150, \mathrm{p} .122 .-$

Associated Gas \& Electric Co.-President ResignsRoger $J$. Whiteford, who succeeded John $I$. Mange as chief executive
less than a month before the company filed a petition to reorganize under the Chandler Act, has submitted his resignation as President. Mr . Whiteford, who held the Presidency for a atitle more than two
months, had been proposed by the directors as their choice as trustee for months, had been proposed by the dir

Weekly Output -
The Utility Management Corp. reports that for the week ended Feb. 16,
net electric output of the Associated Gas \& Electric group was 94.929 .535 net electric output or the Associated Gas \& Electric group was $94,929,535$
units (kwh.). This is an increase of $9,277,011$ units or $10.8 \%$ above prounits ( kWh .) F . This is an increase of
Cabinet Members Criticize SEC-Disappointed at Failure to Act as Trustee-
Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Attorney General Robert
mission for refusing to serve as \& Electric Co.
Mr Morgen
Mr. Morgenthau indicated that the company's financial plight had resuhen it empowered the practices" which he believed Congress had foreseen He said he was "disappointed" at the SECCs action and believed that the agency could have "saved substantial sums for consumers, creditors and Mr. Jackson. who origikally joined Mr. Morgenthau in suggesting the SEC as receiver, expressed hope that "some or all of the proper objectives serve.
The
Cabinet officers' criticism of the SEC was contained in letters sent simultaneously to Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, who also has critic
FPC Lists $\$ 80,500,000$ Paid to Hopson Units in 1929-38Resuming its investigation into the THopson service companies, the
Federal Power Commission Feb. 19 introduce evidence showing that a Fetaral Power Commission Feb. 19 introduced evidence showing that a
total of $80,500,000$ was paid by six subsidiaries of the Associated Gas
F total of sysicem to Howard C. Hopson and the service companies in the
Eleriod $1925-1038$ period 1929-1938. ${ }^{192}$. politan Edison Co Noithern Pennsylvania Power Co.' Pennsylvania Electric Co., Erie Lighting Co., the Clarion River Power Co, and Solar
Electric Co., Pennsylvania operating subsidiaries of the Associated Gas \&
Electric system. Electric system.
 panies prepared by Victory G. Gough, of the FPC, and Jeremiah J
Enright, of the Pennsylvania Utillty Commission This report, presented
in evidence in evidence Feb. 19, shows that Mr. Hopson and the service companies for
the period $1929-38$, collected from operating companies of the Associated the
Gas system in excess of $\$ 19,500,000$ the period 1934-38 of $\$ 11,000,000$ and
The report estimates receipts for the profits of $\$ 4,000,000$; for the period $1929-33$. receipts aggregated $\$ 8,50 C, 000$, The investigators reported that the amounts totaling $\$ 19,500,000$ paid the Hopson service companies were in a addition to charges totaling in excess engineering, purchasing and supplies, and merchandising during the years estimated that $12,000,000$ cleared through Utility Clearing Corp., raised the total service charges to $\$ 80,500000$. time to a total of $\$ 428,000$ at the rate of $\$ 250$ a day, the investigators reported.
More than four years ago, in January, 1936, this investigation was instituted by the Federal Power Commission, Pollowing complaint by the Pennsy vania Public service Commission. Hearings were halted by an
injunction issued by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Third
Circuit at Philadel Circuit at Philadelphia. The U. S S Supreme Court in an opinion handed down May 28, 1938, reversed the lower court, and held that the Federal
Power Commission was entitled to complete its investigation free from interference by the court.

SEC Urged to Inquire into Bankruptcy Case-

- Senator George W. Norris (Neb.) asked the Securities and Exchange Commission Feb. 15 to probe to the bottom reports that former Underthe Associated Gas \& Electric Co. before the utility went into receivership. declined to has been widely mentioned for the trusteeship. The SEC has Act.
In a letter to SEC Chairman Jerome Frank, copies of which were sent to Attorney General Robert H. Jackson and secretary of the Treasury Henry
Morgenthau Jr., Mr. Norris said that it "would be embarrassing, to say the least, for Mr. Hanes to accept a position where he might be called upon to prosecute men with whom, as an investment banker, he has been closely "that the strustee must not only be free from technical disqualification for "that the trustee must not, only be free from technical disqualification for interest but- like Caeasr sane -be above suspicion certainly, the
administration of so important a test of the ability of the courts and the Comission to work in harmony should not be embrarassed by starting out under a coud created by an appointment of a truste sselected in advance
by undisclosed private interests whose freedom from conflict with the genera interests of the estate cannot be established without searching inquiry into ine tangled affairs of the company.
"This trusteeshin is a magnificent opportunity to reestablish public confidence in Federal court administration of receiverships and bank-
ruptcies which has recently concerned some members of the Judiciary ruptcies

Group Seeks Parity with Debentures-

position of at least parity with debenture holders of Associated Gas \&
Eelectric Corp., contending that there is grave danger that over $\$ 178,000,000$ of the corporation's security holders will take priority over the company's
debenture holders. of holders of securities of the company and of all it its subsidiaries has restricted the scope of its representation to the following issues of Associated

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| 9 Mos. Ended Jan. 31- | 1940 | 1939 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net profit before charges below. <br> Res. for depreciation-:- |  | 1939 | 1938 | 1937 |
|  | \$12,896 | 83,419 80,636 | \$96,700 | \$278, |
| Reserves for inc. taxes.- |  |  | 5,300 | 29,0 |

 Note-In 1938, certain expenses and depreciation of idle vessels were pany's year-erations. Intateme of Aprdance with the practice instituted in com-
carried to surplus.-V. 149, Ap. 3546 . 1939 , these charges have now been

| Atlas Plywood Corp. (\& Subs.)-Earnings- |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{6}$ M Months Ended Dec. 31- | 1939 | 1938 |
| Seling and administrative expenses | $\begin{array}{r}\text { \$390,064 } \\ 157 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | \$263.444 |
| State, local and capital stock taxes. | 195,637 | +23,938 |
| Social security taxes | 26,969 | 19,066 |
| Net profit from sales | $\begin{array}{\|c} \$ 179,730 \\ 9,071 \end{array}$ | \$671.996 |
| Gross income | \$188,800 | \$79,470 |
| Federal and Dominion income taxes (es | 19,870 25,525 | 16,495 4,650 |
| Net profit.-.--.-.... |  |  |
| Earned surplus at beginning of period | 648,191 | 585,211 |
| Total income | \$791,596 | \$643,535 |
| Surplus adjustments (net) | ${ }_{C}^{22,1469}$ |  |
| Preferred dividend. | 38.723 | 39,279 |
| Common dividend | 35,390 |  |
| Earned surplus at end of period. | \$696,785 | \$603,267 |

Assets-Cash in bank accounts and on hand, $\$ 154,067$; notes and ac-
counts receivable (less reserves), $\$ 341,594$; inventories $\$ 1,068,528$; add counts receivable (less reserves), 8341,594 ; inventories, $\$ 1,068,528 ;$ ad-
vances
on lumber and loging operations, $\$ 94,052 ;$ sinking fund assets,





 paid-in surplus, $\$ 74,455 ;$ earned surplus, $\$ 696,784 ;$ total, $\$ 4,309,975$.-
V. 150 , p. 428.
Baltimore Transit Co.-Earnings-

Net income........................................... $\$ 41,457 \quad \$ 19,786$
tures.
The approximate interest for one month $t$ the full stipulated rates, si
$\$ 78,400$. $\mathrm{V} .150, \mathrm{p} .681 .4$
\$78.400.-V. 150, p. 681.1

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| Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | ${ }_{\mathbf{5}}^{1939}$ | ${ }^{1938}$ | Luabluties- | ${ }_{8}^{1939}$ | ${ }_{8}^{1938}$ |
| Plant \& property 18 | 8,052,448 | 18,032,913 | b 7\% pret. stock.- | 2,500,000 | 0 |
| Prop'y abandoned | 294,614 | ${ }_{343,716}$ | b $6 \%$ pref. stock-: | 2,179,900 | 2 2,179,900 |
|  | 131,692 | 122,580 | c Common stook.- | 5,425,500 | 5,425,500 |
| Cash on dep. With trustee of 1st |  |  | Funded debt----- | 7,708,000 | 7,708,000 |
| mortgage bonds | 707,294 | 336,000 | payable-.-- | 18,177 | 54,216 |
|  |  | 372,872 | Consum, deposit.- | 20,122 | 28,196 |
|  | ${ }^{418,646}$ | +147.320 | Divs. payable-- | 76,448 | 6,448 |
| ebt disct., prem. |  | 188,871 | Accrued interest. Acorued taxes.-. | 129.233 | (7,620 |
| \& exp. In process |  |  | Other current llabil | 12,913 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Prepayments }}^{\text {Of amortization. }}$ | 239,674 | ${ }_{86}^{254,513}$ | Deprec. reserve | 146,441 | 1,102,033 |
| Prepayments----- | 68,765 | 69,432 | Other reserves---- | 109,050 44,523 | 1099,467 44,45 |
|  |  |  | Contrib. for exts--. | 44,523 | 44,454 |
|  |  |  | stook | $\begin{gathered} 10,464 \\ 7029 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10,464 \\ 70101866 \end{gathered}$ |

Total-.........-20,115,027 20,168,219 Total -.......-. 20,115,027 20,168,219 - a Less reserves. b Par value $\$ 100$. c Represented by shares of $\$ 25$ par.

Bell Telephone Co. of Canada-Earnings-









 term debt.-.-
Reden
1,110,238
$1,179,70$ Redemp. prem.
on liong-term
debt
$\begin{array}{cc}\begin{array}{c}\text { debt ong-term } \\ \text { Other deit. items } \\ \text { Invest. }\end{array} & 1,512,097\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Invest.securtites } & 14,358,996 & 14,049,424\end{array}$

 -V. 150, p. 681.
Bendix Aviation Corp.-Block of Stock SoldA block of 60,000 shares of common stock has been sold by General Motors Corp. to o our investment trusts. It is understood that the purchase price was around $311 / 8$.
Transfer Agents-
Corporation reports the appointment of Messrs. H. A. Westphal, J. R. Cox, and G. Van Ham as transfer agents of the common stock of the corBank of Chicago as registrar of sald stock, effective March 15, 1940
Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc.-Earnings Calendar Ycars-
Net sales $1939 \quad 1938 \quad 1937 \quad 1936$ Net ether discounts and
or
Cot

 Reduct. inventory from

 Net inc. before Federal
income taxes



Earn. sur. end of पy-
Avge. number of shs. of
N $\overline{\$ 3,525,386} \xlongequal{\$ 2,896,278} \xlongequal[\$ 4,466,519]{ } \overline{\$ 5,159,956}$
 $\times$ Loss. $\quad$ Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31

|  |  |  |  | 1939 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets | ,03,265 | 808,996 |  |  |  |
| Acta, d notes rec. |  |  | Daper \& bkr $\mathrm{l}^{\prime}$ | 1,8 | 950,000 |
| (less reserves) | 87,8 | 3,836,0 |  |  |  |
| vent. (at low |  |  |  |  |  |
| Land, wat. right |  | 8,570,6 | soc. wool in tran. |  |  |
| bldgs. \& equip | 0,8 | 10,152,881 | or recelved..-- | 160,941 |  |
| Non-curr. Invests. |  |  | ${ }_{\text {deser }}^{\text {Accounts }}$ | 1,076,018 | 0 |
| nexpired | 8,666 | 15,067 |  |  |  |
| exps. deferred.-- | 281,703 | 321,245 | ${ }_{\text {andered }}^{\text {and }}$ | 16 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Capital surp |  | 504,726 |
|  |  |  | Earned surpl |  | 278 |
|  |  |  | Res. for invent. | 00,000 |  |
| Total...........27,157,538 23,705,276 Total...........27,157,538 23,705,276 x After deducting depreciation and revaluation reserves amounting to$\$ 18,394,452$ in 1939 and $\$ 18,055,548$ in 1938. y Represented by 313,609 $\$ 18,394,452$ in 1939 and $\$ 18,055,548$ in 1938. y Represented by 313,609 shares (no par).-V. 150, p. 832. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

Bethlehem Steel Corp. - Bonds-
 there are $\$ 35,000,0001$ serial debentures in repistry. It is expected that
public offering of the $\$ 105,000,000$ of securities will be made Feb. 29 pubic $150, \mathrm{p} .1129$.

Birmingham Electric Co.-Earnings-
 Operating revenues.
Oper. exps.-
Amort. of
Ancl. investments--
irop. retire. res. approp.
Net oper. revenues
Other income (net)
Gross income-ands.
Int. on mortgage bonds. $\qquad$
Net income
Divs. applicabie to pref. stocks for the period.- 889,588
Balance.
a Dividends accumulated and unpaid to De $31,195,318$ \$136,197 $\$ 214,587$, atter giving effect to dividends of $\$ 1.75$ a share on $\$ 7$ preferred $\$$ stock and $\$ 1.50$ a share on 86 preferred stock, declared for payment on
Jan. 2, 1940 . Dividends on these stocks are cumulative.-V. 150 , p. 1130 .

Blaw-Knox Co.-Offerirg-Mention was made Feb. 17 of the offering by Mellon Securities Corp.; Moore, Leonard \& Lynch, and Dillon, Read \& Co. of $\$ 3,000,000$ 1st mtge. bonds, $31 / 2 \%$ series, at 100.
Dated Feb. 1, 1940; due Feb. 1, 1950. Principal and interest (F-A) payoption of holdere, at princinal office of Manuaracturers Trust 'Co., New York,
N. Y., without deduction for any Pennsylvania taxes not exceeding 5 mills
 able as to principal only. Sinking fund payments are to be made, as
provided in the indenture, annually on June 1 in the amount of $\$ 150,000$ provided in the from June 1, 1941, to and including June 1. 1946, and in the amount of

 fiscal year. Bonds are redeemabie for sinking fund at 100 and interest.
Sinking fund payments are to be reduced by the principal amount o Sink ing fund payments are to be reduce by the prinetpal amount of
bonds acuired by the company and surrendered to the sinking fund for retirement. Bonds are also redeemable at the option of the company other-
wise than through the sinking fund, at any time as a whole or from time to time in part on any interest payment date by lot upon at least 30 days notice at following percentages of the princlpal amount: on or before Feb. 1 , 1943, 1021\% \%\%; thereafter on or before Feb. 1, 1946, 10113\%; ; thereafter on Wibth accrued interest to the redemption date.
Purpose of Issue - Net proceeds (approximately $\$ 2,866,088$ ) will be applied as follows: $82,500,000$ to pay short term bank loans made since may' be called upon, among other things, for investment in and advances to a subsidiary, American Gas service Co. of Ohio, as well as for the extension, modernization and renewal of manufacturing facilit
tion of inventories and the carrying of accounts receivable.
Capitalization as of Oct. 31, 1939 (After Giving Effect to Present Financing)
1st mtge. bonds, $31 / 2 \%$ series, due Feb. $1,{ }^{\prime} 50 \begin{array}{r}\text { Authorized } \\ \$ 3,000,000\end{array}$ Outstanding $-1,500,000$ shs. $1,334,458$ shs History and Business-Company was incorp. on March 12 , 1906, in sale and, in some cases, installation of a wide variety of products made from steel, alioys and other metals for use in the iron and steel, builiding and construction, chemical, gas manufacturing, radio, electric power and light,
non-ferrous metals, petroleum, railroad equipment and in many other industries.
The active, wholly owned, domestic subsidiaries of the company are
Blaw-Knox Construction Co., Blaw-Knox International Corp.; Hoboken Land Co., and Groveton Land Co,

Earnings for Stated Periods
10Mos.End.
Oct. 31, 39
$\$ 9$${ }^{1938}$ Calendar Years- 1937 - 1936
Net sales
Total ope $\qquad$

$\qquad$ | $\$ 10,964,7$ |
| :--- |
| $11,121,9$ | $\begin{array}{llll}08 & \$ 17,067,805 & \$ 11,455,889 \\ & 14,631,612 & 10,087,277\end{array}$


 $\begin{array}{llllll}\begin{array}{lllll}\text { profits tax } \\ \text { purtax ox esess- } \\ \text { undistributed }\end{array} & 106,870 & 1,851 & 421,023 & 203,788\end{array}$
 Net profit ......... $\quad \$ 486,870$ loss $\$ 1,188 \overline{\$ 2,115,511} \overline{\$ 1,256,359}$ Undervriters-The names of the underwriters and the respective princi-
pal amounts of bonds, severally to be purchased by each, are as follows: Mellon Securities Corporation....-...-................................ $\$ 1,700,000$ Moore, Leonard \& Lynch Dillon, Read \& Co

## Boston Fund, Inc.- Net Assets-

boston Fund reports total net worth of $\$ 6,806,561$ on Jan. 31, 1940, based on Market quotations of securg This com, amounting to \$15.15 a $\$ 5,385,976$, equivalent to $\$ 15.16$ a share on 355,306 shares outstanding at the close of the Fund's fiscal year on July 31,1939 . Net asset value at the close of business Feb. 19,1940 had increased to $\$ 15.55$ a share. have been made in the portfolio of investments," the report to sharehorders for the quarter ended Jan. 31 states. "Investment in the air transportation industry was broadened by the purchase of a block of American Airlines
common stock. Holding in four other companies, principally utilities were increased moderately," The companies in which holdings were increased during the quarter are American Telephone, Climax Molybdenum, Commonwealth Edison and Southern California Edison. Holdings of Eastman Kodar were reduced.

Brewster Aeronautical Corp.-To Lease Newark Hanaar Mayor M. C. Ellenstein of Newark, N. J., announced on Feb. 18 that the city will lease its recently constructed municipal hangar at Newar
to this company for use as an airplane factory.-V. 149, p. 4020.

Bristol Brass Corp.-To Pay 50-Cent DividendDirectors have deciared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, par $\$ 25$, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 29 . This com-
pares with $\$ 2$ paid on Dec. 15, last; $\$ 1$ paid on Sept. 15 last and regular pares with \$2, paid on Dec. 15, last; \$1 paid on Sept. 15 last and regular
quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share paid on June 15 last.-V. 149 ,
(Edward G.) Budd Manufacturing Co.-Participation Dividend-
The board of directors at a meeting held Feb. 16, declared the regular
quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ per share plus a participating dividend of 25 c . quar share on the preferred stock of the company. The dividend will be payable March 30, 1940 to ho
close of business March 16, 1940.-V. 149, p. 2681 .

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System-Earnings[Including Brooklyn \& Queens Transit System]
Period End. Jan. 31-1940-Month-1939 1940-7 Mos.-1939 Total oper. revenues_...
$\$ 4,164,686$
$3,048,220$ $\frac{a}{2}$

Net rev. from oper
Taxes on oper, properties
Operating income_---
Net non-oper. income.-
Gross income-_-in-
Current income carried Accruing to min. int. of
$\times \$ 52,845$ \$41,718 $\quad$ \$94,724 $\$ 186,181$ B. \& Q. T. Corp.

Bal. to $B$
$\$ 1,116,466$
534,102
5 $\$ 1,177,293$
524,773
$\$ 652,520$

82,062 $\begin{array}{r}\$ 7,926,007 \\ \begin{array}{r}\$, 650,463 \\ \$ 4,275,544 \\ 516,767\end{array}\end{array}$ | $88,045,046$ |
| :---: |
| $3,68,69$ | ${ }^{84,488,377}$ $\begin{array}{r}\$ 5,008,743 \\ 4,822,562 \\ \hline\end{array}$ $\times$ Deficit

$\qquad$ $\$ 41,718$ 23,128
$\times \$ 117,852$ $\$ 186,18$
$x$ Deficit. [Excluding Brooklyn \& Queens Transit System]
 Net rev. from oper ..- $\$ 841,320 \quad \$ 899,664 \quad \$ 5,718,706$ Taxes on oper. properties Operating income--
Net non-oper, income Net non-oper, income Gross income-
Total income deductions

Curr. income carried to

| \$841,191 | 328,654 |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$500,129 | \$571,010 |
| 61,779 | 79,976 |
| \$561,908 | \$650,986 |
| 584,153 | 576,204 |
| x\$22,245 | \$74,782 | $2,265,068$

$\$ 3,453,638$
501,885
$\$ 3,955,523$
$4,094,150$ $2,26,08$
$\$ 3,779,14$
567,348
$\$ 4,346,493$
$4,015,163$ $\times$ Deficit.
Plans to Prevent Holdouts from Receiving Higher PricesGerhard M. Dahl, Chairma nof the Board, of the Brooklyn-Manhattan following statement on behalf of the members of the Unification Committee of the two transit systems:
"In cooperation with the
"In cooperation with the representatives of the City of New York and of the Transit Commission of the state of New York, and after consultation With their own counsel, officials of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp
and the Brooklyn \& Queens Transit Corp. are at work on a plan which will prevent 'holdouts' among the holders of undeposited preferred stock of Corp. from receiving higher, prices for their securities than those provided for in the unificationplan.
The unification plan prices are.
Brooklyn-Manhattan \& Queens Transit Corp preferred stock
Brooklyn City RR. $5 \%$ bonds . Co . $5 \%$ bonds
Brooklyn City N Newown RR.
Coney Island \& Brooklyn RR. Co. $4 \%$ bonds-
Nassau Electric RR. Co. consol. mtge. $4 \%$ bonds.-.--
Brooklyn, Queens County \& Suburban Co. 1st mtge. $5 \%$ bonds
Brooklyn, Queens County \& Suburban Co. 1st cons. mtge. $5 \%$ bds
Over $90 \%$ of Securities Deposited in Favor of Unification Plan-Time Further Extended-
Gerhard M. Dahl, Chairman of the Board, and W. S. Menden, President of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. and Brooklyn \& Queens Transi Corp. in a letter sent Feb. 20 to security holders of the two systems stated
that the B.-M. T. has acquired and will subject to the B. -M. T.-B. Q. T. unification plan, B. Q. T. bonds and preferred stock which with the amounts of such securities already deposited, will be sufficient to meet the $90 \%$ requirements necessary to enable the Transit Commission to declare the
plan operative as to the surface properties of the B.-M. T. system as well as plan rapid transit and power properties.
The letter also stated it is expected that official rulings and closing agreements will be obtained in respect of the tax questions prior to Feb. ${ }^{29}$,
and that, on the basis of such rulings together with compliance with the and that, on the basis of such rutirements, the Transit Commission will be in position to declare
depositan to be operative as to all the plan properties by Feb. 29 or shortly thereafter.
B.-M. T. T. and informed security holders that the time for the deposit of B.-M. T. and B. Q. T. securities under the plan has been extended to the
close of business on Feb. 29,1940 and urged security holders who desire to accept the plan to deposit their securities prior to that date. The letter concluded:
deposited Brooklyn Union Elevated $5 \%$ bonds, Kings County Elevated $4 \%$ hor bonds and B.-M. T. preferred stock, and the holders of undeposited B. Q.T. bonds and preferred stock, are reminded that there is no provision in the plan for the accuisition by purchase or redemption or otherwise and retirement of
their securities on or after the date of consummation. Their attention is also called to the provisions of the plan authorizing the Transit Com-
mission, with the consent of the city and the corporation, to change the mission, with the consent of the city and the corporation, to change the
manner and methods, and to adopt new or additional methods, of vesting in the city titles to the properties and of consummating the plan. In this connection, any preferred stockholders who may be holding out with a view
to obtaining, at the expense of the common stockholders, more favorable to obtaining, at the expense of the common stockaolders, more favorabe deposited under the plan, are again warned that, if necessary, these pro-
visions of the plan will be invoked to the fullest extent possible.:-V. 150 , visions
p. 832.

Brooklyn \& Queens Transit System-Earnings-
 Total oper. expensen-- $\frac{1,481,476}{\$ 284524} \frac{1,43,850}{\$ 286,904} \frac{8,270,195}{\$ 2,097,185}$
 $\begin{array}{crrrrr}\text { Operating income_--- } & \$ 91,613 & \$ 90,786 & \$ 884,801 & \$ 710,597 \\ & & 14,125 & 14,519 & 102,852 & 101,992\end{array}$
 Curr.inc. carr. to surp. $\mathbf{x \$ 3 0 , 6 0 0} \times \$ \$ 3,064 \quad \$ 43,902 \times 145,149$ x Deficit.-V. 150, p. 683.
Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co.-25-Cent DividendThe directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the This compares with $\$ 1.50$ paid on Dec. 15. last; 75 cents paid on Sept. 15 , last; 25 cents paid on June 15 and on March 15, 1939 , and Oct. 1, 1937. this latter being the first payment to be made on the common stock since
Nov. 15, 1929 when a regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share Nov. 15,1929 when a regular qual
was distributed.-V. 149, p. 3404

Bunte Brothers-Dividend Doubled-
Directors have declared a dividend of $\$ 2$ per share on the common stock, payable. March March 1,1939 , and on Feb. 21, 1938. A dividend of 50 cents was paid on Feb. 15, 1937; one of \$1 was paid on Dec. 1, 1936, and a dividend of 50 cents was paid on April 1, 1936 , this last being the first div.
paid since Feb. 1, 1932, when $\$ 1$ per share was distributed.-V. 149, p. 3255.
Bush Terminal Buildings Co.-Meeting-
In accordance with the provisions of the reorganization plan approved in April, 1937, holders of depositary certificates will meet on March 4 to con
sider exchanging such certificates on March 15, 1940 for $11-10$ shares of sider exchanging such certificates on March 15,1940 for 1.10 shares of
$6 \%$ preferred stock of Bush Terminal Co. for each share of $7 \%$ preferred
stock represented by the depositary certificates.-V. 149, p. 3109 .

Calorizing Co.-Delisting-
The Securities and Exccange Commision on Feb. 15 issued an order
 company beonvertible participating $8 \%$ preference stock (par 825 ) or the

Canada Malting Co., Ltd.- Dividend IncreasedCirectors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the capital
stock. no par value, payable March 15 to
holders of record Feb. 29 .
Ire
 In addition, an extra dividend of 50 ce en.
1937,1936 and $1935 .-\mathrm{V}$. $149, \mathrm{p} .3548$.
Canadian Airways, Ltd.-Captalization Reduced-



Canadian Industries, Ltd.-Common Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 81.75 per share on the class A and



Canadian National Ry.-Earnings-
Earnings of the System for the Week Ended Feb. 14

## $\xrightarrow[-V .]{\text { Gross revenues }}$

## Canadian Pacific Ry.-Earnings-

Earnings for the Week Ended Feb. 14
Traffic earnings
Cariboo Gold Quartz Mining Co., Ltd.-Extra Div.Directors have declared an extra dividend of two cents per share in addi-
tion to a quarterly dividend or four cents per share on the common stock,



Celanese Corp. of America (\& Subs.)-Earnings-

 years.. $\mathrm{V} .150, \mathrm{p} .1130$.

Central Illinois Light Co.-To Reduce Interest on Bonds application (File 32-195) for exemption from the requirement of filling a application (ile 32-195) for exemption from the requirement of filing a
declaration in connection with a proposal to reduce the interest rate on its first \& consolidated mortgage bonds, series due 1963, from $41 / 4 \%$ to $31 / 4 \%$.
There are $\$ 9,376,300$ of these bonds outstanding, it is stated. The company, also proposes to increase the redemption prices so that the
bonds may be called for redemption at the principal amount and accrued interest, together with a premium of $10 \%$ if redeemed on or before April 1 , will be decreased by $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ for each full 12 -months' 1, period elapsed after April 1, 1942. No premium will be paid if the bonds are redeemed after
April 1, 1962.-V. 150, p. 988 . April 1,' 1962 .-V. 150, p. 988 .

## Central Investment Corp., Los Angeles-Earnings-

 Years Ended Dec. 31-Total income_-_-
Interest on first mortgage bonds
Interest on notes and advances.
Federal income tax
Net income.

 Assets-Cash on hand and in banks, $\$ 116,374$; accounts receivable,
$\$ 14,115$; cash surrender value of life insurance policies, $\$ 53,967 ;$ fixed
assets (Biltmore Hotel property) (less reserve for depreciation of $\$ 4$, assets (Biltmore Hotel property) (less reserve for depreciation of $\$ 4,-$
$052,715), \$ 9,012,630 ;$ deferred charges, $\$ 19,113 ;$ total, $\$ 9.395,199$. Liabilities-Notes payable, $\$ 21,600$; accounts payable, $\$ 94,008$; accrued bonds (1957), $\$ 3,910,000$; deferred rental income, $\$ 44,514$; stated capital
(58,563 shares), $\$ 5.775,300 ;$ capital stock assessments, $\$ 234,252$; deficit at
Dec. $31, \$ 726,183 ;$ total, $\$ 9,395,199$.-V. 149, p. 1018 .

Central Patricia Gold Mines, Ltd.-Extra Dividendtion to a quarterly dividend of four cents per share on the common stock, both payable March 29 to holders of record March 15 . Similar amounts
bits were paid on Jan. 2, last; extras of one cent were paid on Sept. 30. June 30
and on April 1.1939 , and extras of two cents were paid on Jan. 3, 1939, and
on Sept. and on April 1.1939 , and extras of two
on Sept. $30,1938 .-V .149$, p. 3867 .

Central RR. Co. of N. J.-New Bond CommitteeA new committee to represent holders of general 1st mtge. $4 \%$ and $5 \%$
bonds has been formed by banking groups in Philadelphia. New Jersey bonds has been formed by banking groups in Philadelphia, New Jersey
and New York. This committee includes some of the members of a group which was discussing organization last month, and represents a consolida-
tion of the two groups. Ehiladelain Watters. of E. McLain Watters \& Co., investment dealers of Philadelphia, is chairman of the committee, which includes William J.
Field, President, Commercial Trust Co., Jersey City, N. J., Herbert W.
Goodall, President Tradesmens Goodall, President, Tradesmens National Bank \& Trust Co., and Percy C.
Madeira Jr.. President, Land Title Bank \& Trust Co. both of Philadelphia: James J. Minot Jr, Jackson \& Curtis, Boston, and Carl K. Withers, Pressi-
dent, Lincoln National Bank of Newark, N. J. Major Elisha Sniffin, dent, Lincoln National Bank of Newark, N. J. Major Elisha Sniffin,
New York, is Secretary of the committee. A New Yorker will be added to New York, is Secretary of the comp
the committee shortly, it is said.
An institutional committee representing savings banks and a committee of which Eugene $S$. Brooks of New York is chairman, have been authorized
by the Interstate Commerce Commission to represent these holders and to by the Interstate Commerce Commission to rep
intervene in the proceedings.-V. 150 , p. 834 .
Champion Paper \& Fibre Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-
 Nor deprec., depl., int.,
$\begin{gathered}\text { taxes, \&c., depl., int.: } \\ \text { tarns. } \\ \text { ter shareoncom- }\end{gathered} \quad \$ 486,849 \quad \$ 222,438 \times \$ 1,212,654 . \$ 233,384$ $\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Earns. per share on com- } \\ \text { mon stock } & \$ 0.67 & \$ 0.21 & \$ 1.52 & \text { def } \$ 0.23\end{array}$ xhich is non-recurring. $\$ 4,757$ representing net proceeds of life insurance policies, The company has valued its process and finished stock inventories at the Hamilton Division pursuant to a new system of grade costing, representing a change in its policy. If such change had not been made, net income for
the third quarter would have been $\$ 32,071$ greater, and the year to date would have been $\$ 107,128$ greater.
The directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.50$ per share on
the $16 \%$ cumulative preferred stock, payable April 1,1940 to holders of therord March 15, and a dividend on the common stock of 15 cents per share payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 28, 1940.

To Pay 15-Cent Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the common
stock, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 28. Dividend of 10 cents was paid on Dec. 15, last, this latter being the first dividend paid since

Central Vermont Ry., Inc.-EarningsManth of JanuaryRailway of January-
Rail
Rerating revenues............................ $\$ 5640$
$\$ 6313$




Balance, deficit
9, p. 4022 .
Chain Belt Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-


 Prov. For Federal surtax
Increase in amount of income deferred.-.Additional provision for
inventory reserve.-.Special charges.--..-Prov. for revaluation of
marketable securities.

| 15,291 |
| :--- |
| 28,226 |

28,226 740 Net profit..
Dividends
 $\begin{gathered}\text { Balance, surplus } \\ \text { Earnings } \\ \text { per share on } \\ \$ 335,257 \\ \$ 3141,333 \\ \$ 335,109\end{gathered} \$ 301,686$ Carnings per share on $\quad \mathbf{~ c o m m o n}$ stock (no par) $\$ 1.92 \quad \mathbf{x} \$ 1.25 \quad \mathbf{a} \$ 2.14 \quad \mathbf{z} \$ 5.44$ x On 347,595 shates. z On 115,836 shares. a On 347,565 shares. b On
486,705 shares. cIncludes the Stearns Conveyor Co. and the Baldwin486,765 shares. c Includes the Stearns Chan Corp. since date of acquisition Aug. 1, 1939. d Includes
Dtearns Conveyor Co.

| Assets- | 1939 | $\times 1938$ | Liabit |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| emand and time |  |  | Accounts payable. | $\$ 231,259$ | $\$ 182,239$ |
| deposits \& cash |  |  | Acerued co |  |  |
| on |  | \$1,175,473 | slons and wages. | 171,791 | 125,626 |
| U. S. Treas. bonds | 203,788 |  | Acerd. property \& |  |  |
| Notes and accts. |  |  | general taxes- | 128,058 | 76,148 |
| receivable (net). | 1,351,549 | 913,535 | Acerd. royalties \& |  |  |
| Inventori | 2,094,361 | 1,260,804 | expenses | 85,571 |  |
| Other curr. assets. | 179,507 | 156,226 | Federal inc. taxe | 244,420 | 110,605 |
| Invests. and long- |  |  | State income tax | 74,507 | 19,80 |
| term receivables | 149,967 | 107,789 | Dividend payable_ | 121,676 |  |
| Fixed assets (net). | 2,345,504 | 1,525,074 | Deferred income.- | 24,916 | 25 |
| Intangible assets |  |  | Res. for contings | 45,576 | 45,576 |
| Prepald expenses.- | 87,834 | 49,122 | y Capital stock | 4,041,129 | 2,441,621 |
| Other assets_ | 95,329 | 34,235 | Surplus | 2,711,499 | 2,120,484 | Total_......- $\$ 7,880,403$ \$5,222,707 Total_......... $\$ 7,880,403$ §5,222,707

x Not including Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Corp. Y Represented by
494,660 no par shares in 1939 and 360,000 no par shares in 1938.-V. 149 , 49.660 n (
p. 4169.

Chesapeake \& Ohio Ry.-Common Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of $621 / 2$ cents per share on the common
stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 8 . Similar payment was made on Jan, 1 , last, and previously regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share were distributed. In addition, extra dividend of 50 cents
was paid on Dec. 27, last.

Three New Directors-
as new members of the board of directors of this company at a meeting of as new members of the board of directors of this company at a meeting of
the board. The trio, which will fill additional places on the board, consists of Harvey D. Gibson, President of the Manufacturers Trust Co.;
Harry C. Thompson, Vice-President of the Continental Bank \& Trust Co.; and James G. Blaine, President of the Marine Midland Bank Co.
With the exception of Herbert Fitzpatrick of Huntington, W. Va., Chairman, who plans to retire on April 15, all directors were unanimousiy nominated, George DiD Brooke, President of the railway, announced. The
nominations will be submitted to the annual stockholders' meeting on April 23 . believed," said Mr . Brooke, "that the election of this board will to the Chesapeake \& Ohio, and the support which have brought prosperity to the Chesapeake \& Ohio, and the su
of the stockholders will be solicited for its election."-V.i50, p. 684.

Chesebrough Mfg. Co.-Extra Dividend-
Directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addiDirectors have declared an extra dividend of se cents per share in addi-
tion to the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on the common
stock, both payable March 29 to holders of record March 1. Similar paystock, both payable March 29 to holders of record March
ments were made in preceding quarters.-V. 149, p. 3404.

Chicago Flexible Shaft Co.-Extra Dividend-
Directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addi-
tion to a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.25$ per share on the common stock, both tion to a quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.25$ per share on the common stock, both
payable March 30 to holders of record on March 20. Like amounts were payable March 30 to holders of record on March 20 . Like amounts were
paid on Dec. 26 , June 30 and on March 31,1939 . See also V. 148, p. 1164,
for detailed record of previous dividend payments.-V. 150, p. 1131.

## Chicago Great Western RR.-Plan Approved-

Virtually all voting security holders of the road have approved the final plan of reorganization, according to a certificate filed by the Interstate
Commerce Commission in the Federal Court for the Northern District of Illinois Feb. 19. Certification the plan takes the road's organization proceedings into the final phase, namely, confirmation by the Court in a formal order binding all creditors and security holders to terms of the plan. It may be severa The Commission's certificate to the Court showed that of the first mor gage bondholders voting $99.42 \%$ accepted the plan and of the preferred stockholders voting $99.14 \%$ approved. Since the Commission had previously found the reorganization would not adversely affect the interests of
others, or that they were not entitled to vote, only the first mortgage bond-
holders and preferred shareholders were asked to vote on the plan.-V. 150 holders
p. 834.

Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul \& Pacific RR.-Interest on Milwaukee \& Northern RR. Bonds-
Interest of $21 / \%$ is now being paid on Milwaukee \& Northern RR. first mortgage extendid $41 / 2 \%$ bonds, due June 1 , 1939 , on presentation of

Clich W. $150, \mathrm{p} .835$.
Chicago \& North Western Ry.-Preferred Holders to Intervene in Reorganization-Election of Directors-
The Interstate Commerce Commission has authorized a group of 25 individual preferred stockholders to intervene in pending reorganization
proceeding. The grouo members hold approximately 23,000 shares of proceeding. The gres.
In their petition, stockholders asserted that the Commission's own plan showed the preferred holders had an equity. The plan, however, provides
no participation for the preferred stock and the common stockholders like-

The group said that the Reconstruction Finance Commerce treatment shockholders. stockholders. In permitting the intervention, the ICC said that its order was not to be construed as a reopening of the record for the taking of further testimony
without further order. A proxy statement of the company proposes the election to the board of the Commander-Larabee Milling Co. of Minneapolis. Mr. Thomas is listed as owning $\$ 1,200,000$ principal amount of the bonds, having an in Of the directors whose terms expire in 1940 it is proposed to reelect $W$ Dale Clark, Benjamin F. Kauffman, Samuel A. Lynde, and Samuel H:
Cady. No mention is made of Harry W. Rush whose term also expires Cady. N

ICC Asked to Certify Plangroups have asked the Interstate Commerce Commission to certify imme diately to the Federal Court at Chicago its final plan for recapitalization The ICC-approved plan, calling for drastic reduction of debt and no par Joining in the request were the life insurance and mutual savings bank group committees, representing holders of $\$ 123,00,000$, or $38 \%$ of North western's outsta ng bond
plan were filed by mortgage trustees, representing holders of bonds of plan were filed by mortgage trustees, representing holders of bonds of
Milwaukee, Sparta \& Northwestern, Milwaukee \& State Line and Des
plaines Vailey Railways The Reconstruction Finance Corporation and Plaines Vailey Railways. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation and
Railroad Credit Corp, also asked minor modifications.-V. $150, \mathrm{p}$. 1131 .

Chicago Rock Island \& Pacific Ry.-Petition DeniedThe U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago has upheld an order of the United states District Court denying an appeal for general relief made by the protective committ
bonds due March $1,1934$.
The R. I. A. \& L. is ope Pacific Ry trustees. In its decision the Circuit Court of Appeals found that it is impossible to
determine on the basis of present figures whether R. I. A. \& L. has been operated at a profit, that there is no evidence of undue delay in reorganizarental for the road for the benefit of cannot be ordered to pay over the rental for the road for the benerit
affirmed the lease.-V. 150 , p. 989.

Chickasha Cotton Oil Co.-Earnings-

| 6 M | 18 | 1938 | 1937 | 1936 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross earnings | \$5,195,872 | \$2,863,693 | \$4,382,115 | \$4,875,017 |
| Costs and expens | 4,759,395 | 2,714,010 | 4,016,211 | 4,663,496 |
| Operatin | \$436.477 | \$149,683 | \$365,904 | \$211.521 |
| Op | 20,616 | 46.573 | 40,861 |  |
| Total | \$457,093 | \$196,256 | \$406,765 | \$234,407 |
| Interest-n-------. |  |  |  |  |
| Bad debt |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation | 130,881 | 144.741 | 136,864 | 133,662 |
| Federal and State tax | 37,500 |  | 45,000 | 14.250 |
| of Guymon Invest. Co. | 13,613 | 16,039 | 14,090 | Cr5,5 |
| Net prof | \$232,92 | \$35,477 | 3200,000 | 73 |
| Earns. per sh. on 255,000 <br> shs. cap. stk. (par \$10) | - $\$ 0.91$ | \$0.14 | . $\$ 0.78$ |  |

## Vhs. cap. stk. (par

## Cincinnati Street Ry.-Earnings-

$\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Month of January- } & 1940 & 1939 & 1938 & 1937\end{array}$

|  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | X Includes $\$ 72,160$ transferred from contingent reserves to cover flood

losses.-V. 150, b. 430 .

Cities Service Co.-Doherty Estate Sued-
The estate of the late Henry L. Doherty, former President of the company, was named derendant
suit to recover over $\$ 10,000,000$ in alleged secret profits and commissions made on the purchase by Cities Service of the controlling interest in the Warner Quinlan Co. in 1931. Sixteen present and former dírectors o
Cities Service are also named defendants in the action.-V. 150, p. 125.

Cluett, Peabody \& Co., Inc. (\& Subs.)-Earnings

 $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { Total income_........ } & \$ 3,239,307 & \$ 1,899,891 & \$ 2,516,782 & \$ 2,450,096 \\ \text { Depreciation } & 210,209 & 204,222 & 224,462 & 211,498\end{array}$ rov. for U.S. \& COnad Prov. for fed. surtax-... Other charges (net) spec. prov. for red. of Income from royalties
\&c. (net) -
Net profit
Preferred dividends
Common dividends
 rofit on sale or retire

| Total earned surplus.. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Miscell. adjustments... | $\$ 5,457,987$ | $\$ 4,601,718$ | $\$ 4,294,788$ |  | $\$ 4,316,889$ | Prov. for contingencies

on Canadian exchang
 $\$ \times$ Includes 75 cents a share payable Feb. 1, 1937. y After deducting ncome taxes. $\$ 120,645$ in 1938) provision for United States and Canadian

## Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31



rights, tr. names,
 Deferred charges.otal_.......... 1
a After deducting amounting to $\$ 134,720$ in 1939 and $\$ 118,958$ in 1938 . b Represented by $\$ 7,099,856$ in 1938 . par. ct After depreciation of $\$ 5,198,236$ in 1939 and


Christiana Securities Co.-Meeting Postponed-
The dividend meeting of directors of this company, principal owner of别 executives, was postponed
of quorum.-V. 149, p. 3868 ,

Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co.-To Create New Preferred Issue to Refund Existing Issue-

A special meeting of common stockholders bas been called for March 15 , carry out a proposed plan for the sale of 125,000 shares of a new class of preferred stock with a dividend rate not in excess of $\$ 4.50$ per share, and $6 \%$ preferred stock. The authorized amount of new preferred will be 250 .000 shares issuable in series.
Upon adoption of the amendm Upon adoption of the amendment the company will have an authorized
capitalization of $3,250,000$ shares, divided into 250,000 shares of preferred cappck (no par) (of which the 125,000 shares shall be an initial series) and
stock $3,000,000$ shares of common stock (no par). and adopt the provosed amendments to the certificate of incorporation, the and adopt the proposed amendments to the certificate of incorporation, the
affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the common stock of the company is required.
The price at which the shares of the initial series of new preferred stock
are to be sold by the company has not yet been determined. The redempare to be sold by the company has not yet been determined. The redempgate of $\$ 12,812,500$, plus an amount equal to dividends accrued to the
redemption date, and as indicated, the proceeds from the sale of the initial redemption date, and as indicated, the proceeds from the sale of the initial
series of new preferred stock will be applied (together with any necessary treasury funds) to such redemption. It is expected that arrangements will be made to offer (subject to limita-
tions arising out of applicable securities laws) the holders of the existing tions arising out of applicable securities laws) the holders of the existing purchase from the several underwriters shares of the initial series of new preferred stock.

1939 Sales Greatest in History-Earnings $\$ 2.74$ a ShareE. H. Little, President announced Feb. 19 that the company's world-
wide sales for 1939 were $\$ 101,935,438$, the highest in the history of the company. This surpasses the previous high of $\$ 100,565,165$ of 1929 . The ries which were included in previous years.
The company's profits for 1939 , subject to the completion of the nanual audit, amounted to $\$ 6,632,654$ as compared with $\$ 4,921,921$ for 1938 ,
Mr. Little said. The 1939 profits, the highest since 1931 , equaled $\$ 2.74$ Mr . Little said. The 1939 profits, the highest since 1931 , equaled $\$ 2.74$
a share of common stock after provision for preferred dividends. This compares with $\$ 1.77$ earnings per common share in 1938. Dividends of $\$ 1$ a share of common stock were paid during 1939, consisting of regular quarterly payments of $121 / \mathrm{c}$., plus an extra dividend of 50 c .
Ef Earned surplus at Dec. 191 an increase
of $\$ 3,034,450$ for the year. Current assets of to $\$ 44,74668,825,708$, including $\$ 14,-$ of $\$ 3,034,450$ for the year. Current assets of $\$ 44,74$ cirs, including $\$ 14,-$ $\$ 33,020,410$.

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years


 Settling of patent suit
 $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Total income_-_- } & \$ 10,315,945 & \$ 7,183,868 & \$ 2,893,525 & \$ 6,328,876 \\ \text { Other deductions, net } & 692,234 & 701,721 & 1,104,619 & 641,431 \\ \text { Federaı \& foreign inc. tax } & 2,991,055 & 1,560,226 & 1,006,656 & 1,336,490 \\ \text { Federal surtar }\end{array}$
 Preferred dividendens
Common dividends

 $\begin{array}{lccccc} & \text { Consoïdated Balance Sheet Dec. } 31 & & \\ & 1939 & 1938 & 1939 & 1938 \\ \text { Assets- } & \$ & \$ & \text { Lhabilities- } & \$ & \$\end{array}$
 Acets. \& notes re-10,
celvable-net $\mathbf{1 0 , 5 0 5 , 7 9 9} \mathbf{1 0 , 0 2 5 , 5 3 4} \begin{aligned} & \text { Prov. for current } \\ & \text { coupon red }\end{aligned}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Inventaries_-.-. } & \text { cein,376,305 } & 18,208,868\end{array}$ Prepaid expenses \&

 |  | $1,198,539$ | Accounts payable |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Palmest. \& advances | $1,130,808$ | 524,105 | Alsell. accruals. |

 'dwill, pats., \&c.

## Cotal_..........70,898,177 74,867,801

Total $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { ank loans of for- } & 167,189 & 1,439,668 \\ \text { elgn subs.-.-. } & 1,167,1893 & 1,363,456 \\ \text { cocounts payable- } & 1,672,963 & 1,36\end{array}$
 After depreciation of $\$ 20,695,782$ in 1938 and $\$ 20,888,952$ in 1939位 stock at $\$ 100$ per share in 1939 ( 15,098 shares in 1938 )
common stock at $\$ 12.50$ per share.-V. 150 , p. 1133 .

Colt Patent Firearms Mfg. Co.-New DirectorJames Lee Loomis has been elected a director of this company to fill the
vacancy caused by the death of Charles D. Rice.-V. 149, p. 3405.
Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc.-Registration Statement Filed-W. S. Paley to Reduce Stock Holdings to $20 \%$ Company filed Feb. 23 with the Securities and Exchange Commission
registration statement covering a proposed sale of 100.000 shares of stock. a registration statement covering a proposed sale of 100.000 shares of stock. The sale of this stock will not represent additional financing for the company. It is a sale by william s. Paley of a relatively smail part or his own
large holdings in Columbia stock. Mr. Paley is the President and a direc
tor of the tor of the company and its largest individual shareholder. He now owns
448,636 shares, or about $26 \%$ of all the shares outstanding. After the 448,636 shares, or about $26 \%$ of all the shares outstanding. After the
proposed sale he will continue to be the owner of 348,636 shares, or just above $20 \%$ of the company's outstanding stock.
The registration statement sets forth that at a recent meeting of the directors Mr. Paley, who has been the active head of Columbia since a
year after its organization in 1927, entered into a new contract with Columyear after its organization in 1927, entered into a new contract with Colum
bia to continue as its President for a new five-year term commencing Jan. 1. 1941 .
The purpose of the proposed sale of 100,000 shares of his holdings of
Columbia stock, Mr. Paley states, is to enable him to diversify part of his large personal holdings in this one company. be sold, 20,000 shares are class A stock and so A stock and 758924 share There are outstanding 9 stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. All rights of the two classes of stock are the same except in electing directors. Holders of class A stock, voting separately, have the right to vote cumu-
latively for the election of one-half of the total number of directors, and latively for the election of one-half of the total number of directors, ay majority of a quorum of class B stock for the election of the other one-half of the directors. that the 100,000 shares of stock covered by the registra tion statement will be offered to the public by a banking group consisting tion statement will be ofrered to the pubrors, Glore, Forgan \& Co. and.
of Harriman Ripley \& Co., Lehman Brothers, Gloring price has not yet been announced, but
W. E. Hutton \& Co. The offering In addition to bringing up to date information about the company already filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and published from
time to time in the company's reports to its stockholders, the registration time to time in the company's reports to its stockholders, set income for 1939 was $\$, 001,529$, or $\$ 2.93$ per share, as against net
Nencome of $\$ 3,541,741$ in 1938 , or $\$ 2.07$ per share. Dividends paid on
both classes of stock in 1939 amounted to $\$ 1.50$ per share. A dividend of
45 cents per share has been declared for the first quarter of 1940 . It is stated that the number of stations now comprising the Columbia network has increased in the last five years from 99 to 119, comprising 114 Pucontinental United States, two in Canada, two in Hawaico Total power of and in in to 919,700 watts. The number of 50,000 -watt stations (maximum power at present permitted) has increased from 7 to to 15, with a sixteenth, that at Options Exercised-
share under reption granted to various executives.-V. 150, p. 989 at $\$ 15$ per
Commonwealth Edison Co.-Weekly Output-
company sales deducted) for the Commonwealth Edison Co. Group (interkilowatt hours compared with week ended Feb. 17, $1940,649,000$ was $151,135,000$ The following are year, an increase of $9.0 \%$
four weeks and the corresponding periods last year:


## Congoleum-Nairn, Inc. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-

 Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years$\begin{array}{lllll} & 1939 & 1938 & 1937 & 1936 \\ \text { Operating profits_-_-_- } & \$ 2,982,315 & \$ 1,880,104 & \$ 3,208,205 & \$ 3,192,628\end{array}$


 $\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\text { x Shares com. stock out- } & \$ 24,100 & \$ 258,819 \\ \text { standing (no par) } & 1,243,000 & 1,243,000 & 1,243,000 & 1,243,000 \\ \text { Earns. per sh. on com- } & \$ 1.70 & \$ 1.02 & \$ 2.03 & \$ 2.05\end{array}$ $\times$ Exclusive of shares held in treasury.

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 | c Treasury stock-_ | $1,368,486$ | $1,368,486$ | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Accts. payable and } \\ \text { acerued charges_ }\end{array}$ | 497,659 | 387,101 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| U. S. Govt. \& mu- |  |  |  |  |  |


 Other ser' insest. G'dwil \& tr.-mks.
Deferred debits..-
Total.
$\overline{08,621,555} \overline{30,369,100}$ Total …...........28,621,555 $\overline{30,369,100}$ a Less reserve for depreciation of $\$ 12,633,923$ in 1939 and $\$ 12,844,892$ in
$1938 . \quad 1,390,000$ shares of no par value, which includes 147,000 shares

Consolidated Film Industries, Inc.-Accumulated $D \geqslant v$.
The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the $\$ 2$ The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the $\$ 2$
cumulative preferred stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15 . A like amount was paid on Dec. 27, Oct. 2 , July 1 and April 1,1939 and on
Dec. 27 , Oct. 10, July 1 and Aprli 1,1938 , and a dividend of 50 cents was pajd on Dec. 27,1937 , this last being the first dividend paid since Dec. 26,
1936 , when $\$ 1$ per share 2as distributed.-V. 149, p. 3552,3405 .
Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc. (\& Subs.)

$\qquad$ Total operating revenues . . . . . . . . . ........... | 649,211 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 64,143,693$ | Opepreciation




 | c Miscellaneous items (net) |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| d Dividends on preferred stocks of sub. $\cos$ |  |

 b Amortization of debt discount and expense and miscellaneous deduc-
tions, including write-off in 1939 of investments in New York World's Fair tions, including write-off in 1939 of investments in New York World's Fair
bands of 8738,372 charged to surplus on the books of the companies.
d Held by the public, and share of net income in common stock of subsidiary companies.
Income Statement of Company Only
3 Months Ended Dec. 31 -

Sales of electric energy....
Other operating revenues...
Operating expenses
Depreciation




b Amortization of debt discount and expense and miscellaneous deduc-
tions, including write off in 1939 of investment in New York World's tions, including write-off in 1939 of investment in New York World's
Fair bonds of $\$ 447.499$. c Charged to surplus on the books of the com-
pany.-V. 150 p. 1133 .

Consolidated Mines Syndicate-Promoter Guilty-
The Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission on Feb. 14 reported that Frank E. Johnesse of Boise, Idaho, and Louis
Payne of New York Ci $(y$ pleaded no defense before Judge Charles $V$. Cavanah in the U. S. District Court at Boise to an indictment charging and conspiracy, in the sale of debentures of Consolidated Mines Syndicate,

Paul L. Oakes, died during the pendency of the indictment. Johnesse It was alleged in the indictment that the company, of which Johnesse was President and General Manager, Oakes Secretary and Treasurer three-year $8 \%$ first mortgage debentures and that the defendants, in the use to be made of the proceeds, the time and money required to to the property on a dividend-paying, production basis, and the amount of ore blocked out and available in the mines which the company was allegedly
perating.-V. 148, p. 2264; V. 144, p. 3495.
Consolidated Gas, Electric Light \& Power Co. of Baltimore (\& Subs.)-Earnings-



 Net revenue__-
Fixed charges and other
$\$ 9,294,612$
$\$ 8,376,724$
$\$ 9,228,518$
$\$ 9,156,848$


 | standing (no par) |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Earnings per share... | $1,167,397$ | $1,167,397$ | $1,167,397$ | $1,167,397$ |
|  | $\$ 4.94$ | $\$ 4.06$ | $\$ 4.63$ | $\$ 4.52$ |



Continental Can Co., Inc. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-
Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years (Incl. Wholly-Owned Subs.)
 Selling, advertising, gen-
eral \& admin. expenses Prov, for doubtful notes Co.'s propor, of loss of unconsol. sub. co, not
wholly-owned......
Net operating income-
Divs. \& int. rec. or accr.
on secs. \& invest., \&c.
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { on secs. \& invest., \&cr. } & 848,492 & \mathbf{1}, 642,222 & \$ 9,722,838 & \$ 10,114,221\end{array}$ Total income_-.-.-. $\$ 10,703,255 \quad \$ 8,894,759$ \$1055
 Prov, for exchange on conversion of net cur-
rent assets of foreign
subsidiaries
subsidiaries.........- 449,464
Net income
Divs. declared on $\$ 4.50$
$\$ 8,635,787$
$\$ 7,101,973$
$\$ 8,913,526$$\overline{\$ 9,038,787}$ cum, pref. stock $\$ 4.50$ $\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { Common dividends_-- } & \frac{5,707,178}{\$ 2,028,609} & -\frac{5,707,108}{\$ 494,865} & -\frac{8,560,512}{\$ 160,514} & & 8,970,6 \overline{0} \overline{8} \\ \text { Surplus. }\end{array}$ Shares com stock out- $\$ 2,028,609 \quad \$ 494,865-\$ 160,514-\$ 68,179$ $\begin{array}{rrrrrr}\text { standing (\$20 par) } & 2,853,971 & 2,853,971 & 2,853,971 & 2,853,971 \\ \text { Earned per share } & \$ 2.71 & \$ 2.17 & \$ 3.06 & \$ 3.17\end{array}$ b Including $\$ 1.000$ surtax on undistributed profits. c Less amoun accrued to date of sale of stock.

> Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1939

| Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | $\underset{\$}{1939}$ | $1938$ | Llabdities- ${ }^{1939}$ | 1938 |
| a R1. est., bldgs. | 54,994,905 | 55,452,680 | b Common stock $57,079,420$ | 420 |
| Secur. invest'ts, | 2,174,080 | 2,282,900 | \$4.50 cum. pref. | 2 |
| Other sec. inv., |  |  | stock -......- $20,000,000$ | 20,000,000 |
| other invest.\& |  |  | Pref. divs. pay . 225,000 | 225,000 |
| matges., notes |  |  | Accts. payable. $2,972,011$ | 2,302,241 |
| $\underset{\text { Inventories }}{\text { a }}$ (ect-- | 4,993,768 | 6,818,860 | Accrued wages, |  |
| Inventories | 30,787,112 | 26,892,219 | taxes \&c.--- 2805444 | 2785674 |
| Notes \& accts. |  |  | Other reserves_-- 4006835 | 1380589 |
| receivable... | 19,824,619 | 23,702,904 | Earned surplus, ${ }^{\text {1 }}$ 18,756,452 | 19,255,175 |
|  | 12,320,544 | 7,028,546 | Capital surplus. 20,299,839 | 20,299,839 |
| Accr. int. \& disc Deps. with mut' | 23,763 | 76,706 |  | ,20,83 |

Accr. int \& disc.
为

| , 08 |
| :--- | :--- |

Total_...... $\overline{126,145,000} \overline{123,327,938}$ Total........126,145,000 $\overline{123,327,938}$ a After reserve for depletion and depreciation of $\$ 25,405,685$ in 1939 and
$\$ 23,261,640$ in 1938 . $\$ 29$ par value. cInclldes $\$ 2,603,963$ reserve
for past service annuity premiums ice annuity premiums.-V. 150, p. 1133
Crown Drug Co,-Shares Retired-
The company announced the purchase of 6,000 shares of its $7 \%$ cumulative convertible preferred stock for retirement purroses. This stock had a
par value of $\$ 150,000$ and was purchased for a price of $\$ 97,375$.

This purchase will permit the company to add to its capital surplus account $\$ 2.625$, and saves the company
Continental Shares, Inc.-Holdings in Cliffs Corp. Distributed -
Distribution of 151,123 shares of Cliffs Corp., common stock formerly
held by Continental Shares, Inc., was begun by Liquidating Shares. Inc. held by Continental Shares, Inc., was begu by Lituidating Shares, Inc., a new corporation organized ung to Continental Shreas. Inc.
all the assets formerly belonging to
all Holders of common or founders' shares of Continental Shares have been notified by letter of $F$. A. Scott.
will receive one share of stock of the nwe company for each 200 common or will receive one share ontinental shares, In. In addition, letter states there founders shares ortill liquidating distribution consisting of ${ }^{3 / 8}$ of a share of clirfs
will be a partial Corp., common stock for each share or she Inc. Preferred stockholders of Continental have also been notified by letter of Charles \&. Wachner, Ohio receiver, that they will receive one share of sock of Liquidating shares, Inc., and $3 / 8$ of a share of Ciff
each share of Continental preferred. -V. 150, p. 685 .
Cuba Northern Rys.-EarningsPeriod End.


## Cuba RR.-Earnings-

Period End. Dec.31- 1939-3 Mos.-1938 1939-6 Mos-1938 $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { cl } & & \text { Closs arter taxes and } & \$ 279,911 & \$ 313,430 & \$ 312,301\end{array} \quad \$ 351,015$ -V. $149, \mathrm{p} . \overline{3} 2 \overline{5} \overline{8}$.
Dakota Central Telephone Co.-EarningsCalendar Years-
Local service revenues Tocal service revenues-:-
Miscellaneous revenues.

Total. Total oper revenues
Current maintenance Current maintenanceTraffic expenses. Commercial expenses.-. Operating rents,

Net operating loss-.Loss before fixed chgs Net loss -

Balance, deficit....- $\$ 86,780 \quad \$ 160,258 \quad \$ 278,524 \quad \$ 19,834$ a Under agreement with Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. no interest
was payable for the year 1939 on advances from that company. $x$ Indicates was p
AssetsOther inve plant..-s iscellaneous phys
 Material \& suppl's Notes receivable--
Acets. recelvable.-Prepayments-7.-.
Other def'd debits.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1939


13,469 52,037


> $\begin{array}{rr}52,037 & 31,732 \\ 11,285 & 11,40 \\ 97,864 & 69,111 \\ 4,691 & 4,61 \\ 128,016 & 115,879 \\ 8,219 & 5,49 \\ 10,533 & 9,532\end{array}$

## Delaware"Lackawanna \& Western RR.-Report-

 $\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Statistics of Operation for Calendar Years } & \\ 1939 & 1938 & 1937 & 1936\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Rev. frt. carried (tons) } & 21,236,188 & 18,273,663 & 22,064,257 & 21,307,721\end{array}$
 $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Pass. carried one mile-..-424,827,452 } & 431,664,139 & 471,774,360 & 464,569,82 c \\ \text { Rate per pass. per mile.- } & 1.57 \mathrm{c} & 1.56 \mathrm{c} . & 1.50 \mathrm{c} . & 1.51 \mathrm{c} .\end{array}$
 Total---..---------$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Maint. of way \& struc-- } & 3,318,597 \\ 9,392,781\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Maint. of equipment } & \mathbf{9 , 3 9 2 , 7 8 1} & \mathbf{3 , 1 7 8 , 1 6 8} & \mathbf{8 , 1 7 , 0 5 8 , 7 4 6}\end{array}$


 | Net revenue from oper_. | $11,919,431$ | $8,165,571$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 8 9 5}, 192$ | $10,543,575$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Rallway tax accruals_-_ | $5,140,501$ | $\mathbf{5 , 1 2 4 , 1 8 0}$ | $5,061,295$ | $4,016,990$ |

 Net ry. oper. income-
$\$ 6,028,688$
$\$ 2,509,621$
$\$ 5,628,901$
$\$ 6,362,518$ Income from unfunded securities \& accounts. Miscell. rent income..-Misc. non-op. phys. prop
Dividend income Income from fund. secur. Miscellaneous income_-_
 other reserve funds other reserve funds
Inc. from lease of road--

| Miscellaneous incomg |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 路 | 7,498 | 7,498 | 7,498 33.582 | $\begin{array}{r} 7,498 \\ 26,331 \end{array}$ |
| other from lease of road-- | 32,223 | 34,377 | 33,582 | $26,331$ |
| oss income | 378,51 | 797,586 | 13,225 | 646,473 |


| Gross incon | \$7,378,541 | \$3,797,586 | 86,913,225 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Deductions- | 7,083,255 | 7,083,270 | $7,083,866$ | $7,085.031$ |
| N. Y. pier rentals | 415,237 | 369,059 | 494,829 | 175,592 |
| Int. on funded deb | 220,717 | 167,134 | 33,356 | 28,061 |
| Int, on undunded de |  | - 26 | 31 | 34 |
| Miscell tax acc | 59,168 | 54,180 | 52,684 $\mathbf{1 3 , 9 3 7}$ | 53,987 |
| Micell |  | 16,510 | 13,937 | 14,019 |

Net deficit..........- $\$ 508,9 8 5 \longdiv { \$ 3 , 9 5 4 , 9 5 4 } \xlongequal [ \$ 9 3 6 , 7 7 2 ] { \$ 1 3 2 , 8 4 7 }$

Total_..........
$-\mathrm{V} .148, \mathrm{p} .1026$.
-V. 148, p. 1026 .
Dallas Ry. \& Terminal Co.-EarningsPeriod End. Dec. $31-$
$\begin{gathered}\text { Operating revenues.--- } \\ \text { Oper. exps., incl. taxes }\end{gathered}$ Operating revencl. taxes--
Oper. exps. incl
Prop. retire. res. approp. Net oper. revenues..-
Rent for lease of plant. Operating income---
Other income Gross income
Int. on mtge. bonds

| Net income-- | $\$ 2,255$ | $\$ 2,079$ | $\$ 22,071$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a Divs. applic. to pref. stock for the period | $\$ 17,599$ |  |  |

 a Dividends accumulated and unpaid to Dec. 31,1939 , amounted to
$\$ 640,723$. Latest dividend amounting to $\$ 1.75$ a share on $7 \%$ preferred
stock was paid on Nov. 1,1933 . Dividends on this stock are cumulative. $\$ 640,723$. Latest do Nov. 1, 1933 . Dividends on this stock are cumulative

Davenport Hosiery Mills, Inc.-To Pay 25-Cent Div.The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the com This compares with 75 cents paid on Dec. 27, last; 25 cents paid on Oct. 2 July 1 and on April 1, 1939; 75 cents paid on Dec. 27, 1938; 25 cents paid
on Oct. 1 , July 1 and April 1, 1938; 50 cents paid on Dec. 21, 1937, and divion Oct. 1, Jend 25 cents per share paid each three months from April 1, 1935 , to
dend including Oct. 1, 1937. In addition, a dividend of 25 cents was paid and including Oct. 1, 1937. In add.
on Dec. 21, 1936.-V. 149, p. 4026 .

Dayton Power \& Light Co.-Bonds Called-
All of the outstanding first and refunding mortgage bonds $31 / 2 \%$ series due 1960 have been called for redemption on March 16 at $1041 / 2$ and ac-
crued interest. Payment will be made at the Irving Trust Co. of New crued interest. Paymen
York:-V. 150, p. 1134 .

Deisel-Wemmer Gilbert Corp.-Larger DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of $371 / 2$ cents per share on the com-
mon stock, par $\$ 10$, payable March 25 to holders of record March 15. Previously regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were distributed. In addition, an ex
1939.-V. 149, p. 3870 .

Dennison Mfg. Co.-To Pay $\$ 3$ Preferred DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of $\$ 3$ per share on the $\$ 6$ prior pref The prior preferred stock was issued under the recapitalization plan made
effective last year and this is the initial dividend on the stock. The issue effective last year and this is the initial dividend on the stock. The issue
is entiled to $\$ 6$ a share annually, cumulative to the extent earned up to the is entiled to \$6 a share annuall, cumulatiler after which dividends will be cumulative up to $\$ 3$ a share whether earned or not and cumulative for an addit
$\$ 3$ a share to the extent of earnings in any fiscal year.-V. 150, p. 992 .

| General Balance Sheet Dec. 311939 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\underset{5}{1939}$ | $\stackrel{1938}{\mathbf{S}}$ | Labblit | 1939 | 1938 |
| Invest. in road.- | 55,728,176 | 55,656,299 | Common stock. | 84,441,200 | 84,441,200 |
| Invest. in equip. | 79,864,987 | 81,120,068 | Premium on cap. |  |  |
| Impts. on leased |  | 15,696,107 | Grants in aid of | 70,720 |  |
| railway prop | 15,486,81 | 15,696,107 | construction. | 234,867 | 216,535 |
| Miscell. physica property.- | 2,378,380 | 2,449,149 | Equip. tr. oblig. | 3,287,000 | $3,677,000$ 2 |
| Inv.in affil. cos.: |  |  | RFC loan. | 2,000,000 |  |
| Stocks | 9,494,449 | 9,493,727 | Non-negot. debt |  |  |
| Bon | 3,391,731 | ${ }_{5}^{3,362,854}$ | Loans \& bills pay | ,02,228 | 950,000 |
| Not | 5,235,481 | ${ }_{3,218,958}^{5,235,4}$ | Tratfic and car |  |  |
| Advance | 3,216,417 |  | serv. bal. pay. | 699,910 | 569,426 |
|  | 2,159,024 | 2,158,421 | Audited accts. \& |  |  |
| Bonds | 11,958,971 | 11,937,048 | wages payable | $3,199,498$ 220639 | 281,961 |
| Not | 583,636 | 609,136 | Misc. accts. pay |  | 18,858 |
| Advances | 15,751,485 | 15,278,142 | Unmat. int. acer | 69,337 | 60,157 |
| Miscellaneous | 15,008 | 16,247 | Unmat. rts acer. | 696,945 | ,788,780 |
| Cash | 391 | 3,046,831 | Other curr. liab. | 215,257 | 171,161 |
| Loans \& bills rec | 849 890 |  | Deferred liabil.- | 14,240,581 | 13,377,596 |
| Traffic, \&c., bal. | 90 | ,954 | Tax liability... | 2,957,318 | 3,452,235 |
| Net balances re- |  | - | Ins., \&c., res'ves | 982,532 | 998,498 |
| \& conductors | 630,184 | 495,384 | Accr'd deprec'n |  |  |
| Misc. acts. rec. | 1,028,407 | 1,002,134 | equipment.-- | 42,636,065 | 41,558,892 |
| Mat'ls \& suppl's | 1,873,968 | 1,818,666 | Oth. unadj. cred | 2 |  |
| Oth. curr. assets | 7.901 | 4,945 | dins to prop. | 6,256.278 | ,360,171 |
| Deferred assets. | 329,442 | 331,209 |  | 6,417,048 | 417,048 |
| Unadjust. deb.- | 795,852 | 792,679 | Approp. surplus Profit and loss.. | 47,124,327 | 48,428,442 |
|  |  |  | Total | ,376,4 | 4,550,440 | -V. 150, p. 837.

Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. (Del.)-Merger, \&c.-
The Securities and Exchange Commission has announced that a public hearing has been set for Feb. 28 on the application (File 58-50) filed under
the Holding Company Act in connection with a proposed plan for the the Holding Company Act in connectric Corp. (Del.) and the merger of its two subsidiaries, The Derby Gas \& Electric Co. and The Wallingford Go subsid Co. (two Connecticut corporations) into a new Connecticut
Gorporation, The Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. of Conn. The following corporation, The Derby Gas
is a brief summary of the plan:
Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. (Del.) is an intermediate holding company
of the UUtilities Power \& Light Corp. The trustee of the estate of Utilities
Power \& Light Power \& Light Corp. holds all of the 50,000 outstanding shares of common stock of the Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. (Tel.) and, through a wholly owned subsidiary, controls 3,064 shares of its $\$ 7$ pref. and 93 shares of Power \& Light Corp. holds an open-account indebtedness of Derby Gas $\&$ Electric Corp. (Del.) in the amount of $\$ 5,000,000$ bearing interest at
$5 \%$ per annum. It is stated that 16,936 shares of such $\$ 7$ pref. and 1,407 5 per of such $\$ 6.50$ pref. shares are outstanding with the public.
shancipally
The assets of Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. (Del.) consist principal of the entire outstanding no nar value capitai stocks of The Derby Gas ${ }_{105,000}$ shares and 6.000 , allingford Gas Light Co. in the amounts of 105,000 shares and 6,000 shares common, respectively. At Dec. 31, 1939 ,
Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. also had cash in the amount of $\$ 44,786$ and loans receivable from its two subsidiaries in principal amounts aggregating
$\$ 113,281$. $\$ 1$ It is proposed that Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. (Del.) will transfer to The Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. of Conn. the following: All of the shares of capital stock of The Derby Gas \& Electric Co. and The agte of $\$ 113,281$; and $\$ 200,000$ in cash payable out of the proceeds of the sale of bonds of The Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. of Conn. It is also provosed that The
Derby Gas \& Electric Co. and The Wallingford Gas Light Co. will be Derby Gas \& Electric Co. an Electric Corp. of Conn.
merged into The Derby Gas
Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. of Conn. will issue to Derby Gas \& Electric
 (or pay the proceeds of the sale of such bonds to Derby Gas \& Electric
Corp.) and not more than 200,000 shares of its common stock. In addition, Corp.) and not more than 200,000 shares of plan are to be borne by the new company. Gas \& Electric Corp. (Del.) will apply the proceeds from the
be necessary, to pay and discharge all its liabilities, including the open-
account indebtedness to Utilities Power \& Light Corp. Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. (Del.) will then be dissolved and such assets as remain will of the certificates of stock now held by them. It is proposed that no distribution of assets will be made on account of the common stock of Derby Gas \& Electric Corp. (Del.) held by the trustee of the estate of
Utilities Power \& Light Corp., but such stock will be canceled.-V. 150 ,
p. 837 .

Detroit Edison Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings12 Months Ended Jan. $31-$
Gross earnings from utility
Gross earnings from utility operations $\qquad$ 1940
$\mathbf{\$ 6 0}, 052,46$

Income from utility operations
Other miscellaneous $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}-. \$ 15,741,347 \\ \hline\end{array}$ 1939
$\mathbf{5 5}, 136,43$
$40,939,77$

 Intization to construction

Net income
\$9,772,355 $\$ 8,218,672$
a Including alloperating and maintenance charges, current appropria-
ons to retirement (depreciation) reserve and accuals for all taxes.-V. 150 , tions to
Duncan Electric Mfg. Co.-35-Cent Dividend-
stock, payable Feb. 24 to holders of record Feb. 35 per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 24 to holders of record Feb. 14. Dividend of 25 cents
was paid on Nov. 2 , last, and one of 20 cents was paid on Sept. 11, 1939 . - V. 148, p. 878.
(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours \& Co.-Larger Interim Div. The directors on Feb .19 declared an interim dividend of $\$ 1.75$ per share compares with a year-end dividend of $\$ 325$ paid on Decord 14 Feb. 26 . Thist; $\$ 1.25$ on Sept. 14, June 14 and March 14, 1939; \$1.50 on Dec. 14, 1938, 75 cents on
Sept. 14, 1938; 50 cents on June 14 and March 14, 1938; $\$ 2$ paid on Dec. 14,
1937; $\$ 1.50$ on Sept. 15, 1937; $\$ 2$ on June 15, 1937, and 75 cents per share

Eagle Fire Insurance Co.-Dividends Resumed-
Directors have declared a dividend of five cents per share on the common stock, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15 . Last previous divi-
dend amounted to 15 cents per share and was paid on Sept. 30, 1937 .

Eastman Kodak Co.-New Product-
Tennessee Eastman Corp., subsidiary of Eastman Kodak, is introducing acetate, in a new use for plastics employing new technique. The principal use for cellulose acetate is for auto accessories, such as steering wheels, \&c. The material is called cellulose acetate butyrate and is superior to the
older acetate form in resistance to water, heat and sunlight. Its initial use is in woven reeds for outdoor furniture. The reeds are formed or extruded by a new process developed by the Detroit Macoid Corp. Reeds for the furniture are made in all colors, including a crystal clear material. It is seats for buses and railroad cars.
The finished material can be made by the some equipment used to make The finished material can be made by the some equipment used to make
the finished material for cellulose acetate materials. The cost will be the finished material for cellulose
Ebasco Services, Inc.-Weekly InputFor the week ended Feb. 15, 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:
$\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Operating Subs. of } & 1940 & \text { 1939 } & \text { Amount } & \text { Pct. } \\ \text { American Power \& Light Co- } 121,136,000107,335,000 & 13,801,000 & 12.9 \\ \text { Electric Power \& Light Corp. } 59,817,000 & 54,470,000 & 5,34,000 & 9.8\end{array}$ Electric Power \& Light Corp. $59,817,00054,470,000 \quad 5,347,000$
National Power \& Light Co. 76,312,000 $83,494,000 \times 7,182,000$

The above figures do
not appearing in both periods.-V.150, s.1134 inputs of any companies
Electrolux Corp.-Earnings-
 $\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Earnings per share on } & \$ .44 & \$ 0.43 & \$ 1.34 & \$ 1.65 \\ -\mathrm{V} .150, \text { p. } 933 .\end{array}$

Empire Power Corp.-Accumulated Dividend-
The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the $\$ 2.25$ of record March 1. Like amount was paid on Dec. 11 last; dividend of 25 cents was paid on Nov. 11, last; dividends of 50 cents were paid on Sept.
11, June 10 and March 10, 1939; 25 cents on Dec. 10 and Nov. 10. 1938; 50'cents on Sept. 10 , June 10 and 25 March 10,$1938 ; 75$ cents paid on Dec. 15
and Nov. 10,1937 , and 50 cents paid on Sept. 15 , June 15 and March 15, p. 3260

Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co.-EarningsYears End. Dec. 31Net sales.-.
Mfg., adm.
Depreciation............ 1939
$\mathbf{8 1 , 9 0 1 , 1 4 0}$
$2,205,865$
24,305 1938
$\$ 2,162,492$
$2,437,266$
26,471 1937
$\$ 3,847,313$
$3,799,606$
29,763 1936
$\mathbf{\$ 3 , 8 2 9 , 4 4 1}$
$3,513,098$
31,124
 Net loss................. $\$ 317,909$ Deficit- D .-ap. outstand -Earnings per share...-
$\times$ Less other deductions
$\$ 2$ was paid on Dec. 15 , last and one of $\$ 1$ was paid on June 30 , last.-
V. 149, p. 3555 .
Fairbanks, Morse \& Co.-Largest Profits Since 1926 Reported-
Net profits of $\$ 2,469,884$ for 1939, an increase of over $300 \%$ over 1938
and the largest net earnings since 1926, are announced for company and and the largest net earnings since 1926 , are announced for company and
its subsidiaries in the annual report of the company made public Feb. 19. its subsidiaries in the annual report of the company made public Feb. 19.
Col. Robert H. Morse, President and General Manager, points out that
the profit the profit amounting to, $\$ 4.12$ per share, is significant in the light of the tax payment for 1939 which amounted to $\$ 1,167,633$ or $\$ 1.95$ a share, exclusive The report, in stressing the strong financial condition of the company
states that the cash balance on Dec. 31, 1939 amounting to $\$ 3.577,006$ was with one exception the largest at the close of any year in the history of the company, notwithstanding the retirement during the year of $\$ 650,000$ the sinking fund. Moreover, serial bank loans were reduced $\$ 200,000$, of which $\$ 125,000$ were retired in advance of maturity.
$\$ 769.990$ as compared with $\$ 642$ against this year's profits amounted to $\$ 769,990$ as compared with $\$ 642,949$ charged against the profits of the
previous year. The net profits for 1938 were $\$ 558,539$.-V. $150, \mathrm{p} .687$.

Fairchild Engine \& Airplane Corp.-Stock CalledCorporation is calling for redemption on March 19, 1940, at $\$ 107.50$ per the redemption price will be made on or after that date at the offices of United States Corporation Co., agent, 150 Broadway, New York City, or
15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, N. J. V.
First Bank Stock Corp.-Dividend IncreasedDirectors have declared a dividend of 30 cents per share on the common stock payable April 1 to holders of record March 15.
per share were distributed on Oct. 2 and on April 1, 1939.-V. 150, p. 1135.

Florida Power Corp. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-

| Years Ended Dec. 31- | $\times 1$ | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating revenue | \$3,762,890 | \$3,413,861 |
| Operating expe | 1,515,302 | 1,521,956 |
| Maintenance. | 1,260,376 | 1,196,537 |
| Provision for retiren | 301,898 | 317,508 |
| Federal income tax | 112,390 | 51,500 |
| Other taxes | 296,168 | 285,778 |
| Operating income | \$1,276,755 | \$1,040,582 |
| Other income (net) | - 54,154 | +1,71,575 |
| Gross income | \$1,330,909 | \$1,112,157 |
| Interest on first mortgage | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Interest on other long-term deb | 107,549 | 119,567 |
| Other interest - - -1. | 36,078 | 38,361 |
| Amortization of debt discount and | 108,527 | 113,383 |
| Interest charged to construction. | Cr2,966 | Cr1,768 |
| Net income. | \$681,721 | \$442,613 |
| Dividends on preferred | 222,125 | 222,125 |
| Balance | \$459,596 | \$220,488 |

Balance_-----
x Preliminary.-
149
3220,488
Florida Public Service Co.-Earnings-

| Years Ended Dec. 31- | $\times 1939$ | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total operating revenue | \$2,404,416 | \$2,276,569 |
| Operating expens | 1,024,114 | 1,056.830 |
| Prointenance | 170,214 | 160.062 |
| Provision for taxe | 364,441 185,700 | 182,834 |
| Operating income | \$659,946 | \$681,965 |
| Other income | 22,538 | 25,233 |
| Gross income | \$682,484 | \$707,198 |
| Interest on first mo | 239,868 | 240,000 |
| Interest on 5\% serial debenture | 145,000 | 150,000 |
| Interest charged to construct | $\begin{array}{r} 26.799 \\ \text { Cr822 } \end{array}$ | 24,196 Cr 126 |
| a Bala | \$271,639 | \$293.128 | a Before interest on convertible income debentures, owned by affiliated

company. $x$ Preliminary
Fonda Johnstown \& Gloversville RR.-EarningsMonth of January-
Operating revenue




Total income a Income available for fixed charges Interest deductions.


| Net loss... |
| :--- |
| - $\mathrm{V} .150, \mathrm{p}$. | $\qquad$

$$
\frac{493}{\$ 6,395}-
$$

| $\$ 2,855$ |
| ---: |
| $\mathbf{1 5 1}$ |
| $\$ 2,704$ |
| 267 |

## Foundation Plan, Inc.-Promoters Sentenced-

The Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission Feb. 9 reported that Judge Vincent for the Southern District of New York had passed sentence on Harry C Williams, former President, of Foundation Plan, Inc., James J. Conner,
former Vice-President, Benjamin Blumenthal, former State Agent for the company in Massachusetts, and Kirk C. C, Tuttle, former Agent for the
Foundation Plan, Inc., all of whom had pleaded of charging conspiracy to violate the fraud and registration provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 . Mr. Williams was given a sentence of one year
and one day and fined $\$ 5,000 ; \mathbf{M r}$. Tuttle's sentence was six months and and one day and fined $\$ 5,000 ; \mathrm{Mr}$; Tuttle's sentence was six months and
a fine of $\$ 1,000$; Mr. Blumenthal's sentence was six months and a fine of $\$ 1,500$; and Mr. Connor's sentence was six months. The corporation, for which a plea of guilty had also been entered, was fined $\$ 2,500$. The Court characterized the acquittal of Jerry Scott, Sales Manager for acquittal, the Court said it did not feel justified in requiring the other acquittal, the Court said it did not feel justified in requiring the other
defendants to serve prison sentences. Consequently, all of the prison sentences were suspended. The defendants, it. was charged, conspired to defraud the holders of thrift plan certificates of Foundation Plan, Inc., and prospective investors
by means of misrepresentations and other fraudulent devices. The inby means of misrepresentations and other fraudulent devices. The indictment charged that the defendants represented that the costs involed
were merely nominal, when in fact the charges amounted to approximately
$80 \%$ of the first year's monthly payments. The defendants, it was charged $80 \%$ of the first year's monthly payments. The defendants, it was charged
made misleading statements to the effect that the plan was as safe and secure as a savings bank with the additional feature that it paid a larger return; that the money could be withdrawn at any time; and that the
plan, in all its particulars, was guaranteed by a bank. These statements plan, in all its particulars, was guaranteed by a bank. These statements fendants to disclose the depletion of a substantial part of the account
of the certificate holders to meet undisclosed creation and administration
(Peter) Fox Brewing Co.-Extra DividendDirectors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common
stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. Extra of 25 stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 15. E
cents was paid on June 30 and on April 1, 1939.-V. 150, p. 839 .

Gamewell Co.-50-Cent Common DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common with 25 cents paid on Jan. 2 last and on Sept. 15, 1939, this latter being he first dividend paid on the common shares since MMay 25 , 1938, when a
similar amount was distributed. Prior to then no dividends had been paid Cor six years.-V. 149, p. 4029.
General Acceptance Corp., Bethlehem, Pa.-ReportThe annual pamphlet report for 1939 shows a substantial increase in business volume. , ross business ror the year amounting to $\$ 5,254,522$,
compared with $\$ 3,529,495$ in 1938 an increase of $\$ 1,725,028$. or approximately. $49 \%$ Or 1039 volume. $95 \%$. represented automobile financing, the remainder bein
dustrial financing.
Net income of the corporation and its subsidiaries for the year totaled
887.526 , after all charges including provision for losses and Federal and 887,526, after all charges including provision for 10 ioses and and
State income taxes. After deducting earnings of $\$ 27.977$ realized by companies accuired in 1939 before their date of accuisition, consolidated net ncome was 859,549 equal to $\$ 1.23$ per share on the class A common and
common stock outstanding. compared with 66 cents a share earned in 1938 . Earnings on the common stocks on a consolidated basis for the entire year
amounted to $\$ 1.66$ per share. Earned surplus at the end of 1939 was S66.437 against $\$ 53.383$ at the close of 1938 .
Dec. 3set, 1939 balance sheet of the corporation and subsidiaries shows
total asser of $\$ 2.611 .434$, including cash of $\$ 270,761$ and total current
receivables of $\$ 2,230.287$.
 were not fully reflected in the 1939 operations, as deferred income increased w22. 118 . Condition of ovr receivables shows about the same percentage
of delinguencis of delinquuencies as in past years.
panies in Newark, Jersey City and Hackensack N. J. On Nov, $20,32 \%$
 Finance Co.. Middletown, O., was acuired and all its assets transferred on
Dec. 31, 1939. This accuisition will increase earning power of the , ome pany and give
149 p. 3556.

## General Bronze Corp.-New Exchange Plan-

W. P. Jacob, President. in a letter dated Feb. 19, says: offered to the 10 -year $6 \%$ convertible debenture holders during August,
1939, less than one-third of the presently nutstanding $81,390,500$ debentures. Communications received from many debenture holders indicated that a number were unwiring to accept the a exoposal in offer whereby the indenture ecuring the proposed issue of debentures would contain provisions at least equivalent to those provided by the present indenture. Corporation dechange and to propose a a ne N plan embodying not only the suggestions so made, but certain other features all of which the management believes will prove substantialy more advantaceous to the debeature-holders. Srom the original plan are as foclows:
(a) The interest rate to be borne by the new debentures is to be $6 \%$ (h) The new.
(b) The new debentures aro to have a conversion privilege. being con-
 (c) The new debentures are to be entitled to the benefits of a sinking corporation for the preceding year, which amount may be paid either in
 year commencing with 1941. There is no sinking fund provision in the
indenture securing the presently outstanding debentures. (d) The new indenture will not permit che issuance of new debtures in
excess of $\$ 973,350$, the maximum principal amount that may he required under the plan, whereas the indidenture under the old plan would have $\$ 1,000,000$ princinal amount debentures; and under the new plan there are no provisions as there were under the old plan contemplating the modification of the new indenture to include provisions required or permitted by The new deposit agreement continues the right of any depositor, at any out any cost to him. Because of this right of withdrawal the election, at the from changing, by the process of withdrawal and redeposit, to the alternate offer at any time prior to the effective date of the plan.
The effectuation of the plan of exchange is made necessary by the fact that although all konk or banking houses for refunding the presently outstanding debentures at maturity at par, were carefully explored, it was found impracticable for the corporation to arrange for such refunding, and the new plan is offered of the debenture holders. Fither liquidation or reorganization under some section of the Bankruptey Act would almost certainly result in severe loss and damaze to the corporation.
Except for the impending $m$.
Corporation is, as a soing concern, the of the outstanding debentures, the corporation is, as a going concern, in a good financial condition, New
orders booked durins the year 1939 amounted to $\$ 3.017,142$. This, as compared to $\$ 1,605,191$. new orders booked during 1938, shows an increase of almost $88 \%$ over orders for 1938 . It is an increase of $94 \%$ over the
average annual new business boiked during the preceding six years. These
 This is an increase of over $145 \%$ over the previous year's "backlog" and is
an increase of over $74 \%$ over the average volume of work on hand as of the start of all of the preceding six years. Such a condition makes essential the maintenance of a substantial working capital, since the corporation's business is of such a nature that deliveries aeainst large contracts are result that income from these contracts does not accrue, in some instances, for a y ear or more a atter the obligation is asssumed.
Exchantures should be forwarded for deposit to Manufacturers Trust Co. Exhe debenture holders are offered their choice of two alternative exchange offers as follows: Exchane Offer $A$-Providing for the issuance to the holder of each $\$ 1,000$ cash pus interest accrued to May 1,1940 on each exchanged old debenture.
(b) 8500 new 10 -year $6 \%$ convertible debentures dated as of May 1,1940 and (c) 50 shares of common stock.
principal amount of old debentures, and in exchange therefor, of: (1) $\$ 300$ cash plus interest accrued to May 1, 1940 on each exchanged old debenture
and (2) $\$ 700$ new 10 -ear $6 \%$ convertible debentures dated as of May 1 cand pus interest accrued to May 1940 on each exchanged old debenture,
and 1940 . $\$ 700$ new 10 -year $6 \%$ convertible debentures dated as of May 1 ,

|  | 1939 | 1938 | 1937 | 1936 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross earnings on completed contracts | \$2,220,488 | \$2,279,255 | \$2,474,362 | \$1,161,313 |
| a Cost of completed contracts | 1,966,460 | 83 |  |  |
| General and adm. exps- | 233,286 | 262925 | 54 | 234,366 |
| Prov. for doubtful accts. |  | 8.4 | 8.400 | 03 |
| tal income | 3.662 | 9,21 | 8,373 | 2.702 |
| Net operating profit.- Other income | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 17,078 \\ & 42,570 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 885,329 \\ 55,087 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 160,142 \\ 46,369 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} s \\ s \end{array} 260,028$ |
| Total income <br> Total incorions | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 59,648 \\ 96,205 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 140,416 \\ 87,793 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|} \$ 206,511 \\ 95,944 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \mathrm{ss} \$ 225,294 \\ 99 ; 792 \end{array}$ |
| Net profit | 36,556 | \$52,62 | \$110, | 325,0 | -Vet .150 prit. p -

General Cigar Co.-To Pay 25-Cent DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common
stack, payable March 15 to holders of record Feb. 26. Like amount was paid in the preceding three month periods. $\mathrm{V} .150, \mathrm{p}$, 995 cents per share

## General Foods Corp. (\& Subs.) - Earnings-

 $\times$ After all charges, expenses, provisions for taxes, \&c. y On $5,251,440$ no

## General Household Utilities Co.-Delisting-

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Feb. 16 announced that application of Chicago stock
tion the common stock (no par) of this company had been granted. The application stated, among other things. that the security was suspended application stanted, among onge on Jan. 27.1939 and that the annual report of the company for the year et.
suspended operations on Oct. 21, 1937 and plans for resuming operations suspended operations on Oct. 2 , 193 and
and reabilititation of to matererialize. It was fompany further stated that no financial statements had been submitted by the company
since the filling of its annual report for the year ended July 31,1938 . The since the filing of its annual report for the year ended Jvly $31,{ }^{\text {and }}$, The close
Commission's order granting the application becomes effective at the Commission's order granting the application becomes effe
of the trading session on Feb. 24, 1940--V, 148, p. 731.
General Motors Corp.-Action Dismissed-
A Federal court jury Feb 22 dismissed a $\$ 5,000,000$ recovery action brought against the corporation and its subsidiary, A. C. Spark Plug Co
by Charles E . Kraus, an inventory, by returning a verdict in favor of the by Charles.
The action was based upon alleged breach of an agreement dated July 1 ,
1919 under which the Champion Ignition Co.. predecessor of A. Spart
 Plug, allegedly agreed to pay Mr. Kraus royaities for use of ocal ed secre
process for making plastic materials used in the manufacture of spark plug insulators.-V. 150, p. 1136

## General Printing Ink Corp.-To Pay 10-Cent Div.-

 Directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15 . This compares with50 ente paid on Dec. 7 latif 10 conts paid on Oct. 1 , July 1 and April
Int. Justy 1 and April 1, 1938, and previously quarterly dividends of 30 cents jur share were paid on these shares.-V.149, D. 3716 .
General Refractories Co.-New DirectorFrankiin D'Oher, President of Prudential Insurance Co. of America 150, p. 995.

General Telephone Corp.-Capital Change A pprovedStockholders at a special meeting helic Feb. 2 storm olly approved visuance
135,000 shares of new $\$ 2.50$ conv. preferred stock of $\$ 50$ par value and an increase in the authorized commono stocl to 2.000,000 shares. The new preferre of the corporation's common stock voted in favor of the capital changes. Oirrectors of the company also authorized the borrowing of $\$ 3.675 .650$ from the Bankers Trust Co. to finance the retirement of the corporation's
outstanding 73.513 shares of $\$ 33$ preferred stock. A call was issued for outstanding 73.513 shares of 83 preferred stock
redemption of this stock on A prill 1 at $\$ 50$ a share.

## Dividends-Capital Changes Voted-

Directors on Feb. 20 increased the regular quarterly dividend rate on the
 common dividend is payable March 15 to stockholders or record March 5 and the preferred dividend is payable April 1 to stockholders of record
March 15. This action followed special stockholders' meetings at which capital changes were approved.
Holders of more than $77 \%$ of the corporation's common stock, or 541,421 shares, voted at the special meetings to authorize changes affecting the
capital structure, including the issuance of 135,000 shares of new $\$ 2.50$ convertible preferred stock and an increase in authorized common stock $t$. $2.000,000$ shares. They also authorized the temporary borrowing of $\$ 3,675$. 73,513 shares of $\$ 3$ convertibie preferred stock, following which the directors issued a call for its redempition on April 1 at $\$ 50$ per share.
Proceeds from the sale of the new preferred stock, which was publicly offered last week, will be used in part to repay the temporary indebtedness
and in part to enable General Telephone Corp. 10 furnish funds to Genera Telephone Allied Corp. to redeem on March 15 all of the latter's out standing $\$ 6$ preferred stock.- $\mathbf{V} .150, \mathrm{p} .1136$.
General Telephone Tri Corp.-Dividend IncreasedDirectors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common
stock, payable March 22 to holders of record March 15. This compares stock, payable March 22 to holders or record
 and an initial
149, p. 3557 .

General Water, Gas \& Electric Co.-Hearing March 1A hearing has been set for March 1, in the Securities and Exchange application of International Utilities Corp. (File 46-206) regarding the issuance and sale by General Water Gas \& Electric Co. of an $\$ 800.00021 / 2 \%$ secured promissory note to American Trust Co. and an $\$ 858,00$.
sory note to International Utilities Corp.-V. 149, p. 3717 .

Georgia \& Florida RR.-Earnings-

-V. 150, p. 1136.
Georgia Power \& Light Co.-Earnings-


Giant Portland Cement Co.-Earnings-
Years Ended Dec. 31-
Other income
 Selling, administrative and general expenses....-. $\mathbf{x} \$ 25,985$ Depreciation-1.-........-.....................--

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Assets-Cash, $\$ 315,209$; accounts receivable (less reserve for bad debts 1,445 ; inventories, $\$ 282,287$; property, plant and equipment employees, $\$ 1,445 ;$ inventories, $\$ 282,287$; property; plant and equipment (less reserve
for depreciation of $\$ 1,61,710$ ) $\$ 988,290$; goodwill, $\$ 1,177,895$; deferred
charges. $\$ 17,493 ;$ total, $\$ 2,807,391$. charges, $\$ 17,493 ;$ total, $\$ 2,807,391$.
Liabilities-Accounts payable and
parcred charges, $\$ 20,102$; accrued
 p. 2084 .

God's Lake Gold Mines, Ltd.- $21 / 2$-Cent Dividend-

(Adolf) Goebel, Inc.-To Mortage Property-
Stockholders, Feb. 19. voted approval of the company'splan to mortgage



Goodyear Tire \& Rubber Co. (\& Subs.), Akron, OhioConsolidated Income Account for Calendar Years $1939 \quad 1938 \quad 1937 \quad 1936$




Total profit before int.
 Prop. of dibc. on fanded
debt $\&$ prem, 8 Ec (net) $\qquad$
Total profits for year. $1 \begin{gathered}12,358,610\end{gathered} \frac{105,462}{6,849,994} \frac{84,011}{18,314,053} \frac{233,009}{11,392,972}$ earns of subs. not not

| earns. of subs. not Adjust. of invent. -values | 728,211 | 837,570 | 10,342,743 | 561,939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance of profits car Preferred dividends. Common dividends |  | $\begin{gathered} 6,012,423 \\ 3,25 ; 295 \\ \hline 513: 687 \end{gathered}$ | 7,477,687 | ${ }^{10} 4.9681,324$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 6.22,894 \\ & 2.059168 \\ & \hline 8.628 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 5,863,705 \\ & 1,755,775 \\ & \hline 8,975 \end{aligned}$ |

$\frac{\text { R Returns, discounts, freights, allowances, and intercompany sales do }}{\text { ducted }}$





Granite City Steel Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-






 Earned surp, Dec. 31
Earns. per share on cap.
$\$ 1,022,157$ $\begin{array}{rcccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Earns. per share on cap. } \\ \text { stock outstanding--.- }\end{array} & \$ 0.91 & \text { Nil } & \$ 0.66 & \$ 0.75\end{array}$ a Consolidated figures. b Company figures.
Note -No provision for Federal surtax on undistributed profits in 1937
and 1938.-V. 149, p. 3873 .

Craton \& Knight Co.-To Pay Preferred DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share on account of ac-
cumulations on the $7 \%$ cumulative preferred stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 12. Like amount was paid on Dec. 28 last and previous dividend was the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.75$ per share dis-
tributed on Nov. 15,1938 .-V. 149, p. 4175 . C. on Nov. 15, 1938.-V. 149, p. 4175.

## Greenwich Gas Co.-Dvidends-

Directors declared an extra dividend of 4 88-100 cents per share in addi-
tion to a dividend of 24 cents on the $\$ 1.25$ participating preferred stock, tion to a dividend of 24 cents on the $\$ 1.25$ participating preferred stock,
both payable March 15 to holders of record March 1 . Like extras were both payable March 15 to holders of record March 1 . Like extras were
paid on Sept. 15 and June 1 last. An extra of $67-10$ cents was paid on
Feb. 15, 1939 , and one of $71-10$ cents was paid on Oct. 1, 1938.-V. 149,
p. 2368 .
Gruen Watch Co.-Class C Dividend-
The board of directors has taken steps to place the $6 \% \$ 25$ par value
class $C$ preferred stock on a regular dividend basis of $\$ 1.50$ a share, by declass C preferred stock on a regular dividend basis of $\$ 1.50$ a share, by de-
claring a dividend of 25 cents a share to cover February and March this
year year. Benjamin s. Katz, President of the company, in announcing the $371 / 2$ cents a share will be paid on July 1 and every three months there-
after. The dividend of 25 cents will be payable on April 1 to holders of after. The dividend
record of March 15 .
The preferred as
The preferred, as well as shares of the common stock issue, were issued
to holders of the old preferred stock of the company when it was reorgan to holders of the old preferred stock of the company when it was reorgan-
ized in 1935 . At that time, Mr. Katz explained, various prior securities were issued to eight bank creditors to whom there was owing approximatioly
$\$ 1,800,000$. No dividends could be paid on the class the common stoek as long as any debentures or class A preferred nor on banks, was outstanding. The debentures were retired several, years ago were retired.
Directors also authorized the purchase of all class B preferred shares of the company held by the Central Trust Co., escrow agent, against unexerpany to purchase such stock. The escrow warrants issued to old stockholders of the company entitling them to purchase class $B$ shares convert-
ible into common stock of company will expire on March 2,1940 . V. 150 ,
p. 840 .

Gypsum, Lime \& Alabastine, Canada, Ltd. (\&Subs.)-

 and Interest on funded debtor of Gypsum, Lime \& Alabastine, Canada, Ltd., Consolidated Balance Sheet Noo. 30, 1939
Assets-Cash on hand and in banks, $\$ 161,953$; accounts and bills receivrepair parts, 853,707 ; sundry prepaid charges , 849,085 ; employees ${ }^{\prime}$ accounts,
 vances to subsidiary companies, \$7,540; cash in hands of trustees for bond-
holders, $\$ 13,520$; fixed assets (less reserves for depreciation and depletion




(W. F.) Hall Printing Co.-To Pay Common DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common
stock, payable March 20 to holders of record March 5 . This will be the Irst common distribution made since Fcb . 2,1932 , , ${ }^{30}$ cents per share was paid.
the common conditions.-vextras contingent on the continuation of present business

Hamilton Gas Corp. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-
Operating revenues Eands for the 12 Months Ended Dec. 31, 1939


a Balance...-.......................................................- $\$ 208,331$ a A a ailable for interest on 1st mitge. . unior lien $4 \%$ sinking fund bonds,
series B (annual requirement, 885,700 , depletion, depreciation, abandoned leases and Federal income taxes.
Notes- (1) Includes operations of properties taken over from the trustees
of Larner Gas Co. from Feb. 1, 1939 to Dec. 31, 1939. (2) Preliminary Iigures subject, to audit. of the Larner, Gas Co., a subsidiary of the old company.
In November, 1938, the company sold its property in Braxton and In November, 1933, the company sold its property in Braxton and
Gilmer counties, consisting of approximately five miles of pipe line and
cortain contracts covering the purchase and certain contracts covering the purchase and sale of gas. Consideration the company's important sales contracts with Hope Natural Gas Co. Through the forectosure of the mortgage on the property of Carner
Gas Co. the company reeeved $\$ 115,977$ in canh. Thi amount together
with the $\$ 75,000$ proceeds from the sale of property in Braxton and Gilmer counties, was deposited with the trustee under the indenture securing the 1st mige. bonds. The indenture permits the withdrawal of this cash to
pay for property additions and $\$ 20,341$ was so withdrawn prior to July 31
1939 A claim against Inland Cas Corp. has been settled subseguent to July 31,
1939 , for $\$ 27,000$. Proceeds from this claim are reauired to be devosite 1939, for $\$ 27,000$. Proceeds from this claim are required to be deposited with the trustee under the inden.
(M. A.) Hanna Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-


 Dividends paid by co-..- $\$ 24,040,854 \$ 22,907,161<24,073,712$

 $\begin{array}{llllll}\begin{array}{c}\text { Shares } \\ \text { ance sommon stank } \\ \text { coutstanding (no par)- }\end{array} & 1,016,961 & 1,016,961 & 1,016,961 & 1,016,961\end{array}$
 for other taxes on income and adjustment of accruals for prior years. Includes $\$ 1.351 .115$ in 1939 and $\$ 920,002$ in 1938 from dividends and sunfry incomine, but is arter deducting \$4so,603 in 1939 and $\$ 295,509$ in 1938 cludes adjustment of accruals of $\$ 362$ in 1939 and $\$ 4,300$ in 1938 for prior
years. years.


Feb. 24, 1940
$\mathbf{3 4 9}$ shares in treasury. f Due May 1, 1940. \& Sinking fund payment of
$\$ 60,000$ due Nov. 1, 1940, and annually thereafter.-V. 149, p. 2690 . Hart \& Cooley Co.-Extra Dividend-
Directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on the common stock
par $\$ 25$, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 22 Extra of $\$ 2$. was paid

Haverty Furniture Companies-25-Cent DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share ond of five cents was paid on Nov. 25 and on Oct. 25 , last and previously regular monthly
wividends of 10 cents per share were distributed.-V. 149, p. 2513 .
Hewitt Rubber Corp.-25-Cent Dividend-
Directors on Feb. 20 declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the apital stock, par 85 , payable March 15 to holders of record March 1. This compares with 55 cents paid on Dec. 1idads of 10 cents per share wer ast, and previously regular qu
distributed.-V. 149 , p. 3410 .

| bbard, Spencer, Bartlett \& Co.-Earnings- |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Years End. Dec. 31- |  | $\begin{gathered} 1938 \\ \$ 2,563,829 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1937 \\ & 79,330 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 2,983,182$ |
| Gross profit on sales ....- \$3,290,501 ${ }^{\text {a }}$, 503,820 |  | \$2,563,829 |  |  |
| Cash discounts on purchases and sales (net). | 52,067 | 28,174 | 38,222 | ,878 |
| Int., rentals and miscell. income. | 81,742 | 89,957 | 98,318 | 77,884 |
| Total income - -...-- | \$3,424 | \$2,6 | \$3,615,870 | 6 |
| Expenses \& local taxes.- | 2,567,343 | 2,132,090 | $\begin{array}{r} 737,936 \\ 72,544 \end{array}$ |  |
| Provision for bad debts. | 25,30 | 2,818 | 24,4 |  |
|  | 68,412 | 64,975 | 62,914 |  |
|  | 123,200 | 69,000 | x136,578 | $\times 104,790$ |
| Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes Serv. div. to employees. | 38273 |  | 154,259 |  |
| Net income for year-- |  |  |  |  |
| Previous surplus --7.--- |  |  |  |  |
| Surplus of subs. not previously consolidated.- | 47,459 |  |  |  |
| Credits to surplus.-....- | a8, |  |  |  |
| Total surplus...-.-.-- | \$5,331,437 | \$5,098,810 | ,582,259 | ,016,950 |
| Dividends paid (net) --. | 593,113 | 394,515 | , |  |
| Premium on purchase of treasury stock |  |  |  | 7,034 |
| Special pensions -- |  | 230,525 | 9 |  |

 x Includes surtax. Y Premium on sale of 27,098 shares of treasury stock,
$\$ 599,532$, of which amount there is credited back to earned surplus to offset charges in the past to this account representing net premiums in excess of par paid in acquiring all treasury shares. z Consists of \$15,236 provision $\$ 15,289$ provision for additional assessments of social security taxes for prior
years. a Over accrual of Federal income and social security taxes. In . f years. a Over accrual of
cludes subsidiaries in 1939 .

Total........... $\left.\overline{10,915,805} \overline{10,390,409}\right|_{\text {Total.......... } 10,915,805} ^{10,390,409}$ $x$ After reserve for bad debts of $\$ 347,128$ in 1939 and $\$ 322,145$ in 1938.
A 1939 and $\$ 1,025,453$ in 1938. y After reserve for depreciation of $\$ 988,466$ in 1939 and $\$ 1,025,453$ in 1938 . $z$ After reserv
$149, ~ p .4176$.
(A.) Hollander \& Son, Inc.-Meeting DeferredThe annual meeting scheduled for Feb. 15 was adjourned to March 15 report be mailed to stockholders 15 days in advance of the annual meeting. -V. 150, p. 691
Hooker Electrochemical Co.-Larger Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of $\$ 1.25$ per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 29 to holders of record Feb. 15.-Previously regular
quarterly dividends of $\$ 1$ per share were distributed.-V. 147, p. 3611 .
Houdaille-Hershey Corp.-Class B Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the class $B$
stock, no par value, payable March 14 to holders of record March 5 . This stock, no par
compares with 50 cents paid on Dec. 21 last, and 25 cents paid on June 26 compares this latter being the first dividend paid, on the $B$ shares since Dec. 15 ,
last,
1937 , when a regular quarterly distribution of $371 / 2$ cents per share was V. 149, p. 3718.

Humble Oil \& Refining Co.- $371 / 2$-Cent DividendThe directors have declared a dividend of $371 / 2$ cents per share on the
common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 2 This compares with $621 / 2$ cents paid on Dec. 19 , and on Oct. 2 , last. Dividend of $371 /$ cents was paid on July 2 and April 1,1939 , $521 / 2$ cents paid on
Dec. 27 and Oct. $1938 ; 371 / 2$ cents on July 1 and on April 1,$1938 ; 621 / 2$
cents paid on Dec. 27 and on Oct. $1,1937371 / 2$ cents paid on July 1 and on April 1, 1937 , and previously regular quartertly dividends of 25 cents per share were distributed. In addition, an extra dividend
paid on Dec. 26 and on Oct. 1, 1936.-V. 149, p. 3263 .

Hygrade Sylvania Corp.-Directorate IncreasedAt the annual meeting held Feb. 14 the board of directors was increased
from six to nine members. Added to the board were John B. Hopkins. H. Ward Zimmer and Frank J. Healy.-V. 149, p. 3718.

Indiana Associated Telephone Corp.- $\$ 3,400,000$ Bonds Offered-Preferred Stock Sold Privately-Public offering was made Feb. 21 of $\$ 3,400,000$ first mortgage bonds, series A, $31 / 2 \%$, due Feb. 1, 1970, through an underwriting group headed by Bonbright \& Co., Inc., and including Paine, Webber \& Co. and Mitchum, Tully \& Co. The bonds are priced at 105 and accrued int. At the same time the company announces that it has made arrangements to sell privately, through the same bankers, 2,660 shares of $\$ 5$ cumulative preferred stock at a price of $\$ 104$ per share, or a total of $\$ 276,640$. The bonds issue has been overscribed. The bonds are redeemable in whole or in part at any time at prices
ranging from $1081 / 2$ on or before Feb. 1, 1943 to 100 after Feb. 1, 1969 . ranging from $1081 / 2$ on or before Feb. 1, 1943 to 100 after Feb. 1, 1969 .
$P$ urpose- Net proceeds from the sale of $\$ 3,400,000$ bonds
estimated at $\$ 3,459.743$ after deducting expenses) are to be used, to the extent necessary, series B, due Oct. 1,1965 , at $105 \% \%$ or $\$ 3,150,000$ ), and the balance of such net proceeds are to be used to reimburse the treasury of the company in part
for net additions to property and plant.
The net proceeds from the sale of 2,660 shares of $\$ 5$ cumul. preferred stock (estimated at $\$ 267805$ arter deducting expenses) are to be used for net
additions to property and plant and for other corporate purposes.

Business and Territory-Corporation was incorp. in Indiana Feb. 5, 1930 Company is engaged in the business of providing, without competition, of Indiana. Company owns toll tines which provide toll service between various of its own exchanges, and, in some cases, between its exchanges and exchanges of other telephone compangh toll connections with Indiana Bell Telephone Co.. American Telephone \& Telegraph Co. and certain other telephone companies. It is estimated by the company that the total population of the areas
served is in excess of 220,000 . The largest cities served are Lafayette Elkhart, Logansps of 220,000 . The largest cities served are Lafayette, and Greencastle.

Capitalization Upon Completion of Present Financing
Authorized Outstanding
1st mtge. bonds, series A, 31/2\% due Une.
Freb. 1970.
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Pref. stock, not designated as to series.-. } 10,000 \text { shs. } & \text { None } \\ \text { Common stock (no par) }\end{array}$ a These bonds are to be issued under an indenture to be dated Feb. 1, a These bonds are to be issued under an indenture to be dated Feb. .,
1940 . The aggregate principal amount of bonds that may be issued under 1940 . The aggregate principal amount of bonds that may ine issued under ditions and restrictions regarding the purposes for, and the conditions under, which bonds in addition to those offered may be issued and the
manner of such issuance. Authority for the issuance of $\$ 3,800,000$ principal amount of these bonds has been granted.
amount This figure includes $\$ 400,000$ of these bonds which are to be exchanged or the $\$ 400,000$ of 1 st mtge. $4112 \%$ bonds, series $B$, due 0 t. 1. 1965, now held in the company's depreciation fund. designated as $\$ 5$ cumul. preferred stock, consisting of 10,000 shares. Aud since IJec. $31,1939,7,000$ additional

Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31

 New York, owned 63,000 shares of the common stock of the company, which represented $100 \%$ of the voting stock outstanding. Since that date,
General Teiephone Corp. has acquired 7,000 additional shares of such General Teiephone Corp. has acquired 7,000 additional shares of such
common stock. Common stock. The names of the priactpal underwriters of the $\$ 3,400,000$ bonds and the respective principal amount


Paine, K ebber \& Co...
Mitchum, Tully \& Co
$\$ 1,700,000$
$1,275,000$
Terms of Sale of the Stock
By four separate identical agreements dated Feb. 13, 1940, the following named purchasers severally agree to purchase or investment, and the stock:


The price to be paid to the company by the above named purchasers, as provided in saida agreements, is $\$ 104$

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939
Assets-
Telephone plant, equip., \&c_-

Investments (at cost or less) \begin{tabular}{ll|l|l}
\& \& \& <br>
Investments (at cost or less)_ \& $\mathbf{8 8 , 1 9 3 , 2 0 0}$ \& Preferred stock <br>
\hline

 

Depreclation fund $-\cdots-\cdots-\cdots$ \& 455,206 <br>
Cash \& 189,960 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

 Temporary cash investments. Accounts recelivable--
Due from affiliated cos Materials and supplies.-...--
Prepald acets. \& defd. charges
... $\$ 9,456,700$
 $\$ 1,734,000$
$1,890,000$
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Accounts payable.......... } & 67,701 \\ \text { Accrued payrolls } & 11,076\end{array}$
 Accrued items 272,299
27,534
$1,461,762$ Mise. current ilia $\begin{array}{r}1,461,762 \\ 22,398 \\ 9,23 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Contribs. of telephone plant. Earned su
Total.
$\overline{\$ 9,456,700}$
-V. 150, p. 997.
Indianapolis Water Co.-Earnings-

$\begin{array}{cccccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Calendar } \\ \text { Oparating }\end{array} & 1939 & 1938 & 1937 & 1936 \\ \text { Yevenues_-.- } & \$ 2,705,375 & \$ 2,612,342 & \$ 2,588,156 & \$ 2,660,267\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { Oper. exps., maint., de- } \\ \text { Ope. and taxes_...-- }\end{array}$ | $1,445,996$ | $1,389,912$ | $1,393,252$ | $1,273,115$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |


 Net corp. income. Balance Sheet Dec. 31
$\qquad$


 | Market. securities | 527,578 | 821,406 | Funded indebted. $13,827,000$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 13,827,000 |  |  |  | Notes recelvableAccts. receivable-

Mat'ls \& supples Investm'nts, gen'1 Prepayment-1Unamort. debt discount \& expense
Undistrib. debits.
$\begin{array}{rr}975,997 & 1,079,798 \\ 273,444 & \\ 338,121\end{array}$
Total_-.......-2
-V. 150, p. 279.
Indianapolis Power \& Light Co.-To Offer Additional Stock-
Company filed Feb. 21 with the Securities and Exchange Commission an application for authority to issue 70 , co0 shares (no par) common stock to the public and 2,500 of $6 \%$ cumul. prefer purchasers. True Adams, trustee for the Utilities Power \& Light Corp.,
Charles authority to sell the public. This block of shares will be added to those covered by the application Feb. 20 to make the total offering of common stock to the public 715,980 shares.
According to the application, Indianapolis Power will use the proceeds from sale of the 70,000 common shares and the 2,500 preferre
reimburse itself for certain capital expenditures already made.

Indianapolis Power intends to amend its articles of incorporation in the following respects: By granting its common stockholders a preemptive shares offered and to any obligations or preferred stock convertible into the first to consist of four directors to be elected for three years, the second, four directors for two years, and the third, three directors for one year; to be elected for three years.
The application filed Feb. 20 said the offering price of the common stock to the public and the underwriting spread would be determined by arm'swhose names are to be supplied by amend and the proposed underwriters.
International Harvester Co.-Annual Report-
Net income of the company for its fiscal year ended Oct. 31, 1939, was Sydney G. McAllister, President. This compared with a net income of \$18,472,000 in 1938 . $\$ 12,509,000$ were paid to stockholders, leaving a net surplus for the year of in 1938 , after provision for preferred dividends, as compared with $\$ 3$ per share The company's sales in foreign countries, including Canada, declined declined, the report said, because of lower farm prices that prevailed during he most important implement selling seasons, and because of the changeuptions to production and lag in sales related implements, involving interThe company's decline in profits wa This was attributed by Mr. Mcallister to the foregoing factors, which tended orices on many of the production, while, on the other hand, lower selling Total Harvester sales for 1939 in the United States amounted to $\$ 187$,-
778,000 , as compared with $\$ 200,630,000$. Figures for 1938 sales were Total toreign sales in 1939 amounted to $\$ 79,249,000$ compared with $\$ 8$. 661,000 in 1938.
1939 tractor sales of $\$ 49.985$ sales of principal products, the report showed 1939 tractor sales of $\$ 49,985,000$ as against $\$ 60,668,000$ in 1938 ; farm motor truck sales of $\$ 70,426,000$ in 1939 compar ed with $\$ 62,899,000$ in 1938; and steel, binder twine and other sales in 1939 of $\$ 19,714,000$ as Tompared with $\$ 16,814,000$ in 1938.
000 , as compared with $\$ 286,291,000$ in 1938 . fortic, for 1939 was $\$ 267,027$.The report called attention to the numerous new models of existing maeight new tractor models and a line of the company during 1939, including The company has contisued its activities in engineering development in its ndeavor to improve its existing products, to introduce new products, and to Capital expenditures for the year 1939 amounted to $\$ 8,984,000$, comhese two years went into facilities for the production of the new models and products. During 1939 depreciation at the regular rates amounting to One section of the report called attention to the company's foreign investments, and broke them down into geographical divisions, of the company's total net assets of $\$ 363,605,000$ at Oct. 31 , 1939, a total of
$\$ 61,831,000$ was located in countries outside the United States, as comparz= was largely due to decreased dollar valuation of foreign net current assets as a result of lower exchange rates.
in European countries, includingn investment, $\$ 16,769,000$ was invested in European countries, including the British Isles, $\$ 27,013,000$ in Canada,
Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, $\$ 14,244,000$ in South America,
and $\$ 3,805,000$ in all other foreign countries.

Consolidated Income Account (Incl. Affiliated Cos.)
 $\begin{array}{rrrrr}\text { Sell., collect., adminc. and gen. exp-- } & 41,690,991 & 207,236,625 & 248,699,901 \\ \text { Depreciation } & 41,833,146 & 41,810,141\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Prov. for losses on receivables.-.-.....- } & 2,675,140 & 4,725,333 & 6,546,271\end{array}$


 Net income from operations
Provision for inventory reserve.....
$\$ 10,980,059$
$\$ 24,221,723$
$\$ 36,342,763$
$7,50,000$ Prov. for abandonment of ore mine--
Prov. for foreign losses and exchange Prov. for foreign losses and exchange
fluctuations.
 $\begin{array}{rr}2,500,000 & 5,000,000 \\ \cdots, 0,000 & 3,000\end{array}$ bles prevousiy
written off
ment and 1938 reserve for develop-

| $\$ 8,480,059$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1,500,000$ |  |
| $\$ 16,221,723$ |  |
| $2,250,000$ | $\begin{array}{c}\$ 27,992,763 \\ 3,500,000\end{array}$ |

ment and extension--. $3,000,000$

Surplus for the year $\qquad$

 Earnings per share. $\$ 1.71$ 754 in 1938 . b Includes undistributed profits tax of $\$ 425,000$ in 1938, and $\$ 3,350,000$ in 1937. c Estimated excess of reserve applicable to receivables
of prot years.


Total_.......402,433,637 406,624,773 Total_......-402,433,637 $\overline{406,624,773}$ a After depreciation reserves of $\$ 113,854,306$ in 1939 , and $\$ 106,991,834$
in 1938. b A fter reserve for losses of $\$ 25,663,549$ in 1939 and $\$ 25,100.720$
in 1938. c Represented by $4,245,729$ no-par shares in 1939 and 4,240 in 1938. c Represented by 4,245,729 no-par shares in 1939, and 4,245,736

International Products Corp.-DelistingThe Securities and Exchange Commission has granted the application of $6 \%$ cumulative preferred stock ( $\$ 100$ par) of the corporation. The appli cation stated, among other things, that in the opinion of tbe Exchange's
Committee on Formal Listing the distribution of the stock in the hands of
the public is such that the issue does not appéar suitable for continued deal ings on the Exchange. The Commission's order granting the application
becomes effective at the close of the trading session on Feb. 24 .-V. 149 , p. 2369 .

Interstate Telephone Co.- $\$ 2,000,000$ Bonds Sold Pri-vately-The company on Feb. 1 sold privately to two insurance companies through Paine, Webber \& Co.; Mitchum, Tully \& Co., and Bonbright \& Co., Inc., an issue of $\$ 2,000,-$ 000 1st mtge. series A $33 / 4 \%$ bonds, dated Jan. 1, 1940; due Jan. 1, 1970. Bonds were sold at $1021 / 2$ and int. (from Jan. 1, 1940). Proceeds will be used to retire on March 4 all the outstanding 1st mtge. 5 s due 1961 at 104.-V. 150, p. 842 .

| Jaeger Machine Co. (\& Subs.) - Earnings- |
| :--- |
| Years End. Nov. 30- |
| 1939 | 1936 Sales, less returns, allow-

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1939 \quad 1938 \quad 1937
$$

 $\begin{array}{crrrrr}\text { Operating profit....- } & \$ 372,434 & \$ 177,243 & \$ 620,960 & \$ 483,227 \\ \text { Interest income, \&ctin } & 82,654 & 54,141 & 79,662 & 56,789\end{array}$


| Net profit for year. Dividends paid | $\$ 333,468$ 186,489 | \$127,649 | \$522,686 | 412,052 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dividends paid | 186,489 | 82,884 | 331,537 | 75,349 | $\begin{gathered}\text { Surplus } \\ \text { Earns. per share on com- } \\ \$ 146,979\end{gathered} \frac{\$ 44,765}{\$ 191,149}<\$ 336,702$ $\begin{array}{llllll}\begin{array}{llll}\text { mon stk. (no par) } \\ \text { mom- }\end{array} & \$ 2.01 & \$ 0.77 & \$ 3.15 & \$ 2.73\end{array}$ Assets-Casb, $\$ 132,729 ;$ notess and accounts receivable, (less reserve for

bad debts, \&c. of $\$ 38.229, \$ 558,000$; inventories, $\$ 1,416,705$; other assets, $\$ 185,862$; land, buildings, machinery and equipment, \&c., (less reserve for depreciation of $\$ 376,311$ ), $\$ 591,112$; patents, $\$ 1$; deferred charges to
operations, $\$ 29$ (069; total $\$ 2,013,479$, operations, $\$ 29$. 069 ; total, $\$ 2,913,479$. $\$ 24,000$; accounts payable, $\$ 81,372$ accrued accounts, $\$ 64,404$; provision for Federal income taxes, $\$ 85,253$; non-current liability, $\$ 59,000 ;$ common stock (165,768 no par shares),
$\$ 1,632,076 ;$ capital surplus $\$ \$ 38,800 ;$ earned surplvs, $\$ 848.573 ;$ notes re-
ceivable discounted, $\$ 22,046 ;$ total, $\$ 2,913,479$.-V. $150, \mathrm{p} .997$.

## Jewel Tea Co., Inc.-Praises Profit-Sharing-

The company, in a special report to stockholders on benefits from the company's profit-sharing plan, indicates that its average net profits were pared with average annual profits of \$74,164 in the eight preceding years. mary, "that without the very strong the management comments in its summary, "that without the very strong personal interest of all workers in the
Jewel organization, so marked an improvement would not have been Jewel organization, so mark
achieved.'-V.

Johns-Manville Corp.-No Common DividendDividend at this time. Dividend of $\$ 2$ was paid on payment of a common cents was paid on sept. 25 , last, this latter being the first dividend paid since Dec. 23 . 1938, when 50 cents per share was distributed.--V. 150 ,
p. 436 . p. 436 .

Kansas City Power \& Light Co.-Earnings-



Kansas City Southern Ry.-Earnings-

| Month of January- | 1940 | 1939 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Railway operating rev | \$1,203,228 | \$1,071,911 |
| Railway operating expenses | 759,783 | 661,353 |
| Net rev. from railway operations | \$443,445 | \$410,558 |
| Railway taxaccruals | 98,000 | 99,000 |
| Railway operating incom | \$345,445 | \$311,558 |
| Equipmentrents (net) | 47,315 | 37,304 |
| Joint facility rents (net) | 8,392 | 6,978 |
| Net railway operating income | \$289,738 | \$267,275 |

## Net railway ope V. 150, p. 437.

## Kansas City Structural Steel Co.-Earnings -

$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Years Ended Dec. } 31- \\ \text { Bills rendered on completed contracts } & \$ 1,442,229 & \$ 2,614,251 & \$ 2,161,317\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Bills rendered on completed contracts } & \$ 1,442,229 & \$ 2,614,251 & \$ 2,161,317 \\ \text { Cost of bills rendered on completed } & 1,248,454 & 2,147,073 & 1,724,454\end{array}$


$\begin{array}{llrrrr}\text { Net operating profit............- } & \mathbf{x} \$ 34,529 & \$ 223,536 & & \$ 222,706 \\ \text { Other expenses (net) } & & 19,604 & 46,766 & 16,063\end{array}$



Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939
Assets-Cash, $\$ 88,537$; customers' notes and accounts receivable (net),
$\$ 95,853$; sundry accounts receivable, $\$ 6,982$; inventories, $\$ 391,206 ;$ sundry notes and accounts receivable (non-current), $\$ 58,045$; prepaid expenses,
$\$ 6,111$; investments. $\$ 8.785$; plant and equipment (net), $\$ 540,255$; delerred charges. \$1,706; total, $\$ 1,237,482$. $\$ 2,706$; accrued expenses, $\$ 27,123$; 1st mortgage 5\% income bonds, $\$ 217,439 ; 6 \%$ cumulative preferred stock earned surplus, $\$ 200,214$; total, $\$ 1,237,482$. company was reorganized pursuant to a plant, of reorganization providing for extension of bond maturities, modification of bond interest requirements, dend provisions, and change of common shares to shares without par value;

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the monetary amount applicable to the latter was reduced from $\$ 750,000$ nil by credit to deficit account; in the opinion of attorneys for the company, this reductio.
Keeshin Freight Lines, Inc.-Issuance of Notes-
The Interstate Commerce Commission on Feb. 3 authorized the company
 prove advances to associated companies, and workking capital. prove arvances was also granted the company, to issue no exteeding 15, 295
Authority was preferred stock outstanding.
The report of the Commission says in part:
In order to provide funds for its own needs and also for those of its assoclated companies, applicant proposes to put into effect a refinancing plan
which contemplates issuance by it from time to time, or all at one time as may be necessary, of promissory notes of three series, in aggregate principal mone
amout notexceeding $\$ 2,850,000$ including $\$ 1,250,000$ series $1, \$ 1,200,000$
series II, and $\$ 400,000$ series III. The series II notes would be exchanged ear for par for the outstanding series A and series B debentures, and the par for 1 lI notes would be exchanged for the like amount of series O debentures outstanding. The $\$ 1,2500000$ series I notes would be issued at par
ben for cash, part of the proceeds would tee advancer retained by applicant.
Kennecott Copper Corp.-To Pay 25-Cent Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common
Tock, no par value. payable March 30 to holders of record March 1 . This compares with 81.25 paid on Dec. 23 , last; 25 cents paid on sept. 30 , June 30
com and March 31,1939 ; final dividend of $\$ 1$ paid on Dec. 23, 1938, dividends

 dividends
Keystone Steel \& Wire Co.-Larger Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common




Key West Electric Co.-Accumulated Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 81.75 per share on account ${ }^{\top}$ of


## Keyes Fibre Co.-Earnings-

ncome Acrount for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939 Net profit from manufacturing operations.
$\$ 640,389$
12,979
Total income. Administrative, general and patent expenses xnperimental and developement interest on notes
Depreciation and amortization Federal income taxes
General contingent
Net profit. $\qquad$ Balance Sheet Dec. 31,1939 Assets-Cash, $\$ 27,067$; receivables, $\$ 327,304$; advances on pulpwood
delivered, $\$ 48,733$; inventories, $\$ 293,879$; other assets, $\$ 8,577$; land, buildngs, machinery and equípment (less reser ve for depreciation or $\$ 1,233,791)$, $1,831,035 ;$ prepaid expenses, $\$ 19,971$; patents (less reserve for amortiza-
ion), $\$ 227,166 ;$ goodwill, $\$ 1 ;$ totai $\$ 2,783,734$. Liabilities-Accounts payable, $\$ 149,254$; notes payable, $\$ 75,000$; accrued
nterest, $\$ 12,500 ;$ other accruals, $\$ 42,328$; provision for 1939 Federal ininterest, $\$ 12,500$; other accruals, $\$ 42,328$; provision for 1939 Federal in come tax, $\$ 51,26$; first mortgage $6 \%$ bonds current) ( $\$ 125,000$; general
contingent reserve, $\$ 15,000$ first mortgage $6 \%$ bonds
125,$000 ;$ prior preferred stock ( 2,447 shares), $\$ 244,700$; class A stock ( $60.01,0$ ontingent rior preferred stock (2,447 shares), $\$ 244,700$; class A stock ( 60,000
125,000 , no par), $\$ 566,666 ;$ surplus, $\$ 377,060 ;$ total, $\$ 2,783,734 .-\mathrm{V} .147$ . 576
(S. S.) Kresge Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-


 Cost or sales \& seil. exp-
Property,
chise, statate
fran-

|  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest. | 5,125,499 |  |  |  |
| Deprecia Hlood los | 3,814,752 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 643 \\ 100 \\ 100 \end{array}$ |  |
| Loss on dispo |  |  |  |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Fed }}$ | 2,460 | 1, | 2,100,000 | 2,100,000 |
|  |  |  | 625,000 | 500,00 |
|  | 450 | 997 | ,712 |  |
| mmon divs. | 6,587, $8 \mathbf{8} \mathbf{3} 9$ | 6,587, 8 8 35 | 6,5877,8̄3̄ | 7,133,923 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ( |  |  |  |  |


Kirkham Engineering \& Manufacturing Corp.-Name Changed-
At the annual meeting of stockholders held Feb. 20 at the offices of the
corporation in Farmingale, Long Island, stockholders voted to change the name of the corporation to Liberty Aircraft Products Corp. Robert Simon, President, told stockholders that earnings for the year
ended Dec. 31,193 totaled $\$ 37,541$, after all charges including reserve for
Federal income taxes. Sales for the year 1939 were $\$ 851,787$, as compared
with 8483,817 for 1938. Mr. Simon also reported that unfilled orders on the books of the corporation were in excess or 600,000 and that contracts for substantial additional
30 days.
. $149, ~ p . ~$
.

Kroger Grocery \& Baking Co.-Earnings-

Consolidated Income Account for Stated Periods
Period-
Sales.at....
Sales-a-ar-ale...........
Gross profit........
Interest -...-...-.
Gross income Operating exp Administration expenses Adjof inc.prior yrs. (net

of extraordinary costs) | Ded |
| :--- |
| 243 |
| 192 |

Ded. 30, 39 Dec. 31 , '38
 of prior years \& recov-
Federal income taxes.
Net profit- dividends-
1st pree. $6 \% \%$ 1st pref. $6 \%$ dividends.-
2d pref. $7 \%$ dividends
Common cash dividends Balance, surplus Shs. com. stk. outst'g. a Cost of sales now includes warehousing and

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

 Inventories.......21,566,959 18,851,393
Investments

 | $\begin{array}{c}\text { b } \\ \text { for sale to empl. } \\ \text { Cash \& ctts. of div. } \\ \text { accumnulation_. }\end{array}$ | 89,021 | 97,157 | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Amts. due emplis. }\end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{c}\text { repres'ting divs. }\end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| \& prem. refunds |  |  |  | Land, buildings. $\quad \begin{array}{llll}\text { 282,411 }\end{array}$



 Total_...........53,843,291 57,904,642 Total............53,843,291 57,904,642 a Represented by 1,830
shares.-V. 150, p. 1139.
La France Industries-Hearing Postponed Until March 27 The time for bondholders, stockholders, creditors and others to file their claims in the reorganization proceedictor Manufacturing Co., has been extended by Federal Judge Kirkpatrick from Feb. 20 to March 20. Judge Kirkpatrick also postponed from
Feb. 27 to March 27 the date for a hearing on whether he will confirm the
plan. postponements were at the request of the company whose attorneys reported that of the $\$ 846,000$ of the ourtstanding $\$ 1,462,500$ first mortgage
bonds which have filed proofs, $\$ 803,000$ have approved the plan, while $\$ 43.000$ have voted against it. $\$ \$, 000,000$ has been filed in New York supreme Court by $J$. Harris Warthman, as trustee in bankruptcy for La France Industries. The defendants named in the action the partners of Hayden, Stone \& Co.-VV. 150, p. 437 .

Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.-Smaller DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, par $\$ 1$, payable March 15 to holders of record March 1. Dividend of of $\$ 1$ per share were distributed.-V. 149, p. 3411 .
Lakey Foundry \& Machine Co.-Earnings
 $x$ Net prodit.-.-.-.-.
x After charges but before Federal taxes. $\mathbf{y}$ Equal to 23 cents per share
in 1940 and 13 cents per share in 1939 after deducting all charges but Working capital at Jan. 31, 1940, a mounted to $\$ 442,381$, increasing from $\$ 206,524$ at Jan. 31,1939 . Ratio of current assets to current liabilities at Jan. 31, 1940, before establishing a fability for Federal tax on current income was 3.08 to 1 . operating efficiency together $J_{\text {. }} O$. Ostergren, President, said: "Continued company to improve the earnings for the quarter."-V. 150, p. 130 .

Lava Cap Gold Mining Co.-Three-Cent Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of three cents per share on the common
stock, payable March 30 to holders of record March 9 . This compares with stock, payable March 30 , hast; three cents paid on Sept. 30 ; two cents paid
four cents paid on Dec. 20 , lat on June 30 and March 31, 1939 ; three cents paid on Dec. 22 and Sept. 30 , On 1938 ; dividend of two cents paid on June 30, 1938, and on
share distributed on March 31, 1938.-V. 149, p. 3412 .

Lawrence Portland Cement Co.-Earnings-
Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939
Profit from oper
Other income-

Interest paid
Premium on debentures retired.
Provision for doubtul accounts
pepreciation...
ed

Depletion- $\qquad$
Net income for period.
Earnings per share.
$\begin{array}{r}\$ 117.894 \\ \hline \$ 1.57\end{array}$
 The plants of company during 1939 were operated at $37.6 \%$ of their Portland cement amount to $112 \%$ of 1937 shipments.
The remaining $\$ 650,000$ outstanding $51 / 2 \%$ debentures were called for payment and cancellation as of April 1, 1939. The funds necessary were supplied partly from treasury cash and the bate at very favorable interest rates and maturities. These notes, now outstanding in the amount of
$\$ 425,000$, mature semi-annually from April 1, 1940, to April 1, 1942 , inclusive.
A dividend of $\$ 1$ per share on the capital stock outstanding was paid on
Dec. 15, 1939, to holders of record Dec. 8,1939 . Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939
Assets-Cash, $\$ 585,372 ;$ notes and accounts receivable-(less: reserve for doubtful accounts and cash discounts of $\$ 6,814$ ), $\$ 103,076$; inventories,
$\$ 858,945$; sundry debtors, $\$ 3,691 ;$ investments, $\$ 147,200 ;$ fixed assets. less. reserves for depreciatiou and depletion of $\$ 4,178,043$ ), $\$ 5,190,919$ leferred charges, $\$ 11,933$; total, $\$ 6,901,136$.

Liabilities-Notes payable (bank), $\$ 150,000$; accounts payable \& accrued charges, $\$ 68.013 ;$ reserve for Federal $\&$ State taxes, $\$ 51,754 ;$ notes payable
(bank, due 1942 \& 1942 ), $\$ 275.000$; reserve for contingencies, $\$ 2,269,711$; capital stock (outstanding 75,000 ; sharve no partingencies, $\$ 2,269,711$.

Lehigh Coal \& Navigation Co.-Earnings-

|  | 1939 | 19 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canal revenue | \$44,322 | \$48,356 | \$45,288 | 857,627 |
| Railroad re | 2,295,771 | 2,295,028 | 2,293,101 | 2,293,122 |
| Dividend | 982,077 | 567,585 | 572,430 | 795,510 |
| Coal roya | 97,453 $\mathbf{y 7}$ (028 | 126,762 $\mathbf{y} 35$ 1752 | 112,153 | 107,056 |
| Miscellaneous | 218,766 | 179,789 | 128,429 | $\overline{38,059}$ |
| Total | \$3,675,418 | \$3,552,671 | \$3,151,401 | \$3,291,374 |
| Taxes | 698,241 | 780,627 | 991,758 | 122,461 |
| Deprec. and depl | 483,525 | 383,888 | 29,1004 | 281,976 |
| Operating expens | 142,770 | 150,619 | 39,585 |  |
| Interes | 1,006,277 | 1,016,728 | 1,016,791 | 1,021,682 |
| General expens | 175,400 | 183,887 | 172,704 | 190,972 |
| Federal income | 76,125 | 59,676 | x249,865 | x174,146 |
| Net income- | \$1,010,081 | \$900,838 | \$1,225,576 | \$1,500,137 |
| Previous surplus_-_- | 7,618,911 | 6,850,155 | 8,284,605 | 7,946,176 |
| Sundry accts. adjusted. a Reserves | Cr46,055 $1,760,000$ | Cr60,831 | Dr22,786 | Dr3,668 |
| Loss sustained by disso- |  |  |  |  |
| lution of subsidiaries -- |  |  | 2,058,503 |  |
| Red. in stated value of invest, in Lehigh Navi gation Coal Co stock |  |  |  |  |


 $x$ Provision for Federal undistributed profits tax included, amounting to
$\$ 110,365$ in 1937 and $\$ 33,061$ in $1936 . \mathbf{y} \$ 3,314$ in 1939 and $\$ 248,854$ in 1938 charged to Lehigh Navigation Coal Co., Inc., and $\$ 33,714$ in 1939 General Balanceal royalties

 Balance, Dec. 31_... $\overline{\$ 6,956,476} \overline{\$ 8,072,301} \overline{\$ 8,436,442} \overline{\$ 9,626,871}$ included in the consolidation individual tax returns of certain companies panies charged off



## Lexington Water Power Co.

## 1st S. F. 5s due 1968

## TRADING DEPARTMENT

 Eastman, Dillon \& Co.members new york stook exdiange

## 15 Broad Street

New York
Tel. Bowling Green 93100 Bell System Teletype N. Y. 1-752
Petition Delayed-
v. The petition of the company asking the U. U. S. District Court at Newark, collect the rental order retaining Lehigh Navigation from taking action to the ease of the Lehigh \& Susquehanna RR. owned by Lehigh Navigation, asked by the trustees of the Jersey Central on the The postponmeent was not had sufficient time to make an examination of the property and so were not in a position to make any recommendation to the court as to the rental
payment.-V. $150, \mathrm{p} .1139$.

Lehigh \& New England RR.-Earnings-



Assets- $\quad 1939 \quad 1938 \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{cc} & 1938 \\ \text { Labultites }\end{array}\right.$ $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Inv. In road \& eq-21,379,097 } & \text { 21,909,611 } & \text { Capital stock. } \\ \text { Sinking funds_ } & \text { 6,800,000 } & \text { 6,800,000 }\end{array}$ Dep. in lies., of mopprop. sold - .-.
inv. In attil. Inv.in arfill. cos-
Other investments Cash $\quad$ Tritio and car service bals, receivagents \& cond'rs Mise. accts. rec'le--
Mat'ls \& supplies. Int. \& divs. rec'le. Other curr. assets_ Deferred assets-. panc in advance paid in advance pald ed debt. on fund-
other unadj. debits

## $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Other unadj. debits } & 114,21 \\ 87\end{array}$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
120,616 \\
\hline 874
\end{array}
$$

> ${ }_{3,962,590}^{1936}$
 x No provision, other than in corporate surplus, is made in the Dec. 31 , net income for the year ended Dec. 31, 1939,) to be paid into the general mortgage sinking fund on March 1, 1940.
$\$$ Certain investments in subsidiary companies having a par value of pledged under the general mortgage securing the company's $4 \%$ bonds. value excess of the par value of securities of subsidiary companies over the value carried on the books of the company, $\$ 566,899$, shown in year 1938
as capital surplus, is deducted from investment in road in the 1939 con150, p. 694.

Lehn \& Fink Products Co.--25-Cent Dividend-
The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the compares with, pinal dividend of $62 / / 2$ cents paid on Dec. 14 . Iast: 25 cents 20 paid in each of the three preceding quarters; 75 cents paid on Dec. 14,1938 centents paid paid on June 14, 1938; 30 cents paid on March 14 . $1938 ; 62$, 14 and on June 14, 1937; $87 / 2$ cents paid on Dec. 1,1936
 p. 3412

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Libbey Owens Ford Glass Co.-Earnings-

Calendar Years- $\quad 1939$ | a Manufacturing profits $\$ 15,323.147$ |
| :--- |
| Deprec. on mig. props.- $2,119,562$ |

 Scrap sales, royalties, Gas properties incomeOther incomes income. Discounts earned. Net loss of wholly owned

Total income
Total income --....
Selling, adv, administr.
general, \&c general, \&c. expenses
Cost of patent licenses
Cost of patent licenses.
Prov. for add'l res. for
invest. in other corps. invest. in other corps.
Federal capital stock tax
Patent acquisitions ch'gd atent acquisitions ch'g Loss on disposalofequip General contingencies
Empl's stk. subscrip
Feder
$\qquad$

| $87,325,611$ |
| :---: |
| 86,947 | | $\$ 17$ |
| :--- |
| $\$ 15$ |
| 15 |

$15,792,5$
117,3
99,1 .962 $\$$1936
$\$ 17,632,970$
$2,451,898$ $\$ 15,181,072$
131,671
119

| 225,832 | 391,768 | 361,020 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 93,712 | 216,344 | 168,149 |
| 38,398 | 6,078 | 282,895 |
| 62,548 | 143,677 | 142,174 |
|  |  | 187,387 |

Net profit
$\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { Balance, surplus....... } & \$ 1,180,813 & \$ 798,611 & \$ 558,982 & \$ 1,800,190 \\ \text { Earned per share } & \$ 3.21 & \$ 1.57 & & \$ 4.19 & \\ \$ 4.14\end{array}$ a After deducting materials used, labor, manufacturing expenses and 350.000 in 1936, for estimated surtax on undistributed profits. c Includ ng subsidiary's loss on sale and demolition of capital assets of $\$ 155,764$. Balance Sheet Dec. 31

## Assets-

 Las propertis., \&c a Land,Gas prop
Cash Gas pro
Cash.
Notes,

 | placement fund. | $0,694,213$ | $\mathbf{9 , 8 1 9 , 6 6 0}$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Investments | 736,539 | $1, \ldots 0,223$ | Other assets.-. -. Empl. stk. subscr. $46,947,884 \quad \begin{array}{r}8,607 \\ \hline 45,027,176\end{array}$

Total_.........46,947,884 45,027,176 Total_........46,947,884 $\overline{45,027,176}$ a After depreciation. b Represented by $2,513,285$ no par shares in
939 and $2,509,750$ no par shares in 1938 .-V. 150, p. 998 . Liberty Aircraft Products Corp.-New NameSee Kinkham Engineering \& Manufacturing Co., above.
Lima Cord Sole \& Heel Co.-121/2-Cent Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of $121 / 2$ cents per share on the common tock, payable March 30 to holders of record March 15 . Dividend of 25 ividend paid on Aug. 20, 1937.-V. 149, p. 4178
Lion Oil Refining Co. (\& Subs.) - Earnings-
 x After all charges. y On common stock. z Before a charge against
surplus of $\$ 237.526$ in connection with the forfeiture of an option the comsurplus of $\$ 237,526$ in connection with the forfeiture of an option the com held on Atlas Pipeline Corp.'s common stock.-V. 149, p. 3412 .
(Thomas J.) Lipton, Inc.-Certain Interest Offers to Purchase All Class A Stock at $\$ 17$ per Share-
\& Cortain interests associated with Lipton Ltd. have authorized Hallgartert of Thomas J. Lipton, Inc., which are not held by Lipton Ltd., or companies associated with it, or which are not held by Hallgarten \& Co., at $\$ 17$
flat a share. This offer will expire at the close of business on March 15, 1940 , unless extended by the purchasers.
No offer is being made to purchase sha
No offer is being made to purchase shares of $6 \%$ cumulative preference stock or class B stock.
Hallgarten \& Co. ow
to sell to the purchasers at cost shares of class A stock which it has agreed to sel January, 1937, Lipton Ltd. acquired all the outstanding stock of the company from the estate of its founder, Sir Thomas J. Lipton, and it was a member. After recapitalizing the company, the members of the group sold 100,000 shares of class A stock and 26,000 shares of $6 \%$ cumulative pref. stock to Hallgarten \& Co., which made a public offering of these shares on
July 28, 1937. The class A stock was offered to the public at $\$ 17$ flat a share,
No shares of the class B stock of the company, which is entitled to $50 \%$ of the voting power, were offered to the public. Lipton Ltd. and companies stock to control the company.
The monthly high and low sales prices of the class A stock from the date The monthly high and low sales prices of the class A stock from the date
it was admitted to the list on the New York Curb Exchange Oct. 25,1937 to Feb. 17, 1940, show that the high, 17 , was reached Feb. 17,1939 and the low, $91 / 2$, December, 1937 . The high for 1940 was 11 in January, and the
low, 103 . No sales were reported to Feb. 21, 1940 , but the bid and asked
quotations on Feb. 21 were 111/8 and $117 /$. quotations on Feb. 21 were $111 / 8$ and $11 / / /$.
On Feb. 17,1940 , Lipton Ltd. and companies associated with it owned
approximately $61 \%$ of the class A stock and $81 \%$ of the class $\mathbf{B}$ stock, aggregating approximately $71 \%$ of the total voting power of the company and also owned approximately $12 \%$ of the $6 \%$ cumulative preferred stock of the company. Stockholders accepting the offer should deliver their certificates for the
Sther class A stock, duly indorsed in blank, with the signatures guaranteed, and
bearing all necessary transfer stamps, to Commercial National Bank \&
Trust Co., 56 Wall St., New York, before the close of business March 15

Annual Report for 1939
The annual pamphlet report for the year ended Dec. 31, 1939, shows a all other charges including special charges of $\$ 124,059$, of $\$ 159,735$. This compares with consolidated net profit of $\$ 217,994$ for the year 1938 .
The special charges for 1939 consisted of a provision of $\$ 33,059$ against the The special charges for 1939 consisted of a provision of $\$ 33,059$ against the exchange, and a provision of $\$ 91,000$ for price adjustments to the trade on floor stocks in case of a reduction in the price of tea. It seems advisable, explains R. B. Smallwood, President, in his letter to stockholders, to set up such a charge because of the advance in the cost and selling prices of tea
due to war conditions, although no price reduction is anticipated in the near future. In 1932 such price adjustments were found necessary and wer charged to income of that year
was $\$ 7,190$ as compared to a loss of $\$ 12,338$ in 1938 . Every effort is being made to develop the business of the Canadian subsidiary
The balance sheet continues to reflect a favorable current position, with current assets at Dec. 31, 1939 totaling \$2,554,977, as against current liaper share on the preferred stock and $\$ 1$ per share on the class A stock were
paid during the year. Earned surplus during the year decreased $\$ 98,461$.

Lit Brothers, Philadelphia-Accumulated Dividend The directors have declared a dividend of $\$ 2$ per share on account of
holders of record March 30. Dividends of $\$ 1.50$ per share were paid on
Oct. 30 last and on April 29,1939 , and compare with $\$ 2$ paid on Oct. 1 , 1938; $\$ 4$ paid on Jan. 28, 1938 ; $\$ 2$, paid on Oct. 28 , 1937 ; $\$ 4$ paid on Jan. 25, 1937 , and $\$ 2$ paid on'Oct. 10,1936 , this latter being the first payment regular quarterly dividend of $\$ 1.50$ per share was paid on April 1, 1932.-

Lone Star Gas Corp.-20-Cent Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 20 cents per share on the common 30 cents paid on Dec. 22, last, and dividends of 20 cents paid on Aug. 21 , and Apri

Long Island Lighting Co.-New Director-
Long Island Lighting Co. - New Director- at a meeting held Feb. 16 Robert G. Olmsted, Treasurer. was a director of this company to succeed his father, the late George W. Olmsted.
(P.) Lorillard Co.-New President-

George H. Hummel, formerly Executive Vice-President, has been elected President to succeed the late David H. Ball, James A. Glascock has been elected a director of the company to fill the vacancy caused cy the deat
of Mr. Ball. E.J. Bush, Vice-President and director of the company, has
resigned the positions because of ill health.-V. $150, \mathrm{p} .1139$.

Louisvirle Railway-Plans to Extend Bonds-
Company offers to extend to Aug. 1, 1942, $\$ 1,300,000$ of its second mortgage 40 -year $41 / 2 \%$ bonds due March 1,1940 . 1 , 1900 , to mature March 1, 1940. Prior to $1940, \$ 171,000$ were retired. Of the remaining $\$ 1,829$,If on Feb. 29, 1940 as many as $\$ 200,000$ but less than $\$ 1,300,000$ of the If on Feb. have been deposited for extension, Louisville Trust Co. will purchase at par on March 1, 1940 , when presented by the holders thereof, ension of the full $\$ 1,300,000$. Bonds so purchased and extended by ouisville Trust co. win be repurchased by Louisville Ry. at the cost be given by Louisville Ry. for the purchase price. Louisville, Ky
The agreement with the Louisville Trust Co. further provides that the company will, on or before March 5, 1940, repurchase from Louisville Trust Co. the bonds so purchased and caused to be extended by it, and as payment therefor wilst at the rate of $41 / 2 \%$ per annum, payable semi-annually, in a principal sum equal to the face value of the amount of bonds so purchased. The principal amount of said note shall be payable $\$ 200,000$, Sept. 1, 1941 and March 1,1942 , respectively, provided, however, that if nstalment or instalments shall be decreased by the sum which represents
ne the difference between the principal amount of the note and $\$ 1,100,000$. Co, as collateral security for the payment of the noteThe Reconstruction Finance Corporation has agreed with the Louisville Trdst Co. to participate in the loan to be made by Louisville Trust Co. to
the extent of one-half thereof, and the Harris Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, has agreed with Louisville Trust Co. to participate in the loan to the extent of three-evenths thereof, and those two corporations receive from Louisville Trust Co. one-half and three-elevent corpany to the Louisville Trust Co. Under for deposit and extension in accordance with the terms of the deposit and extension agreement. Since the underwriters will consist of brokers as a class who elect to solicit bonds for the purpose stated, it is impossible to give the respective names and adresses a principal underwriter. No considered who may be an underwriter is affiliated with the company. No commitment has been made to take the entire issue. A commitment has been made by Louisville Trust Co, to take, on or immediately after March 1, 1940, not more than $\$ 1,100,000$ of the issue, subject to the pro
visions contained in the contract between it and the company, if $\$ 200,000$ visions contained in the contract between it at under the deposit and ex-
of bonds of the issue shall have been deposited und
tension agreement on or before Feb. 29, 1940.-V. 150 , p. 281.

## Lukens Steel Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-

| Years Ended- | Oct. ${ }^{14} 1{ }^{\text {a }}$, 392 | \$11,597,016 | , ${ }^{3} 93$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales, net of disc., returns \& | 10,323,098 | 10,349,865 | 16,918,661 |
|  | \$1,606,484 | \$1,247,152 | \$2,438,232 |
| Sell., admin. \&\% general expense | 808,745 | 825,781 | $\cdots \cdot 1,118,828$ |
| ofit | \$797,739 | \$421,371 | \$1,319,404 |
| Miscell. expenses, incl. inter | 38,752 | 81,058 | 94,535 74,460 |
| Other income, interest, \&c. | 15,944 | 31,462 | 74,460 |
| Total income | \$774,931 | \$371,775 | \$1,299,329 |
| Bond interest. | 211,386 | 207,991 | 171,115 |
| Depreciation of plant and equipmen | 474,985 | 417,304 | 249,417 |
| Loss from revaluation of inventory- | 24,939 | 34,984 | 137,982 |
| Loss on retirement of plant asset | 7,730 |  | 36,477 | income of plant assets.-

Net profit
Consolidated Balance Sheet
CashetsConsoliaated Balance Sheet

Cash surres -a-r value of life insurance policies-Advs. to accts. rec
Other investments
c Land, buildings and equipment
Leased ingot moulds purchased, \&c
Prepaid and deferred accounts.
oss $\$ 288,505$
$\$ 158,218$

Sinking fund trustee payment due Jan., 1940 ....
Special funds-Sinking fund trustee or Nov. $1,193 \overline{2}$
Trustee under collat. trust agree. of Trustee under collat. trust agree. of
Cash in bank adv. for construction


Tiatal
13 26,366 $\quad 26,35$

## Liabilities-

Accounts payable-and
Accrued accountsWorkmen's comp. claims and awards (current) Estimated sinking fund payments, (current) Borkmen's comp. insurance
Non-current instalments on notes, $\& \mathrm{c}$--.-----Non-current instalments on notes, depos.-with trust Unexpended amt. of advs. for construction
st mortgage bonds
Capital stock (par $\$ 10$ )
Capital stock (par \$10)

Total. $\qquad$ 13,000
\$13,290,736 n 1939 and $\$ 89,562$ in 1938 . c After allowance for depreciation of $\$ 7,070$, 586 in 1939 and $\$ 6,750,088$ in.
capital stock.-V. 150, p. 282.

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MacKinnon Steel Corp., Ltd.-Accumulated DividendThe directors have declared a dividend of $871 / 1 /$ cents pers share on account
accumulations on the $7 \%$ cum. pref. stock, par $\$ 100$, payable March 15 of accumulations on the $7 \%$ cum. pref. stock, par $\$ 100$ payable March 15
to oholders of record March 1. Diviends of \$1.75 were paid on Dee. 15 ,
 the company since February, 1933 , when 8 , $1 / 2$ cents per share was dis-
tributed on this issue. Prior to this latter date regular quarterly divi-
dends of $\$ 1.75$ per share were paid--
McKesson \& Robbins, Inc.-Net Sales-
Net sales of Mckesson \& Robbins, Inc., for January were \$12,910,268 compared to $\begin{gathered}\text { pry } \\ \text { to preliminary figures released on Feb. 16, by William J. Wardall, trustee. }\end{gathered}$ The druss and sundries department, largest division of the company's.
operations, showed a $12.40 \%$ increase in sales over January, 1939 Sales
 against $\$ 8,898,971$. The company's siquor sales declined 7.06\%, sales for decrease in liquor sales sas due in part to the ciosing of certain unprof itable
wholesale houser subsequent to January
McLouth Steel Corp., Detroit, Mich.-Bonds OfferedCampbell, McCarty \& Co., Inc., Detroit, recently offered at 102 and int., to yield $5.15 \%$ to maturity, an issue of at 102 and int., to yield $5.15 \%$ to maturity, an issue of
$\$ 180,0001$ st mtge. sinking fund $51 / 2 \%$ bonds, series $B$ (with stock purchase warrants attached). Bonds sold to (with stock purchase warra
residents of Michigan only.
Dated July 1, 1937 ; due Jan' 1, 1947. Coupon bonds in $\$ 1,000$ denom.,
registerable as to principal only. Interest payable J-J. Callable on any registerable as to principal only. Interest payable JJ.J. Callable onom., any
 turity. National Bank of Detroit, trustee. pal amount of bonds monthyly sinking fund sufficient to retire $\$ 66.500$ princi-
to maturity at the call price. If boand on each Jan and Juld to maturity at the call price. If bonds are not obta
call price they must be called by lot by the trustea.
Stock Purchase Warrants-Non- Notachable warrant
Stock Purchase Warrants-Non-detachable warrants are attached to each bond, entithing holder thereof to purchase 10 shares of common stock at
$\$ 10$ per hare until Jan. 1,1947 , unless bond is sedeemed prior to that time,

History and Business-Company was incorp. April 27. 1934 in Michigan
to engage in the manufacture of hot rolled strip steel with a two-high singleto engage in the manufacture of hot rolled strip steel with a two-high single-
stand reversing type hot roling mill. In 1934, the company began the
installation of its hot rolling strip mil, which has operated efficiently for
several years several years.
In March, 1935 the company purchased the assets of Cadillac Steel Corp.,
and on Aug. 25 , 1936 Consolidated steel Corp. was merged with the comand on Aug. 25, 1936 Consolidated steel Corp. was merged with the comThe business of the company consists of the manufacture and sale of hot
and cold rolled strip steel and the auxiliary operations of slitting. shearing, edging and pickling. Company sells its products primarily in the Detroit areato automobile manumpacturers and automobile accessory companies and to other manufacturers in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.
Purpose-The net proceeds to the company ( $\$ 175,500$
Purpose- The net proceeds to the company ( $\$ 175.500$ plus accrued int.
of $\$ 4,895$ ) from the sale of the bonds, together with the sum of $\$ 52,838$ of company fruds, were used on Dee. 29,1939 to pay off in full the balance of a loan from Reconstruction Finance Corporation amounting to 8233,233 ,
 series B with warrants (\$180,00 principal amount of which constitute
the bonds now being offered and a chattel mortgage on inventories. The the bonds now being offered) and a chattel mortgage
chattel mortgage on inventories has been discharged
 1 st mtge. sk. Pd. $51 / 2 \%$ bonds, ser. A with warrants
1 st matge. sinkin fund $51 / 2 \%$ bonds, series B with
warrants (this isuue)


Earnings for Calendar Years

|  | 1939 | 1938 | 193 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{r}\$ 551,450 \\ 80 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | \$220.432 | \$280,092 |
| Other deductions, less other income | Cr842 | 5.531 | 16,536 |
| Provision for depreciation | ${ }_{21} 1.053$ | 68,997 | 45,821 |
| Other interes | $\begin{array}{r}24,077 \\ 6 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 15,101 | 14,62 |
| Provision for Fed'l taxes (est.) | 73,657 | 3,000 | 33,063 |
| eferr | $\$ 296,307$ 6,875 | $\$ 13,036$ 3,437 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { \$69,594 } \\ 6,206 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Net profit applicable to com. stock | \$289,432 | \$9,599 | \$63,387 |

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\text { Balance Sheet Dec. 31, } 1939
$$

Assets-Cash on hand and on deposit, $\$ 129,230$; trade accounts receiv-
able (net), $\$ 374,918$; inventories, 8311,682 ; other assets 88537 , plant and equipment (less deopreciation of $\$ 310,977), \$ 1,334,013$; deferred charges. $\$ 50,673 ;$ total, $\$ 2,209,054$.
Liabilities-Accounts
accuaed expenses, incl, accrued royalties in controversy, $\$ 71,252$ : Federai taxes on imcome, $\$ 74,741$; funded debt, $\$ 425000$; preferred stock
no par shares), $\$ 125,000$, common
pot no par shares),
paidin surplis,
V. 150, p. 1139 .

Mahoning Coal RR.-Earnings-

 a After taxes, interest and other charges. b On 30,000 shares of $\$ 50$
par common stock.-V. 149 , p. 4034 .

## Marine Bancorporation-Earnings-

 [Holding Company Only] Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939$\underset{\text { Dividends, interest and other income. }}{\text { Dinses and taxes }}$

 Surplus credit (restoring to capital surplus recoveries of assets
previously charged thereto)

Surplus, Dec. 31, 1939 (incl. capital surplus of $\$ 157,550$ ) ...- $\$ 668,814$ Consolidated Statement of Operations Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939 (Incl. Subs.) Gross income from operations ............-.......................-- $\$ 1,606,151$ Operating expe
Interest paid




380,702
19,066
Remainder-Marine Bancorporation portion................... 3661,636

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939
[Holding Company Only]
Assets-Cash, $\$ 1,070,881$ securities issued by the United States and \$641,103), 8628 ,256: orther marketable sectrities (valuation based on market quotations $\$ 588,384$ ). $\$ 586,374$, dividends and accounts receivable from subsidiaries, $\$ 100,578$; other dividends, notes and accounts receivable,
$\$ 26.032$ innestments in stocks of banks and subsidiary companies, 87,448 ,369;: tatal, $\$ 9,860,490$.
Liabilities Liabilities Provision for Federal and State taxes, $\$ 8,992 ;$ reserve for
contingencies. $\$ 141,233$; initial no par value capital stock ( 8,852 shares) and fully participating no par value captital stock $(352,806$ shares), s9.041.-

Manhattan Ry.-Stockholders Cannot Reallze Except Through Deposits-
or the city the Transit Comm and ourselves, and of the respective counsel for the city tified track, and for other interested parties, the Manhattan tockholders cannot hope to realize anything except by depositing under the sattilement fund provided in the plan is allocated to theme," the committee for Manhattan Ry . $7 \%$ guaranteed stock states in a letter sent out
to holders of this issue. This committee, which is headed by Theodore $\mathbf{S}$. Watson, points out that the Manhattan property was sold under fore$66 \%$ or he guaranteed stock, had been deposited. Deposits on the modified
stock had reached $84.5 \%$,
Hearing Adjourned -
$\$ 17,005,000$, scheduled for Feb . 15 , was adjo properties under foreclosure, Judge Robert P. Patterson. The adjournment was taken at the reauest of counsel for the MMerle-smith committee for holders of Manhattan bonds. who pointed out that a hearing on the fairness of the proposed plan of p. 844 .

Marion Reserve Power Co.-Earnings-

| (eriod End.Jan. 31- | $\begin{array}{r} 1940-\mathrm{M} \\ \$ 283,491 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} h-1939 \\ \$ 263,718 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non-operating income-: | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 283,491 \\ 1,792 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 263,781 \\ 1,645 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 2,870,564 \\ 28,859 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Gross revenues .-. .-. | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 285.284 \\ & 119,039 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 265,363 \\ & \begin{array}{l} 109,466 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | \$3.157,579 | 3 |
| General taxes |  |  |  |  |
| Federal income | 1 | 19,24 |  |  |
| Maintenance- | 13,604 | 17,634 | 191,392 | 224,464 |
| reserve | 29,039 | 22,034 | 278,176 | 206,080 |
| Net earnings ------- | \$93,438 | \$87,685 | 8999,067 | \$923,196 |
| Int. on on merge debial 3\%-5\% | 31,354 | 31,354 | 376,250 | . |
| Otheres interest | 2,125 | 2,312 | 26,050 |  |
| Amortization of debe dis- |  |  | 2,275 |  |
| count \& expense; \&c.- | 2,750 | 2,825 | 33,825 |  |
| Net income | $\begin{gathered} \$ 56,992 \\ 14,128 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 50,982 \\ 14,128 \end{gathered}$ | $\$ 560,667$ 169,219 |  |
| Bal.avail. for com.stk. Bonds Called- | \$2,865 | \$36,854 | \$391,448 |  |

Company is notifying holders of its 1 st mtge. $41 / 2 \%$ bonds series due 1952
hat the entire issue has been called for redemption on April 20,1940 . that the entire issue has been called for redemption on April 20,1940 . with accrued interest and ar pror to that date at their principal amount
Commercial National Bank \& Trium Co $3 \%$ upon presentation at The Commercial National Bank \& Trust Co. of New York.
SEC Issues Formal Opinion Approving Issues-
The Securities and Exchange Commission Issued FFb. 20 its formal
opinion approving all phrases of the recent financing by the opinion approving all phrases of the recent financing by the company. In
this financing the company issued $\$ 7750.000$ of 1 st mtge . this financing the company issued $\$ 7,750,000$ of 1 1st mtge. bonds, $31 / 2 \%$
series, due 1960 , and 7,500 shares of $\$ 5$ preferred stock, both of which have
already been sold pubicly already been sold pubilicly. $\$ 1,250,000$ of unsecured $72-8 \% 8$-year serial promissory notes to co che its parent cony stock to th parent company, Utility service Co., which had surrendered
9,101 shares of $\$ 5$ preferred stock for canclation.
The sEC noted that the financing reduces ".the top-heaviness of the capital structure,"- V . 150, p. 1140 . accrued interest, all of the first mortgaem on June 1, 1940, at $1041 / 4 \%$ and 1957 of Otio Eleccrtic Power Co. The bonds will become payable on June it at The Chase National Bank, trustee, 11 Broad St., New York, but holders


Marshall Field \& Co.-Stock Offered-A block of 31,625 shares of $6 \%$ cum. ( $\$ 100$ par) pref. stock of company was offered Feb. 23 by a group of underwriters headed by Lee Higginson Corp.; Glore, Forgan \& Co., and Shields \& Co. at a price of $\$ 104$ per share and div. The offering does not represent new financing by the company, but includes only shares already outstanding which have been purchased from several large individual and trust holdings that represent bequests made by the original owners of the business. The shares being offered constitute in each case approximately one-half of the holdings.
A circular describing the offering states that the real earning power of
the company has, in years prior to 1938 , been obscured by the unsatisfactory results from the operation of the real estate division and of the former wholesale division, the activittes of which not heretofore discontinued are now carried on by the manufacturing division, The retail divi-
sion of Marshall Field has operated profitably in every year since the sion of Marshal
organization of the company with the perceptition of in every year since the
The company has now compteted a five year program of reorganization of The company has now completed a five year program of reorganization of its operations, properties and capital structure, the circular states, the
results of which have found expression in a
abstantial improvement in in results of which have found expression in a substantial improvement in
earnings. Net profits for 1939 of $\$ 4.636,58$ are the highet earned in
the last nine years and are equivalent to 30.91 are share on preferred shares

Menasco Manufacturing Co.-Stock Offered-A total of 300,000 shares of common stock (par $\$ 1$ ) are offered to stockholders for subscription pro rata in the ratio of one new share for each two shares held of record at the close of business on Feb. 10, 1940. Transferable subscription warrants evidencing such subscription rights, exercisable only in amounts calling for full shares, and expiring at $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. (Pacific Standard Time) on March 6, 1940, or at such later date as shall be decided by the company, but not later than March 27, 1940, will be issued to such stockholders of record. The issue has been underwritten by Sutro \& Co. (without firm commitment).
Transfer agent, California Trust Co., Los Angeles, Calif. Registrar,
Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association, Los Angeles Calif.
From the date of incorporation of the company, June 11, 1934, to the and sale of aircraft engines and aircraft engine parts, and incidentan tacture and sale of aircraft engines and aircraft engine parts, and incidental thereto,
the repair of such engines. In addition, the company has engaged since

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its inception in a limited amount of general engine work and precision machine work for miscellaneous cur of Covic Diesel engines (an engine not designed for aviation), and a larger amount of manufacturing and machining of various types of aircraft various arplane manufacturers. Company is about to commence the various airplane manufactarers. casting or precision parts and casting, non-ferrous metals. Company also engages in inspecting steel parts by the Magnaflux method for other
manufacturers. During the six months prior to Jan. 19. 1940 only two manufacturers. During the six months prior to Jan $\mathbf{e}$. 1.1940 .
engines were repaired, developed and marketed by the company and its
The aircrate engines predecessor, a coparthership or the same name, which 193 , are all with the excention of the 50 h.p.p.
a pproximately March 1.1 radial type of airplane motor.
The engines developed and marketed by the company up to the present tine range from engines rate past the company's largest market bas been ron manfacturers. of airplanes used primarily for sport, or as private or
to med
military trainers. of the companys engines, it it belicyed that in the immediate finture the company's best and the C4s is the same engine supercharged and rated at 150 h.p. These models are suited for snail traninis and in sevorpment work for the purpose
present time the company is engag ind of improving
C 4 a and C 4 s .
During the fiscal year from July 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939, the company delivered to various purchasers acreds of $\$ 53,544$. During the six months it received aggrega thed Dec. 31,1939 , the company delivered to various purchasers airplane engines, and engine parts for which it received aggregate gross proceeds
of $\$ 38,978$ As of (an. 1940 orders for airrlane engines and engine
pind is expected that delivery of these engines will be completed within not more than five months from Jan. 1, 1940.
In addition to the above engines, the company is at present engaged in for medium-sized trainer airplanes. It is believed that this engine will for medium-sized trainer airplanes. This enine has not yot yet been assembied , wuit
be rated at about 230 h.p.
 600,000 shares are now outstanding, all fully paid up ${ }_{i}$
Proceeds-It is estimated that the net proceeds to be ralsed by the sale of this issue is 8345,000 . It is contemplated that the net proceeds obtained frochinery and equipment needed by the company and to furnish working capital.
Underwriting-The underwriter is Sutro \& Co., San Francisco, None ment for their purchase or sale by the underwriters has been made.V. 150, p. 439 .

Michigan Bell Telephone Co.-Building Program-
-Company plans a construction program amounting to approximately $\$$ This is the largest annual program since 1930 and it is approximately ng $\$ 200,000,000$.
ments and associated equipment on customers' premises $\$ 4,060$ intrucentral office equipment: $\$ 3,100,000$ for land and buildings, and $\$ 390,000$ for general equipment
fleet.-V. 150, p. 1140 .
Michigan Consolidated Gas Co.-To Sell Bonds Privately The Securities and Exchange Commission Feb. 19 announced that company has filed an apertion from the requirement of filing a declaration in connection Acth the issuance and sale of $\$ 2,000,000$ of first mortgage $4 \%$ bonds, series due 1963. The bonds are to be sold privately at $101 / 2 \%$ to the Travelers Insurance Co. and the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, each of which is to take $\$ 1,000,000$ principal amount. The net proceeds from the sale for expenditures made subsequent to sept. 30, 1938 , and to to be made during the year 1940, for capital additions to its utility
Midvale Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-

|  | 1939 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net earns from oper | \$3,278,412 40.223 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 2,317,397 \\ 25,583 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 2,526,286 \\ 43,014 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 2,164,685 \\ 64,830 \end{array}$ |
|  | \$3,318,635 | \$2,342,980 | \$2,569,300 | \$2,229,515 |
| Prov. for depreciation-- |  | ${ }^{460,000}$ | + ${ }^{4600.000}$ | 228,347 |
| Prov. for income taxes.- | 2865,000 | z440,000 | y 512,000 | $\times 275$ |
|  | \$1,703,771 | \$1,244.210 | \$1,341,816 | \$1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| lance, surplus | \$405,357 | \$245,4 | 143 | 267,555 | $\begin{array}{crrrr}\begin{array}{c}\text { Balance, surplus } \\ \text { Earns. per sh. on 200,000 }\end{array} & \$ 405,357 & \$ 245,489 & \$ 143,390 & \$ 267,555 \\ \text { shs. cap stk.(no par). } & \$ 8.52 & \$ 6.22 & \$ 6.71 & \$ 6\end{array}$ $x$ Includes $\$ 100,000$ provision for Pennsyivata income tax. y Includes $\$ 100,000$ provision for Pennsylvania income tax and $\$ 57,000$ for Federa surtax on undistributed profits. z ,

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Mid-Continent Airlines, Inc.-Stock Offered-Murdoch, Dearth \& White, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa: George F. Ryan \& Co., St. Louis, Mo., and Kalman \& Co., St. Paul, Minn. are offering at $\$ 4$ per share 50,000 shares of common stock (par \$1).
Transfer Agent, First National Bank, Kansas City, Mo
Business-Company incorp. in Delaware, May 6, 1936, is engaged in the No. 26 pursuant to certitifacte of public eonvenience and necessity dated March 7, 1939 issued by the Civil Aeronautics Authority. Subject to mately 3,632 miles:
Hansfords Tritsitate Airlines, Inc. transported mail, passenkers, and
property over Route No. 26 in substantiall its present form without the property over Route No. 26 in substantially its present form without the Kold the air mail contract held fy it and certain other property to, the company in consideration for 168.137 shares of the company's common stock. Company did not purchase ail or the assets or Hanfords Tri-state Airlines,
air mail contract. Since July 1, 1936, the company has operated the route,
including, since sept. 1, 1936, the Kansas City-Tulsa extension. Purpose-The estimated net proceeds from the sale of the 50,000 shares of common stock are intention of the company to devote the funds to be raised by the sale of the stock, and by proposed bank loan of $\$ 150,000$ (together with other funds of the company) to the purchase of three Lockheed Lodestar model 18 nection with such airplanes
Capitalization-Company has an authorized capital stock of 600,000 shares (par \$1) of which 100,000 shares are convertible preference stock, an shares of common stock and 40,000 shares of convertible preference stock In addition to the 198,798 shares of common stock now outstanding, 40,000 shares of such stock are issuabie upon conversion of the convertibe arefer
ence
paid
Undervititin- There is no firm commitment for the sale of any of the 50,000 shares of stock offered, but Murdoch, Dearth \& White, Inc., Georg agents for the company in connection with the sale of the stock and to use agent best efforts to sell all such stock at the price of \$4 per share.

| tal | Years Ended June 30 |  |  | Mos. End vov. $\$ \mathbf{3 0 6 , 6 5}$ 265,58 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1937 \\ & \$ 306,828 \end{aligned}$ | $\stackrel{1938}{\$ 191,839}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1939,15 \\ & \$ 533,115 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | 405,898 |  |  |  |
| Gross oper. income | loss\$99,070 | loss\$96,121 | loss\$28,135 | \$41,069 |
| Inc. from other than | 2,46 | 5,370 | 2,707 | - 2,7 |
| ros | 10ss896.600 | loss\$90,751 | loss\$25,428 |  |
| Deducts. from gross inc. Prov. for Fed. \& State |  | 4,47 |  |  |

Net income.-.-.
-V .150 , p. 439.
Minnesota Power \& Light Co.-Earnings-
Period End.Dec. 31- 1939-Month-1938 1939-12 Mos.-1938
 investments $\begin{array}{lrrrr}\begin{array}{c}\text { Property retirement re- } \\ \text { serve }\end{array} & 75,000 & 569 & 6,867 & \mathbf{6 0 0}, 00\end{array} \quad \mathbf{6 , 7 7}$

Net oper. revenues.
Other income
Interest on minge. bonds. Interest on mtge. bonds.
Other int. and deduct'ns Other int. and deduct'ns
Interest charged to con-
struction...............
 990,828 81,112,327

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Mobile \& Ohio RR.-Deposits Urged-
Holders of Mobile \& Ohio RR Refunding \& improvement mortgage $41 / 2 \%$
bonds due 1977 $5 \%$ secured gold notes due 1938 and Montgomery Division bonds due $1977,5 \%$ secured gold notes due 1938 and Mot figomery Division
first mortgage $5 \%$ bonds due 1947 are being urged by the reorganization committee to deposit their holdings in order that the benefits of unification contemplated by the reorganization plan may be realized at the earlies
possible date. The proposed consolidation has been approved by th possibse date. The proposed consondation has been approved by the Mobile \& Northern RR.
The notice states
The notice states that more than $90 \%$ of the total known holdings of insurance companies, savings banks and pension funds arready have been
deposited and that holders of a majority of the $41 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ due 1977 and the 5 s depe 1947 have deposited or indicated their intention to do so as soon as
duertificates of deposit are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. Apcertificates of deposit are listed on the
plication for such listing bas been made
plication or such list ing new first mortgage bonds distributable to Mobile \& ohio security holders accraes from July 1, 1933, payment cannot be made until the plan is consummated", states the importance, continues the notice, interest on the new in incone bonds does not begin to accrue until consolidation. As court proceedings have now progressed to a point where hearings on the foreclosure of the properties appear probable within the near future,
the committee feels a much larger percentage of the bonds should be dethe com so that the proceedings may be expeditiously carried to a conclusion. positederic W. Ecker, Vice-President of Metropoititan Life Insurance Co. is Chairman of the committee, the other members of which are Edward
H. Leslie, of Wood Struthers \& Co., and John K. Olyphant, Jr, Vice-
Pres. Jr., of The New York Trust Conk in and Trust Co. Harvey A. Basham,
at 20 Pine St., New York, N. Y., is representative. Joh E. Morison, Sr.;
Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc.-New President-
Howard $L$. Shuttleworth was on Feb. 6 elected President of this company, succeeding his brother, the late Arthut. Shutlieworth, who died Jan. 27. fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father and was also named fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father and was
Vice-President to fill the existing vacancy.-V. 150, p. 1141 .

Molybdenum Corp of America-Earnings-
[Including for 1939 subsidiaries, California Scheelite Corp. and Atolla



| Gross profit on sales-.-.-.-..-- | \$1,075,384 | \$742,504 | 365 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| inistrative and se |  |  |  |
| Other charges, net | 98,926 | 109,551 | 39,207 |

 Provision for depreciation-
Provision for depletion.--

| Net profit ------------- | \$651,390 | \$295,829 | \$720,716 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Losses from a bando |  |  | 4, ${ }^{4,288}$ |
| Prov. for Fed. normal income tax | 117,958 | ,309 | 103,018 |
| v. For Fed. excess profits ta |  |  | , ${ }_{949}$ |

Net profit to surplus ents.
After correcting for prior years' surplus adjustments.
 deplection of $\$ 554.365$ ), $\$ 669,976$; mineral lands-Arizona, (less, depletion of $\$ 84,124)$, $\$ 22,344$; Boriana Mine-under option \& lease, $\$ 201,311$;
placer mining claims-held through California Scheelite Corp., $\$ 572,904$
placer mining claims-California, placer mining claims-held through California scheelite Corp., $\$ 372,904$
planing claims-California, $\$ 21,500$ mineral claims under option and
$\$ 3,556$; investments (at cost), $\$ 556,583$; operating mine and mill supplies, $\$ 63,424$; cash, $\$ 964,959$; accounts and notes receivable (less raw materials, $\$ 105,834$; inventories, $\$ 1,582,412$; other assets, $\$ 24,536$ patents and processes, $\$ 6 \%$ debentures (1942), $\$ 577,944$; bankers' accept tances payable, $\$ 990,824$; meccrued payroll, taxes, interest, $\$ 273,291 ;$ ac counss payable, $\$ 366,203$; accrued payroll, taxes, interest, \&c. $\$ 35,691$
accrued Federal and State taxes, $\$ 143,669$; equity of minority interest in

Monarch Machine Tool Co.-To Pay 50-Cent DividendNew Officers-
Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable March 1 to holders of recor . Feb. 24 . This compares with
and extra of 25 cents and a regular dividend of 30 cents paid on Dec. 1 . and extra of 25 cents and a regular dividend of 30 cents paid on Dec. 1 .
last: 30 cents paid on sept. 1 , last: 20 cents on June 1 , last, and a dividend
of 35 cents paid on of 35 cents spidio on March 1, 1939 .
At a recent organization meeting of board of directors, P. A. Abe, Works Manager, was elected Vice-President in charge of engineering and proin charge of purchasing and plant engineering. Jas elected Vice-President elected a director of the compant to succeering. J. A. Restrtshler has resigeed.
O. Lee Harison has been added to the board to fill a vacancy.-V. 149 ,
Muskegon Piston Ring Co.-35-Cent Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 35 cents per share on the common
stock, payable March 30 to holders of record March 11 . This compares with 50 cents paid on Dec. 21 and on Sept. 30, last; 35 cents paid on June 1938, and 25 cents on March 31,1938.-V. 149 , $\mathbf{1}$. 3415 .

National Bearing Metals Corp.-EarningsEarnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939
Net income --1.-



 The Eureka Brass Co. plant, located at St. Louis, Mo, was sold during had not been used for company poperations for some years and had been leased to others until May 1, 1939 .
amotes payable outstanding were reduced $\$ 300,000$ during 1939 Of this $\$ 1100,000$ was applied to the note for $\$ 500,000$ due Oct. 26 . 1940 , thus reducing the latter to $\$ 400,000$. The inclusion of this amount in current .iabilities is responsible for the reduction of $\$ 126,367$ in net working capial Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939
Assets-Cash, $\$ 489,968 ;$ notes receivable, $\$ 2,345$ accounts receivable
(less reserve of $\$ 20.000$ for doubtful accounts and contra achents customers of $\$ 206,260$, $\$ 684,799$; Forking funds in hands of salesmen $\$ \$, 755$ advance royalty deposit; $\$ 1.500$ inventories, $\$ 1,320,185 ;$ reai est mortgage notes, 86,634 ; 1 and, , bulldings and equipment (less reserve value), $\$ 7,356$; $\mathbf{8}$ ood will, trade processes, \&c., $\$ 1,457,755$; deferred charges, \$29,413: total, \$6,356,357. to bank (due Oct. 26, 1940), \$400,000; accounts

 $\$ 153,573 ;$ reserves, $\$ 104,860 ;$ preferred $7 \%$ cumulative (par $\$ 100, \$ 3,0,05$, .
$400 ;$ common stock ( $119,4,40$ shares, no par), $\$ 1,194,900 ;$ capital surplus
 $\$ 252,680$; earned surplus, $\$ 918,465 ;$ total, $\$ 6,356,357$.-V. 150, p. 696 .

National Bond \& Investment Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings


Total income. Interest paid- $\qquad$ Adjust. of rest for doss

 Prov. For surtax on unNividends. for the th Shs.com, stid. (no- par) $\begin{array}{llll}\mathbf{x} \\ \mathbf{\$ 3 0 6}, 100 \text { on old common, } \$ 679,542 & \$ 1.49 & \$ 3.74 & \mathbf{y} \$ 34.07\end{array}$ $5 \%$ cum. pref. y After deducting $\$ 69,000$ for $5 \%$ cum. $\$ 69,000$ on 1939 and 1938 pref. stock $\$ 5$ per and capital stock taxes. $\$ 300,000$ in common stock 96 cents per share. ob Includes $\$ 264$ decrease in equity of
affiliated company $(25 \%$ owned) for the year ended Dec. 31,1939 , apaffiliated company ( $25 \%$ owned) for
plicable to stock held in the company.

Consohdated Balance Sheet Dec. 31







Total.........-49,097,378 $\overline{33,677,158}$ Total_........-49,097,378 $\overline{33,677,158}$
 reserve for depreciation, $\$ 160,851$. z Represented by 612,600 no par
shares. blncluding Federal income and capital stock taxes, estimated.

National Fireproofing Corp.-Earnings-

| Period- <br> Net sales <br> a Cost of sales \& expenses |  | ${ }_{1938}$ |  | $\text { ec } 31.36$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \$2,920,728 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { c. } 31,36 \\ & 1,36.443 \end{aligned}$ |
| Oper | $\$ 416.146$ 178,497 | \$285,070 $\mathbf{2 1 4 , 4 9 9}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 338,912 \\ & 215,350 \end{aligned}$ | \$233,088 |
| Profit | $\begin{array}{\|} \$ 237,649 \\ 47,994 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 70,571 \\ 55,383 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8123.56 \\ 56,76 \end{array}$ | 12 |
| rof | \$285.643 | \$105.954 | 180,327 <br> 268079 | 157,120 |
| \%. | 278,796 | 247,896 |  | 59,7 |
| income debentures | 131,845 | 131,845 | 87,897 |  |
| ss for the p |  |  | \$175,651 |  |


|  | 1939 |  | Se Shel De. 31 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ${ }^{\text {Assets- }}$ | $1939$ | ${ }_{8}^{1938}$ | ond |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1938 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| on on hand |  |  | Accounts payable- | 235,204 |  |
| Notes \& acce'tur | 359,093 | 319,995 | Adv. bllings on |  |  |
| ven | 758,437 | 671,456 |  |  |  |
| Incompleted $\begin{aligned} & \text { structlon cont }\end{aligned}$ |  |  | - struction contr- | 7.904 | 1, 1.55 |
| Other assets.-. | 239,041 | 321,509 | Termed | 351,587 | ${ }_{29,74}$ |
| y Property, plants |  |  | ${ }^{\text {Reserves-- }}$ | 278,224 | 309,8 |
| and equp |  | 28 | ma |  |  |
| Unamort. portion |  |  |  | 8,841,653 | 8,80 |
| and expense | 85,111 | 101,194 | 8, 1936)...- | 564,128 |  |
|  | 28,303 |  |  |  |  |

Total............ $15,009,539 \overline{15,039,347}$ Total............ $15,009,53915,039,347$ in After allowance for doubtful items, \&c., of $\$ 19,071$ in 1939 and $\$ 26,405$ 1939 and $\$ 2,151,696$ in 1938 .-V. 150, p. 1141 .

## National Fitch Co.-Organized-

 Organization of this company was announced on Feb. 16 by Henry B.Spencer, President of the Fruit Growers Expess Co. Who said it was
an important step toward solving the national problem of rail-truck freight The National Fitch Co., Mr. Spencer said, will be owned jointly by the Fruit Growers Express subsidiary, the National Car Co. and Motor Ter-
minals, Inc. Cincinnati and New "Motor ., neinnati and New York.
ordinating rail and highway transportation to the National Fitch ${ }^{\text {Co }}$, ${ }^{\text {and }}$ he said. "Moto Terminals will retain its identity for terminal operations a Cincinnati. The National Fitch Co. Will be the sales agency for the Fitch and devices."
Oith Mr. Mpers of the National Fitch Co. will be Benjamin B. Kitch, President, with Mr. Spencer as Vice--President. The Fitch system. Mr. \&pencer extanks, truck bodies and containers from railroad flat cars to trucks or tractor-

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National Lead Co.-Earnings-
Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years (Incl. Subs.)
 Net operating profit.Other income... Class A A pref. dividendsClass A pref. dividends. Surplus.$\begin{array}{ll}\text { a Surplus com,-sthk...outst'g-- } & \$ 1,110,964 \\ \text { Earnings per share } & \mathbf{3 , 0 9 5 , 1 0 0}\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llll}\$ 0.75 & 3,0.95 & \$ 1.71\end{array}$ taxes.
[Company and domestic subsidiaries in which it owns all of the capital stock] Assets C.sh. Govt. ...-. Dth.mkt.securs.: Domestic..... Forelgn
Accts. and notes
recely. (net) recelv. (net)--
Notes rec. from Inventories .-Secs.of affil.cos.:
Domestic
Domestle...-

capital stock
Misc. invest.:
Domestic....-
Plant prop'ty \&
equip. (net) --
Pats. \& ilicenses-

| 1939 | 1938 |  | 1939 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | ${ }^{5}$ | Ltabilities- | - | ${ }^{5}$ |
| 11,294,414 | 5,636,788 | Account payable | 4,228,645 | 2,629,502 |
| 1,159,924 | 1,170,446 | Tax reserve | 2,158,164 | 2,135,535 |
|  |  | Div. payable | 116,193 | 116,193 |
| 516,929 | 608,013 | Fire ins. reserve | 4,797,284 | 4,797,284 |
| 1,586,226 | 1,536,353 | Employers' liab. |  |  |
|  |  | reserve.....- | 426,664 | 426,664 |
| 8,081,794 | 6,477,285 | Pension reserve. | 2,927,633 | 2,667,220 |
|  |  | Res. for conting. | 1,000,000 |  |
| 192,830 | 184,053 | Foreign exchange |  |  |
| 19,300,473 | 20,421,395 | ¢ \& misc. res've | 24,367,600 | $\begin{array}{r} 166,543 \\ 24,367,600 \end{array}$ |
| 6,017,157 | 5,524,719 | Cl. B pref. stoek | 10,327,700 | 10,327,700 |
| 5,577,211 | 8,667,239 | y Commonstock | 30,983,100 | 30,983,100 |
|  |  | Surplus. | 27,345,523 | 26,234,559 |
| 6,950,230 |  |  |  |  |
| 358,658 | 362,265 |  |  |  |

$\overline{108,845,049} \overline{104,851,900}$ $\mathbf{x} 29,883$ shs. of pref. A, 25,815 shs. pref. B and 3,210 com. shs. y Pa

National Life \& Accident Insurance Co.-Stock Div.Directors have declared a stock dividend of $40 \%$ on the common shares
payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 20.-V. 148, p. 1176 .

National Public Service Corp.-Auction Postponed-
The New York Trust Co, trustee for the company's debentures, has
postponed to April 24 from Feb. 21, the sale at public auction of a single postponed to April 24 from Fieb. 21, the sale at public auction of a single
block of 712,411 shares of Jersey Central Power $\&$ Light Co. common btock, collateral supporting the debentures. The stock was originally scheduled to be auctioned on Sept. 28, 1936, but the sale has been post-
poned from time to time.-V. 150, p. 4036.

National Rys. of Mexico-Bondholders' Meeting-
A meeting of holders of prior lien $41 / 2 \%$ bonds due on Oct. 1 , 1926 , will be
held at the Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co., trustee, at 70 Broadway, on Feb. 29 . . Ronds of which are held by the trustee as part collateral for the prior lien bonds, will be at the meeting. The trustee requests holders to notify it
whether they will attend the meeting and also to advise the amount of their whether they will attend the
holdings.-V. 149, p. 3878 .

National Sugar Refining Co.-New Officials-
William O. Stanton has jointed this company as an Assistant VicePresident. B. Castle was also appointed an Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Castle will continue as General Sales Manager.-V. 149, p. 3563

## Nebraska Power Co.-Earnings-

| Period End. Dec. 31- | 1939-Month | 1938 | 1939-12 | os.-1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating revenues | \$718,894 | \$724,033 | \$8,393,333 | \$8,071,490 |
| Oper. exps. incl. taxes-- | 429,088 | 415,697 | 4,894,536 | 4,542,673 |
| Amortiz. of limited-term |  |  |  |  |
| Prop. retire, res, approp. | 52,500 | 48,334 | 630,000 | 580,000 |


Gross income.-.
Interest on mtge bonds Interest on mtge bonds
Interest on deb bonds Other int. \& deductions
Int. chgd. to construct's
Net income-

| \$235,627 | \$258,73 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 61,875 17.500 | 61,87 |
| 17,500 | 17,5015 |
| Cr311 | Cr15 |



$\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,936,952 \\ 742,500 \\ 2100000 \\ 109,484 \\ C r 22,300 \\ \hline\end{array}$
$\$ 1,897,268$
499,100

| $\$ 1.398,168$ |
| :---: |

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Nehi Corp. (Del.)-Earnings-

Consolidated Balance Sheet at Dec. 31, 1939 Assels-Cash on hand and demand deposits, $81,349,715$; notes, accept-
ances and accounts recelvable (less, allowance for doubtful notes and accounts of $\$ 39,596$ ), $\$ 111,250 ;$ inventories, $\$ 285,076$; prepaid insurance,


 common stock
earned surplus, $\$ 33,668$. treasury
total, $\$ 4,200,227 .-\mathrm{V} .150, \mathrm{p} .1001$.

Neisner Bros, Inc. (\& Subs.)-Earrings-



Net profit. $4 \%$ preferred dividendsommon dividends.... Surplus,.-..............

| \$678,478 | \$421,713 | \$967,042 | $\$ 1 \text {, }$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $115.000 \overline{9}$ | 118,752 | $\mathbf{x} 83,613$ $\mathbf{y} 57,754$ |  |
| 256,114 | 256,144 | 409,862 | 503714 |
| \$307,355 | \$46,817 | \$415,813 | \$593,714 |
| 204,881 | 204891 | 204,931 | 204 |

x Retired; represents payment for period Nov. 1, 1936, to May 14, 1937 no par value.

\left.|  | Consoludated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |$\right)$ | Assets- | 8 | 1938 | Fixabilities- |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | Cash adv to landlord for constr

of building Acc'ts recenvable.Lite ins. cash val nventory... eferred charges.-
was paid on Dec. 23, 1939. Dividends on this stock are cumulative.
V. 149, p. 4181 .
New York Air Brake Co.-Earnings-

| Calendar Years | 1939 | 1938 | 1937 | 1936 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net sales. | \$4,268.206 | \$1,784,947 | \$6,494,916 | \$4,074,061 |
| Costs \& | 3,306.256 | 1,894,273 | 5,315,750 | 3,109,910 |
| Depreciatio | 135,381 | 134,434 |  |  |
| Profit from oper | \$826.569 | loss\$243,760 | \$1,057,683 | \$787,794 |
| ther inco | 93,995 | 73,137 | 143,059 |  |
| Net profit | \$920,564 | loss\$170,623 | \$1,200,742 | \$904,405 |
| Federal income | 172,706 |  | 184,196 80,789 | 131.803 9.045 |
| Federalsurtax |  |  | 80,789 | 9,045 |
| Netincome | \$747.858 | def\$170.623 | \$935,757 | \$763.557 |
| Dividends.- | 388,680 | 64.780 | 518,240 | 647,800 |
| alance, surplus | \$359.178 | def\$235,403 | \$417.517 | \$115,757 |
| Previous surplus. | 1,128,465 | 1,378,435 | 960,917 | 845,160 | Balance, surplus

Previous surplus.......
Add'l taxes prior years. Surplus, Dec. $31 \ldots \overline{\$ 1,487,644} \overline{\$ 1,128,465} \quad \overline{\$ 1,378,435} \quad \$ 960,917$

| Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31 |  |  |  |  | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets- | 1939 | $\begin{gathered} 1938 \\ \$ \end{gathered}$ | Labditties- | s |  |
| Land, bldgs.,ma- |  |  | y Capital stock. | 11,700,000 | 11,700,000 |
| chinery \& eqpt. | 3,244,725 | 3,358,216 | Accounts payable- | 345,432 | 140,151 |
| Pats., tr. name \&c. | 5,502,709 | 5,502,709 | Dividend payable - | 1,9,560 |  |
| Cash | 1,085,806 | 311,813 | Accrued accounts_ | 236,399 | 31,194 |
| Market. securities | 49,961 | 469,023 | Contingent reserve | 211,564 | 211,564 |
| Acets. receivable.. | 1,111,127 | 591,220 | Surplus | 1,487,644 | 1,128,465 |
| z Cap. stock (co.). | 39,200 | 39,200 |  |  |  |
| Inventories | 1,123,729 | 979,904 |  |  |  |
| Misc. acets.\&inv'ts | 8,888 | 19,410 |  |  |  |
| Beebe Isl'd Wat. | 27,354 | 1,927,354 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1,927,354 |  |  |  |
| plies, \&c. | 17,100 | 12,525 |  |  |  |
| Total.......... $14,110,598 \frac{13,211,374}{13}$ Total.......... 14, 110,598 13,211,374 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 409 in 1938 . y Represented by 260,000 shares of no par value. z 880 shares |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| common stock. |  |  |  |  |  |

New York Auction Co., Inc.-EarningsEarnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939
Total income from operations
Total operating expenses
$\$ 277,891$
231,304
Profit from operations
\$46,587
Profit before charges.
$\$ 46,673$
32,958
1,813
Provision for Federal income
$\$ 11,802$
$\$ 0.12$
Balance Shet De 31, 1939
$\qquad$
Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939
Assets-Cash, $\$ 144,567$; advances to shippers and accounts receivable,
$\$ 833,813$ miscellaneous accounts receivable, $\$ 1,660$; merchandise inventory (at market), $\$ 18.436$; less reserve for losses on advances, accounts receiv(at market), $\$ 18,436 ;$ less reserve for losses on ad ances, acco for deprecia-
able, \&c., $\$ 10,000 ;$ land, building and equipment (less reserve
tion. $\$ 193.625$ ) $\$ 600,304 ;$ prepayments and sundry deferred items, $\$ 41,944$; tion, $\$ 193,625), \$ 600,304 ;$ prepayments and sundry deferred items, $\$ 41,944$;
totai, $\$ 1,630,724$.
 interest accrued, $\$ 2,693$; accrued social security taxes, $\$ 2,134$; commissions payable, $\$ 1,103 ;$ miscellaneous $\$ 2,011$; Federal income tax payable, $\$ 344,080^{;}$common stock ( 95,887 shares, no par, includes 1,768 shares to be issued in exchange for class A and class B stock), $\$ 592,948$; deficit. $\$ 3,560$; total, $\$ 1,630,724$.-V. $146, \mathrm{p} .1082$.

New York Transit Co.-Group Challenges Vote-
The stockholders' protective committee challenged the Rockefeller Foundation's stock vote (247/8\% of outstanding stock) at the annual
meeting Feb. 21. The committee sought to elect its own slate to replace the present officers which are favored by the Foundation. Late in the management.
Louis Boehm, a member of the protective committee and proposed for
membership on the Board, disputed the legality of voting the Foundation membership on the Board, disputed the legality of voting the Foundation in 1909 which resulted in dissolution of the old Standard Oil trust. in 1909 which resulted in dissolution of the old standard that trust.
According to the tally, however, it was indicated that the protect
committee's proposed Board would have been defeated had the Foundation Thares not been voted. favor of the Socony Vacuum Oil Co., New York Transit's largest customer. It was successful in arranging for an audit or the company's books for the current y

Niles-Bement-Pond Co.-50-Cent Dividena-
Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common 50 cents were also paid on Dec. 15 and March 15, and on Dec. 15, 1938. Stock dividend payable in United Aircraft Corp. stock was paid on June 15, 1939. See details in V. 148, p. 3077.-V. 149, p. 3724

## Northwest Bancorporation-Earnings-

 Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939Dividends received from affiliates
$\$ 764,312$
12,493
Operating income
$\$ 776,804$
46,122
Net income.
Operations of $\qquad$

Net income.
Earnings per share
Balance Sheet Dec. 31,1939
Assets-
Investments in capital stocks of affiliated banks \& companies _ a
a $\$ 33,862,622$
 Cash in banks and in transit
Cash in banks and in
Total
Accounts payable and accrued taxes.-.
Capital stock ( $1,559,831$ no par shares)
Surplus
Total
a Net tangible asset value (after deducting reserves of $\$ 1.558,613$ a Net tangible asset value (after deducting reserves of $\$ 1.558,613$
accrued dividends on preferred stocks and interest on capital debentures
and providing for minority interests) as disclosed by balance sheets of the and providing for minority interests) as disclosed by balance sheets of the
respective banks and companies as at Dec. 31,1939 .-V.149, p. 2983 .
$\underset{\text { See list given on first page of this department--vith }}{\text { North }}$ Central SEC - -
Northern States Power Co. (Del.)-Weekly OutputElectric output of the Northern States Power Co. system for the week
ended Feb. 17, 1940, totaled $29.264,036$ kilowatt-hours an ended Feb. 17, 1940, totaled $29.264,036$ kilowatt-hours, an increase of
$10.9 \%$ compared with the corresponding week last year.-y. 150, p. 1142 .
Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.-EarningsLatendar YearsLocal service revenues.
Toll service revenues.-
Miscellaneous revenues $\begin{array}{r}1939 \\ \mathbf{8}, 996 \\ \hline\end{array}$ Total.-..---.-.-. Total oper. revenues
Current maintananceCurrent maintanance
Depreciation expense
Traffic expenses. Commercial expens Gen'l \& miscell expenses Exec. \& legal depts... Acctg. \& treas. depts:--
Prov. for employee's service pensions service pensions--
Employees' sickness \&
accident disability accident disability
death \& oth. benefits. death \& oth. benefits.
Services received under license contracts...-
Other gen'l expenses. Expenses charged con-

Net oper. income---
Net non-oper. income.-
Income available for
$\begin{array}{r}\text { fixed charges for for } \\ \text { fixed }\end{array}$
Interest.-...........
Net inc. avail. for divs. Net inc. avail. for divs.
Mivs. on pf. stk. ( $61 / 1 / 2 \%$ ) a Accruals for 1937 were reduced by an adjustment of $\$ 274,360$ relating to depreciation expense for the year 1936 and accruals for 1936 were reduced
by an adjustment of $\$ 393,429$ relating to depreciation expense for the year 1934 and 1935 in respect of property in the State of Nebraska. This adjustment resulted from a substitution of depreciation rates prescribed by the Nebraska State Ry. Commission for rates which had been used by the
company. b Under agreement with Tri-State Telephone \& Telegraph Co 1939 on advances to those companies. The amount shown for the year 1938 includes $\$ 803,943$ for interest on such advances, of which $\$ 102,426$ was not currently earned

|  | 1939 | 1938 |  | 1939 | 1938 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | es |  |  |
| Telephone plant1 | ,652,720 | 0,125,819 | Common stock | 100,000,000 | 100 |
| Miscell. Dhysical |  |  | Adv. from Amer. |  |  |
| \% $\begin{aligned} & \text { property- } \\ & \text { Investm't in }\end{aligned}$ | 193,232 | 303,298 |  | 21,740,000 | 19,040,000 |
|  | 34,977,477 | 32,660,803 | Customers' dep. | 5,92, 481 | 6,158,926 |
| Other investm'ts | 53,765 | 66,774 | \& advance b |  |  |
| Cash \& spec. dep | 592,306 | 599,586 | ing \& paym'ts | 1,016,271 | 991,031 |
| Working funds_ | 108,421 | 105,529 | Accts. payable \& |  |  |
| Accts. recelvable | 3,077,627 | 2,986,547 | current liabils. | 2,228,316 | 2,014,087 |
| Material \& suppl | 1,683,537 | 1,566,319 | Accrued liabill- |  |  |
| Deferred debits. | 482,489 | 423,714 | ties not due-- | 3,785,057 | 3,762,504 |
|  |  |  | Deferred credits | 76,339 | 103,133 |
|  |  |  | Deprec'n reserve | 44,726,042 | 43,030,793 |
|  | * |  | Surplus reserved | 900,000 | 900,000 |
|  |  |  | Unapprop. surp. | 3,422,069 | 2,837,916 |
| Total | , 575 | 38,392 | Total...-..-. |  |  |

## a To trustee of pension fund.-V. 150, p. 1003.

Nu-Mo-Cide Sales Co.-Promoters Convicted-
The Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission Feb. 19 reported that Peyton F. Thomas of Forth Worth and E. Johnson Ashby of Dallas were sentenced by Judge Randolph Bryant in U. S. District counts of an indictment charging violation of the fraud provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and conspiracy in connection with the sale of the
capital stock of Nu -Mo-Cide sales Co., which was engaged in the distribucapital stock of Nu-Mo-Cide sales Co., which was engaged in the distribu The indictment charged the defendants with employing a scheme to defraud purchasers of the company's stock, involving the pretended declara-
tion of a $10 \%$ stock dividend to be paid out of earnings for the year 1937 no profits at all. It also defendants kne the defendants stated that the book value of the stock was in excess of $\$ 10$ a share, the selling price, and that they falsely represented that the company was in a strong financial per share, and that it could be sold by investors without loss to them The indictment alleged that the defendants knew that each of these repreentations was untrue.-V. 149, p. 2983.

## Ohio Edison Co.-New Director-

J. A. Longley was elected a director of this company at a meeting of the
board of directors held Feb. 20.-V. 150, p. 1003 .

Ohio Electric Power Co.-Bonds Calle
See Marion-Reserve Power Co., above.-V. 147, p. 3166
Oklahoma Gas \& Electric Co.-EarningsYears Ended Dec. 31-
Operation revenues.---.--
Operation--- and repairs.-
Mapintenanee
Appropriation for retiremen
Appropriation for repirirement reserve
Amortization of limited-term electric investm
Taxes,
Provision for Federal and State income taxes.-.


Oklahoma Natural Gas Co.-Earnings12 Mos. Ended Jan. 31-
Gross income after retire
a Net income to $s$ rplus
 iscal year ended Nov. 30 . 1938 ch rarged to surplus. b Shares outstanding: fiscal year ended Nov, 30, 1938 charged to su
$140,550,000 ; 1939,549,986 .-\mathrm{V} .150$, p. 1003

Old Dutch Refining Co., Muskegon, Mich.-Promoters Convicted-
The Department of Justice and Securities and Exchange Comnission The Department of Justice and Securities and Exchanse Com nission the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, at Detroit, had
sentenced A. Paul Benners to four years imprisonment and William Wise sentenced A. Paul Benners to four years imprisonment and Wiliiam Wise no defense to a 12 count indictment charging violation of the fraud provi sions of the Securities Act of 1933 , mail fraud and conspiracy.
The indictment, returned in October, 1936 , charged that the defendants employed a scheme to defraud in connection with the sale of stock of ol antch Rerning co. of Muskegon, Mich., by means of misrepresentation it was charged in the indictment, procured an option on 350,000 shares effected a secondary distribution of the stock to the public through Melvyn D. Haynes \& Co. and its successor, Benners, Owens \& Co.

This distribution was effected, the indictment charged. by means of misand expansion of Old Dutch Refining Co. It further was charged that during the distribution the defendants by reason of their controlling influ ence in the market were able to raise the market price for the stock from acording to the indictment, "boiler room" and other high pressure tactics were used.

## Owens-Illinois Glass Co. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-   Manufacturing profit and net oper. revenues..- $\$ 19,109,126$ (120, ${ }^{\$ 14,677,875}$ Selling, general and administrative expenses --- Interest on debentures.-.-.-. Other interest.-. Other interest---- Provision for management bonus Discount on sales Provision for bad debts- <br> Profit <br> Other income.-.-- Cash proceeds received in year from sale of patent <br> $\$ 9,927,979$ 452,460 <br> $\$ 6,139,43$ 356,53 <br> rights and licenses in year from sale of paten <br>  <br> Net profit for year.- <br> Dividends paid...- Number of shares Earnings per share <br> at Dec. $\begin{array}{r}\mathbf{\$ 1 0 , 4 1 7 , 9 3 9} \\ \hline 1,983,024 \\ \hline\end{array}$ <br> $\qquad$

onsolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31

## Assets-- Cash in banks and

 Cash in hanks andon hand--......
Time deposits with Time depositt-- with
insurance cos Marketable securi-
ties, at cost
Narl
$\times \begin{aligned} & \text { Notes \& accts. }\end{aligned}$ receivable -.-.-.
Inventories, cost-.
Investm'ts \& other Inventories, cost.-
Investm'ts \& other
assets, at cost
assets, at cost.-.
y Property
Leased machinery
Leased machine
in process o
am process of
amortization --
Licenses, patents \&
$\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Licenses, patents \& } \\ \text { goodwill }\end{array} & 283,727 \\ 390,28\end{array}$



Total_........ $\overline{87,337,453} \overline{85,057,974}$ Total ........... $\overline{87,337,453} \overline{85,057,974}$
$x$ After reserve for doubtful notes and accounts and for claims and allow$x$ After reserve for doubtful notes and accounts and for claims and allow
ances of $\$ 936,662$ in 1939 and $\$ 993,585$ in 1938 . 1 After reserves for de
preciation and obsolescence of $\$ 30,334,988$ in 1939 and $\$ 28,934,508$ in ances or $\$ 36,562$ in 193
preciation and obsolesce
1938 .-V. 150, p. 1143.

Pacific Finance Corp, of Calif.-1939 Earnings-
Consolidated net income of corporation and subsidiaries di ring the year to $\$ 892,962$, which was equal after preferred dividends to $\$ 1.35$ per share annual statement released Feb. 21 by F. S. Baer, Presiden
This compares with $\$ 1,050,125$ or $\$ 1.61$ per common share for the year 1938. While the decrease amounted to $15 \%$, the $\$ 1.35$ per share earnings per share which were paid at the quarterly rate of 30 cents.
Total loans and discounts acquired during the year 1939 amounted to $\$ 77,849,780$ as against $\$ 60,349,839$ in the previous 12 months, a gain of $29 \%$. Outstanding loans and discounts at year end totaled $\$ 30,050,230$
as compared with $\$ 24.973,657$ at the close of the preceding year, an increase
of $20 \%$.
of $20 \%$ Retail automobile outstandings represented approximately $64 \%$ of the total, and the percentage of increase in this denartment was larger than
that of total outstandings, being up $25 \%$. Retail automobile outstandings
as of Dec. 31 , 1939 stood at $\$ 19,152,464$, as compared with $\$ 15,261,754$ at the end of the preceding year. Book value of the common stock at Dec. 31, 1939, increased to
per share, as against $\$ 18.26$ at the end of 1938.-V.149, p. 2523 .

Parke, Davis \& Co. (\& Subs.)-Annual Report-
 $\begin{array}{lllrr}\begin{array}{l}\text { Profit from operations.- } \\ \text { Deprec. of plant \& quip. } \\ \text { and amortiz. of plants }\end{array} & 498,153 & 466,388 & 480,910 & 480,458\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{llll}\begin{array}{llll}\text { Pensions paid former em- } \\ \text { ployees }\end{array} & 150,548 & 149,857 & \times 150,017\end{array}$

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tributed profits.

25,000 31,000



 Earn.sur. bal. Dec. $31 \overline{\$ 13467.536} \overline{\$ 12,967,049} \overline{\$ 11,993,147} \overline{\$ 11,403,455}$
 on authorization of the stockho.ders. y Reduction at year en in amount
of reserve required to state marketable securities at aggregate quoted
market value. $z$ Under a popropriations of stockholders from surplus. market value. $\quad z$ Under appropriations of stockholde

Assetsa Notes and accerts
recelvable............. Inventories........ Investments.-... banks-......eferred charges future operations Land......-....... d Bldgs., mach'y \&
fixtures, \&c.....t.
e Machinery pat't Machinery pat't
 and copyrights.




 $\begin{array}{ll}5,929,356 & 5,914,909 \\ 285,650 & 321,357\end{array}$

Total............ $44,110,\left.106 \frac{, 56}{43,545,631} \right\rvert\,$ Total_...........44,110,106 43,545,631 a After deducting reserve for doubtful notes and accounts of $\$ 335,104$ in c After deducting reserves. d After reserve for depreciation of $\$ 6.517,169$
in 1938 and $\$ 6,800.748$ in 1939. e Less amortization. \& Represented by in 1938 and $\$ 6,800,748$ in 1939 . e Less amortization. f Represented by
$4,894,743$ (4,893,632 in 1938 no-par shares. g Includes $\$ 575,772$ account
payable in respect of uncompleted construction contracts.-V. 50 , p. 1143

## Pacific Indemnity Co.-Extra Dividend-

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 4oldents of record March 15. Extra stock, par \$10, both payable April to holders of record March 15 . Extrach
of 20 cents was paid on Jan. 3 , last, and extras of 10 cents were paid in each
of the 11 preceding quarters.-V. 149, p. 3417.

Pennsylvania RR.-93d Annual Report-W. M. Clement President, states in part:
The Year 1939-Some improvement in general business conditions preted during the last four months, in which period the increase in industria activity was quite marked.
As a result of the heavier volume of traffic, the total operating revenues
increased $\$ 70,546,537$, or $19.6 \%$, over 1938. Operating expenses increased $\$ 49,853,592$, or $19.4 \%$.
While the property to insure safe and efficient operation during the preceding eight years of unsatisfactory economic conditions, some maintenance work was neces-
sarily deferre. With greater traffic during 1939 , and anticipating further increased traffic requirements, larger expenditures were made for maintehe cost of which is reflected in the increased charges to operating expenses. he cost of which is reflected in the increased charges to operating expenses
The board of directors declared a dividend of $2 \%$
( $\$ 1$ per share), which was paid Dec. 18, 1939, and compares with $1 \%$ ( 50 cents per share) paid Revenues, Expenses and Taxes- Freight revenues increased $\$ 61,702,742$;
passenger revenues increased $\$ 5,310,627$, and revenues from mail, express, switching, demurrage, \&c., also increased.
The increases in operating expenses we
The increases in operating expenses were: $\$ 9,435,821$ in maintenance of way and structures, chiefly for renewing rails, ties, ballast and other track and passenger and freight cars, and $\$ 16,209,294$ in transportation, to carry the increased business.
Depreciation aggregating $\$ 26,466,229$ was charged to operating expenses, an increase of $\$ 1,163,004.02,84$, an increase of $\$ 2,870,519$. The inrease in business meant greater employment, which was responsible for netirement taxes of \$733,399.
All taxes required about $91 / 2$ cents out of each dollar of operating rev-
nues, equal to $6.1 \%$ ( $\$ 3.06$ per share) upon the capital stock. enues, equal to $6.1 \%$ ( $\$ 3.06$ per share) upon the capital stock.
The continuing increases in taxes are particularly burdensome to the railroads. They are the only form of transportation that furnishes its wn right of way and pays for its upkeep.
Operating Ratio-The operating ratio
Operating Ratio-The operating ratio (percentage of operating revenues
required to pay operating expenses) was $71.22 \%$, compared with $71.33 \%$ Net Railway Operating Income-The net railway operating income was $\$ 77,304,328$, an increase of $\$ 19,971,430$ compared with 1938, equal to $2.94 \%$ Non-Operating Income - Non-operating income increased \$638,050. The payment in 1939 by the Norfolk \& Western Ry. of an extra dividend on its The deen paid in 1938 . from funded and unfunded securities and ac counts were due chiefly to the inclusion in 1938 of interest for prior years, due from subsidiary companies.
$\$ 376,945$. The decrease in "rent for litions from gross income decreased rental paid as interest on bonds of leased companies which were retired or matured, and to reduced earnings of lines operated on a net earnings basis. The decrease in "interest on funded debt"' was due to payment at
maturity of $\$ 1,100,000$ 30-year $4 \%$ secured serial bonds; to retirements of funded debt through operation of the sinking funds, and to payments at oaturity of equipment trust obligations. Of the $\$ 50,967,578$ charged to "rent for leased roads," $\$ 30.584,715$ was
returned to companies with in the system as dividends and interest on securities owned
secur Income- The net income for the year was $\$ 32,032,525$, compared
Nith $\$ 11,046,100$ in 1938 . Against net income were charged the dividend of $2 \%$ ( $\$ 13,167,754$, the necessary appropriations to the sinking and other to leased and affiliated companies. The balance of $\$ 10,009,932$ \%wa transferred to the credit of profit and loss. Propesenting property retired and no longer requit this account $\$ 5,120,345$ operation of the railroad. Other miscellaneous items resulted in a net
oharge of $\$ 1,059,487$. charge of $\$ 1,059,487$.
Investments-Investments in affiliated companies increased $\$ 13,309,517$ due chiefly to purchases of bonds of subsidiaries, and to advances for con-
struction and loans to subsidiary companies within the system, principally to meet sinking fund requirements and bond maturities. and $\$ 1,100,000-$ During the year $\$ 0$ bear 40 bonds matured and were paid, trust obligations were made through operation of sinking funds. There were issued $\$ 8,865$, $0015-$ year $234 \%$ equipment trust obligations, on a $2.87 \%$ basis, to finance While the cost of 2.500 freight cars and 20 electric passenger locomotives debt of $\$ 704,000$, nevertheless, for the entire system, the debt in the hands of the public was reduced $\$ 20,000,000$ during the year, through securities acquired through subsidiary companies. Additions and Betterments-The principal items of capital expenditures during the year for additions to and betterments of property, roadway
structures and equipment on the lines embraced in the Pennsylvania System were: dusky, Ohio; construction of coaling station, Columbus, Ohio: extensions of pier, Baltimore, Md.; reconstruction of enginehouse facilities, South Oil City, Pa.: elimination of grade crossings at Louisville, Ky., and Wood-
bridge, N. J.: rebuilding of coal handling facilities, Greenville, N. J.;
additional power facilities, Newark, N. J. direct track connection between additional power facilities, Newark, N. J. direct track connection between of heavier rail and other track material at various points throughout the system.
Equipm Equipment-During the year arrangements were made for the building 16 passenger cars. 15 dining cars, 10 steel car floats and 15 barges The new freight cars will replace cars retired, and their larger capacity of commodities now moving in volume. The electric locomotives are
especially designed for high-speed electric service on the company's ines
in its eastern seaboard territory, and will augment the present fleet of locomotives of this type. Passenger and Frtight Service-Further improvements in both rreight and the year. pullman cars embodying the latest modern fea forms of private room ac commodations for overnight journeys, were placed in service on many of the company's premier trains.
Both coaches and Pullman
Both coaches and Pullman cars on all of the principal trains are now During the last four months of 1939, industrial activity scored one of the sharpest upturns in history. The railroads took it aul in their stride. hey went smoothly and successfully from generally poor business in Augus week to over 860,000 a week. That in itself was an accompishment. ailroads-for this railroad and everyone connected with it. mounting traffic requirements, and never before did they so decisively demonstrate their capacity and abiitity under private management to meet The railroads are the backbone of the transportation industry of our country and retain their place of leadership because they provide the most advantageous and useful combination of safety, speed, comfort, regularity,
frequency and low cost of service offered by any public carrier, together with the ability to operate practically without regard to weatber conditions. Patrons are now receiving more for their transportation dollar than ever
before. before.
Passenger Fares-On June 30, 1939, most of the railroads in Eastern territory established a new ow experimental basis of round trip fares. In diminishing scale as the distance traveled increases, ranging from 2.25 cents for the first 100 miles and then on a diminishing scale to 1.7 cents per were also made in round trip fares good in Pullman cars.
The diminishing scale round trip fares is a new principee in passenger rate making, which it is believed is attracting more long-distancc travel, but the experimental period has been too short to reach a final conclusion. experiment. certain of the Eastern railroads on Dec. 5 , 1939, petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for an extension to Oct. 31, 1940, of
its order authorizing the basic fare of $21 / 2$ cents per mile in coaches, which its order authorizing the basic fare of $21 / 2$ cents pe
would bave expired by limitation on Jan. 24,1940 .
The Commission on Feb. 12, after granting an extension of 60 days 940, a basic p, duction
Stockholders-The capital stock of the company at the close of the year Wec. 31, 1938, with an averaeae holding of 62.9 shares.

|  | 1939 | 1938 | 1937 | 1936 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of pass. carried. | 60,476,322 | 58,593,288 | 65,394,792 | 64,617,913 |
| No. pass. car'd 1 mile | 3,147,222,511 | 2,913,408,446 | 3,294,745,624 | 2,881,802,420 |
| Average rev. from each passenger-... | - \$1.18 | \$1.12 | \$1.10 | \$1.05 |
| Average revenue per passenger per mile. | . 2.259 cts. | 2.258 cts. | 2.174 cts. | 2.344 cts. |
| No. of pass. carried per mile of road. . | - 8,935 | 8,598 | 9,326 | 9,162 |
| No. of rev, tons car'd | 148,794,877 | 119,465,445 | 172,172,912 | 163,108,774 |
| No. of revenue tons carried 1 mile | $34,745,746,161$ | 27,638,941,215 | 38,049,997,987 | 35,706,781,363 |
| Aver. trainload (tons) | 1,090 | 1,003 | 1,020 | 994 |
| Aver. rev. per ton--- | \$2.16 | \$2.17 | \$1.98 | \$2.04 |
| Average revenue per ton per mile $\qquad$ | F 0.924 cts. | 0.938 cts. | 0.898 cts. | 0.934 cts. |
| No. of rev. tons car'd per mile of road. | 15,031 | 12,036 | 17,339 | 16,403 |
| Freight revenue per mile of road | - \$32,424 | \$26,119 | \$34,392 | \$33,523 |



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Pittsburgh Coke \& Iron Co.-Exchange Offer-


Progress Laundry Co.-Larrer DividendDirectors have deciared a dividend of 20 cents per share on the common

an extra dividend of 20 cents was paid on Dec. 1 , ast.-
Public Service Coordinated Transport-Earnings-
ICompary and Subsidiary Companies, incl. Lessor Companiee Calentampary fers
perating revenues operating revens-s.
oprating expenses



 Bonds
Rent tor leaseer rond
Tent for leased road
Other interest chargetest......Net loss
Restated.-v. $148, \mathrm{p} 1489$
Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.-Annual ReportThe annual report for the year 1939 released to the public Feb. 20 states in parer:

 in sales and revenues. This is attributed, in arge measure, to a general
 trades.
trades.erry all divisions of the company's territory there was a dively spurt in
buildiding lactivity financed largely through Federal Housing Administration

 Service in 1939 put indicate still further returns in in eno
Noteworthy in analyzing the years sit sales of electicty was the fact Nhateterrihy in analyzing himp your by resid dential customers showed an increase every month voer the usaage in the corresponding. month or 1938 .
Residential gas sales (including sale for building heating)
hhowed a Residential gas sales (including sales for builiang heating showed a selight the puberious yeara, as didid those for building heating, er transportation com anies had gratifying gains for the year both in revenue and passengers As in the past several years operating income reflected the increasing burden of taxation.
New contracts entered into for the purchase of coal and oil, on expiration of present contracts, at prices substantialay higher than in 1939 are indi-
cative of a rising price trend and of increased operating costs in 1940 . Seventy-three manufacturers obtained new locations in Public Service
erritery in 1939. These represent a total connected load of 11,130 horseterritory in 1939. These represent a total connected load of 1,130 horsepower, an estimated gas consumptron of upwards of 8,000 persons. Mergers of Lessor Companies-Simplification of the corporate structure of Public Service Electric \& Gas Co. was completed during the year. On
March 1, 1939, Essex \& Hudson Gas Co., Hudson County. Gas Co. and Newark Consolidated Gas Co, were merged into Public Service Electric \& Gas Co., and on Dec. nas Light Co. and Ridgewood Gas Co. were merged into Public As in the case of the lessor companies previously merged the plans for the mergers of the above-named companies provided for the assumption by panies merged (except with respect to Ridgewood Gas Co. in which plan pll of which was owned by Public Service Electric \& Gas Co.) and for the conversion of their capital stocks not owned by Public Serv
Gas Co. into securities of Public Service Electric \& Gas Co.
The following conversions were made on merger of the lessor companies.
For 12,997 shares of capital stock of Essex $\&$ Hudson Gas Co. (par $\$ 100$ ), $\$ 1,299,700$ of first \& ref. mtge. bonds, $8 \%$ series due 2037, of Public Service

 Service Electric \& Gas Co. For 42 sharese of capital stock of Rldgewod Gas Co: (par 81001, , 1400

 of sych promissory notese pital stock of East Newark Gas Light Coit all of
 mergers of Fssex X Hudson Gas Co. and Newark Consoidated Gas Co. Into


 canceled and the company liguidated.



 Rearganizalion of Pubblc Service Coordinated Transport and Lessor Companies
 Jorsey which owns substantially all of the capital stock of Public Sefvice
Coordinated Transport approved a plan of reorganization of Public Service



 Co.; South Orange and Maplewood Traction Co Coordinated Transport and its lessor companies provides for:




 The mortgage will provide for the ereation of a purchase fund to be appliied
 consongated det earnings after fixed charges of Pubbic Sorvice
Transport and its subsidary companies for the preceding year.
(2) The issue by Public Service Coordinated Transport of its new bonds in conversion or the present fixed dividend paying sect one the income as the panies held by the puir present capital stocks of lessor companies. and shares of its no par vic service Coordinated Transport or its new bonds and shares of its no par the present fixed dividend paying capital stocks of lessor companies owned
by Public Service Corp. of New Jersey upon the basis of cost or par, whichever is the lower. into Public Service Coordinated Transport of the lessor companies. and notes. or Public Service Coordinated Transport and of the lessor comService Coordinated Transport upon the basis of cost to Public Service service Coordinated Transport upon the basis or cost and lessor companies.
(6) The surrender. by Public Service Corp. of New Jersey without consideration, of \$7,500,000 of bonds held by it which were issued by predecessor companies of Pubic Service Coordmated ra, Transport, to eliminate the present corporate deficit of Public Ser vice Coordinated Transport. Summarized, in so far as the corporation is concerned, the corporation which cost the corporation $\$ 7,061,744$, and in addition it will exchang $\$ 51,612,380$ principal amount of bonds of Transport and bonds, notes and ned shares of no par value common stock total of $\$ 37,3060090$ of new securities.
An application for the approval of the issue of shares of common stock
and new first and refunding mortgage bonds of Public service Coordinated Transport has been flied with the state of New Jersey.
On surrender by the corporation of the $\$ 7,500,000$ of bonds of Transport n accordance with the plan of reorganization it is proposed that the cost, Service Coordinated Transported and affiliated transportation companies on the books of the corporation to the extent of the amount in that reserve at he time the surrender is made, and ambanance against the corporation's Public Service Coordinated Transport and affiliated transportation companies on the books of the corporation amounted to $\$ 3.455,50$.
The $\$ 51,612,380$ of bonds of Transport and the bonds. notes dividend-paying capital stocks of lessor companies, referred to above,
 refunding mortgage bonds and shares of common stock stated ande per share) of Public service Cordinated aproximately $\$ \$ 40,100$ between the cost of the securities to be surrendered and the aggregate a mount orrplus securities to be received is to be charged against the corporation to enable
and represents contributions to be made by the corporation to and represen accordance with the plan to effect the conversion of the capital stocks of Rapid Transit Street Railway of the City of Newark and the Camden \& Suburban Railway on merger of those companies into Transport.
Public Service Interstate Transport, a wholly owned subsidiary of Public Service Interstate Transportation Cob, recently formed to take over the Sorvthern Division operations of Pubicic Service Coordinated Transport.,
wous merged into pubic Service Interstate Transportation Co. on Alg. 3, 1939. merged into Public Sublic Service Interstate Transportation Co acquired In February, County, New Jersey, and upper New York City. Applications for approval of the merger of Jersey Bus Lines, Inc., into Public Service Interstate
Transportation Co. have been filed with the Interstate Comerce ComTransportation Co. have been filed with the Interstate Commerce Com-
mission and the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the State of New Jersey. Issuance of Securities-During 1939 Atlantic City Gas Co. issued 4, 4, 400
hares (no par) common stock at $\$ 50$ per share; County Gias Co issued
 issued 7,500 suares (no par) common stock at $\$ 40$ per share. All of this
tock was purchased by Public Serice Corp. of New Jersey. Taxes-Taxes of subsidiary companies, included in operating revenue Taxes-Taxes of subsidary companies, inciude
deductions, amounted to $\$ 23,015,115$ durin the year and taxes accrued gainst the corporation and other non-uthity operations athe preferred 295,976 making a total of $\$ 24,311,091$, which was in excess of the preferred and common stock dividends paid by the corporation. Taxese and $36.98 \%$ of operating income before deduction for taxes.
Shareholders-At the close of 1939 there were 106,939 accounts on the shareholders' lists of the corporation. Eliminating duplicates ressulting
from ownership of more than one class of stock, there were 85,685 sharehromers. 85 less than Dec. 31 , 1338 .
Business of operating Companies- Electricity sales and revenues showed increases every month of the year as compared with like months in 9938 .
Sales and revenues for gas also registered gains for the year, the consumpsion for industrial purposes and for building heating setting up relatively high percentages of increase over hee preced January and February revenues sained every month of the year except January and February
Sales of electricity to customers were $13.14 \%$ better than those of 1938 and revenue gained $7.56 \%$,
Gas sales to customers were $3.94 \%$ better than in 1938 and revenue was Gas sales
up $1.79 \%$
Revenues from transportation showed a gain over 1938 of $4.94 \%$. A comparative summary of the year's results follows: Year 1938 Year $1939 \quad$ Change $\begin{array}{llll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Revenue from electric sales to } \\ \text { customers } \\ \text { Rev }\end{array} & \text { 876.150.188.47 } & \$ 70,796.050 .31 & +7.56 \%\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Rev. from gas sales to customers } \\ \text { Revenue from transportation } & 26,911,438.26 & 25,644,967.78\end{array} \quad \begin{gathered}\text { 24.94\% }\end{gathered}$
 On Dec. 27, at $5: 50 \mathrm{p}$. m., an instantaneous systeen peak
kilowation ocurred, or a
net kilowath established a new record. This is an increase in the net integrated
Which
 A comparison of electric sales to customers in the past fire years (exclusi


Electric Meters-There were in service on Dec. 31, 1939, 1,009.985 meters
a net gain for the year of $\begin{aligned} & \text { Electric Rate Reduction- Electric rate schedules were revised for resi- } \\ & \text { Reder }\end{aligned}$ (ential, ommercial lighting and power, and street lighting services effective Jan. 1, 1940. The reduction is the 15th in electric rates since 1922 and the 10th since January. 1929 . Estimated reductions in annual revenue based on
sales for the year 1939 will amount to $\$ 1,100,700$. Power Sales-Electricity sold to power customers in 1939 totaled 1 . $373,-$
050,893 kilowatt hours. This was $202,557,302$ more than in 1938 , the O50, 893 kilo watt hours. This was
percentage of increase being $17.31 \%$.
Generation-Total generator capacity of the five electric generating killowatts. This is an increase of 3.270 kilovolt-amperes or $0.40 \%$ over the capacity in 1933. The increase is due to the rerating of the high-pressure Tortal energy generated and purchased during the year was $2,994,947,461$ ${ }^{n}$ net Sales of Gas-Total cubic feet of gas sold to customers showed an increase Sales of Gav- Tor
of $3.94 \%$, over 1938. The maximum day send out of gas of the Public ser-
vice vice system occurred Dec. 27 and was $112,864,000$
of sales to


Gas mettrs in service the end of the year totaled 851,763, a net gain of ${ }^{\text {12,693. }}$ mestic Sales-Gas sold house heating amounted to 16,527.081,200 cubic feet, a decrease of 184,087 ,900 cubic feet compared with 1 1938, or $1.10 \%$;
fuels. sales of an for industry in 1939 were 3.333 . competition with other increase of $18 \%$ over 1938. Connected industrial load added in 1039 was 7. $49 \%$ greater than the load added in 1938. Much of this will be reflected Commen cial gas sales we
of 1938 . Production-During 1939 , including the System companies, a total of
${ }^{20,130,298,997}$ cubic feet of gas were manufactured. In addition, the company purchased $8,685,418,351$ cubic feet of coke oven gas, making a
total of manu is an increase of $3.26 \%$ over 1938 .
Earnings of

| Earnings of Corporation and Subsidiary Companies, Incl. Lessor Companies |
| :--- |
| Calendar Years- |
| Subsidiary Companies | $1939 \quad 1938 \quad \times 1937$ Calendar Years-

Subsidiary Companies
Operating revenues Operating revenues-
Operating expenses
Maintenance-
Depreciation and re Depreciation and retirement expenses

Operating income
Other income-net $\qquad$
 Amortization of discount and miscel
deductions
Dividends paid to the public.-........
Public Service Electric \& Gas Co.:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Pubir service Electric \& Gas Co.: } \\
& 7 \% \text { cumulative preferred stock. } \\
& \$ 5 \text { cumulative preferred stock.-- }
\end{aligned}
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Common stock preferred stock.--
Port Richmond \& Bergen Point Ferry Co...-.-................... Adjustments of profit and loss.........Balance applic. to securities owned
by Public Service Corp. of New Public Service Corp. of New Jersey-

$x$ Restated for comparative purposes.
a On United States of America Treas
a On United States of America Treasury bonds and notes, bank balComparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31


[^5]of the Radio Corp. of America alleged to have been diverted from of assets pany's treasury by the General Electric Co.. the Westinghouse Electric \& Mfg. Co. and 18 present and past directors of the three organizations was filed Feb. 19 in Federal court for the Southern District of New York. The 1,000 shares of $R$. C. A. common stock for at least 10 years.
In his complaint, filed by Ira A. Schiller and Maurice E. Serling, Attorneys, of 11 West 42nd St., Mr. Manning made two principal allegations.
One was that R . C. A. turned over to the other two concerns $6,500,000$
shares of its stock, worth $\$ 40$ or more a share, in return for certain exclusive
rights to the use of these rights subsequently were relinquished, the R. C. A. stock was not purchase of was charged. The second general charge involved R. C. A.'s allegedly at a time when R .-K.-O. was on the verge of bankruptcy or
receivership.- V. $150, \mathrm{p} .286$.
Public Service Electric \& Gas Co.-EarningsCalendar Years-
Operating revenues
Operating Operating revenues Maintenance.-.
Depreci
Operating income
Other income (net) Gross income
Gross income ap
 $\mathbf{x 1 9 3 7}$
$\$ 98,538,695$
$\qquad$ 32,917,317 \$36,663,650 \$33,047,335 $\overline{\$ 34,488,425}$ of lessor companies not owned by the company----
Interest on long-term debt of co.--
 Other interest charges $-\overline{\text { Miscellaneous income ductions.... }}$
Net income..-.-.-.
$7 \%$ cumulative prefered dividends.
$\$ 5$ cumulative preferred dividends. \$5 cumulative preferred dividends.
Common dividends.-.

## Surplus _-

d. y Deficit

$\$ 27,101,916$ $\mathbf{x}$ Restated.
Note-Statement includes lessor companies merged prior to Dec. $31,1939$. Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. $31{ }_{1939}$

## Assets- Utility plant Other physic

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Othty plant--..--..--
``` Investments in as
Other investments
Cash Special deposits
Working funds Temporary cash investments,
 Receivables from associated compan Rents receivable...-.
Materials and supplies
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\mathrm{ Unemaymentized debt discount and expense}

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 Unamortized debt discount and exp
Retirement work in progress
Deferred Federal capital stock tax.
Total--
\(\overline{528,970,410} \frac{18,0,323}{512,440,367}\) Liabilities Nong-term debt

 Customers' deposits Miscellaneous current iabilities Federal income tax accrued.Interest accrued
Miscellaneous accrued liabilities


Insurance reserve....-.-.....-
Injuries and damages reserve-...
Employees provident reserve
Misployees provident reserve----
Misceneous reserves
Common stock.
\(7 \%\) cumulative preferred stock ( \(\$ 100\) par)
Stock liability for, conversion
conversion-
capital stock \(\qquad\)
Earned surplus.
\(\qquad\)
\(\qquad\) 528,970,410
 x Includes lessor companies merged prior to Dec. 31,1939 . \(11,510,290\)
no par shares. \(\mathbf{z}\) Represented by \(300,700(300,000\) shs. in 1937\()\) shares
of no par value.-V. 149 , p. 2243 . of no par value.-V. 149, p. 2243.
Quebec Power Co.-Earnings-
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Quebec Power C Calendar Years- & \[
-E \text { Earn }
\] & 1938 & & \\
\hline Gross inc. fr. all sources_ & \$3,306,470 & \$3,120,668 & \$2,983,009 & \$2,928,410 \\
\hline Oper. \& maint. expense- & 1,470,792 & 1,355,595 & 1,252,414 & 1,135,662 \\
\hline Int. on bonds & 506,973 & 512,051 & 578,973 & 608,531 \\
\hline Res. for income ta & 158,000 & & & \\
\hline Depreciation & 450,000 & 450.000 & 400,000 & 350,000 \\
\hline Contingent reser & 93,000 & 10,000 & & 52,000 \\
\hline Net revenue. & \$627,704 & \$793,022 & \$751,622 & \$782,217 \\
\hline Divs. on common stock. & 553,198 & 553,198 & 553,198 & 553,198 \\
\hline Surplus & \$74,506 & \$239,824 & \$198,424 & \$229,019 \\
\hline Surplus from prev. year- & 229,896 & 142,238 & 314,242 & 236,788 \\
\hline Total surplus & \$304,402 & \$382,062 & \$512,666 & \$465,807 \\
\hline Transf. to bond disc., premium and expense & & & 226,182 & \\
\hline Profit \& loss surplus & \$304,402 & x\$382,062 & x\$286,484 & x \$ 4655,807 \\
\hline Shs. com, outst. (no par) & 553.198 & 553,198 & 553,198 & 553.198 \\
\hline Earns. per sh. on com_- & \$1.13 & y\$1.43 & y 81.36 & y\$1.41 \\
\hline Subject to deduction & for income Balance Sh & \(x\) y Befo & ncome ta & duction. \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{ance} \\
\hline Assets- & \({ }_{5}^{1939}\) & \(\stackrel{1938}{8}\) & Labilties- & 1939 & \({ }_{3}^{1938}\) \\
\hline Cash & 225,384 & 314,334 & b Capltal stock & 11,349,500 & 11,349,500 \\
\hline c Call loans.-.-. & 497,500 & 564,000 & Bonds. & 12,579,500 & 12,674,500 \\
\hline Accts.recelvable.- & 483,276 & 435,994 & Consumers' depos. & 107,723 & 98,928 \\
\hline Store and supplies & 319,566 & 292,369 & Accounts payable. & 301,358 & 154,170 \\
\hline Properties, \&c.---20 & 0,294,909 & 20,052,218 & Accrued interest & 200,829 & 206,836 \\
\hline Invest. in sub, Co. & 7,060,579 & 7,069,882 & Dividends payable & 138,299 & 138,299 \\
\hline Prepaid charges-- & 74,197 & \({ }^{64,037}\) & Deprec. and other & & \\
\hline Other investments & 40,175 & 37,800 & reserves & 4,352,490 & 3,984,382 \\
\hline Sinking fund & 33,878 & & Surplus.- & 304,402 & a382,062 \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Adv: to Quebec Ry. \\
Lt. \& Power Co.
\end{tabular} & 304,637 & 158,043 & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Total_......... \(29,334,101 \overline{28,988,678} \mid\) Total_......... \(\overline{29,334,101} \overline{28,988,678}\) a Subject to income tax deduction. b 553,198 shares of no par value.
c Including temporary investments.-V. 150, p. 1145 .
Rayonier, Inc.-Preferred. Liridend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the \(\$ 2\) cum. amount was paid on Dec. 20, last, this latter being the first dividend pai on this class of stock since July 1,1938 when a regular quarterly dividend
of 50 cenrs per share was distributed.-V. 149, p. 3570 .

Reynolds Spring Co.-Plans Capital Reductiontockholders tat their annual meeting on March 13 will consider reducing, p. t . 1145 . capit
(R. J.) Reynolds Tobacco Co.-Int. on Notes ReducedThe compay on Jan. 12 borrowed a total of \(\$ 20,000,000\) at \(13 \%\), \(\%\),
\(7.500,000\) from the National City Bank, New York, \(87,500,000\) from Case National Bank and \(85,000,000\) from the Central Hanover Bank \& Trust
 the rate of \(2.45 \%\). The

Rustless Iron \& Steel Corp.-Stock Offered-Further public financing of the corporation through the sale of common stock to obtain new money for a proposed contruction program was announced Feb. 20 with the offering by W. E. Hutton \& Co., New York, of 4 , 0 . common stock (par \(\$ 1\) ). The shares are (approx \(\$ 145 / 8\) ). of a prospectus and are priced at the market (approx \(\$ 145 / 8\) ). The transfer agents of the common stock are Manupacturers Trust Co., New York, and First National Bank of Jersey City, N. J. Registrars are
Bankers Trust Co., New York, and First National Bank of Jersey City, B. J.siness-Company is engaged exclusively in the manufacture and sale of chrome-iron and chrome-nickel-iron alloys generally referred to as stain-
less or rustless steels. Company's plant is located in Baltimore, Md.
 jobbers and distrubutors and in the form of ingots, blooms, slabs, billets and sheet bars to converting mills for further processing into sheets, plates consumption Stainless and rustless staeels manuractured by the company
core used in the manufacture, by others, of equipment for chemical, dairy. are used in the manufacture, by others, of equipment for chemicact, cairy.
od processing and similar industries, of parts for valves, electric rofood processing and similar industries, of parts sor valves, electric re-
frigerators, automobiles and electrical equipment, and of screws, bolts, rriverators, and, cutlery, and for other usess where resistance to corrosion, acids
and heat, or where high tensile strength combined with light weight, is required.
During 1939, approximately half of the total dollar sales of the company sheet bars for further processing. Included among these five is American
shen Rolling Milil Co., the largest stockholder and largest customer of the com-
pany, which purchased approximately \(28 \%\) in dollar value of the sales of pany, which purchased asp and approximately \(29 \%\) in dollar value of the
the company during 1939 and sales of the company during 1938. That part of the production of the com-
sither pany not sold to these five customers is distributed ofices in Chicago. Cleve-
its home office in Baltimore, through four sales offics
 onthe principal citites in the United States. Purchases by American Rolling
Mill Co. are pursuant to a contract and purchases by the other large cusMill Co. are pursuant to a contract and purchases by the other 1arge cus-
tomers are on current purchase orders. Exports of rustless and stainless steels by the company are negligible in amount.
The stainless and rurtless steels of the company are manufactured in ingot frrm under patented processes developed by it, involving the direct steel scrap, with or without high carbon ferrochrome, and, in the case of some steels, with nickel and other elements. Company purchases substantially ail its requirements of raw materials and power rom sources
independent of the company, with the exception of some of its chrome ore independent of the company, which is the original source of the chrome content of stainless or rustless steels, is presently produced chiefly outside the North American continent, the principal sources being Howerer Rhodesia, the Philippine Islands, New Caleania and
the company has a contract with United States Chrome Mines, Inc., which owns chrome ore properties in California and Oregon, to purchase substantial amounts of chrome ore produced from certain of these properties over a period expiring Nov. 1, 1941, subject to renewal and rerenewal
the company owned subsidiary of the company, has commenced the mining and concentration of chrome ore on such properties of United states Chrome
Mines. Inc. It is expected that these properties, which it is estimated can Mines, Inc. It is expected that these properties, which it is estimated can produce chrome ore concor source of chrome ore supply of the company. Rustless Mining Corp. also owns chrome ore mining claims and properties in California and Oregon, but these are Company was incorporated in Dela ware on Dec. 26, 1924, under name of International Rustless Iron, Inc., the name being changed to Internatlonal Rustiess
Jul 21,1933 .
Capitalization

\section*{31, 1939 (Adjusted to Give Effect
40,000 Shares of Common Stock) \\ Authorized Outstandin}

\section*{\(23 \%\) note, due in instalments to July 10,} Preferred stock, without par value b-:-
\(\$ 2.50 \mathrm{cum}\). conv. pref. stock (no par) -
\(\$ 2.50\) cour. conv. pref. stock, 2 d series
(no par)
 a Authorized by agreement, dated Aug. 9 , 1939, between the company
and Bank of the Manhattan Co. b Isseable in series. 73,024 share are reserved for issue upon conversion of shares of \(\$ 2.50\) cum. conv. pref stock, both series. d Exclusive of 331 shares held in the treasury
Purpose-It is the present intention of the company to apply the ne proceeds from the sale of the common stock to the erection of an addition to the present melting department, the installation of a new 16 --ton Heroult electric arc fornace and auxiliary equipment, and the rearrangement op existing racilities. \(\$ 60\) is estimated additional amount required in connection
 Underveriter- W. E. Hutton \& Co. is the sole principal underwriter of the
No has been made. American Rolling Mill Co., as of Dec. 31, 1939, owned Control-The American Rolling Mill Co, as of Dec. 31, 1939, owned
430,500 shares, or approximately \(48.6 \%\), of the outstanding common stock and 7,020 shares, or approximately \(19: 2 \%\), of the outstanding preferred tock or both series, of the company.
The condensed financial statements were given in V. 150, p. 1145
TThe New York Curb Exchange will list upon official notice of issuance
To Pay 15-Cent Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents a share on the corporaion's outstanding common stock, payable March 15,1940 to holders of V. 150, p. 1145 .

Schulte Retail Stores Corp-Court Confirms PlanJudge John \(C\). Knox of the U. S. District Court on Feb. 9 confirmed the report of Referee Peter B. Ochulte Retail Stores Corp, and Schulco the plans for reorganization of schute confirmation. Co., Inc., and recommended report pproving the plans, Refreree Oiney said that from a study
of this plan for Schulte Retail Stores Corp., he was satisfied that the proof the plan for Schulte Retail stores Corp., he was satisfied that the pro-
posed reorganization was soundly finanaced and that given eeasonable busi-
posd ness conditions, the new company had reasonable prospect operations.
Despite the 1939 loss, based on tentative year-end figures, the new
co npany will have adequate working capital and a satisfactory ratio of co numany will have adequate working capital and a satisfactory ratio of
 were aisapponting, astration, depreciation, special charges and Federal
expenses of administ
taxes, as against a profit of appoximately 535000 in 1338, Mr. Olney said which might arise in putting the reorganization plan in operation. Referee Which might arise in putting the reorganization plan in operation. Reforee three of whom were chosen by David A. Schulte and six by committee
epresenting various phases of the Schlute enterprises.

This new directorate also approved by the Court, is John and Ar thur schulte, sons of David schulte, Jerome Eisner, person counsel to Mr. Irving Felt, and Jacob Kid. Schulte will advance \(\$ 2,00000\) in new money Under the plan, David A. Schulte will advance \(\$ 2,100,000\) in new money, of which Huyler's of Delaware, another subsidiary,
the balance going to the benefit of the other two corporations.- \(V\). 149 , p. 4185.

\section*{Safe Harbor Water Power Corp.-Earnings-} Calendar YearsRev. \(\begin{aligned} & \text { Irom power sales. } \\ & \text { Miscell. revenue. }\end{aligned}\).
Total gross revenue. perating expenses.--Renew. \& replace exps.: Taxes long-term debt---
Int. on
Amort of dt. disc. \& exp. Taxest. of assumed on int.--
Miscell. deductions

 Net incomeApprop. to res. for re nive. on common stock Net surplus adjust
Total surplus Dec. 31

\section*{\(\$ 1,001,517\)
292,816}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline 33.218 & 26,915 \\
\hline Dr8,543 & Cr142,663 \\
\hline 8429,273 & \$292,816 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{l}
1936 \\
\(\$ 2,000,00\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{3}{*}{Fixed capital} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{} & & & \\
\hline & \({ }_{8}^{1939}\) &  & Liabilites &  & \\
\hline & & & & \({ }_{805,275}\) & 8,805,275 \\
\hline Cash \({ }_{\text {cose }}\) & 746,454
17.171 & 750,850
14,099 &  & & \\
\hline Acts. recelvable.. & 268,742 & 267,030 & gold bds., 4 & & \\
\hline Restricted funds.: & \({ }^{106,976}\) & 116,702 & es due 1979-2 & & \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Mat'ls \& supplies. subserip. to capital stock.} & 742 & 3 & Accounts paya & \({ }_{205,824}\) & \({ }^{205,824}\) \\
\hline & 805,275 & 805,275 & Matured long-t & & 120 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{Slink. fund for red of bonds} & & & & 4,160. & \\
\hline & & & \({ }_{\text {Matured }}^{\text {l }}\) long-term debt. & 12,811 & 10,779 \\
\hline & & & Int. accr. on bonds & 77,456 & \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Invest. securities \\
Unamort. debt dis count \& expenses
\end{tabular} & & & Taxes accrued & \({ }^{317,342}\) & \({ }^{296,376}\) \\
\hline Other der'd charges & 49,596 & 43,489 & Other der. credits, & \[
\begin{array}{r}
223,111 \\
\hline 6,559
\end{array}
\] & 220,537 \({ }_{6,352}\) \\
\hline & & & Res. for renewals & & \\
\hline & & & \& replacements & 937,028 & 781,603 \\
\hline & & & dremea & 13,573 & 305 \\
\hline & & & for restri & & \\
\hline & & & Earned aurpius... & 429,273 & 292,818 \\
\hline & & & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Total........-32,074,659 1,897es
stock and 196,024 shares (no par) of voting class B common at \(150, \mathrm{p} .136\).
Yan Diego Consolidated Gas \& Electric Co.-Earnings Years Ended Dec. \(31-1\)


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 \begin{tabular}{c} 
88,484.469 \\
3 \\
3 \\
\hline 065.070 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Inoss income - - \(\qquad\) Amortization of debt discount and expense.........





\section*{}

Earned surplus, end of period.-................ \begin{tabular}{|c}
\(\$ 2,475,421\) \\
\(\$ 2,217,631\)
\end{tabular} a O O insurance premiums and interest thereon applicable to operations
prior to Jan 1, 1939, (net). \(\mathbf{b}\) Covering tax on bond interest applicable


Sayre Electric Co.-Bonds Called \(5 \%\), gold bonds, due April 1 . A total of \(\$ 18,000\) first mortgage 40 -year \(5 \%\) gold bonds, due April 1 . 105 and accrued interest.
1947 have been called for redemption on Aaril Payment will be m
P. 148 , p. 1040 .

Schumacher Wall Board Corp.-Earning\$-
 Net profit after all
Seaboard Air Line Ry.-New Chairman of Bondholders' Protective Committee-
Edward H. Leslie has been appointed Chairman of the committee for Seaboard Air Line refunding 4s, due 1959, succeeding Frederic W. Ecker.
Vice-President of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Mr. Leslie is a partner of Wood, Struthers \& Co. and Chairman of the I. B. A.'s railroad securities

Sears, Roebuck \& Co.-Cited by FTC-
Company has been served by the Federal Trade Commission with a complaint alleging unfair and deceptive acts and practices in the sales of automobile tire sales through its retail stores, the company misrepresented that its tires and tubes were being sold at various purported discounts and savings from the regular and usual prices.
the complaint.-V. 150, p. 1005.

Seiberling Rubber Co.-Pref. Dividends-New OfficersDividends totaling \(\$ 138,929\) on all classes of preferred stock, including
preferred, were declared on Feb. 20. payment of arrears on the old class B preerred, were Matarch 15 .
All dividends are payable April to tolders of record Mard
Included in the dividend delarations were: A dividend of 45 .
\(\$ 2.50\) cod in the dividend declarations were: A dividend of 45 cents on the \(\$ 2.50\) convertible prior preference stock covering the period from Jan. 26

 the way for resumption of dividends on common stock. class A preferred stock is merely the regilar quarterly declaration of divs. on these stocks,
upon the action.
C. W. . was elected Vice-President and Treasurer.-V. 150 , p. 444 .

Shawmut Association-Earnings-


\section*{Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939}

\section*{83,892}

\section*{\(\$ 19,004\)} Assets-Securities, at quoted market prices, \(\$ 4,937,411\); stock in seven
suburban banks, \(\$ 1,593,188\); collateral and unsecured notes receivable and accrued interest, \(\$ 38,919 ;\) cash in banks, \(\$ 538,270\); total, \(\$ 7,107,788\).
Liabilities-Reserve for Federal income and capital stock taxes, \(\$ 9,038\). common shares of no par value, amount determined by the trustees as
capital, Dec. \(19,1933, \$ 5,000,000\); capital surplus, \(\$ 2,117,885\); less unrealized depreciation of securities other than bank stocks excess of cost over
quoted market), Dr \(\$ 19,135\); total, \(\$ 7,107,788 .-\mathrm{V} .149\) p. 3883 .
Sheller Mfg. Corp.-Larger DividendDirectors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common
stock, par \(\$ 1\), payable April 1 to holders of record March 15 . Previously stock, par s1, payable April 1 to holders of record March 15 . Previously
regular quarterly dividends of \(71 / 2\) cents per share were distributed.

Simmons-Boardman Publishing Corp.-Accum. Div.Directors have declared a dividend of \(\$ 1\) per share on account of accumu-
lations on the \(\$ 3\) convertible preferred stock, payable March 1 to holders lations Feb. 20. Dividends of 75 cents was paid on Dec. 12 last, one of
of record
50 cents was paid on Sept. 1 June 10 and March 10 , 1939 dividend of


Skelly Oil Co.- \(\$ 16,000,000\) Financing-A \(\$ 16,000,000\) financing program for the company got under way Feb. 20 with the public offering of \(\$ 10,000,0003 \%\) debentures through an underwriting group headed by Eastman, Dillon \& Co. and the announcement that Eastman, Dillon \& Co. has placed privately serial notes aggregating \(\$ 6,000,000\), maturing annually from April 1, 1942 to 1946, and bearing interest rates ranging from \(15 / 8 \%\) to \(21 / 8 \%\). The debentures were priced at 100 and accrued interest. Associated with Eastman, Dillon \& Co. in the offering of the debentures are: The First Boston Corp., Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc., Kidder, Peabody \& Co., Union Securities Corp., Hemphill, Noyes \& Co., and Riter \& Co. The issue has been oversubscribed. Debentures are dated Feb. 1. 1940; due Feb. 1, 1950. Coupon debs. payable at the office of Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co.; or its successor as trustee. Redeemable by lot on any int. date by operation of the sinking
fund. Also redeemable at option of company in whole or in fund. Also redeemable at option of company in whole, or in part by lot,
at any time, upon at least 30 days prion notice on or before Feb. 1,1943 , 1943 , thereafter and on or before Feb. 1,1944 , at 102 1/2; thereafter and on
at 103

 or before Feb 1, 1948, at 1003 , therearter and on or beerore Feb. 1, 1949,
at 1001 ; and therearter up to maturity at 100 , plus accrued int. in each case. Sinking Fund, operating semi-annually, payable on May 1,1946 , and
each Nov. a and May 1 thereafter, to and including May 1,1949, sufficient
 chase of debentures at not exceeding the principal amount thereof if obtain-
able, plus acrued interest, and, if not so otbainabbe, to the redemption of
deben debentures at the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest; sinking
fund payments may be made in cash or debentures and, under certain conditions, in debentures voluntarily redeemed out of proceeds from certain limited sources.
Com sany-Is
oil ampany- gas lands and in producincing, refining, transporting, buying and selling crude petroleum, casinghead, gas, natural gas and products refined
 motorists' supplies; and in operations incidental to the foregoing. Its sub-
 water-heating and other purposes and in the sale of gas appliances. Its other active subsidiary, Spartan Aircraft Co, is engaged in the manufacture
of airplanes and in operating a hangar, aeronautical repair station and flying school.
Purpose-Company intends to apply the net proceeds of the sale of these
debentures (estimated to amount to \(\$ 9,731,480\) exclusive of accrued debentures (estimated to amount to \(\$ 9,731,480\), exclusive of accrued inand underwriting discounts or commissions) and the net proceeds from the loans from banks evidenced by the serial notes cestimated to amount to \(\$ 5,985,000\) after deduction of compensation amounting to \(\$ \$ 5.000\) to be funds, to the redemption of:
(a) \(\$ 9,000,0004 \%\) debentures, due Jan. 1,1951 , at \(1021 / 2 \% \ldots \$ \$ 9,225,000\) (b) \(\%\). \(290,0006 \% \%\) cumulative preperred stock to be paid out of treasury funds.
Capitalization Outstanding as at Dec. 31, 1939 (After Giving Effect to Present \(4 \%\) debentures, due Jan. 1, 1951 (authorized \(\$ 9,000,000\) ) _-... a \(\$ 9,000,000\)
 a All of the outstanding debentures and shares of preferred stock are to
be redeemed with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the debentures now offered and of the loans evidenced by the serial notes, together with suw other funds of the company as may be necessary therefor.
Note-As of Jan. 27, 1940, the company entered into tor one with Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. and one with Harris Trust Savings Bank. Agreement with Central Hanover Bank \& Trust Co. provides for the making of a loan to the company in the amount of \(\$ 5.0000000\)
upon request of the company at any time on or before April 1940 , 100 upon recquest of the company at any time on or before April 1, 1940, to be
evidenced by five serial notes of the company, each in the amount of evidence
\(\$ 1,000,000\), The agreement with Harris Trust \(\&\) esavings Bank provides for the making of a loan to the company in the amount of \(\$ 1,000,000\) upon request of the company at any time on or before April 1 , 1940 , to be evi-
denced by five serial notes of the company each in the amount of 8200 , 00 . Each of the agreements provides that one of the serial notes to be issued
 1945 and 1946 . The serial notes are to bear interest, payable quarterly
Jan., April, July and Oct. 1 of each year, commencing on July 1, 1940, at the rates, commencing with the notes maturing Apriil 1 , 1942 , and progressing according to the length of maturity of \(15 \%\), \(1 \% \% \%\), \(1 \% \%, 2 \%\), the inverse order of maturity thereof, subject to the payment of a premium
commencing with \(1 / 8\) of \(1 \%\) if paid within two years of maturity, \(1 / 4\) of \(1 \%\) commencing with \(1 / 2\) of \(1 \%\) within five years of maturity, and \(5 / 8\) of \(1 \%\) if more than five
years prior to maturity, provided that no premium is to be payable in the years prior to maturity, provided that no premium is to be payable in the
case of any payment made within one year prior to the maturity of the note in respect of which such payment is made.
Underwriters-The names of the several underwriters and the principal
anount or the debentures which each has severally agreed to purchase, are
as follows: as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{Name-} \\
\hline East, Dillon \& Oo----- \$2,500,000 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Merrill Lynch \& Co., Inc.} & \\
\hline The First Boston Corp-- 1,100.000 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Dean Witter \& Co. \({ }^{\text {cose- }}\)} & \\
\hline Kidder: Peabody \& Co..- \(1,750,000\) & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{} & \\
\hline S Secrrities Coro--- 500 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{} & \\
\hline Hemphill. Noyes \& Co---- 400,000 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{Stern, Wampler \& Co. Inc}} & - 200,000 \\
\hline & & & \\
\hline H. Rollins \& Sons, Inc- 400,000 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Piper Jaffray \& Hopwood} & 1,250,000 \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{solidated Income Account Years Ended Dec. 31,} \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{perating income.-...------ \(833,107,181\) \$35,880,450 \(\mathbf{\$ 4 1}^{1,483,607}\)}} \\
\hline & & & \\
\hline & , 18 & & \\
\hline xes, & \({ }_{983}\) & 977,238 & 1,137,730 \\
\hline & 7,263,086 & \$8,374,866 & 5,245,297 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{undeveloped oil and gas properties} & & & \\
\hline & & & \\
\hline gas producing properties-1- and & 2,668,131 & 3,188,914 & 5,083,821 \\
\hline Depreciation of other property, plant & & & \\
\hline Disposal of property, plant \& equipt- & 56 & & \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Provision for doubtful receivables, les recoveries} & & & \\
\hline & & & 83.0 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Net operating income-...-.} & & \$2,67 & \\
\hline & 942 & 1,054 & 117,714 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{5}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Netincome \\
Income deductions \\
Int. on debentrires and serial notes. Other interest of debt disct. \& expense Prov. for Fed'i
\end{tabular}} & & & \\
\hline & & & \\
\hline & 367 & 408,000 & 18,500 \\
\hline & & & \\
\hline & 102,900 & 261,000 & 540,100 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Net inc. carried to earned surp.acct. Preferred dividends Common dividends} & \(\begin{array}{r}\$ 2,360,783 \\ 380,250 \\ \hline\end{array}\) & 55 & \\
\hline & 995,349 & 995,349 & 1,509,523 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}


\section*{x Preliminary.-V. 149, p. 3124}

Southern Indiana Railway, Inc.- Stock Authorizedto issue not exceeding 1,000 shares of capital stock no 7 authorized the company to issue not exceeding 1,000 shares of capital stock (no par). to be sold at
\(\$ 25\) a share, for the purpose of acquiring part of a line of railroad formerly owned by the Public Service Co. of Indiana. others, of acquiring, owning, and operating a portion of thenose, among others, of acquiring, owning, and operating a portion of the properties
formerly owned and operated by the Public service Co. of Indiana. These propertitis consist of aperateximatelye 741 miles of electric railroad extending from Speed to Watson Junction, Ind. together with certain railroad
equipment. The properties are presently being operated by Bowman equipment. The properties are presently being operated by Bowman
Elder, receiver of the Indiana RR., under a lease from the Public Service Co. of Indiana.
By an airee.
By an arreement dated as of Aus. 29, 1939 , the company agreed to pur-
chase the line of railroad for \(\$ 26,604\). of this amount \(\$ 8\), 604 was paid in chase the line of railroad for \(\$ 26,604\). Of this amount \(\$ 8,604\) was paid in intwo equal deferred payments of \(\$ 9,000\) each on May Mainder in to be paid
ind and Nov. 1 .
1940, which will bear interest at the 1940, which will bear interest at the rate of \(4 \%\) per annum
a share. The stock has been fully subscribed for and paid in cash, at \(\$ 25\) a sion expensee. organaization and incorporation expenses, the part payment
to \(\$ 8.604\) on the of \(\$ 8.604\) on the purchase price of the iline of railroad, capital improvements,

\section*{Southern Pacific Co.-Earnings-}

> Earnings of the Transportation System

Manth of January
1940 System
 \(\begin{array}{clll}\text { Net revenue Prom railway operation } \$ 3,890.014 & \$ 3,163,005 & \$ 1,894,368 \\ \text { Rail way tax accruals }\end{array}\) Railway tax accruals
Equipment
rents \(\qquad\)
\(\qquad\)

\section*{Net railway operating income_-.- \(\$ 1,445,326-\$ 935,850\) def \(\$ 462,634\)}

\section*{Southern Ry.-Earnings-} -Second Week of Feb.- \({ }_{1939}^{1930}{ }_{10}\) I 1 to Feb. 14 Gross earnings (est.)
-V. 150, p. 1146 . \(\begin{array}{ll}\mathbf{S} 1940,643,247 & \mathbf{1 9 3 9}, 417,125 \\ \$ 16,711,372 \\ \$ 15,475,780\end{array}\) Southwestern Gas \& Electric Co.-Bonds CalledCompany has called for redemption at 104 and accrued interest on
March 21 all of its outstanding 4\% 1st mige. bonds, series \(D\), due 1960 . March 21 has of its outstanding \(4 \%\) 1st mtge. bonds, series D , due 1960 .
Company had provision for prior redemption of these bonds and accuped interessto Mo March 21 , effective Feb 21 . 1 Pat Payment will be made at
the City National Bank \& Trust Co. of CCicago.

Feb. 24, 1940

Issue Affirmed by SECThe Securities and Exchange Commission Feb. 16 declared effective a declaration by the company covering Cy Chairman Frank, in which he contrasts the Commission's action to that it took in the Consumers Power Co.
case. an "explanation," he wrote, "unlike that of Consumers Power Co, there is proposed no increase of debt. Here the ony linancritg as to dert is the refunding of bonds aready In the case of Consumers Power Co, we permitted
reducing ixed chargesion the issuance of \(\$ 18,594,000\) of bonds for refunding existing debt at a reduced
interest rate, and welikewise permit the sale of the erefunding bond isue here. In theach case the refunding issue satisnealso permitted the sale of \(\$ 3,500,000\) of new common stock, the proceeds or which wo stock is being authorized Here the sale of an anditiona amount oredem preferred stock.
to obtain funds which will be used to redectic Co. will he reduced in amount, and, in addition, preferred charges will be reduced by the issuance of a new preferred stock
rate. bonds, the proceeds of which are to be used and (b) new issues of bonds debt with a resu will add substantially to the existing corporate debt. The Commiswhich has accordingly premitted refunding bond issues to be sold where the ratio of debt to total capitalization was relatively high and where the ratio zation was relatively low
\({ }^{2}\) "'In some few of such cases the debt was increased by a relatively small amount in order to enable the company to meet the expe was temporary, on the refunding operations, bur rapid retirement of the increased debt. provision course, there may be circumstances in which we could not permit bonds to be issued even for purposes referung bond issues will always be to be taken to mean, thererer dangerously high or if other conditions exist authorized
which clearly transgress the applicable standards of the act; indeed, adverse findings might be required even if, in such cases, the company is
procure funds for refunding hrough. of Colorado, Commissioner Healy, in "In the case of Public service co. of Colorado, Commissioner Healy, in
dissenting, asserted that the debt rate was excessive. He arrived at that
隹 conclusion by deducting so-called write-ups in the property account from the book figures. The commissonds to be sold. "I did not participate in that case but stated that 1 . principles there enucheriwed facts: The earnings were exceptionally high and the proper capitalization, substantially offset the write-ups.
"On the basis of the book figures, without deducting such write-urs, the result of the new rnancig total capitalizarion, and also to increase the ratio o and preferred stock to toan (the common stock 'cushion') to total capitalization.
This resulted in large part from the exchange of \(\$ 2,190,000\) of notes,
held by the controlling holding company, for common stock-the equivalent held by the controlling holding company, of that amount of common stock. of a purchase by that hol amg company debt-which, as above noted, did not increase the debt ratio - was merely te
for prompt retirement of such increase,
Ruling-
The Uniform Practice Committee of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. District No. 13 , has made the following announcement with
reference to transactions in Southwestern Gas \& Electric Co., \(5 \%\) preferred stock:
Feb. 21, 1940 in made on a when, as and if issuucd basis up to and including

 and trade

Spokane International Ry.-Earnings-

Net loss after fixed chg \(\$ 166,094 \quad \$ 206,221 \quad \$ 154,593 \quad \$ 164,237\) a Includes \(\$ 2.057\) in 1939, \(\$ 1,766\) in 1938 and \(\$ 1\)
from total income.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{} \\
\hline & \({ }_{8}^{1939}\) & \({ }_{8}^{1938}\) & Liabi & \({ }_{8}^{1939}\) & \({ }_{8}^{1938}\) \\
\hline \(\underset{\text { Invest. in rd. \& }}{\text { Ases }}\) & 5,812,372 & 5,815,054 & Capital stock- & 0,000 & \(4,200,000\)
4
200000 \\
\hline Impr. on leased ry. & - \({ }^{53,126}\) & -85,933 & Mortgage debt--bt
Non-negot'le debt & 0 & \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\({ }^{\text {All other invest 'ts. }}\) Cosh} & 634,671
509,017 & 634,776
446,349 & Non-negot \({ }_{\text {to atrli }}^{\text {cos }}\) & 2,118,541 & 2,084,066 \\
\hline & & & Aud. acts., wages, & & \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Other curr. assets, incl. materials \& supplies} & & & tratric and other & 94,566 & 119,463
1260200 \\
\hline & 101,732 & \({ }_{\text {1 }}^{110,365}\) & Int. mat'd unpald. & \({ }_{1}^{190,400}\) & \(1,260,200\)
163,200 \\
\hline Deterred assets --:\% & 4,262,416 & 4,225,296 & Deterred liabulitles & 544,167 & 544,222 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & & & Unad justed credits & \({ }^{140,563}\) & \begin{tabular}{l}
176,825 \\
300426 \\
\hline 301
\end{tabular} \\
\hline & & &  & 1,895,811 & 1,721,278 \\
\hline & & & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Total..........
-V .150, p. 703.
Sport Products, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio-Stock Offered -Fuller, Cruttenden \& Co., Chicago, are offering 20,000 shares of common stock ( \(\$ 7 \mathrm{par}\) ) at \(\$ 9.50\) per share. The offering does not represent new financing for the company.
History and Business-The original company started by the family now owning a controiling interest in she present comally established int Covington, KY., making dolls and showroom figures. In 1878 the business was
expanded and in 1894 the plant was moved from Covington to Cincinnati, expanded and in 1894 the plant was moved from Covington to cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1897 Ieague business was again expanded to mame athletic crothing and athl
location in 1910.
At the present time, the company engages in the manufacture and sale of sport products of all kinds, including baseballs, knit, goods, fall and
winter leather goods, athletic clothing, infleated bals, spring and summer leather goods, tennis, athletic shoes and golf clubs. Co its two wholly-owned
 Canby Co. These subsidiaries also distribute various athletic and sporting Candy cts of other manufacturers. The subsidiaries have a sale sorce of
approximately 35 salesmen and the Crawford, MacGregor, Canby Co. Has
and approximafices and salesrooms in New York, boston, Cmiso, Los Augeles,
branch
San Francisco, Atlanta, Seattle and Detroit. Net Tannible, Asset Value-As of Oct. 31, 1939, the amount at which net
assets were carried on the books of the company, after deducting the book assers orer cantibes and deferred charges, wane equivalent to a approximately \(\$ 20.91\) per share for each of the 75,000 shares then outstanding of the old
stock, it is equivalent to approximately \(\$ 10.45\) per share for each of the
150,000 shares now Capilal Structure-As of Oct. 31,1939 , the company had authorized 100,000 shares of common stock (no par) of which 74,000 shares were issued treasury treasury. On Nov. 8, 1939, the chares (no par) to 200,000 shares common
 were increased to 150,000 shares common stock ( \(\$ 7\) par). On
all of the treasury stock was sold whe Years Ended Oct. 31
Income Account


Gross profit........................
\begin{tabular}{r}
\(\$ 123,17\) \\
\(-7,34\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Cash discounts anlowed-ne-................ Interest expense (other)
Provision or or
excess profits teral income and ext pronie \(\$ 127,5\)
8,4,
8, 20,100 \(\$ 81,605 \quad \$ 88,754\) 47,939 \(\$ 204,009\)

Standard Gas \& Electric Co.- \(\$ 44,000,000\) Suit-
Former United States Senator Daniel \(O\). Hastings of Delaware, as trustee Court for an accounting of upward of \(\$ 84,000,000\) against \(H\). H. Byllesby \(\&\) Co the the
individuals.

Weekly Outpu:-
Electric output of the public utility operating companies in the Standard Gas \& Electric Co. system for the week ended Feb. 17, 1940, totaled 125.-
838.498 kilowatt-hours, an increase of \(13.4 \%\) compared with the corre838.498 kilowatt-hours, an increase of 133 .
sponding week last year.-V. 150, p. 1147 .

Steel Products Engineering Co.-Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 20 cents per share on the \(\$ 1\) par capital stock, payable March 30 to storkholders of record March
Dividend of 30 cents was paid on Dec. 26 last and 15 cents was paid on Sividend of 30 cents was paid on pec. 30 and July 1 last.-V. 149, p. 3730 .

Sterling Products (Inc.)-Annual Report-
A. H. Diebold, President says in part

Net earnings from operations for the year are \(\$ 9,140,026\), equivalent to \(\$ 5.25\) par share on \(1,740,871\) shares, which was the number of shares out-
standing Dec. 31,1939 , after deducting shares held in treasury. This compares with earnings, of \(\$ 8,741,363\), equivalent to \(\$ 5.10\) per share on
com12,877 shares outstanding at Dec. 31 , 1938. On Nov. , 1939, the company acquired all of the outstanding capital
stock of The Ironized Yeast Co., Inc., The Ironized Yeast Packing Co. and stock of The Ironized Yeast Co... Inc., The rrontanta, Ga. In acquiring the The itron stock of these three related corporations, the company paid \(\$ 500,000\) cash and issued from the treasury stock, heret.
having an aggregate cost value of \(\$ 1,727,558\)
 Immediately arter acquisit,
subsidiary company, , amell, The Irenized Yeast Co., Inc., was organized
to take over the operations of the business previously carried on by them. subsike over the operations of the business previously carried on by them.
to the accounts of foreign subsidiary companies and branches, substantially The accounts of foreign subsidiary companies and brand Gritain, Canad, Central and south
all of which are located in Great in America, have been consoild ated in the accompanying balance sheet and America, have loss statement as in previous years.
Current assets and liabilities of our foreign subsidiary companies and branches have been converted at quoted year-end, or latest realizable rates. to approximately \(\$ 4,540,000\)..
Property account (less reserve for depreciation), investments and nonProperty accounts in forseign countries have been included in the balance
current receivables in fore
sheet in sheet in an aggregate amount of \(\$ 5,780,000\), converted on the basis of rates prevaiiing at datese of acquisition
The net profits of subsidiary companies and branches, consolidated
operating in foreign countries, amounted to \(\$ 1,310,000\) for the year 1939. converted at a average quoted or latest reainzable exchange rates. Consolidated net profits also include \(\$ 280,000\) of dividends and interest from
foreign investments and non-current receivables, making the total profits foreign investments and non-current receivabes, morits have been remitted dorived from foreign sources, © United States. Earned surplus of foreign companies, included in consolidated earned surplus, amounts to approximately \(\$ 1,090,000\). The accounts of certain of the foreign subsidiary companies and branches
consolidated are taken as at Sept. 30, Oct. 31 or Nov. 3 . 1939 , due to the consolidated are taken as at sept.
distances involved and for accounting convenience, which is in accordance with past practice.

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years
\(\begin{aligned} & \text { Sales, less returns, allow- } \\ & \text { ances and discounts } \$ 38,984,577 \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { and }\end{aligned} \$ 35,65,375 \$ 33,852,853 \$ 31,250,390\) \(\begin{array}{lllll} \\ y & \text { Cost of goods sold, sell- } \\ \text { ing, }\end{array}\) Profit from operations \(\overline{\$ 10,581,226} \overline{\$ 9,670,271} \overline{\$ 10,008,831} \overline{\$ 9,503,391}\) \(\begin{array}{ccccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Income from marketable } \\ \text { securities, interest, \&cc. }\end{array} & 198,536 & 207,635 & 349,610 & 291,002\end{array}\) \(\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\begin{array}{llllll}\text { securities, interest, \&c. } \\ \text { Divs fromafril cos. and } \\ \text { miscella neous income. }\end{array} & 1,022,272 & \text { x949,781 } & 918,408 & 815,146\end{array}\) \(\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Profit on foreign oxch-: } \\ \text { Profit from sale of secur- } & -\overline{2}, \overline{7} \overline{9} \overline{9} & \overline{12}, \overline{4} \overline{5} \overline{3} & \cdots-\cdots & \overline{14}, \overline{9} \overline{4} \overline{1}\end{array}\) \(\begin{array}{llllll}\begin{array}{l}\text { Adjust, of taxes \& other } \\ \text { items of prior yrs.(net) }\end{array} & 358,50 \overline{9} & 34 \overline{2}, 1 \overline{3} \overline{4} & 164,987 & \ldots\end{array}\) Total income--.-. \(\$ 12,163,322 \$ 11,182,2 7 4 \longdiv { \$ 1 1 , 4 4 7 , 8 5 2 } \xlongequal [ \$ 1 0 , 6 2 4 , 4 8 1 ] { }\) Prov. for Fed'l \(\&\) foreign
income taxes Federal surtax on undis\(\begin{array}{lllll}2,595,754 & 2,047,030 & 1,878,936 & 1,713,010\end{array}\) tributed profits undis-
Deprec. of market Deprec. of market sec-.:-: Other losses and charge--
Divs. on pref stk. of subs.
Net profit for year
Previous surplus
Total surplus
Dividends....
Adjustments. \(\qquad\) \(\$ 9,140,026\)
\(11,761,510\) \(\$ 8,741,363\)
\(9,674,375\)
\$9,016.243 \(\begin{array}{r}\$ 8,669,061 \\ 5,655,239 \\ \mathbf{z 5 7 2 , 8 0 9} \\ \hline\end{array}\)

 \(\mathbf{x}\) Sterling Products' proportion of profits of arfiliated companies for the yeanese companies takimately \(\$ 89,000\) ( \(\$ 73,000\) in 1938 ) less than the income of \(\$ 363,363\) in \(1933, \$ 324,65\) in \(1938, \$ 324,528\) in 1937 , and \(\$ 307,644\) in
1936 . z Amount reaized from sale of stock of Three-in-One Oil Co. in excess of book value of its net tangible assets, \(\$ 853,799\), less net cost of
development of certain new products, \(\$ 183,709\), and proportionate share of
 adjustment of taxes and other items of prior years (net). \(b\) Adjustment period prior to inception of company, including interest thereon to date of settlement. Brinet cost applicable to prior years income \(\$ 156,110\).


Total
\(\overline{\$ 51,963,773} \overline{\$ 49,594,854}\) alAfter reserves for doubtful accounts and discounts of \(\$ 156,906\) in 1939
and \(\$ 165,174\) in 1938 . b After depreciation reserve of \(\$ 4,761,269\) in 1939 and and \(\$ 165,174\) in 1938 . b After depreciation reserve of \(\$ 4,761,269\) in 1939 and
\(\$ 4,281,913\) in 1938. c 9,829 shares in 1939 and 37,823 shares in 1938-V 149, p, 3278 .

Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Mfg. Co.-New Pres., \&c. F Dr. Ray H. Manson, Vice-presieent in charge of engineering, has been George A. Scoville.
Assisting Dr. Hanson as Secretary and Assistant General Manager will Edwin C. Roworth, Treasurer for several years, becomes Vice-President in charge of finance, while Wilbur H. Hetzel succeeds Mr. Roworth as Treasurer. Mr. Hetzel was Assistant Treasurer and Auditor. Arthur F. Gibson Manager but in addition becomes President of the Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Co., of Canada Ltd., with headquartdrs in

\section*{Sunshine Mining Co.-Annual Report-} Inc.from ore production
Inc. from miscell. sources Inc. from miscell. sources \(\quad \mathbf{1 4 8 , 8 3 7}\) Gross inco

 \(x\) Less Polaris Mining Co. receipts

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31

\section*{\(\underset{\text { Cashets- }}{ }\)}


Tor depreciation-V. 150, 11
Sun Oil Co.-Listing of Additional Stock-
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after official notice of issuance, as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for \(2,465,625.40\) shares.

Consolidated Income Account for Calendar Years
\(\begin{array}{ccc}1939 & 1938 & 1937 \\ \$ 8\end{array}\)
\(\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Gross oper. income (excl. } \\ \text { inter-company sales). } & 131,474,558 & 115,047,237 & 133,323,263 & 105,446,627 \\ \text { Costs, oper. \& gen. exp. } & 107,635,097 & 96,037,842 & 106,333,288 & 83,415,966\end{array}\) \(\begin{array}{lllll}\text { inter-company sales) } & 131,474,558 & 115,047,237 & 133,323,263 & 105,446,627 \\ \text { Costs, oper.\& gen, exp } & 107,635,097 & 96,037,842 & 106,333,288 & 83,415,966\end{array}\) income tax) Intangible devel. costs.Deprec., retirement and

Net operating income-
Non-oper. income (net)
Total income---7.-
and long-term debt.--
Other interest --- Net inc. applic.
Net inc. applic. to min-
stockholders.
Net prof.accr.to corp.
Earn. surplus beginning
of period.......
Adjustments-Cr_-...-.-. \(11,182,96\)
Total surplus_......-
Divs. on pref. stl. (cash
Divs. on com. stk. (cash
Earned surp. unappro
\(\begin{array}{lllll}\text { hs. common stock out- } & 15,091,224 & 11,182,964 & 10,953,754 & 10,053,004\end{array}\) \(\begin{array}{rrrrrr}\text { Standing (no par) } \\ \text { stat--- } & 2,318,918 & 2,316,484 & \text { b2,144,440 } & \text { a2,023,119 } \\ \text { Earnings per share.-.- } & \$ 2.73 & \$ 1.07 & \mathbf{b} \$ 4.17 & \mathbf{a} \$ 3.44\end{array}\) a Prior to stock dividend of \(6 \%\) payable on Dec. 15. b Prior to stock
dividend of \(8 \%\) payable on Dec, 15 .

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 \begin{tabular}{ccc|c} 
& 1939 & 1938 & \(\underset{\$}{8}\) \\
Cash & Ltablitites- \\
Casher & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}


 \begin{tabular}{lrr|r} 
Int is \& suppl's & \(7,114,488\) & \(6,176,801\) & Accrd. liabilitites \\
Inv. in affil. cos. & \(10,768,992\) & \(11,055,149\) & Funded \& long-
\end{tabular} \begin{tabular}{ccc|c} 
Other investm'ts & \(4,145,098\) & \(3,908,152\) & \(\begin{array}{l}\text { Funded } \\
\text { a Prop's, plant. }\end{array}\) \\
term dent...- \\
Due to affil
\end{tabular}
 \(\begin{aligned} & \text { Prepald and de- } \\ & \text { ferred charges }\end{aligned}\)
1,271,577
 \({ }_{3}^{3.127,18,370}\)
 \(\begin{array}{rr}21,275,033 & 21,386,250 \\ 685,700 & 540,110\end{array}\) \(\begin{array}{lrr}\begin{array}{lrr}\text { cerd.divs.pref. }\end{array} & 50,000 & 50,000\end{array}\) 582,085 50,000
\(3,893,913\) Other reserves--
Capital \& surp. \(\begin{array}{lrr}\text { of minor. ints. } & 33,249 & 3,197 \\ \text { Preferred stock. } & 10,000,000 & 10,000,000\end{array}\) \(\begin{array}{lll}\text { Preferred stock. } & 10,000,000 & 10,000,000 \\ \text { c Common stock } & 80,024,678 & 79,873,770 \\ \text { Earned surplus. } & 15,091,224 & 11,182,964 \\ \text { d Treasury stock } & \text { Dr } 527,331 & \text { Dr }\end{array}\)
 Total_....-146,431,484 \(\overline{139,139,150}\) Total........146,431,484 \(\overline{139,139,150}\)
a After reserve for depletion, depreiciation and amortization of \(\$ 67,118,-\)
 and \(\$ 268,604\) in 1938, c Represented by \(2,330,814\) no par shares in 1939
and \(2,328.380\) no par shares in 1938. d Represented by 11,896 no par common shares. en Includes cash reserve fund for 1940 plant additions
amounting to \(\$ 5,330,000\).- . 150, p. 703 .
Sunray Oil Corp.-Five-Cent Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of five cents per share on the common
stock, par \(\$ 1\), payable May 1 to holders of record April stock, par \(\$ 1\), payable May 1 to holders of record April 1. A similar
amount was paid on Dec. 20 and April 27, 1939, and June 15,1938 , and amount was paid on Dec. 20 and April 27, 1939, and June 15, 1938, and
compares with 10 cents paid on Nov. 24 and Aug. 20, 1937.-V. 150, p. 288 .
Superior Water, Light \& Power Co.-Earnings-
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Period End. Dec. 31- & 39 & & 193 & S-1938 \\
\hline Operating revenues & \$98,051 & \$97,061 & \$1,087,680 & \$1,053,894 \\
\hline Oper. exps., incl. taxes. & 73,252 & 72,312 & 830,669 & ,339 \\
\hline Property retirement re serve appropriations_ & 4,000 & 4,000 & 48,000 & 48,000 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Net oper. revenues..Other income} & \$20,799 & \$20,749 & \$209,011 & 5,555 \\
\hline & & & 115 & 250 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{4}{*}{Gross income Interest on mtge. bonds. Other interest and deduc. Interest charged to construction_} & \$20,799 & \$20,749 & \$209,126 & 205,805 \\
\hline & 454 & 454 & 5,450 & 5,450 \\
\hline & 7,121 & 7,098 & 83,640 & 98,756 \\
\hline & Cr85 & Cr67. & Cr85 & Cr67 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Net income \\
Dividends applicabiē tōp
\end{tabular}} & \$13,309 & \$13,264 & \$120,121 & \$101,666 \\
\hline & stock f & period. & 35,000 & 35,000 \\
\hline Balance & & & \$85,121 & \$66,666 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Balance- -149 p. 4042.}

Supervised Shares, Inc.-To Pay 10-Cent DividendDirectors on Feb. 19 declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the
common stock, payable March 20 to holders of record Feb. 29 . This compares with 9 cents paid on Dec. 23 and Oct. 16 , last; 8 cents. paid July 15
last; 9 cents paid April 15 last; 11 cents paid Jan. 16, 1939; 7 cents paid on Oct. 15, 1938; 6 cents paid on July 15, 1938; 8 cents on April 15, 1938;
12 cents paid on Jan. 15, 1938, and dividends of 15 cents per share paid in each of the tw
Tampa Northern RR.-Registers with SEC-
See list given on first page of this department.-V. 147, p. 1505.
Tappan Stove Co.-To Pay 25-Cent Dividend-
The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the com-
mon stock, payable March 15 to holders of record March 5 . This compares with' \(\$ 1.20\) paid on Dec. last: 20 cents paid in each of the three preceding quarters; 80 cents paid on Dec. 15, \(1938 ; 20\) cents paid on Sept. 15 ,
1938 ; 80 cents paid on Dec. 15, 1937, and an initial dividend of 20 cents per share paid on June 15, 1937.-V. 149, p. 3884 .

Tecumseh Products Co.-Dividends ResumedDirectors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common
stock, payable Feb. 25 to holders of record Feb. 5. This will be the first stock, pay paid since Dec. 20 , 1937 , when a regular quarterly dividend of
dividend


 \(\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Depreciation_......... } & 530,212 & 427,926 & 630,055 & 506,301 \\ \text { Amortization_-...... } & 729,079 & 577,522 & 815,177 & 638,479\end{array}\)



 Earned surplus
Shares of capital stock
\(\$ 31,872,625\)
\(\$ 31,705,143\)
\(\$ 32,421,510\)
\(\$ 31,392,229\) \(\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Shares of capital stock } & 3,80,000 & 3,840,000 & 3,840,000 & 3,840,000 \\ \text { outstanding (no par) } & 3,840,2.04 & \$ 1.81 & \$ 3.02 & \$ 2.56\end{array}\) \(\begin{array}{llll}\quad \text { Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. } 31 \\ \text { Assets- } & 1939 & 1938 \\ \text { Cash on hand and on demand and time deposit._-_ } \$ 10,767,457 & \$ 6,970,745\end{array}\)
 Accounts receivable-customers.-
Notes and trade acceptances receivable.
Miscell receivables and advances
Miscell. receivables and advances
\begin{tabular}{llrr} 
Inventories of materials and supplies &.........\(---~\) & \(16,480,036\) & \(17,136,366\) \\
Investments in and advances to sub. \& auxil. cos_- & 432,145 & 365,251 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Miscellaneous assets. .-.-.-.
\(z\) Lands \& development-- Contract rights.-
\(\begin{array}{r}990,419 \\ \hline 25,794,495\end{array}\)

\({ }_{\text {Tiabilititie }}\)
ities---
Accounts and wages payable \(\qquad\) \(\$ 61,915,942 \$ 61,097,347\) Liabilities not current (for payment to be mad over term of years.\(\begin{array}{rr}\$ 535,483 & \$ 397,945 \\ 1,574,234 & 1,357,151\end{array}\) Reserve for cont
y Capital stock
Earned surplus. 202,500
\(1,556,100\)
 1938. y Represented by \(3,840.000\) no par shares. \(z\) and \(\$ 4,638,597\) in

Tide Water Associated Oil Co.-Promotes Executives-
Promotions of five executives of this company were announced on Feb.
13 by William F. Humphrey, President. Bert I. Graves, who has been a Vice-President for the past 10 years and
Vice-Chairman of the Western Division Operating Committee, has been

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appointed Chairman of the Operating Committee for the Eastern Division.
George J. Hanks, who was elected a director of the company has been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Eastern Division Operating Committee.
He will contioue as vice-President incharge of Transportation and spplies or the Eastern Division in addition to his new duties as Vice-Chairman of the eastern operating committee. charge of transportation and supplies for the western division, has been appor, filling the vacancy created by the
promotion of Mr. Graves.
Harold \(\mathbf{F}\). Parsons who was asistant to the Executive Vice-President for
the past 10 years has been appointed assistant Vice-President and manager the past 10 years has been appointed assistant Vice-President and manager
of the New York crude and products department, to aid Mr. Hanks in the activities of the eastern transportation and supply division. George J. Murray Jr., who has been assistant to the President of the
company for the past 10 years, has been appointed to the newly created post company for the past 10 years, has been appointe
of manager of public relations.-V. 150 , p. 856 .
Texas \& Pacific Ry.-Earnings-


Net ry. operating income.
Other income.
Tiscellan income deductions............................................
Miscellaneous deductions
Net income \(-\mathbf{V}\) - 150, p.

\section*{Texas Public Service Co.-Earnings-}

\section*{12 Months Ended Dec. 31-}

Operating
Operation
Maintenance.
General taxes-...-.
Net oper. rev
Other income.

Gross income before retirement accruals.
Retirement accruals.
Gross income--ra- \(\quad\) Interest on lst mortgage \(6 \%\) note and other income
\(\begin{array}{llll}\text { Interest on lst mortgage } 6 \% \\ \text { deducte and other income }\end{array} \$ 399,598 \quad \$ 345,592\)

Net income
Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939
Assets-Property, plant and equipment, \(\$ 6,304,511\); investments in
associated company, \(\$ 284,998 ;\) other investments, \(\$ 201 ;\) cash, \(\$ 194,227\); special deposits, \(\$ 82,025\); notes and warrants receivable, \(\$ 23,855\); accounts receivable, \(\$ 255,468 ;\) receivables from associated companies, \(\$ 716 ;\) materials and supplies, \(\$ 53,661\); prepayments, \(\$ 14,198\); deferred debits, \(\$ 137\); total,
\(\$ 7,213,996\),
Liabilities-Common capital stock \((12,500\) shares of no par salue), \(\$ 1,250,000\); long-term debt, \(\$ 3,695,750\); accounts payable, \(\$ 96,089\); cuss other current and accrued liabilities, \(\$ 9,488\); deferred credits, \(\$ 109,269\); orser cur, \(\$ 1,224,161\); capital surplus,
rotal, \(\$ 7,213,996 .-\mathrm{V} .149\), p. 3278 .

Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.-Earnings-
 \(x\) Inclusive of a dividend of \(\$ 225,000\) received in November, 1939, from the corporation's minority interest in Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier Co
(affiliate of Consolidated Builders. Inc., which is completing Grand (affiliate of Consolidated Builders, Inc., Which is completing Grand Coulee Dam) whereas no corresponding item
the previous fiscal year.-V. 149, p. 3278.

Tide Water Power Co.-Earnings Years Ended Dec. 31-
Total operating revenues
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline Years Ended Dec. 31- & \(\times 1939\) & 1938 \\
\hline Total operating revenues & \$2,200,079 & \$2,130,959 \\
\hline Operating expenses. & 1,061,345 & 983,568 \\
\hline Maintenance & 132,833 & 131,325 \\
\hline Provision for retirem & 222.690 & 220,562 \\
\hline Federal income taxes & 276,427 & 1782,695 \\
\hline Other taxes. & 276,028 & 262,695 \\
\hline Operating income & \$489,755 & \$515,809 \\
\hline Other income (net) & 11,217 & 32,455 \\
\hline Gross income & \$500,972 & \$548,263 \\
\hline Interest on long-term de & 313,075 & 313,075 \\
\hline Other interest. & & \\
\hline Amortization of debt disc & 13,925 & 13,925 \\
\hline Interest charged to const & Cr204 & Cr1,868 \\
\hline & \$158,851 & 207,26 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Net income.
x Preliminary have heen charged to surplus to partially provide for railway retirements
abandonment. W. W , 3125.
(Wright) Titus, Inc.-Stock Offered-Callihan \& Jackson, Inc., and. Beckett, Gilbert \& Co., Inc., Dallas, Texas, recently offered 7,000 shares of common stock ( \(\$ 10\) par) at \(\$ 14\) per share. The shares offered were purchased from one of the principal stockholders of the corporation for resale in parcels to Texas investors.
Company was incorp. in Texas, Nov. 30, 1932 . Corporation is empowered securities, but without banking and discounting privileges; to act as truste under any lawful trust committee to them by contract, and as agent for the performance of any lawful act.
In 1932 the corporation had an
In 1832 the corporation had an authorized capital of \(\$ 60,000\) composed ime subscriptions had been received for only \(\$ 40,000\) of common stock. In Jan., 1935, the common stock was increased to \(\$ 90,000\), and in Nov.,
1936, the common stock was increased to \(\$ 190,000\). In February, 1937, 1936, the common stock was increased to \(\$ 190,000\). In February, 1937, half was paid in, the remainder being eliminated by charter amendment in March, 1937 . On Oct. 28, 1938, the common stock was increased to The corporation has paid dividends on the common stock totaling period the common stock has been increased from \(\$ 50,000\) to \(\$ 200,000\). dividends at the end of the periods indicated are as follows: Year ended
Dec. \(31,1934, \$ 25,808 ; 1935, \$ 30,520 ; 1936, \$ 26,601 ; 1937, \$ 37,301 ; 10\)
Transue \& Williams Steel Forging Corp.-To Pay 15-Cent Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, payable March 14 to holders of record March 1. This will be the
first dividend paid on the common stock since Dec. 1, 1937, when 30 cents first dividend paid on the common stock since
per share was distributed.-V. 149, p. 2383 .

Tri-State Telephone \& Telegraph Calendar Yearsa Local service revenues
Toll service revenues. \(\begin{array}{r}1939 \\ -\$ 4,572,69 \\ 1,365,9 \\ \hline\end{array}\) Total Uncollectible oper. rev Current oper maintenance. Depreciation expense Traffic expenses
Commercial expen Operating rents. -...-.
Gen. \& miscell. expenses
Taxes
\(\qquad\) \(36,215,832\)
\(1,411,705\)
\(1,052,260\)
\(1,057,171\)
526,756
260,345
516,704
510,689

Net oper. income--
Net non-oper. income-
Inc. avail. for fixed chg Bond interest
Other interest Amort. of discount on funded debt

Net income-a vailable fividends on pref. stock \(\begin{array}{rrrrr}\$ 826,255 & \$ 492,448 & \$ 285,710 & \$ 696,808 \\ -\cdots & -\cdots & -\cdots & 380,807\end{array}\) \begin{tabular}{llll} 
a Includes approxims_ & \(\$ 26,255\) & \(\$ 492,448\) & \(\$ 285,710\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular} a Includes approximately \(\$ 157,500\) in \(1939, \$ 592,000\) in \(1938, \$ 587,000\) in
1937 and \(\$ 312,000\) in 1936 . Which is subject to refund: the amount for 1938
is rount is required for refund, and the amount for 1939 is subject to refund in the event the May 2,1939 order of the Commission pertaining to rates in St .
Paul is not upheld. b Under agreement with Northwestern Bell Telephone Paul is not upheld. b Under agreement with Northwestern Bel Telephone
Co. no interest was payable for the year 1939 on advances from that company.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{Balance Sheet Dec. 31} \\
\hline Assets- & \[
1939
\] & 1938 & Ltabilities- & \[
1939
\] & \[
1938
\] \\
\hline Telephone plant.-2 & ,212,057 & ,514,331 & Commonstock --- & 7,000,000 & 7,000,000 \\
\hline Mise. phys. prop.- & 379,838 & 860,163 & Adv. from North- & & \\
\hline Invest. in sub. cos. & 325,558 & 302,558 & western Bell Tel. & & \\
\hline Other investments & 188,254 & 20,004 & & 6,126,940 & 14,021,636 \\
\hline Cash \& special dep. & 158,139 & 93,679 & Notes sold to trust. & 363,606 & 410,037 \\
\hline Working funds--- & 16,845
522,444 & 513,496 & Customers' depos. & & \\
\hline Material \& supplies & 384,797 & 424,463 & \& advance bill'g & & \\
\hline \multirow[t]{7}{*}{Deferred debits.-.} & 182,548 & 88,583 & and payments-: & 218,339 & 181,014 \\
\hline & & & Accts. payable \& & & 438,230 \\
\hline & & & Accr. liabs, not & 480,671 & 438,230 \\
\hline & & & due & 490,084 & 610,38 \\
\hline & & & Def. miscell. reserves & 43,116 & 50,412 \\
\hline & & & Depreclation res_- & 5,269,095 & 6,292,132 \\
\hline & & & Surplus reserved.- & \[
\begin{array}{r}
138,620 \\
60,012
\end{array}
\] & 831,247 \\
\hline & & & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Total_-_-..... \({ }^{30}\)}

Twin City Rapid Transit Co. (\& Subs.) - EarningsCalendar Years-
Rev. from transportat'n
Other revenue. Other revenue.------
Tatal oper. revenue. Total oper. revenue.
Way and structures...
Equipment. Power-anTraffic 1939,58
\(88,381,638\)
58 \(\qquad\)
 \begin{tabular}{l}
1936 \\
\(9.216,60\) \\
45 \\
\hline
\end{tabular} Motor bus expenses-
General \& miscell. (net)
\(\begin{array}{cr}\text { Net oper. revenue...- } & \$ 2,005,545 \\ \text { Taxes...........- } & 893,586\end{array}\)
Operating income
Operating incom
Non-oper. income.
Gross income Int. on funded debt....
Miscellaneous.
Net income_._-_-
Dividends on pref. stock
\(\$ 149,552\) \(\begin{array}{ll}\text { Dividends on pref. stock } \\ \text { Shs. com..outst. (no par) } & 220,000 \\ \text { Earns. persh. on com.-- } & \text { Nil }\end{array}\) 1938
\(\$ 4 ., 08,681\)
\(1,294,939\)
264,555
 \(\begin{array}{rrr}\$ 880,201 \\ 17 ; 805 & \begin{array}{c}\$ 1,223,297 \\ \operatorname{Dr} 11,152\end{array}\end{array}\) \(\$ 898,006 \quad \overline{\$ 1,212,145}\) \(\$ 875,844\)
81,609 \(\$ 1,092,723\)
79,454 \(\$ 957,454\) \(\$ 1,172,177\)
150,000
318,449 \begin{tabular}{ll}
\(\mathbf{6 7} 1,75 \overline{1}\) & \(719,6 \overline{9}\) \\
\hline 10
\end{tabular}

671,744 150.000
318.449
\begin{tabular}{ll|llll} 
Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 & & \\
1939 & 1938 & 1939 & 1938
\end{tabular}

 \(\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Other investm'ts } & 411,481 & 417,115 & \begin{array}{ll}\text { Secured div. notes } \\ \text { Dep presented.- }\end{array} & 11,800 & 12,800\end{array}\) Cash me. prop. sold Loans \& -------Interest receivable. Mise, accts. recelv. Mat' accts. recelv.
Mapplles. Injurles and dam-
ages reserve Deferred assets... Deterred assets.---
Disct. and exp. on fund. dt. amort.
\(\qquad\)

Total.......... \(\overline{60,481,665} \overline{60,757,910} \mid\) Total_..........60,481,665 \(\overline{60,757,910}\) x Created by reduction in capital. y 220,000 shares no par. z For
secured dividend notes first lien and refunding \(5 \frac{1}{2} \%\) series \(\frac{B}{}\) bonds. secured dividend
V. 150, p. 856.

Tubize Chatillon Corp.-EArns \(\$ 1,138,955\) in \(1939-\) Net earnings of corporation for 1939 , after all charges including depre-
ciation, idle plant expense and income taxes, totaled \(\$ 1,138,955\) compared with \(\$ 281,934\) in 1938 , according to the annual report made public Feb. 21 by Roland L. Taylor, Chairman of the Board.
"Sales in 1939 were approximately \(50 \%\) ahead of 1938 both in units sold and dollar volume," Mr. Taylor reported in his that 1939 was the first year in which the production of the company's plants, expansion of which was completed in 1938, was fully available. 190 cored shipments of and
rayon companies in the United States for 1939 were previous year."
Although the company in the past has produced yarn primarily for sale
to the knitting and hosiery trades, it was successful in 1939 in placing to the knitting and hosiery trades, it was successful in 1939 in placing approximately \(50 \%\) of its prouct, in the weaving feld. Thider a favorable development. The year 1940 has started favorably with the rayon industry, Mr. Taylor reported. Inventories are extremely low and the volume of businessis
satisfactory. One of the contributing factors to this situation is undoubtedly the conservative price policy that has been followed, according to the report which points out that average prices for rayon have shown little change compared
and wool.



Announcement is made in the report that the directors have authorized
expentiture of a sumnot exceeding 550,000 to be used for the purchase and
retireme of



 \begin{tabular}{c} 
for \({ }^{\text {p. }} 4043\) sum \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Ulen \& Co.-Files Petition to Adjust Funded Indebtedness A petition for an arrangement under provisions of the Chandler Act was
files in Federal Court, New York, Feb. 16 by this company, listing liabilities of \(\$ 4,331,787\) and assets of \(89,084,694\). Chief assets consist of \(\$ 7\), ,
519,000 principal amount of National Economic Bank of Poland sinking fund bonds, guaranteed at the principal and interest by the Republic of Poland. Under the arrangement, it is proposed to convert company's funded indebtecness, consisting of \(\$ 3,987,000\) of \(6 \%\) debentures, into \(\$ 1.50\) cumu-
lative convertibe prior preference shares, of which 170,000 are to be issued. Holders of debentures wrill receive 40 prior preference shares and \(\$ 15 \mathrm{in}\)
Hot
cash for every \(\$ 1.000\) held cash for every \(\$ 1,000\) held.
Presently outstanding, in addition to the debentures, are 115,237 series
A preferred shares; 43,326 series B preferred, and 271,522 common sharies
 aggregate \(\$ 923,275 .-\mathrm{V} .150 ; \mathrm{p} .704\).
Union Gas Co. of Canada, Ltd. (\& Subs.)-Earnings-
 a After depreciation, interest, \&\&c., but before Dominion income taxes.
b Adjusted figures.-V. 149, p. 3279 .
Union Investment Co.-To Pay 10-Cent Common Div.Directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common
stock, payable March 16 to holders of record March 1 . Dividends of like stock, payable March 16 to holders of record March 1 . Dividends of like
amounts were paid on Dec. 18, Oct. 17 and July 17, last.-V. 149, p. 270 .
Union Pacific RR.-Earnings-
Consolidated Income Statement (Union Pacijic System)

 Freight-
Passenger
Passenger
Maill
Express
\(\begin{array}{llllll}\text { All other_-............ } & 2,069,909 & \mathbf{6 , 7 0 9 , 1 6 9} & 6,152,832 & 6,948,064 & 2,116,578 \\ 6,321,188\end{array}\)
Ry. oper. revenues_-_164,253,371 \(\overline{150,213,214} \overline{162,064,310} \overline{155,213,583}\) \(\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Maint. of way \& struc.- } & 18,546,352 & 16,354,100 & 17,725,360 & 16,927,971 \\ \text { Maint of equipment.-- } & 30,195,782 \\ \text { Traffic } & 26,913,539\end{array}\) Traffic of equipment-. Transportation-
All
other
Ret revay oper. exps--Railway tax accruals \(-:-\)
Equip. and joint facility Equip. and joint facility
rents (net)
Net inc. from trans\(\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Net inc. from trans- } \\ \text { portation operation }\end{array} 20,233,188 \\ & 19,867,391\end{aligned} 22,886,260 \quad 25,070,627\) \(\begin{gathered}\text { Income from investm'ts } \\ \text { and other sources_..- } \mathbf{y} 13,580,375 \\ \text { y } 13,623,345\end{gathered} \quad \mathbf{y} 9,636,412 \times 12,414,983\) \(\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Total income- } & 33,813.563 & 33,490,736 & 32,522,67 & & 37,485,610 \\ \text { Fixed and other charges } & 14,846,931 & 14,789,502 & 14,867,156 & \mathbf{1 5}, 277,075\end{array}\)
Net income from all
 \begin{tabular}{ccccc} 
Balance for com. stock & \(14,984,908\) & \(14,719,510\) & & \(13,673,792\) \\
\hline Per cent on com. stock_ & \(6.74 \%\) & \(6.62 \%\) & \(6.15 \%\) & \(18,226.811\) \\
\hline \(8.20 \%\)
\end{tabular} \(x\) Restated.
\(\$ 428,521\) in 1937 Includes net income from oil operations. \(\$ 4,384,176\) in 1939,150, p. 856.3 and
Union Street Ry.-Earnings-
\(\begin{array}{ccccc}\text { Period End. Dec. 31- } 1939-3 \text { Mos. } & \text { 1938 } & \text { 1939- } 12 \text { Mos. } & \text { 1938 } \\ \text { Net loss }\end{array}\)


\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Net income (before de- } \\
& \text { ducting writeoffon } \\
& \text { sale of equip. at mine } \\
& \text { abandoned in 1933) } \\
& \text { Write-off on above sale }
\end{aligned}
\] & \$98,860
17,632 & \$61,132 & & \$121,845 \\
\hline Remainder carried to surplus & \$81,229 & \$61,132 & \$113,475 & \$121,845 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

United States Gypsum Co. (\& Subs.)-EarningsConsolidated Income Account for Calendar Years

 \begin{tabular}{llllll} 
Deprec. \& depletion_- & \(2,539,614\) & \(2,296,318\) & \(2,265,001\) & \(2,054,217\) \\
Fed. \& Dom. inc. taxes. & \(1,356,750\) & & 871,000 & 899,000 & 972,000 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Total - -........ \(\$ 32,815,536\)

 \(\begin{array}{llllll}\mathbf{x} \text { Shares common standing (par } \$ 20 \text { ) } & 1,194.960 & 1,194,156 & 1,183,156 & 1,192,103 \\ \text { Earning } & & \$ 5.17 & \$ 3.50 & \$ 4.08 & \$ 4.01\end{array}\)
\(\times\) Does not include treasury stock
 -V 149, p. 3126 .

United Gas Improvement Co.-Weekly Output-
closed and the figures for the same week last year are as tollows

U. S. Freight Co.-25-Cent Dividend-

Directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common
stock, payable March 7 to holders of record Feb. 26 . Dividend of 50 cents was paid on Dec. 21 last, this latter being the first dividend paid
since December, 1936.-V. 149 , p, 385 .

United States Hoffman Machinery Corp. (\& Subs.) [Exclusive of European Subsidiaries] Consolidated Income Account for Years Ended Dec. 31
 Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31


Total_........s7,307,527 \(\overline{\$ 7,722,086}\) Total_......... \(\overline{\$ 7,307,527} \overline{\$ 7,722,086}\)
 reserve of \(\$ 375,923\); at net equity in 1938 . a Less ressreves of \(\$ 442,985\)
in 1939 and \(\$ 455,980\) in 1938 -including \(\$ 45.097\) in 1939 and \(\$ 47.969\) in


United States Milling Corp.-Promoters SentencedThe Department of Justice and the Securities and Exchange Commission
Feh. 4 reported that Judge John \(P\). Nields in the U. S. District Court
Wilmington Wilmington, Del., had sentenced Frank E. Nemec to four years' imprisonment and sisi, Ooo fine for violotitions of the fraud provisions of the Securities Act or Milling Corp A jury had returned a verdict of guilt ock of United weoks' trial before Judge Nields. fice to defraud numerous persons who purchased the stock of the corporalarge and substantial corporation and was operating at corporation was a certain prominent financiers owned and controled stock of the corporation
when in fact these individuals held no stock in the when in fact these individuals held no stock in the corporation and had no represented that a broker in Baltimore, Md., had agreed to create a marke for the stock at \$1.75 a sharea and that the stock was to be listed on the Balti-
more Stock Exchange, when in truth, the indictment che more stock Exchange, when in truth, the indictment charged, the broker had not agred to create a market for the stock and there was no intention
of listing the stock on the Exchange.-V. 149, p. 1932 .
Universal Pictures Co. (\& Subs.) Inc.-Earnings-


 Cost of accessories
\(\begin{array}{lrrrr}\text { Theatre expenses- } & 127,496 & 123,465 & 124,081 \\ \text { Selling and branch expenses-domes } & 12,-250,256 & 5,634,081 & 5,937,665\end{array}\)




Net loss - .....................cprof \(\$ 1,153,321\) a \(\$ 591,178\) a \(\$ 1,084,998\) a Including provision for 1 lsses net. of subsidiaries operating in foreikn
territories: \(1938, \$ 27,537 ; 1937,850,807\). b Includes \(\$ 25.669\) a mortization or financing expenses; 85.593 adjust-
ment in respect of prior year's income taxes; \(\$ 1478\) provision
 to Spanish subsidiary and \(\$ 3.178\) miscellaneous investments written orf.
cIncluding profit of subsidiaries operating in foreign territories of \(\$ 274,111.1\) los of investment in Foreig Thancing expenses of \(\$ 50,655\), provision for
profits applicable to minority stockholder \(\$ 38\) of \(\$ 15,017\) and proportion of

Feb. 24, 1940
a Assets-
 will , dks., good-
d inv in in .o. subs. Othv. in for. subs.
Other invesm'ts. Recelvables Learrents) - deposits, ic. Lease deposits, \&c.
Adv. to prod.; \(\& 0\). (net) -...
 Accts. \& notes net)
Uncompleted film.
Film completed, not treleased. Released films.
 Adverts's matter-
Deferred charges
c Consolidated Blaance Sheet
c Consolidated Blaance Sheet

 \(\begin{array}{llll}\text { or Iand } \\
\text { Earned deficition-:- } &\)\begin{tabular}{llll}
2588,125 & 258,125 \\
\hline\(, 057,995\) & \(4,211,316\)
\end{tabular}\end{array} Total...

\section*{\(1,786,400 \quad 1,786,400\) ,000,000 \(\quad 1,000,000\) \(\begin{array}{cc}250,000 & 2,000,000 \\ 250,000 & 250,000 \\ 000,000 & 1,000,000\end{array}\)}
(J.) Weingarten, Inc. (Texas)-Pref. Stock Offered-A yndicate headed by Moroney \& Co. and includis inton \(R\). Underwood \& Co., Neuhaus \& Co., Chas. B. Whate \& Co., at par \((\$ 50)\) per share (plus accrued dividend from Feb. 15, 1940 to date of delivery) \(\$ 400,00051 / 2 \%\) cum. pref. stock, series of 1940 . Stock offered to residents of Texas only. Transfer Agent, National Bank of Commerce of Houston. Quarterly Transfer Agent. Netional, May, August and November. Red. at com-
dividends payable February, pany's ontion at any time on
of par) plus accrued dividends
of car plus accrued dividends. Company-Established in 1901 and incorporated-in 1914, J. Weingarten, Inc. has grown steandily and soundly with Houston. Today the company operaes and poultry feeding and dressing plant, all in Houston. Ably managed, adequately financed, strinterpises of Houston.
ranks among the leading business enterprises of sold more than 14 years ago. Sinco then, preferred dividends have been paid continuously. Furthermore, on 1 its 12 years.
last 12 years.
Purpose-Proceds from the sale of this \(51 / 2 \%\) cumulative preferred stock, Purpose- Proceeds from ine section with the company's carefully planned
series 1940, will be used in conned serpes
expion program, and to augment working capital. During 1940 the
company company plans to construct one or more
remodel several of its existing markets.
remodel several of its existing markets. Authorized Outstanding
Capitalization-

 Common stock (no pork (no par) Mortgages on certain individual properties aggregated \(\$ 319,34\) a a a
Dec. 31.1939 , including \(\$ 78,624\) owed by the Quitman Corp., a subsidiary Dec. 31, , 939 , incluting \(\$ 88,624\) owed by the Quitr
which loin \(J\). Weingarten, Inc. does not guarantee
 Quitman Corp.) will be retired through a new loan recent1y arranged. new loan is for not to exceed \(\$ 300,000\). is unsecured, bears \(3 \%\) int. The new
matures in instalments over a period of not longer than five years matures in instalments over a period of not onger than five years. .
loan will release all mortgages except that of the Quitman Corp. itself.
\(\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Net Profits (After All Charges and } & & \text { Net } & \text { Preferred }\end{array} \quad\) Times



Total
 Period Ended Dec. 31-
Operatingrevenues
Oper \begin{tabular}{lrrrrr} 
Net oper revs & 87,900 & \(\$ 14,934\) & \(\$ 5,171\) & \(\$ 11,106\) \\
Rent from lease of plant & \(\begin{array}{ll}83,603 & 37,019\end{array}\) & 614,291 & 612,283 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
Gross incomeInt. on mtge bond.
Other int. \& deductions
 Balance, deficit.-.-. \(\$ 321\)
Note-No provision has been made in the above statement for unpaid Note- No provision has been made in the above demand note, payabobe if, as, and when earned,
interest on the \(6 \%\) incomer amounting to 81.96.

Utah Power \& Light Co. (\& Subs.) - EarningsPeriod Ended Dec. 31 - \(\$ 1,232\) Month- 1938 , \(1939-12\) Mos. 1938 \(\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Oper exps., incl.taxes.-- } & 764,235 & 620,165 & 8,248,927 & 7,417,509\end{array}\) Property retirement re

Net oper. revenues
Gross income Int. on motge. bonds-\begin{tabular}{lllll} 
& 25,000 & 25,000 & 300,000 & 300.000 \\
Other int. \& deductions. & 16,104 & 16,687 & 191,990 & 196.209 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
 Dividends applicable to preferred stocks for the Balance, deficit.-. Balance, deficit............................. \(\$ 298,232\) a Dividend accimulated and dividends of \(\$ 1.162-3\) a share on \(\$ 7\) pre-

Valspar Corp.-Accumulated Dividend-
Directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on account of accumulations on the \$4 convertible preferred stock, payable Feb. 26 to holders
or record Feb 23 This compares with \(\$ 1.25\) pad on Set. 30 last sid paid
on Nov 30193 and an initial dividend of \(\$ 1\) paid on Aug. 1,1938 .- \(\mathbf{V}\). on Nov. 30,
149, p. 1933.
Venezuelan Petroleum Co.-Rights to StockholdersConsolidated Oil Corp. to Take Up Unsubscribed-for SharesCorporation has authorized capital stock of \(5,000,000\) shares (par \(\$ 1\) ) of
which there are presently issued and outstanding \(2,000,000\) shares (par \(\$ 1\) ). which there are presently jssued anh outstanding has been completed on a number of the exploitation petronopum conceessions owned by a wholly owned
nutsidiary, and the management now deems it advisable to proceed with number ory, and the management now deems it advisable to proceed with
suriling operations to ascertain if production of oil can be obtained in pay-
drind drilling operations to ascertain if production of oil can be obtaned in pay-
ing quantities. It is necessary at this time to raise additional funds for ing quantities. It is ther purpsosy at and the dirirectors had determined to offer deveopment and ott par to stockholders of record Feb. 14, 1940 , pro rata
to 00 their present holdings. which means one share for each share now held. to their present holdings, which means
Consolidated Oil Corp., the owner of \(52.13 \%\) of the outstanding shares of stock, has entered into an agreement to purchase any of the \(2,000,000\) addi stocki shares not subscribed for by the stockholders and to pay the same price at which expense whatsoever in connection with the sale of these underwriting expense. Whatsoever March 11 and the subscription price
2000,000 shares.
( \(\$ 1\) per share) is payable in Unie Mited States currency either in cash or in New Y shk founds at the time of subscrintion
Liberty Place, N. Y, City.-V. \(150, \mathrm{p} 1009\).

Washington Water Power Co. (\& Subs.)-EarningsPeriod End. Dec. 31- 1939-Month-1938 1939-12 Mos.-1938
 Oper exps., incl. tase-s.
Oper
Property \(\begin{aligned} & \text { retirement }\end{aligned}\) re
 Griss income-.....-. Other interest and deduc.


Net income-

4189.
\begin{tabular}{ll}
\(\$ 3,041,658\) \\
622,518 & \(\$ 2,488,647\) \\
\hline 62,518
\end{tabular} \(\overline{\$ 2,419,140} \overline{\$ 1,866,129}\)
\(\underset{\text { Calendar Years- }}{\text { Westric Co.-Earnings- }}\) Calendar Years-
Sales net) Bell Telephone companies... Subsidairy and associated companies -Others

 Taxes-Social Security, Federal income and other Purchases of materials and services.Purchases of materials an
Depreciation of plant.-
Decrease in inventories Depreciation of plant-
Decrease in inventories
Net profits on sales
Sundry income
16,703,528
\(\begin{array}{llrl}\text { Income from subsidiary and associated cos. (net) } & 17,697,554 & \mathbf{6 , 0 4 8} & \text { loss253,146 }\end{array}\)
\(\begin{array}{cccc}\begin{array}{c}\text { Earnings before interest charges.............. } \\ \text { Interest charges }\end{array} & 17,703,602 & 7,050,410 \\ & 1,227,516 & 1,316,377\end{array}\)
 * Based on engineering studies in 19 in of probable remaining life of
buildings and service equipment, the depreciation rates were reduced
resulting in \(\$ 531757\) resulting in \(\$ 531,757\) lower charges for depreciation.
Balance Sheet Dec 31
\begin{tabular}{lcc|ccc} 
& 1939 & Balance Sheet Dec. 31 & 1938 & 1939 & 1938
\end{tabular}
 \(\begin{array}{lll}\text { Total investm'ts } & \text { 58, } \\ \text { Deferred rec }\end{array}\)
eferred rec. less
reserve of \(\$ 1,-\) 018,056
R1,Prepaid ins. and rent-......... Advs. to suppl.
Merchandise at
the lower of the lower of
costor mkt.
Raw materials cost or mkt.
Raw materials
and and supplies

360,685
309,341
215,199 \(\begin{array}{rr}\text { and supplies } & \mathbf{4 , 4 9 3 , 9 1 4} \\ \text { In process..-. } & 14,840,247 \\ \text { Completed } & 21,034,083 \\ \text { Tot1 acets. rec. } & 26,190,687\end{array}\) Marketable secs. \(21,190,687\) \begin{tabular}{l} 
Cask \& deposits \\
21, \\
5795,80 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

deduction of obsolete, wornout and excess plant written off or retired, a Represented by \(6,000,000 \mathrm{sh}\)
outstanding.-V. 149, p. 3885.

Western Union Telegraph Co., Inc.-Communications Tax Ends on Local Ticker Services-
effective Feb has notified subscribers to its quotation ticker service that quotation ticker service furnished subscribers within certain designated
As an example, its notice to New York City ticker As an example, its notice to New York City ticker subscribers stated exclusively in New York City when furnished to subscribers within the area in which the New York Telephone Co. either makes no toll charge or computes charges on measured service basis for telephone calls between area, the latter said, wirk City area. Subscribers in such New York City
Not the Western Union ticker services for the New York Stock Exchange, the modity Exchange, New York Cocoa Exchange, Exchange, New York ComSugar Exchange.
apply to the Commissioner of that subscribers to such services sho ld apply to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for refund of taxes pre-
viously paid in the last four years.-V. 150, p. 289

\section*{Worcester Street Ry.-Earnings -}
 \(\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Rev. fare pass. carried } & 5,538,965 & 5,489,111 & 21,287,711 & 20,674,390 \\ \text { Avge fare per rev. pass- } & \$ 0.0960 & \$ 0.0961 & \$ 0.0964 & \$ 0.0966\end{array}\)

Wyman-Gordon Co.-New Director-
A. Otis Davis was elected a director of the company at the recent annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Davis succeeds John E. White, resigned. Vice-Presidency, works manager of the Worecster plant, was promoted to a Assistant Works Manager, was named to succeed Mr. Nelson.-V. 141 ,

Yellow Truck \& Coach Mfg. Co.-EarningsCalendar Years-
Net sales
y Profit from operations

Provision for depreciation
Net profit.
\(\$ 3,276,474\)

\(\$ 514,983\) x Net sales for 1938 have been adjusted. y Including the company's
proportion of net profits or losses of wholly owned and controlled com panies not consolidated. \(z\) Due to a change in depreciation rates in comthe provision for depreciation is \(\$ 212,732\) less than it would have been had the rates not been changed. a Preliminary.-V. 149, p. 3282 .

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\section*{COTTON-SUGAR-COFFEE-GRAIN}

\section*{PROVISIONS-RUBBER-HIDES-DRY GOODS-WOOL-ETC.}

\section*{COMMERCIAL EPITOME}

Friday Night, Feb. 23, 1940 Coffee-On the 17th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher for the Santos contract, with sales of only 11 lots. Two lots were traded in the new Rio, which closed 1 to 6 points lower. Most of the trading represented March liquidation in advance of first notice day on Friday at 6.13 c . Five lots were traded outright and 2 lots were switched into Dec. at a difference of 25 points. The Rio sales included a Mar. at 4.40c. and a May at the same price. Brazilian spot prices showed a decline of 100 reis for hard 4 s to 18.100 on Saturday, but the list was otherwise unchanged. Receipts at the Port of Santos were 59,000 bags and stock \(2,141,000\) bags. On the 19th inst. futures closed 1 point down to 3 points up for the Santos contract, with sales totaling 23 lots Santos contracts were 1 point lower, with most trading centered in Mar. against first notice day Friday. March sold alternately at 6.12 and 6.13 c ., standing at the lower price at the last sale, off 1 point. There was little new in actuals where Brazils were unchanged and milds steady to firm. Roasters were not following the market up, but were still showing a better interest than previously this year. Brazilian exports to Europe last week were higher. Local closing: Mar., 6.12; Sept., 6.33; Dec., 6.41. On the 20th inst. futures closed 3 points off to 1 point up for the Santos contracts, with sales totaling 88 lots Santos coffee futures were 1 to 3 points lower as Mar. liquidation continued a feature of trading. March was selling at 6.09 c ., off 3 points, while Dec. was 6.40 c , off 1 point. Oid A contracts, of which Mar. is the only unliquidated month, sold at unchanged prices when Mar. changed hands at 3.70c. In Brazil, at the close of yesterday's session, Santos hard 4 s were 100 reis higher on the official spot market. Actuals were generally unchanged, with Santos at 6.20 to 6.60 c . Manizales were around \(91 / 8 \mathrm{c}\)., but generally \(91 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). was asked for Mar.-AprilMay shipment. Roasters did not follow up the better buying seen toward the end of last week.
On the 21st inst. futures closed 2 to 3 points net lower for he Santos contract, with sales totaling 118 lots. The new Rio contract closed 6 points off to 5 points up, with sales of 10 lots. Santos coffee futures were unchanged to 3 points lower, with liquidation of March contracts and switching into more distant months at widening difference the principal feature. March, in the early afternoon, was selling at 6.06 c ., off 3 points. Aboat 8,000 bags had been done in the form of switches into Sept. and other months. New "A" was traded at 7 points lower for March at 4.30c. Actuals
were quiet, but steady. Brazilian cables revealed that the movement oi coffee from Sao Pauıo plantations, June tnrough Jan., totaled \(10,8 \pm 9,000\) bags against \(14,560,000\) bags during the same period last season. The movement will end Mar. 31. Today futures closed 2 to 5 points net lower, with sales totaling 97 lots for the Santos contract. There were 9 contracts sold in the Rio contracts (new A) March delivery, which closed 16 points net lower. Santos coffee futures were unchanged to 3 points lower with trading centered in March, which dropped to 6.03c., off 3 points, as ten notices were issued and circulated. One notice was issued against new Rio contracts with March there at 4.28c., also off 3 points. In Brazil the spot price on Rio 7s was off 200 reis, while the milreis improved in the free markat, by 20 reis. Actuals were quiet but steady. Clearances from Brazil for United States over the holiday were 70,000 bags, raising the United States visible supply of Brazils above one million bags.
Rio coffee prices closed as follows:
Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Cocoa-On the 17th inst. futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower. Transactions totaled 147 lots, or 1,970 tons. The outstanding feature of the day's trading was the reduction of the Mar. open interest in cocoa futures. Switching operations accounted for the major share of the day's turn over, totaling 86 lots in the Mar. contract. Of these 13 Mar. contracts were transferred into the July delivery at a difference of 22 points, and 7 into Sept. at 31 points. There were also exchanges of 21 May contracts into Sept. at an 18 point differential. Another feature of today's trading was the exchange of 29 Mar. contracts at 5.13c. for the actual commodity, with the cocoa working to a large manufacturer, it was reported. Local closing: Feb. 5.11. Mar \(5.12 \cdot \mathrm{May}\), 5.25; July, 5.34; Sept., 5.43; Dec., 5.55. On the 19th inst. futures closed 2 points to 1 point lower, with sales totaling 404 lots. March continued to be the center of attention in the cocoa market. Liquidation and switching operations, chiefly the latter, accounted for the bulk of the trading. Sales to early afternoon totaled 242 lots. At that time prices were 1 to 2 points net lower. The high on Mar, was 6.82 e, paid last fall. The open interest in Mar this morning was 1,153 lots, or 26 less than on Saturday morning. First notice day falls on Friday, Feb. 23. An Accra cable reported that the main cocoa crop has been nearly entirely harvested. Esti-
mates of the yield were unchanged at 250,000 tons. Local closing: Mar., 5.10 ; May, 5.23 ; July, 5.32 ; Sept., 5.41 ; Dec., 5.54. On the 20th inst. futures closed 2 to 3 points net higher, with sales totaling 425 lots. Mareh liquidation and higher, with sales totaling 425 lats. Months continued the switching out cocoa futures market. At one time Mar. sold features of the cocoa futures market. At one time Mar. Sold at \(5.09 \mathrm{c} .\), but later it rallied to 5.00 c ., up 1 point net. The
general market was 1 to 2 points higher during early afternoon general market was 1 to 2 points higher during early afternoon
on a turnover of 344 lots, largest so far this year. Before on a turnover of 344 lots, largest so far this year. Before the opening, the open position morning. Warehouse stocks decreased 4,700 bags. They now total \(1,112,693\) bags against \(1.016,381\) bags a year ago. Local closing: Mar., 5.13; May, 5.25; July, 5.35; Sept., 5.44 ; Dec., 5.57 ; Jan., 5.62.

On the 21st inst. futures closed unchanged to 3 points net
On the 21 st inst. futures cosed unchanged lower. Transactions totaled 472 lots. suemand tor absorb futures showed an improvement today, sufficient to absorb
March liquidation and bring about an improvement in prices. During early afternoon the market was 2 to 3 points higher with March standing at 5.16 c on a turnover of 320 lots, largest in some time. In addition to the usual liquidation and switching operations in March, a better inquiry was reported from manufacturers and the public appeared to be nibbling at the market a little. An improvement in the mar let in actual coco was reported. Warehouse stocks de creased 5,300 bags. They now total \(1,107,367\) bags, compared with \(1,014,661\) bags a year ago. Local closing: March, 5.13; May , 5.25; July, 5.33; Sept., 5.42; Dec., 5.54 . Today futures closed 5 to 2 points net lower, with sales totaling 603 lots. Liquidation of March, precipitated by circulation of twenty notices of delivery around the ringside for some time today, broke prices 4 to 7 points, with March suffering the maximum loss of 7 points when it sold at 5.06 c , a new low for the movement. When the market opened today there still were outstanding 722 March contracts. Trading today was active the turnover to early afternoon totaling 420 lots Warehouse stocks increased 7,800 bags. They now total Warehouse stocks increased 7,800 bag. . They now tota 1,115,102 bags compared with 1,029,4uly, year ago. Local
closing: March, 5.08 ; May, 5.21 ; July, 5.30; Oct., 5.44 ; Dec., 5.52; Jan., 5.56.

Sugar-On the 17 th inst. futures closed unchanged compared with previous finals, with transactions totaling 144 lots in the domestic contract. Half of the business was in Mar. and in switches from Mar. to Sept. at 19 points and to May at 8 points. For the week the market was 3 points lower on Mar. and 2 points lower to unchanged in positions beyond. The world sugar contract was quiet, with prices ending unchanged to 1 point lower. Transactions totaled nly 23 lots. Most of the activity was in Sept. at \(1.561 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). nd 1.56 c . For the week the market was unchanged to \(1 / 2\) point higher. In the raw sugar market McCahan today (Saturday) bought 1,000 tons of Philippines, due Mar. 8, at .83c., which represented an advance of 1 point in the spot basis. On the 19th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower for the domestic contract, with sales totaling 285 lots. The world sugar contract closed unchanged to 2 points higher, with sales totaling 81 lots. Liquidation of Mar. contracts in advance of first notice day next Friday caused the domestic sugar market to ease off, while the world cugar contract held steady Paradoxically, raw sugar was A a 5 . 400 tons of Philippines was made to the American Sugar Refining Co. at 2.83c., the same price as was paid for 1,000 tons of Philippines last Saturday, but 1 point higher than was paid before that. Offers of 2 lots of Mar. Puerto Ricos and 1 cargo of Cubas on a 2.85c. basis were reported. Refiners are believed willing to pay 2.83 c . for additional sugars. On the worid sugar market prices were held within a very narrow range, with no feature of interest to the trading. On the 20th inst. futures closed 2 points to 1 point net higher for the domestic contracts, with sales totaling 299 lots. The world sugar contract closed \(11 / 2\) to 2 points net higher, with sales totaling 79 lots. The domestic contract stood unchanged to 1 point higher during early afternoon, with May selling at 1.92c., up 1 point, Mar. stood at 1.84 c ., unchanged, after having sold momentarily at 1.85 c . No sales of raws were reported, but offers were made at 2.85 c . cost and freight New York, with refiners believed willing to pay 2.82 to 2.83 c. Withdrawals of refi ied were said to be slow, with most of the new business going to offshore brands. 'Latest reports from Washington are that the House will have a sugar bill ready for consideration in a few days. Havana reports that 149 mills sideration in a few days. Havana reports that the crop. are grinding. Last year 156 mills in anced ground the crop. In the world sugar market prices advanced \(11 / 2\) to 2 points on scattered buying. All months excepting Mar., made new of last Sept.

On the 21 st inst. futures closed 2 to 3 points net higher for the domestic contracts, with sales totaling 651 lots. The world sugar contracts closed \(1 / 2\) point up to 1 point net lower, with transactions totaling 314 lots. The trend of sugar markets continued upward. Domestic contracts were unchanged to 1 point higher during early afternoon. The rise was checked by increasing offerings of Puerto Rican sugar. It was said that fully half a dozen lots for March shipment were on offer at 2.85 c ., the price reported paid by a refiner. Refiners were believed willing to pay 2.83 c . for nearby sugars and possibly 2.85 e . for nearby sugars and possibly 2.85 c . for delivery beyond March. The movement of refined sugar continued about normal for this time of
year. No price changes were made. World sugar contracts advanced \(1 / 2\) to 2 points into new high ground for the year on buying divided among speculative sources, hedge lifting and short covering. To-day futures closed 3 to 4 points net higher for the domestic contract, with sales totaling 770 lots. The world sugar contract closed unchanged to 2 points up, with sales totaling 114 lots. Sugar futures were stimulated by news that the sugar quota had been reduced 117,355 tons by Sec. Wallace. The news apparently took all except a few members of the trade by surprise, with the result that a rush to buy domestic contracts ensued. Prices rere bid up 4 to 6 points, with March advancing Prices were bid up 4 of 11 points since last Monday's 6 points to 1.94 c ., a rise low. The fact that no tenders for deople believe that a large to-day, also was helpful. Some people believe that a large refiner was prepared to take delivery on March. In the raw market operators paid 1.90c. a pound for 1,000 tons of Philippines, March-April shipment, and 2.92c. a pound for 2.000 tons due early April. The world sugar contract was firm although most interest centered on the domestic market During early afternoon prices were unchanged to \(21 / 2\) points higher London cables revealed that Empire sugar producers in the West Indies had been requested to sugar producers in the production next season by \(20 \%\).

Prices closed as follows:


Lard-On the 17 th inst. futures closed 2 to 5 points net higher. The opening range was 2 to 5 points net higher, with later prices showing net gains of 5 to 7 points. This firmness was ascribed largely to short covering. It was reported that 108,000 pounds of American lard were shipped from the Port of New York at the close of the week, with destination "Europe." Hog prices at Chicago remained steady during the short session today (Saturday) Sales ranged from \(\$ 4.75\) to \(\$ 5.65\). Western hog receipts totaled 22,200 head against 12,500 head for the same day last year. On the 19 th inst. futures closed 2 to 5 points net lower. The market ruled within narrow range, with the undertone barely steady. There was nothing in the news to serve as an incentive for trading either way. Export demand for American lard has been relatively slow. Export clearances of lard from the Peert of New York were 75000 pounds. The bulk of the clearances are still exported to the United Kingdom. Receipts of hogs at Chicago were about in line with trade expectations and totaled 31,000 head. Western hog marketings were quite heavy and totaled 102,900 head against 54,900 head for the same day a year ago. Hog sales ranged from \(\$ 4.75\) to \(\$ 5.65 .0 n\) the 20 th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower. The opening range was 2 to 5 points off, but later declined 10 to 12 points as a result of realizing influenced by weakness in grains during the early session. The sharp upward rebound in wheat values had a wholesome effect on lard futures in the late trading, and most of the early losses were recovered. Export clearances of lard from the Port of New York today totaled 6,000 pounds, with destination Europe. Receipts of hogs at 11 markets, including Chicago, last week totaled 443,840 head compared to 419,666 head the previous week. Receipts of hogs at the principal packing centers in the West today totaled 89,000 head against 63,000 head for the same day a year ago. Hog prices ranged from \(\$ 4.75\) to \(\$ 5.60\).
On the 21 st inst. futures closed 5 points lower. Trading was light and without feature. The opening was unchanged from previous finals. Export clearances of lard yesterday totaled 61,500 pounds, with destination given as Europe. Western hog receipts continue to run fairly heavy and marketings at the leading packing centers in the West as reported to-day totaled 85,300 head against 50,800 head for the same day last year. Sales of hogs ranged from \(\$ 4.60\) to \(\$ 5.50\). To-day futures closed 2 points off to 2 points up. Trading was light and devoid of special feature.


Pork-(Export), mess, \(\$ 18.25\) ( \(\& 10\) pieces to barrel); family, ( \(50-60\) pieces to barrel), \(\$ 16.25\) (200-pound barrel). Beef: (export), steady. Family (export), unquoted. Cut Meats: Pickled Hams: picnic, loose, c.a.f. 4 to 6 lbs . \(95 / 8 \mathrm{c}\).; 6 to \(8 \mathrm{lbs} 91 / \mathrm{c}\). 8 to 10 lbs. \(91 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). Skinned, loose c.a.f. -14 to 16 lbs., \(141 / 2 \mathrm{c}\).; 18 to \(20 \mathrm{lbs} ., 141 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). Bellies: Clear, f.o.b. New York- 6 to 8 lbs., \(12 \mathrm{c} . ; 8\) to 10 lbs 11 c . 10 to \(12 \mathrm{lbs} ., 101 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). Bellies: Clear, dry salted, boxed, N. Y, -16 to 18 lbs., \(634 \mathrm{c} . ; 18\) to \(20 \mathrm{lbs} ., 63 / 8 \mathrm{c} . ; 20\) to \(25 \mathrm{lbs}, 65\). 1 . 25 to 30 lbs., \(65 \%\) c. Butter: Creamery: Firsts to Higher than Extra and Premium Marks: \(271 / 4\) to \(291 / 2\) c. Cheese. State Held '38, 21 to 22c.; Held '39, 20 to 201/2c. Eggs: Mixed Colors: Checks to Special Packs: \(213 / 4\) to \(253 / 4 \mathrm{c}\).

Oils-Linseed oil business was reported as light and scattered, with quotations 9.7 to 9.9 c . for tank cars. Quotations: Chinawood: Tanks, "regular" trade-26 bid; Independent nearby drums- 28 bid nominal; Futures- 26 bid. Coconut: Crude, tanks-. \(033 / 8\) bid. Pacific Coast-. 03 bid. Corn: Crude, West, tanks, nearby-. \(061 / 8\) to \(.061 / 4\). Olive: Denatured: Drums, spot, afloat-. 95 to .97 . Soy解 —. 075 bid. Edible: Coconut: 76 degrees- \(.093 / 8\) bid.

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Lard: Prime, Ex. winter- \(83 / 4\) offer; strained - \(81 / 2\) offer. Cod: Crude: Norwegian dark filtered -64 offer; light- 70 offer; Japanese- 58 offer. Turpentine: \(371 / 2\) to \(391 / 2\). Rosins: \(\$ 6.15\) to \(\$ 7.60\).

Cottonseed Oil sales, yesterday, including switches, 247 contracts. Crude, S. E., val. \(61 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). Prices closed as follows: March_--..................... \(7.03 \mid\) July

Rubber-On the 17 th inst. futures closed unchanged to 11 points higher. Transactions totaled 1,130 tons, including 50 tons which were exchanged for physicals. Again most of the support came from dealer interests, with trade and commission house factors noted as sellers. The singapore rubber market closed unchanged to 3-32d. higher. The outside market was quiet and steady. Little or no interest from the factories was reported by the dealers. Spot standard No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets remained nominally unchanged at \(191 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). per pound. Local closing: Feb., 19.04; Mar., 19.09; May, 18.56; July, 18.25; Sept., 18.02; Dec., 17.85. On the 19 th inst. futures closed 9 points down to 5 points up. Sales totaled 84 lots. The rubber futures market was stimulated by continued strength in the foreign markets, particularly London. However, trading continued small owing to a general disposition to wait for the outcome of the international committee's meeting tomorrow, when the export quota will be fixed. During early afternoon prices were 1 to 6 points higher. The turnover to that time was 510 tons, of which 210 tons were exchanged for physical was 510 tons, of which 210 tons were exchanged for physical rubber. Shipment offerings were limited and above a work-
able basis. London closed 1-32d. to \(1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}\). higher. Singapore able basis. London closed 1-32d. to \(1 / 4 \mathrm{~d}\). higher. Singapore
also closed higher. Local closing: Mar., 19.00; May, 18.55; July, 18.30; Sept., 18.05. On the 20th inst. futures closed 25 to 16 points net lower. Transactions totaled 124 lots. Rubber markets acted as if the decision of the rubber committee to maintain quotas at \(80 \%\) was bearish, for prices fell both here and abroad. The trade figures that further increases in rubber stocks will result from the action, thereby relieving the supply situation, which is rather tight both in this country and in Great Britain. During early afternoon the market was 19 to 23 points lower, with Mar. selling at 18.77 c . a pound. Sales to that time totaled 600 tons, of which 10 tons were exchanged for physical rubber. London closed 1-32d. to \(3-16 \mathrm{~d}\). lower. Singapore also was lower Local closing: Mar., 18.75; May, 18.33; July, 18.14; Sept., 17.86; Dec., 17.70; Jan., 17.65.

On the 21 st inst. futures closed 3 points up to 7 points net lower. Transactions totaled 142 lots. After opening 5 to 10 points lower, rubber futures rallied under buying attrib10 points lower, rubber futures rate the opinion was that quota uted to a British dealer interest. The opinion was that quota action had been discounted. During early atternonn on 760 tons the market stood 1 to 7 points higher. March made the maximum of 7 points, selling at 18.88 c . May stood at 18.38 c . Of the sales 180 tons were exchanged for physical rubber. The London market was quiet, 1-32d to 5 -16d lower. Singapore also was easier. Local closing: Mar., 18.78; May, 18.33; July, 18.09; Sept., 17.87; Oct., 17.80; Dec., 18.63. Today futures closed 17 to 3 points net lower. Transactions totaled 194 lots. Rubber futures opened higher in sympathy with firm primary markets, but lost ground later in active trading. Mar. liquidation was the unsettling influence. That position lost 17 points net by early afternoon, when it sold at 18.61c. Other positions were 3 to 13 points lower. The open position in March this morning was 676 contracts. Transactions to early afternoon totaled 1,480 tons. Liquidation by commission houses was active. London closed \(3-16 \mathrm{~d}\) higher to \(1-16 \mathrm{~d}\) lower. Singapore advanced \(5-32\) to 3 -16d. Local closing: Mar., 18.61; May, 18.25; July, 18.03; Sept., 17.80; Dec., 17.65.
Hides-On the 17th inst. futures closed 7 to 12 points net lower. Transactions totaled \(8,520,000\) pounds. The market could be regarded as fairly active today. Opening prices ranged from 2 to 5 points higher, but the list later declined in fairly heavy trading. Despite the heavy tone to the market, sentiment in hide trade circles is said to be fairly cheerful as to the outlook. The domestic spot hide market has not shown very much animation the past few days, although prices as a rule appear to be holding up fairly well. The last trading reported in the Argentine market for irigorifico hides included 8,000 Feb. steers at from \(145 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). to 1478c. Local closing: Mar., 14.07; June, 14.37; Sept., 14.65; Dec., 14.90. On the 19th inst. futures closed 13 to 15 points net higher. Transactions totaled 190 lots or \(7,600,000\) pounds. Strength in today's futures was influenced largeny by the steadier tone in the spot hide market, with tanner inquiry in good volume. Approximately 10,000 hides were reported sold in Chicago today. Futures opened 2 to 9 points higher, with Mar. iquidation well absorbed by trade interests. Lack of selling pressure carried prices up rather easily. Certificated stocks of hides in warehouses licensed by the Exchange decreased 3,847 to a total of 913,712 hides in store. Sales of big packer hides in the Chicago market last week were between 41,000 and \(4 \angle, 000\) pieces, it was estimated, or slightly higher than a turnover of about 35,000 the previous week. Local closing: Mar., 14.20; June, 14.50; Sept., 14.80; week., 15.05 . On the 20 th inst. futures closed unchanged to Dec., 15.05 . On the 20th inst. futures closed unchanged to
1 point net higher. Transactions totaled 394 lots. Raw hide futures strengthened in late dealings after opening 10 to 5 points lower. Sales totaled \(8,920,000\) pounds during the
morning. March sold at 14.25, up 5 points June at 14.55; up 5 points, and Dec. at 14.84, up 4 points. Switching from Mar. into June by trade interests, and from Mar. into Sept. by commission houses was reported. Local closing: Mar., 14.31; June, 14.50; Sept., 14.81; Dec., 15.06.

On the 21st inst. futures closed 9 to 10 points net lower. The opening range was 1 to 6 points higher. Transactions totaled \(9,900,000\) pounds. Business in the domestic spot hide market was reported sluggish today. The only sale reported included 9,000 heavy native cows at \(121 / 2\) c., or unchanged from the previous price. No new developments were reported in the Argentine market for frigorifico hides. Local closing: Mar., 14.11; June, 14.41; Sept., 14.72; Dec., 14.97. Today futures closed 13 points off to 16 points up compared with previous finals. Transactions totaled 303 lots. The opening range was 1 to 12 points lower. Prices held steady during the morning on sales of \(7,480,000\) pounds. Active switching operations were the feature. Monday will be the first March notice day. The open interest this morning was 548 lots. Local closing: Mar., 13.98; June, 14.30; Sept., 14.60 .

Ocean Freights-The charter market was moderately active the past week, with ship owners generally holding out for very firm rates. Charters included: Grain: A steamer, River Plate to Antwerp, Mareb-April, 32.50 per ton. A steamer, Argentina to Antwerp, end March-early April \(\$ 32\) per ton. Grain Booked: Three loads New York to Antwerp, Fehruary-March, 85 c . per 100 pounds. Five loads New York to Antwerp, February March, \(871 / 2\) c. per 100 pounds. Two loads New York to Antwerp, March, \(971 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). per 100 pounds. Ten loads New York to Antwerp March, \(\$ 1\) per 100 pounds. Time: A steamer, delivery and redelivery Mediterranean via India, March 1-15, \(\$ 4.50\) per ton. A motorship, dolivery Plate, redelivery north of Hatteras, via Chile, February-March, \(\$ 4\) per ton. A steamer, four to eight weeks West Indies and (or) Canadian trade, end February, \(\$ 3.65\) per ton. A steamer, delivery Alexend February, \(\$ 3.65\) per ton. A steamer, delivery Alex-
andria, redelivery Mediterranean via Chile, FebruaryMarch, \(\$ 4.25\) per ton. A steamer, short period West Indies trade, end February, \(\$ 4\) per ton. A steamer, round trip Canadian trade, February, continuation, \(\$ 3.75\) per ton.
Coal-It would seem that the prolonged cold weather would step up the demand for anthracite. However, local wholesalers of anthacite coal report that business is only fair. Since the establishment and operation of the allocation production program prices have been holding steady. Buck wheat sizes are tight, especially at the Tidewater docks According to some of the larger dealers in New York their stocks are fair. Other sizes of coal are moving out freely operators here state. The Anthracite Emergency Committee notified the anthracite operators in Pennsylvania that the production for this week was fixed at 840,000 tons This is equivalent to thee and one-half working days according to producers here. During the first week of the program the allocation was 960,000 tons, the second week 480,000 toas and the third week 720,000 tons.
Wool Tops-On the 17th inst. futures closed firm at 16 to 20 points net advance. The market's firmness was attributed largely to commission house and speculative buying. There was considerable switching between months, and liquidation of Mar. on the advance was in evidence. Spot tops were 1c. higher at \(\$ 1.05\) per pound. Local closing: Mar., 99.7; May, 98.5; July, 97.3; Oct., 96.7; Dec., 96.6 On the 19 th inst. futures closed 3 to 6 points net higher. The wool top market showed a firm undertone during most The wool top market showed a firm undertone during most
of the session today, with sales to midday totaling approximately 400,000 pounds of tops. The total volume at the end of the session was 85 lots or 425,000 pounds. Spot tops advanced 1c. to \(\$ 1.06\) a pound. Local closing: Mar. 100.0; May, 99.0; July, 97.6; Oct., 92.1; Dec., 97.2. On the 20th inst. futures closed 10 to 11 points net lower Following firmness displayed by wool top futures in the past two or three days, prices today turned downward on a combination of liquidation and short selling. The decline was held in check to some extent by scale-down trade buying. Total transactions to noon were estimated at approximately 300,000 pounds of tops. Prices on the New York Exchange opened 1 to 6 points below previous finals, and at midday recorded losses of 11 to 14 points from previous close. Local closing: Mar., 99.0; May, 98.0; July, 96.6; Oct., 96.2; Dec. 96.1.

On the 21 st inst. futures closed 4 to 8 points net higher. Though trading was light, the undertone was steady during most of the session. Transactions totaled 65 contracts Spot tops were up \(1 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). at \(\$ 1.05\) a pound for the holiday. A Spot tops were up \(1 / \mathrm{c}\). at \(\$ 1.05\) a pound for the hoolday. A
waiting attitude predominated in the Boston wool market waiting attitude predominated in the Boston wool markit domestic wools except for specialty such as low \(1 / 4\) blood or for an occasional very small quantity of some grade to piece stocks for immediate needs. Despite the lack of demand holders of territory wools were maintaining quotations at last week's levels. Combing \(3 / 8\) blood territory wool, which is' currently one of the most plentiful grades of domestic wools on this market were quoted fairly firm at 80 to 82 c . scoured basis. Local closing on wool tops: March, 99.4; May, 98.8; July, 97.3. Today futures closed 4 to 8 points net higher. The market was quite active and showed a good volume of business at the close. Prices around midday were well above their previous closing levels. Total sales to mid-
day on the New York exchange were estimated at approximately 650,000 pounds of tops. Local closing: March, 99.8; May, 99.2; July, 98.0; Oct., 97.7.

Silk-On the 19th inst. futures closed 12 to \(41 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). net higher. Transactions totaled 152 lots. Firmness in the Japanese market caused sympathetic strength in silk futures here. Prices were 5 to \(51 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). higher during early afternoon, with Mar. at \(\$ 2.91\), May at 2.85, and July at \(\$ 2.80\). Sales, all on the No. 1 contract, totaled 740 bales to that time. Ten bales were tendered for delivery on the Feb. No. 1 contract, bringing the total to 1,000 bales. The price of crack double extra silk in the uptown spot silk market advanced 10c. a pound to \(\$ 3.10\). On the Yokohama Bourse silk closed 64 to 85 yen higher. Spot grade D silk advanced 70 yen to 1,740 yen a bale. Local closing: No. 1 contracts: Feb., 2.96; March, 2.98; May, 2.89; July, 2.82; Aug., 2.761/2; Sept., 2.73. On the 20 th inst. futures closed \(111 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). to 10c. net lower for No. 1 contracts. Sales totaled 57 lots. Declines in Japanese markets were followed in the New York silk futures market. Prices during early afternoon were from 9 to 11c. lower, with May selling at \(\$ 2.78\), and July at \(\$ 2.73\), respectively. Transactions to that time totaled 250 bales, all in the No. 1 contract. Twenty bales were tendered for delivery on the Feb. contracts, making 1,020 bales so far. In the uptown spot market crack double extra silk declined \(51 / 2\) c. to \(\$ 3.041 / 2\) a pound. Yokohama Bourse prices closed 35 to 50 yen lower. Spot grade D silk declined 40 yen to 1,700 yen a bale. Local closing: No. 1 Contracts: Mar., 2.87; Apr., 2.811/2; May, 2.78; June, \(2.761 / 2\); July, 2.72;'Aug., 2.66; Sept., \(2.621 / 2\). No. 2 Contracts: Sales of 3 contracts were made in July, which closed 11c. off
On the 21 st inst. futures closed 2 c . off to \(1 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). up for the No. 1 contract, with sales totaling only 11 lots. Trading in silk futures was dull, sales to early afternoon totaling only 40 bales, all in the No. 1 contract. Prices were steady, Sept. No. 1 selling at \(\$ 2.641 / 2\), up 2c. The price of crack double extra silk in the New York spot market declined \(1 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). to \(\$ 3.04\) a pound. The Yokohama Bourse closed 9 yen lower to 8 yen higher, while the price of spot grade "D" silk declined 40 yen to 1,660 yen a bale. Local closing: No. 1 Contracts: March, 2.85 ; May, \(2.781 / 2\); June, \(2.761 / 2\); July, 2.71; Sept., \(2.621 / 2\). Today futures closed 3 to \(91 / 2\) c net lower. Transactions totaled 113 lots. Selling of contracts ascribed to Japanese interests unsettled the silk futures market. During early afternoon prices were as much as 6 c . ower on March, which sold at \(\$ 2.79\). Other positions were \(41 / 2\) to \(51 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). lower. Tender of 20 bales for Feb. delivery was made bringing the total so far this month to 1,040 bales. Sales of contracts to early afternoon totaled 600 bales, all on the No. 1 contract. In the uptown spot market the price of crack double extia silk broke 7 c . to \(\$ 2.97\) a pound. The Yokohama Bourse closed 33 to 80 yen lower. Spot grade D silk declined 30 yen to 1,630 yen a bale. Local closing: Feb., 2.77; March, 2.751/2; May, 2.691/2; July, 2.581/2; Aug., 2.581/2; Sept., \(2.551 / 2\).

\section*{COTTON}

Friday Night, Feb. 23, 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 122,734 bales, against 177,019 bales last week and 168,635 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1, 1939, \(5,980,785\) bales, against \(3,055,898\) bales for the same period of \(1938-39\), showing an increase since Aug. 1, 1939, of \(2,924,887\) bales.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Receipts at- & Sat. & Mon. & Tues. & Wed. & Thurs. & Fri. & Total \\
\hline Galveston & 6.759 & 14,111 & 6,939 & 1,459 & & 5,124 & 34,392 \\
\hline Houston \({ }^{\text {Corpus }}\) - & 5,967 & 6,204 & 9,889 & 2,476 & 534 & 9,949 & 35,019 \\
\hline New Orleans & 7,0885 & 8,105 & 14,747 & 9,6̄35 & 3,931 & 4.179 & 47,682 \\
\hline Mobile- & 120 & 60 & - 576 & 678 & & 906 & 2,340 \\
\hline Savannah & 870 & 107 & 334 & 127 & & 122 & 1,560 \\
\hline Wilmington & & -6\% & & 179 & & & 247 \\
\hline Norfolk & 186 & 141 & & 167 & & & 494 \\
\hline Baltimor & & & & & & 990 & 990 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1, 1939, and the stocks tonight, compared with last year:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Receipts to } \\
\text { Feb. } 23
\end{gathered}
\]} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1939-40} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1938-39} & \multicolumn{2}{|c|}{Stock} \\
\hline & \begin{tabular}{c} 
This \\
Week \\
\hline
\end{tabular} & \[
\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}
\text { Since Aug } \\
11939
\end{gathered}\right.
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { This }
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\left.\begin{array}{|c}
\text { Since Aug } \\
11938
\end{array} \right\rvert\,
\] & 1940 & 1939 \\
\hline Galv & 34,392 & 1,524 & 3,257 & 910 & 759,302 & 665,26 \\
\hline Houston. & 35,019 & 1,769; 754 & \({ }_{4}^{\text {¢ }}\), 537 & 947,634 & \(7 \overline{2} \overline{2}, \overline{6} \overline{6} \overline{2}\) & \(7 \overline{6} \overline{3}, 7 \overline{7} \overline{6}\) \\
\hline Corpus Chr & & 177,894 & 3,091 & 283,144 & +45,238 & \\
\hline New Orleans & 47,6\% \(\overline{6}\) & 2,039,459 & \(8,7 \overline{7} 6 \overline{7}\) & 710 & 811,116 & 630.155 \\
\hline Pensacola \({ }^{\text {8 }}\) & 2,340 & 44 & 88 & 9 & 88, 809 & \\
\hline Jacksonville & & & & & & \\
\hline Savanna & 560 & 58 & 286 & 31,318 & 124.800 & 149 \\
\hline Lake Charl & & & 18 & 15,6 & 32,675 & \\
\hline Wilmingt & & & 28 & 10,670 & 10,753 & 16,5 \\
\hline Norrolk \({ }^{\text {New }}\) & 494 & 13,89 & 108 & 12,559 & 2 & \\
\hline \({ }_{\text {Boston- }}\) & 0 & 14,842 & 250 & 5,89 & 1,236
1,150 & 1.842
1.250 \\
\hline Totals... & 122,734 & 5,980,78 & 21,337 & 3,055,898 & 2,804,135 & ,456,163 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Receipts at- & 1939-40 & 1938-39 & 1937-38 & 1936-37 & 1935-36 & 1934-35 \\
\hline Galveston & 34,392 & 3,25 & 25,11 & 11,349 & 15,199 & 8,371 \\
\hline Houston- & 35,019 & 4,537 & 15.411 & 110,074
25.169 & 16,548
24,288 & 9,890
19,440 \\
\hline New Orleans
Mobile & \(\begin{array}{r}47,682 \\ 2 \\ \hline\end{array}\) & 8,767 & - \({ }^{1545}\) & 25,1936
2 & 24,594
2,594 & 19,440
1.096 \\
\hline Savannah.-.- & 1,560 & 286 & 649 & 1,365 & 1,438 & 94 \\
\hline Brunswick--- & & 9 & 14 & 58\% & 1,674 & 2,760 \\
\hline Wilmington. & 24 & 22 & 1,148 & 291 & 22 & \\
\hline Norfolk & 494 & 108 & 1,092 & 463 & 509 & 52 \\
\hline All others. & 1,0000 & \(\overline{3}, \overline{3} \overline{5} \overline{9}\) & 2.2009 & 13,7901 & \(1, \overline{8} \overline{5}\) & 2,370 \\
\hline Total this wk. & 122,734 & 21,337 & 86,327 & 66,019 & 64,035 & 45,509 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Since Aug. 1. \({ }_{5,980,785}{ }_{3,055,898}{ }_{6,392,456}{ }_{5,524,770}\) The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 91,545 bales, of which 19,089 were to Great Britain, 9,512 to France, 8,192 to Italy, 12,680 to Japan, 20,042 to China, and 22,030 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 53,701 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been \(4,553,059\) bales, against \(2,417,976\) bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Week Ended
Feb. 23, 1940 Exports from-} & \multicolumn{8}{|c|}{Exported to-} \\
\hline & Great
Brtain & France & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Ger- } \\
\text { many }
\end{gathered}
\] & Italy & Japan & China & Other & Total \\
\hline & 7,752 & 1,133 & & 3,368 & 5,315 & 00 & 12,020 & 31,088 \\
\hline Hew Orieans & \({ }_{9,8 \overline{8} \overline{7} 7}\) & 8,379 & & 4, \({ }^{4,50}\) & 6,865 & 10,991 & 4 & \({ }_{23,666}^{27,24}\) \\
\hline Mobile & 1,500 & & & & 500 & 7,551 & & 8,051
1,500 \\
\hline Total & 19,089 & 9,512 & & 8,192 & 12,680 & 20,042 & 22,030 & 91,545 \\
\hline Total 1939 & & & & & 12,992 & 55 & & 53,701 \\
\hline Total 1938... & 41,222 & 10,734 & 6,808 & 10,463 & 44,646 & 5.498 & 13,073 & 32,4 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { From } \\
& \text { Aub. } 1,1939 \text { to } \\
& \text { Feb. } 231940
\end{aligned}
\]
Exports f́rom-} & \multicolumn{8}{|c|}{Exported to-} \\
\hline & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Great } \\
\text { Britain }
\end{gathered}
\] & France & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Ger- } \\
& \text { many }
\end{aligned}
\] & Italy & Japan & China & Other & Total \\
\hline Galveston & 312.017 & 10 & & & & & & \\
\hline Houston- & & 10,707 & & 150,088 18.329 & & 173,979
10 & & \\
\hline Brownsville-- & 8,496 & , 861 & \({ }_{4,334}\) & & 09 & & 922 & 27,922 \\
\hline umon & 52 & 64 & 8.169 & & \(7_{1-941}^{1-97}\) & 50,975 & 83,0 & \\
\hline Lake Charl & 16,290 & & & & 4,179 & & 8,234 & \\
\hline & 48,633 & & & 2,631 & 19,494 & 10,510 & 5 & 86,208 \\
\hline Jacksonvilie & & & 211 & & & & 96 & \\
\hline Pensacola, \&c & - \({ }_{42,314}^{6,182}\) & & 486 & 1,704 & 11,17170 & 8,8837 & 100 & 64, \\
\hline araeston- & 22,35 & & & & & & & \\
\hline Wilmingt & & & & & & & & \\
\hline Nortiole & 9,18 & 1,825 & 1,271 & & & & 5,389 & \\
\hline New Yor & 8,193 & & & 199 & 1,05 & & 7,950 & \\
\hline Boston-- & & & & 14 & & 17.44 & \({ }_{58}^{4,60}\) & 271,101 \\
\hline  & \({ }_{9}^{41,778}\) & & & & 19,354 & 774 & 1,117 & \\
\hline Seattle. & & & & & & & & \\
\hline Total & 1540,09 & 606,144 & 33,456 & 408,541 & 677,4 & 318,0 & 971,315 & 3,05 \\
\hline Total 1938-39 & & & 350,019 & 225,668 & \[
{ }_{3492,976}^{596}
\] & & & 2417,97 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

In addition to above exports, our telegrams tonight also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow{2}{*}{Feb. 23 at-} & \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{On Shipboard Not Cleared for-} & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Leaving } \\
& \text { Stock }
\end{aligned}
\]} \\
\hline & Great Britain & France & Ger- & Other & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Const } \\
\text { wise }
\end{gathered}
\] & Total & \\
\hline Galvest & \({ }^{3} 3.500\) & 14,300 & & 18,200 & 5,000 & 41.000 & 718.302 \\
\hline N Now Orton-ans & 54,904 & 11,233 & & 13,780 & & 79,917 & 731.199 \\
\hline Savannah & & & & ---- & 1,000 & 1.000 & 124 \\
\hline Mobile- & & & & & & & \\
\hline Other ports. & & & & & & & 238,580 \\
\hline Total 1940- & \[
71.639
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
27,933 \\
4,736 \\
4
\end{array}
\] & & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 57,205 \\
& 59.255
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 6,000 \\
& 5.371
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
162,777 \\
79
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 2,641,358 \\
& 2,376,43
\end{aligned}
\] \\
\hline Total 1938.- & 16.326 & 8.275 & 5.781 & 35.372 & 9.428 & 75,182 & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Speculation in cotton for future delivery was moderately active, with prices irregular and confined generally within a narrow range. Traders appear to be awaiting developments at Washington, where a Senate subcommittee is conducting hearings on the Agriculture Department supply bill. Uncertainties continue as to whether funds will be allocated for an export subsidy program in the coming crop year as well as concerning the fate of parity funds.
On the 17th inst. prices closed unchanged to 4 points up. Opening quotations were 1 point lower to 3 points higher, with trading rather quiet. Volume of business picked up after the opening. Part of the activity consisted of exchanging from March to later deliveries at slightly narrower differences as traders evened up the March position before first notice day on Feb. 27. Reports from cotton goods centers indicated that sales for the week had represented a very small percentage of the week's mill output of textiles. While there were reports that some print cloths had been sold at new lows for the movement, mills were inclined to hold quotations steady in view of the firmer tone of the cotton futures market. Foreign markets were lower, with Bombay turning easier at the night session following fractional afternoon declines. Heaviest snows of the season were reported in western Texas and Oklahoma. The precipitation was considered helpful in supplying an accu-
mulated deficiency in moisture in that area. Today's spot cotton sales totaled 18,319 bales, compared with 4.009 bales on the same day last year. Spot quotations for the day were unchanged to 5 points higher.

On the 19th inst. prices closed 7 to 8 points net higher. The opening range was 3 to 4 points \(\delta\) ff, with the market selling off to net losses of 7 to 10 points during the morning session as a result of some selling from Liverpool and Bombay. The Bombay market was closed in observanc of a holiday, but possibly as much as 5,000 bales were sold through brokers here with Bombay connections during the morning. Liverpool premiums over New York narrowed approximately \(\$ 1\) a bale from last Friday as that market eased under Bombay selling and hedging as ainst outside eased under Bombay seling and hedging against outside growths. March liquidation at Liverpool is having a more
pronounced effect on the near month there than is the pronounced effect on the near month there than is the
case in New York, where trade calling is counterbalancing spot house selling. From the widest premium of last January, March contracts at Liverpool have narrowed by 173 American points over the New York March, whereas October contracts there have narrowed by 104 points over October New York. Southern spot markets today were unchanged to 5 points lower, with middling quotations ranging from 10.33 c . up to 11.06 c . Sales of spots totaled 17,568 bales for the day, compared with 3,229 a year ago.
7,568 bales for the day, compared with 3,229 a year ago.
On the 20 th inst. prices closed unchanged to 3 points ne higher. Buying of near months in the cotton market to fix prices held futures steady in quiet trading this afternoon. Quotations were unchanged to 1 point net lower. On the opening the market was under the pressure of foreign selling. Both Bombay and Liverpool were reported as sellers, Bombay in particular offering all of the active months from March to December. That selling is believed to have been in further liquidation of a large straddle position between New York and Bombay. Apparently a similar straddle operation between Bombay and Liverpool was undertaken, for Bombay brokers were reported to have been sellers in the Liverpool market today. Partly as a result of that foreign pressure, and partly because Liverpool cables were 9 to 14 points lower than due, the opening here was 3 to 6 points lower. After the opening the market continued to move in a narrow trading range. The undertone was steady. Southern spot cotton markets continue fairly active. Sales yesterday totaled 17,568 bales, compared with 18,319 bales the previous day and only 3,229 bales on the corresponding date of last year. Average price of middling cotton in 10 designated spot markets was 10.70 c .
On the 21st inst. prices closed 2 points off to 1 point up. Opening quotations were within 2 points either way of the previous closing levels. Liverpool cables were about steady, although they failed to reflect the late recovery of New York on Tuesday. Bombay fluctuations held within a narrow range. Local fluctuations today held within the extremely narrow range of 2 to 4 points. Little attention was given to outside influences as trading interest centered largely in the evening-up of March contracts. About the only pressure came early in the session, when brokers with Bombay connections were sellers of several thousand bales. Otherwise trade demand in the form of price-fixing in near months was about offset by continued spot house liquida: tion. There was some selling against cotton equitiks, although such transactions were believed to be small. Southern spot markets were unchanged to 2 points higher. Middling quotations ranged from 10.33 c . up to 11.07 c ., and averaged 10.70c. at the 10 designated spot markets. Sales for the day totaled 14,703 bales, against a holiday a year ago.

Today prices closed 4 to 9 points net higher. Cotton futures edged up to new high ground for the movement under trade buying and short covering, which absorbed selling of March contracts. Prices during early afternoon were 1 to 5 points higher. The opening was unchanged to 3 points higher. Steadiness was due to firm foreign markets. Liverpool came 10 to 11 points higher than due. Bombay also was higher. Rumors were current in the latter market that the mill strike in India might be settled. Selling dried up, apparertly due to a diminished volume of arrivals in up-country districts and consequently less hedge pressure. Bombay receipts of cotton since Sept. 1 totaled 1,420,748 bales against 1,308,697 bales a year ago. Stocks at Bombay, 933,356 bales, compared with 940,850 a year ago. No spot sales were reported yesterday, because of the holiday, sales on Wednesday amounting to 14,402 bales, compared with 13,247 bales the previous day. Average price of middling at the 10 designated spot markets was 10.70 c.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has bee* : Feb. 17 to Feb. 23-


Premiums and Discounts 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 oi Agriculture.

Old Contract-Basis Middling \(7 / 8\)-inch, established for deliveries on contract on -........-..., and staple premiums represent \(60 \%\) of the average premiums over \(7 / 8\)-inch cotton at the 10 markets on Feb. 21.

Old Contract-Basis Middling 15-16 inch, established for deliveries on contract on ---.-.-.-.-. and staple premiums and discounts represent full discount for \(7 / 8\)-inch and 29-32inch staple and \(75 \%\) of the average premiums over \(15-16\)-inch cotton at the 10 markets on Feb. 21.


Futures-The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

\(n\) Nominal.
Range for futuse prices at New York for the week ended Feb. 23, 1940, and since trading began on each option:


Volume of Sales for Future Delivery -The Commodity Exchange Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture makes public each day the voiume oî sales ior 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.
\begin{tabular}{l|r|r|r|r|r|r|r}
\hline New York & Feb. 16 & Feb. 17 & Feb. 19 & Feb. 20 & Feb. 21 & Feb. 22 & \begin{tabular}{r} 
Open \\
Contracts
\end{tabular} \\
Feb. 22
\end{tabular}

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 Bombay and Alexandria and the spot prices at Liverpool.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Feb. 23 & 1940 & 1939 & 1938 & \\
\hline ock in Bombay, India & (006,000 & 950,000 & 873,000 & 1,055,000 \\
\hline Middling uplands, Liverpoo & 8.04 d . & 5.18 d . & 5.21 d . & 7.41 d . \\
\hline Egypt, good Giza, Liverpool..-- & 11.27d. & 3.970. & 4.41 d . & 77 \\
\hline Peruvian Tanguis, g'd fair, \({ }^{\text {Ljopool }}\) & 8.54d. & 5.53d. & 6.46 d . & 9.13d. \\
\hline fine, Liverpooi. & 7.19d. & 4.02 d . & 4.53 d . & 79d \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

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
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow{3}{*}{Towns} & \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{Movement to Feb. 23, 1940} & \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{Movement to Feb. 24, 1939} \\
\hline & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Receipts} & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Ship- } \\
& \text { ments } \\
& \text { Week }
\end{aligned}
\]} & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Stocks } \\
\text { Feb. } \\
23
\end{gathered}
\]} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Receipts} & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Ship- } \\
& \text { ments } \\
& \text { Week }
\end{aligned}
\]} & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Stocks Feb. 24} \\
\hline & Week & Season & & & Week & Seaso & & \\
\hline Ala., Birm'a & 1,62 & 43,1 & 2,211 & 27,3 & 70 & & 615 & 7 \\
\hline Eutaula & 181 & 15,903 & \({ }^{240}\) & \({ }_{7}^{9,027}\) & & 12,579 & & \\
\hline Montgom'y & \({ }_{141}^{339}\) & 53,379 & 1,011 & 72,627 & 46 & 85,338
43,635 & \begin{tabular}{|c}
1,774 \\
385
\end{tabular} & 85,514
77888 \\
\hline Ark., Blythev- & 141 & 27,279
1689 & 2,358 & 160,749 & 150 & 131,012 & \({ }_{364} 38\) & 165,098 \\
\hline Forest City & 86 & 30,537 & 1,942 & 45,214 & & 38,944 & 35 & 52,051 \\
\hline Helena. & 81 & 66,070 & 536 & 49,491 & 74 & 59,956 & 1,275 & 57,591 \\
\hline Hope & 67 & 40,537 & 1,085 & 37,661 & 18 & 38,822 & 127 & 48,269 \\
\hline Jonesboro & 667 & 9,134 & 665 & 32,742 & & 19,310 & 42 & 35,641 \\
\hline Little Roos & 861 & 97,365 & 2.552 & 144,215 & 91 & 102,675 & 1,581 & 138,306 \\
\hline Newport. & & 38,333 & 1,861 & 37,999 & & 39,855 & 1,973 & 40,232 \\
\hline Pine Bluff & 1,586 & 129,616 & 3,770 & 88,655 & 437 & 131,845 & 3,079 & 125,290 \\
\hline Wainut Rge & 110 & 62,508 & 1,904 & 39,233 & & 48,523 & 2,154 & 41,692 \\
\hline Ga., Albany & 325 & 14,275 & 550 & 16,023 & 57 & 12,802 & \({ }_{3} 34\) & 17,516 \\
\hline Athens & 9 & 39,389 & 630 & 44,786 & 409 & 31,276 & 320 & 41,554 \\
\hline Atlanta & 3,671 & 104,431 & 4,085 & 118,789 & 1,374 & 104,834 & 3,658 & 123,875 \\
\hline Augusta & 3,016 & 127,260 & 4,510 & 134,843 & 2,460 & 105,010 & 3,704 & 151,542 \\
\hline Columbu & 600 & 10,700 & 700 & 31,200 & 400 & 8,100 & 600 & 33,800 \\
\hline Macon & 114 & 35,457 & 615 & 32,630 & 259 & 26,504 & 1,273 & 35,379 \\
\hline & 40 & 16,248 & 100 & 38,238 & 36 & 16,649 & 5 & 32,861 \\
\hline La., Shrevep't & 300 & 107,364 & 300 & 68,002 & 64 & 85,615 & 747 & 85,187 \\
\hline Miss., Clarks & 1,041 & 151,545 & 2,642 & 65,099 & 916 & 125,054 & 2,599 & 63,796 \\
\hline Columbus & 73 & 18,316 & 753 & 37,161 & 379 & 26,645 & 786 & 40,926 \\
\hline Greenwood & 1,366 & 225,129 & 4,700 & 96,039 & 765 & 192,080 & 4,201 & 106,068 \\
\hline Jackson. & 708 & 32,428 & 1,532 & 19,976 & 296 & 31,974 & 801 & 39,939 \\
\hline Natchez & & 7,258 & & 16,602 & & 7,539 & & 16,238 \\
\hline Vicksburg & 4 & 26.576 & 1,113 & 20,212 & 56 & 27,766 & 416 & 22,367 \\
\hline Yazoo City & & 47,709 & 863 & 46,041 & & 45,170 & 385 & 49,266 \\
\hline Mo., St. Louls & 7,284 & 243,639 & 7,284 & 5,763 & 4,262 & 123,072 & 4,202 & 3,511 \\
\hline N.C., Gr'boro & 360 & 3,577 & 27 & 1,746 & 175 & 4,562 & 25 & 3,57 \\
\hline Oklahoma15 towns & 2,621 & 313,55 & 9,080 & 248,007 & 24 & 337,774 & 2,172 & 283,008 \\
\hline s. C., Gr'ville & 2,014 & 94,073 & 1,870 & 77,449 & 1,457 & 70,229 & 2,256 & 73,174 \\
\hline Tenn., Mem's & 33,414 & 2781,967 & 50,077 & 795,324 & 28,307 & 1708,123 & 35,501 & 812,376 \\
\hline Texas, Ablle & 29 & 26,840 & 485 & 10,471 & 27 & 21,973 & & 13,534 \\
\hline Austin & & 7,392 & 1 & 2,308 & & 15,317 & 15 & 4,600 \\
\hline Brenham & 12 & 15,513 & 50 & 2,045 & 31 & 14,430 & 59 & 3,289 \\
\hline Dallas. & 748 & 45,258 & 889 & 35,000 & 70 & 43,678 & 618 & 43,082 \\
\hline Paris & 314 & 73,670 & 1,299 & 28,593 & 27 & 63,107 & 148 & 43,536 \\
\hline Robstown_- & 33 & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 6,518 \\
& 3,921
\end{aligned}
\] & & 614
1,613 & & 6,471
13,271 & \[
\begin{array}{r}
236 \\
16
\end{array}
\] & \({ }_{2,626}^{952}\) \\
\hline Texarkanas & 93 & 36,174 & 1,190 & 28,628 & 130 & \(\xrightarrow{17,248}\) & 290 & 35,741 \\
\hline Waco & 100 & 55,457 & 100 & 15,182 & 43 & 53,976 & 68 & 23,452 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Tot., 56 towns \(64,624{ }^{5452,329} 116,428\) 2845,482 \(43,2544171,142.79 .8763138,203\)
* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 51,804 bales and are tonight 292,721 bales less than at the same period last year. The receipts of all the towns aave been 21,370 bales more than in the same week last year.

\section*{New York Quotations for 32 Years}

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Feb. 23 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:


Market and Sales at New York
The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader we also show how the market for spot and futures closed on the same days:


Overland Movement for the Week and Since Aug. 1We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:
Leaving total net overland *-..-------- \(\frac{8,231}{26,456} \frac{207,528}{910,802}\)
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{-1938-39} \\
\hline Week & Sind \\
\hline 4,202 & 122,825 \\
\hline 4,525 & \\
\hline & \\
\hline 3,443 & \({ }_{4} 11,210\) \\
\hline 6,315 & 452,531 \\
\hline , 18,485 & 819,870 \\
\hline 250 & 16,207 \\
\hline 8,618 & 283,387 \\
\hline 9,067 & 305,938 \\
\hline ,41 & 513.9 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 26,456 bales, against 9,418 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 396,870 bales.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{In Sight and Spinners'} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{- 1939-40-} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{-1938-39} \\
\hline & Week & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Since } \\
& \text { Aug. }
\end{aligned}
\] & Week & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Since } \\
& \text { Aug. } 1
\end{aligned}
\] \\
\hline ts at ports to Feb. 23 & 122,734 & 5,980,785 & 21,337 & 3,055,898 \\
\hline  & 140,000 & 4,240,000 & 130,000 & 3,578,000 \\
\hline Total marketed & 289,190 & 11,131,587 & 160,755 & 7,147,830 \\
\hline interior stocks in excess & & 415,433 & *36,622 & \\
\hline over consumption to Feb. 1. & & 919,610 & & 432,515 \\
\hline Came into sight during week_ Total in sight Feb. 23 & 237,386 & 12,466,630 & 124,133 & 8,765 \\
\hline North. spinn's' takings to Feb. 23_ & 35,643 & 1,102,050 & 25,5 & 880,5 \\
\hline * Decrease. & & & & \\
\hline Movement into sight in & revio & years: & & \\
\hline Week- Bales & & Aug. & & \\
\hline - Fe & & & & \\
\hline & & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Quotations for Middling Cotton at Other MarketsBelow are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern principal cotton markets for each day of the week:


New Orleans Contract Market-The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Saturday } \\
& \text { Feb. } 17
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Monday } \\
& \text { Feb. } 19
\end{aligned}
\] & \begin{tabular}{l}
Tuesday \\
Feb. 20
\end{tabular} & \begin{tabular}{l}
Wednesday \\
Feb. 21
\end{tabular} & \begin{tabular}{l}
Thursday \\
Feb. 22
\end{tabular} & \begin{tabular}{l}
Friday \\
Feb. 23
\end{tabular} \\
\hline Mar (1940) & & & & & & \\
\hline & 11.17 & \({ }_{11.29 b}^{11.17 b-18 a}\) & 11.30 b & 11.17 & & 11.20 \\
\hline May \({ }^{\text {( }}\) ( (ow) \({ }^{\text {a }}\) ) & \({ }_{10.88 n}^{11.29 b}\) & \({ }_{10}^{11.296}\) & 11.30 b & \(11.29 b\) & & 11.32 b \\
\hline May (new) & \({ }_{11}^{10.88 n}\) & \({ }_{11.00 b}^{10.87}\) & \(11.81{ }^{10.88-10.89}\) & \({ }_{11.025}^{10.89}\) & & 10.93-10.94 \\
\hline July (old) & 10.47 & 10.45 & 10.46 & 10.46 & Holiday & \({ }_{10}^{11.53 b}\) - \\
\hline (new) & 10.593 & \(10.57 b\) & 10.585 & 10.585 & Hollay & \(10.65 b\) \\
\hline October -- & 9.76-9.77 & 9.74b-9.75a & 9.78 & 9.76 & & \(9.80 b-9.81 a\) \\
\hline December- & 9.62b-9.64a & 9.60a-9.62b & 9.64b-9.66a & 9.61b-9.63a & & \(9.66 b-9.68\) a \\
\hline \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Jan. (1941) } \\
\text { Tone- }
\end{gathered}
\] & 9.57 b & \(9.55 b\) & \(9.58 b\) & 9.56b-9.58a & & \({ }^{9.61 b-9.63 a}\) \\
\hline Spot -...- & Steady & Steady & & Quiet. & & \\
\hline Old futures & Steady & Steady & Steady & Steady. & & Steady. \\
\hline New fut'es & Steady & Steady & Steady & Steady. & & Steady. \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

CCC Accepts Proposals to Exchange 66,105 Bales of Cotton-The Commodity Credit Corporation announced Feb. 21 that under the cotton exchange program, it had accepted proposals from 28 cotton firms to exchange an equal value of high grade cotton for 66,106 bales of lowergrade Government-owned cotton. The CCC further explained:
The number of bales exchanged for the Government cotton will be known as soon as the value of the cotton has been determined. The value warehousemen and the average grade and staple dirffrencess quoted for the 10 designated spot markets on Dec. 15, 1939, plus 10 points to cover costs of the CCO. Catalogs showing the grade, staple and location of the Washington, D. . ., for \(\$ 5\) each. Under the cotton oxtained from CCCO posals to exchange, cotton of better grades and staples for shert shot staple
low-grade cotton owned by the Corporation are submitted to the Cor-low-grade cotton owned by the Corporation
poration on the 1st and 15 th of each month.
Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for January 1940-The Bureau of the Census announced on Feb. 20 that, according to preliminary figures \(24,980,278\) cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on Jan. 31, 1940, of which \(22,872,414\) were operated at some time during the month, compared with \(22,777,936\) for December, 22,774,170 for November, 22,658, 994 for October, \(22,231,976\) for September. \(22,012,186\) for August, and \(22,496,544\) for January, 1939. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was \(9,223,-\) active spindle hours reported for the month was \(9,223,-\)
198,411 . Based on an activity of 80 hours per week, the cotton spindles in the United States were operated during January, 1940, at \(102.6 \%\) capacity. This percentage compares, on the sama basis, with 100.7 for December, 101.3 for November, 97.9 for October, 92.5 for September, 85.1 for August, and 85.7 for January, 1939. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 369 . The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle hours, and the average hours per spindle in place by States, are shown in the following statement:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow{2}{*}{State} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Spinning Spindles} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Active Spindle Hours
for January} \\
\hline & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{l}
\text { In place } \\
\text { Jan. }
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
\] & Active Dur-
ing January & Total & Averaje per Sptndles in Place \\
\hline United S & 24,980,278 & 22,872,414 & 9,223,198,411 & 369 \\
\hline Cotton growing States & 18,231,726 & 17,186,486 & 7,215;705,979 & 396 \\
\hline All other States.--- & \begin{tabular}{|c} 
5,994,184 \\
754,368 \\
\hline
\end{tabular} & \({ }_{\text {- }}^{\text {5,067,114 }} \mathbf{6 1 8 , 8 1 4}\) & \(1,816,500,150\)
\(190,992,282\) & 303
253 \\
\hline Alabama - & 1,818.160 & 1,716,728 & 711,642,347 & \\
\hline Conneeticut.. & \% 530,940 & + 499,614 & 148,776,185 & 280 \\
\hline Maine..... & -683,612 & \({ }_{632,246}\) & \(\bigcirc{ }^{241,486,756}\) & \({ }_{353}\) \\
\hline Massachusetts. & \(\begin{array}{r}3,345,772 \\ 150 \\ 1504 \\ \hline\end{array}\) & \(\begin{array}{r}2,745,618 \\ \hline 150 \\ \hline 104\end{array}\) & 985,923,162 & 295
385 \\
\hline New Hampshire & \({ }_{359,628}\) & - & 108,735,143 & 385
302 \\
\hline New York & 333,524 & \({ }_{264,366}\) & 86,450,398 & 259 \\
\hline North Carolina & 5,840,928 & 5,482,908 & 2,231,088,116 & 382
317 \\
\hline South Carollin & 5,585,420 & \(5.347,074\) & 2,3688134,901 & \({ }_{424} 1\) \\
\hline Tennessee & 552,220 & \({ }_{550} 604\) & 244,715,426 & \\
\hline Texas & 236,802 & 223,758 & 89,987,093 & 380 \\
\hline Virg other states-.-.-. &  & 560,784
587,912 & \(191,294,373\)
172,879849 & \({ }_{244}^{299}\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Returns by Telegraph-Telegraphic advices to us this evening indicate that there has been numerous light rains in the northeast portion of the cotton belt but it has been mostly dry elsewhere in the cotton belt. Temperatures have ranged from normal to below normal.



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:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Week } \\
& \text { End. }
\end{aligned}
\]} & \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{Recetpts at Ports} & \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Stocks at Interior Towns} & \multicolumn{3}{|l|}{Receipts from Plantations} \\
\hline & 1939 & 1938 & 1937 & 1939 & & 1937 & 1939 & 1938 & 1937 \\
\hline \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Nov } \\
& 24 .
\end{aligned}
\] & 178,607 & 88,143 & 160 & 3536,990 & 3524,821 & & & & \\
\hline & & & & 3536,990 & 3524,821 & 2501,559 & 166,018 & 94,876 & 20 \\
\hline & 227,545 & 89,957 & 169,362 & 3534,867 & 3508,828 & 2554,908 & 225,422 & 73,96 & \\
\hline 15. & 257,101 & & 185 & 3498,0 & 3496,222 & 2610 & 173,332 & 65,20 & 230 \\
\hline 22 & 240,688 & 54,231 & 139,333 & 3389,068 & \({ }_{3448,226}^{341,589}\) & 2663,852 & 208,997 & 39,901
00,873 & \\
\hline 29. & 189,049 & 44,595 & 141,563 & 3346,020 & 3434,970 & 2658,348 & 232,095 & 31,339 & 147, \\
\hline & 1940 & 39 & 193 & 1940 & 193 & 193 & 1940 & 1939 & 193 \\
\hline & 169,951 & 42,596 & 125,65 & 3265,094 & 3400,270 & 2619 & 89,025 & & \\
\hline 12. & 181,553 & 38,827 & 121,714 & 3189.004 & 3369,048 & 2613,016 & 105,463 & 7.605 & 128,497 \\
\hline 19. & 196,677 & 37,387 & 116,840 & 3127.764 & 3329,120 & 2629,638 & 135,437 & N11 & 133,463 \\
\hline 26. & 149,768 & 43,199 & 120,588 & 3072,688 & 3291,719 & 2628,795 & 94,692 & 5,798 & 119,744 \\
\hline 2. & 137,532 & 35,546 & 104,958 & 3016,68i & 3246,532 & 2598,040 & & & \\
\hline - & 168,665 & 29,078 & 112,608 & 2956,982 & 3212,973 & 2575,215 & 108,980 & Nil & 135,433 \\
\hline 16. & 177.019 & 25,681 & 101,785 & 2897,286 & 3174,825 & 2570,224 & 117,323 & Ni1 & 96,794 \\
\hline 23. & 122,734 & 21,337 & 86,33 & 2845,482 & 38,2 & 2543,3 & 70,930 & Nil & 59,413 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1, 1939, are 6,463,492 bales; in 1938-39 they were \(4,392,943\) bales, and in 1937-38 were \(8,174,268\) bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 122,734 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 70,930 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 51,804 bales during the week.
India Cotton Movement from All Ports-The receipts of Indian cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Feb. } 22 \\
& \text { Receipts at- }
\end{aligned}
\]}} & & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1939-40} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1938-39} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1937-38} \\
\hline & & & Week & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Since } \\
& \text { Aug. } 1
\end{aligned}
\] & Week & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Since } \\
& \text { Aug. } 1
\end{aligned}
\] & Week & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Since } \\
\text { Aug. } 1
\end{gathered}
\] \\
\hline Bombay & & & 65,000 & \(a\) & 69,000 & 1,171,000 & 119,000 & 1,2 \\
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Exports from-} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{For the Week} & \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{Since Aug. 1} \\
\hline & Great Britain & Contt- & \begin{tabular}{l}
Jap'n\& \\
China
\end{tabular} & Total & \begin{tabular}{l}
Great \\
Britain
\end{tabular} & Conttnent & Japan \& China & Total \\
\hline \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Bombay- } \\
& 1939-40
\end{aligned}
\] & & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{} & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{\({ }_{25,000}^{\text {a }}\)} & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& 42,000 \\
& 31,000
\end{aligned}
\]} & \multirow{3}{*}{a
34,000
21,000} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{a} \\
135,000 \\
143,000
\end{gathered}
\]} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{a} \\
& \mathbf{6 3 , 0 0 0} \\
& 342,000
\end{aligned}
\]} & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{809,000
802,000} \\
\hline 1938-39-- & 6,000 & & & & & & & \\
\hline 1937-38-- & 3,000 & 4,000 & --. & 7,000 & & & & 506,000 \\
\hline Other India-
\(1939-40-\) & & & \multirow[b]{2}{*}{-} & & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(\stackrel{\text { a }}{\text { a }}\)} & \multirow[t]{2}{*}{\(\stackrel{\text { a }}{\text { a }}\) (1,000} & & \\
\hline 1938-39-- & 12,000 & 21,000 & & 32,000
33,000 & & & a & 638,000
406,000 \\
\hline 1937-38.- & & 15,000 & & 15,000 & 112,000 & 217,000 & & 329,000 \\
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{\[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { Total all- } \\
1939-40- \\
1938-39
\end{array}
\]} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{18,000} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{\({ }_{21} 1^{\text {a }}, 000\)} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{25,000} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& 7,000 \\
& 64,00
\end{aligned}
\]} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{\({ }_{175,000}^{\text {a }}\)} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{\[
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{a} \\
400,000 \\
360,000
\end{gathered}
\]} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{\[
\begin{aligned}
& 633,000 \\
& 342,000
\end{aligned}
\]} & \multirow[b]{3}{*}{\[
1447,000
\]} \\
\hline & & & & & & & & \\
\hline & & & & & & & & \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts \({ }^{\prime}\) of 3,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 10,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 239,000 bales.
Alexandria Receipts and Shipments-We have only now received the Alexandria movement for the week ended Jan. 25, which we present below. As these reports have not been coming in regularly, we can only publish them as received.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Alexandria, Egyp
Jan. 25 & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1939-40} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1938-39} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1937-38} \\
\hline Receipts (cantars) This week Since Aug. 1 & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\[
\begin{array}{r}
125,000 \\
6,276,346 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{5,300,000} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\[
\begin{array}{r}
165,000 \\
6,846,970 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]} \\
\hline & \(\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { This } \\ & \text { Week }\end{aligned}\right.\) & \(\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Since } \\ \text { Aug. } 1\end{gathered}\right.\) & \({ }_{\text {Theek }}^{\text {This }}\) & Since
Aug. 1 & \({ }_{\text {This }}^{\text {Week }}\) & \begin{tabular}{l} 
Since \\
Aug. \\
\hline
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Exports (bales) } \\
& \text { To Liverpooles } \\
& \text { To Manchoster, } \\
& \text { To Continent } A \text { Ind } \\
& \text { To America }
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\left.\begin{array}{|c}
12,300 \\
4,400 \\
9,950 \\
1,200
\end{array} \right\rvert\,
\] &  &  & \[
\begin{array}{r}
69,635 \\
80,634 \\
340,498 \\
10,200
\end{array}
\] & 9,100
18,250 & \[
\begin{array}{r}
110,129 \\
479.518 \\
413,343 \\
13,897
\end{array}
\] \\
\hline Total exports & \multicolumn{6}{|l|}{\(\overline{27,850} \int_{595,422} \widetilde{25,250}^{500,967} \overline{27,350}^{634,887}\)} \\
\hline \multicolumn{7}{|l|}{\begin{tabular}{l}
Note-A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs . \\
This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Jan. 25 were 125,000 cantars and the foreign shipments \(27,850 \mathrm{bales}\). \\
We have also received the figures below for the current week.
\end{tabular}} \\
\hline \[
\underset{\text { Feb. } 21}{ }
\] & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1939-40} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1938-39} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{1937-38} \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Receipts (cantars) - \\
This week \\
Since Aug. 1
\end{tabular} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\[
\begin{array}{r}
187,000 \\
6,882,507 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\[
\begin{array}{r}
150,000 \\
5,831,409 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]} & \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\[
\begin{array}{r}
180,000 \\
7.563,068 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]} \\
\hline
\end{tabular}


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. We are therefore obliged to omit the following tables:

World's Supply and Takings of Cotton.
Liverpool Imports, Stocks, \&c.
Liverpool-The tone of the Liverpool market for spots nd futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Spot & Saturday & Monday & Tuesday & Wednesday & Thursday & Friday \\
\hline \[
\begin{gathered}
\hline \text { Market, } \\
\text { 12:15 } \\
\text { P. M. }
\end{gathered}
\] & \multirow{5}{*}{CLOSED} & Quiet & Quiet & Quiet & Quiet & Quiet \\
\hline Mid. unl'ds & & 8.10d. & 7.95d. & 8.00d. & 8.01 d . & 8.04 d . \\
\hline Futures & & & & & & \\
\hline Market
opened & & \[
\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll}
1 & \mathrm{pt} . \mathrm{dec} . t \mathrm{to} \\
2 \mathrm{pts}, \text { adv. }
\end{array}\right.
\] & \[
\operatorname{dec} . \operatorname{to~}^{3}
\] & \[
\left|\begin{array}{c}
\text { dec. to to } \\
\text { pts. adv. }
\end{array}\right|
\] & unch. to 1 pts. adv. & \[
\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered}
2 \text { to } 4 \text { pts. } \\
\text { advance }
\end{gathered}\right.
\] \\
\hline \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Market, } \\
\text { 4. } \\
\hline \text { P. M. } \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
\] & & \begin{tabular}{l}
Barely st'y; \\
11 to 14 pts decline
\end{tabular} & St'y; unch. to 3 pts . advance & \[
\begin{array}{|c}
\text { St'y; unch. } \\
\text { to } 2 \text { pts. } \\
\text { decline }
\end{array}
\] & Q't unch. to 2 pts . advance & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Q't but st'y } \\
\text { to } \begin{array}{c}
\text { pits } \\
\text { decline }
\end{array} \\
\hline
\end{gathered}
\] \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:


\section*{BREADSTUFFS}

Friday Night, Feb. 23, 1940.
Flour-Quite a pick-up in demand for flour took place during the early part of the week. Scattered bookings of flour were made before the grain futures markets opened on Wednesday, and all of the business arranged was for smaller bakers' and jobbers' accounts. The sharp bulge in wheat futures late on Tuesday was responsible in large measure for the new buying. Prices on all bakery flour were advanced 5 c . before the holiday following the higher action of grain futures.

Wheat-On the 17 th inst. prices closed unchanged to \(15 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). off. With trading in high gear, wheat prices fluctuated rapidly over a range of 2c. a bushel today. At one time wheat advanced about 1c. to the highest levels since early January. The aftermath of the 5c. rise just before Friday's close proved to be a scramble of both buyers and sellers as traders jockeyed for position following an unusually sharp price change. Heavy selling was induced by rain and snow in the Southwest and reports of increased redemption of loan wheat. Profit-takers also were active. On the other hand, an unusually low estimate of Argentine wheat production, placing the crop at the smallest volume in 24 years, stirred up more buyers, many of whom were covering "short" sales. The official Argentine Government estimate placed the wheat crop at only \(118,008,000\) bushels, compared with \(146,960,000\) bushels forecast earlier in the season and \(336,000,000\) bushels produced last year. Many traders thought this may have caused the sudden rush to buy late yesterday. Buenos Aires futures shot up 2c. at the opening today.
On the 19 th inst. prices closed \(1 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). lower to \(1 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). net higher. The wheat market was considerably unsettled today, and this was due in no small measure to marketing of wheat that has been tied up since last summer's harvest under Government loans. Last week's price advance gave producers a more favorable margin over loan rates, encouraging redemption. Prices fluctuated nervously during the session over a range of almost \(2 c\)., having rallied from early net losses of about 1c. to score corresponding gains at times. More moisture over the grain belt and forecast of continued unsettled weather in some localities tended to depress wheat. There was more profit-taking as a result of Friday's bulge, but this was offset by short covering and mill buying and some apprehension over war news, which helped to rally the market at times. Buenos Aires wheat weakness, with prices closing \(31 / 2\) c. lower, also attracted attention.
On the 20 th inst. futures closed \(11 / 4\) to \(23 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). net higher. Without warning a burst of buying struck the wheat pit in ciosing minutes of trade today, skyrocketing prices 5 c. a bushel from early lows to the highest level since early in the year. Part of the advance was as quickly lost, but prices finished with net gains ranging to as much as \(23 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). after having spent nearly all of the session drifting indifferently above and below previous closing levels. Traders could ascribe little reason for the upward surge, similar to that of last Friday, but some of them pointed to indications of intensified sea warfare as having stimulated buying. The frenzied movement shot May contracts up to \(\$ 1.07\), up \(51 / 4\) from the day's lows, and within about 3 c . of the season high established early in January. July advanced to \(\$ 1.041 / 4\) and September \(\$ 1.053 / 8\). Prices tumbled 2c. to 3 c . from their peaks almost as quickly as they had soared, but at the closing bell still were \(11 / 4\) c. to \(23 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). up for the day.
On the 21 st inst. prices closed 1 to \(15 / 8\) c. net higher Another wave of buying swept wheat prices upward more than 2c. a bushel today, to within fractions of the peaks reached yesterday. Just before the close, however, about 1c. of this gain was lost as a result of profit-taking. Buy ing was associated with reports of improved flour business Canadian export sales, and war news from Europe, the most alarming of which was the Russian bombing raid on a Swedish frontier village. Cash wheat was \(1 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). higher, the basis steady. Receipts were 18 cars and shipping sales 38,000 bushels. Traders continued to watch war news from Europe. Reports that Spain is in the market for \(20,000,000\) bushels of Argentine and French wheat, and news of heavy shipping losses the last week, including some grain, were bullish factors. Additional moisture was reported over the domestic grain belt, with some in the Southwest, and in the spring wheat zone both sides of the Canadian border.
Today prices closed \(1 / 2\) to \(3 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). net higher. After advanc ing almost \(2 c\). to the best levels in seven weeks, wheat prices lost more than half of the gain today. Forecast of cold weather and war news stimulated buying, but this was offset by selling partly associated with liquidation of grain that has been under loan. At some markets redemption of loan wheat was reported substantial, although selling was in small lots. Statements of Government experts and sta tistics indicating the war has produced no improvement in farm exports attracted attention. A forecast of rain turning to snow, followed by near zero temperatures in parts of Kansas and Missouri induced much of the buying. Crop experts said that if the snowfall is insufficient, extreme cold might do some damage to wheat. Lower temperatures also were predicted for other sections of winter wheat belt Onen interest in wheat tonight was \(83,062,000\) bushels.
daily closing prices of wheat in new york
 DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO May
July
Septe

\section*{July.....}
\(\begin{array}{lllll}-1003 / 4 & 10078 & 1021 / 2 & 1051 / 2 & \text { H } \\ -100103 & 1001 / 2 & 1021 / 2 & 1033 / 4 & \text { O } \\ -1041 / 4\end{array}\) Season's मioh
 DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEC


Corn-On the 17 th inst. prices closed unchanged to \(1 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). higher. Corn showed fractional gains on all deliveries, but later most of these gains were lost. Shippers sold only \(3 \overline{1}, 000\) bushels, but booked 132,000 bushels to come here from the country. Hedging of this weakened the market. On the 10th inst. prices closed \(1 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). lower to \(1 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). higher. Corn advanced with wheat at times, but failed to reflect the bread cereal's weakness whenever it appeared. Export ers bought scattered quantities and sales abroad were estimated at 250,000 bushels, but shipping business from here was light. Country reports said the unfavorable feeding ratio and recent marketing of many hogs had diminished farm demand and that large quantities were being stored
On the 20 th inst. prices closed \(3 / 8\) to \(5 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). net higher. Corn prices were firm in a light trade, and at times scored moderate gains. Cash corn was steady, with receipts at 48 cars, shipping sales 28,000 bushels, and bookings 53,000 bushels.
On the 21 st inst. prices closed unchanged to \(1 / 2 \mathrm{c}\). up. Receipts were 68 cars, shipping sales 30,000 bushels, and 110,000 bushels booked to arrive. Trading was light in corn, attention seeming to be focused largely on wheat values. Today prices closed \(1 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). lower to unchanged. The corn market today was very sluggish, with prices showing little change. Receipts of corn were fairly liberal, with increased country selling attracted by the higher prices. Open interest in corn tonight totaled \(44,560,000\) bushels.
dAily closing prices of corn in new york
 daily closing prices of corn futures in chicago


Oats-On the 17th inst prices closed unchanged to \(1 / \mathrm{sc}\) higher. Heavy shipping sales of oats, totaling 155,000 bushels, strengthened that market, and May oats reached a twoyear peak of \(411 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). On the 19 th inst. prices closed unchanged to \(1 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). lower. Trading was light and without special feature. On the 20th inst. prices closed unchanged to \(3 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). higher. Trading was very light, with prices showing only fractional changes.
On the 21 st inst. prices closed \(1 / 8\) to \(7 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). net higher, May and July oats contracts reached new seasonal peaks The upturn in oats was associated with the sale of 56,000 bushels to shippers. Today prices closed unchanged to \(3 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). higher. Trading was light and without feature. Good premiums for oats and reports of heavy feeding on farms gave a steady tone to the futures market.
daily closing prices of oats futures in chicago May
July
September.
September--
Season's High
 Season's High and When Made I Season's Low and When Made
Juy
 DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG May

Rye-On the 17 th inst. prices closed \(3 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). off to \(1 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). up compared with previous finals. Following a rather weak opening, prices recovered and advanced \(3 / 8\) to \(17 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). from the opening levels. There was profit-taking on the bulge and most of these early gains were lost. On the 19th inst. prices closed \(1 / 8\) to \(8 / 8 \mathrm{c}\). net lower. Trading in rye futures was not so active, though the undertone of the market was steady. On the 20 th inst. prices closed \(5 / 8\) to \(3 / 4\) c. net higher. Prices started off close to previous finals, but later showed net declines of \(11 / 8\) to \(3 / 4 \mathrm{c}\). Influenced by the violent upward movement in wheat towards the close of the session, ye values bounded upward \(21 / 4\) to \(13 / 4\) c. from the low levels f the day. In spite of heavy profit-taking, the gains were airly well maintained.
On the 21st inst. prices closed \(5 / 8\) to 1c. net higher. The firmness in rye was influenced by the strength displayed in wheat markets. During the early trading prices adranced \(11 / 4\) to \(13 / 4\) c. over previous finals, due largely to short covering. Today futures closed \(1 / 8\) to 1c. net higher. Kye prices advanced more than 1c. at times with wheat, and held its firmness right up to the close.
DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO


DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN WINNIPEG


DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN WINNIPEG


Closing quotations were as follows:
FLOUR


Wheat, New York-
Wheat, New York-
No. 2 red, e.i.f, domestic
Manitoba No, \(1257 / 8\) Oats. New York-
No. 2 White

Corn. New York-
No. 2 yellow, all \(\qquad\) \begin{tabular}{c|c} 
\\
73 & \(7 / 3\)
\end{tabular} \(\begin{gathered}\text { Rarley, New york } \\
\text { 401bs. feeding } \\
\text { Chicago, cash }\end{gathered}\) \(\qquad\) \(6633 /\) The statements of the movement of breadstuffs to market indicated below are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. 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 have been:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Receipts at- & Flour & Wheat & Corn & Oats & Rye & Barley \\
\hline Chicago & \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { bbls } 196 \text { lbs } \\
225,000
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { bush } 60 \mathrm{lbs} \\
90,000
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { bush } 56 \mathrm{lbs} \\
1,292,000
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { bush } 32 \text { lbs } \\
369,000
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{|r}
\text { bush } 56 \text { lbs } \\
2,000 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\] & bush 48 lbs 139,000 \\
\hline Minneapol & & 2,410,000 & 155,000 & 370,000 & 137,000 & 627,000 \\
\hline Duluth.- & & 121,000 & 90,000 & & 55,000 & 33,000 \\
\hline Milwaukee- & 18,000 & & 127,000 & 7,000 & 130,000 & 523,000 \\
\hline Toledo - & & 105,000 & 128,000 & 29,000 & & \\
\hline Indianapolis & 100,000 & 25,000
103,000 & 296,000
227,000 & 102,000
92,000 & & \\
\hline Peoria. & 46,000 & 5,000 & 419,000 & 10,000 & 8,000 & 35,000
49,00 \\
\hline Kansas City & 19,000 & 334,000 & 130,000 & 20,000 & & \\
\hline Omaha & & 132,000 & 209,000 & 138,000 & & \\
\hline St. Joseph & & 24,000 & 16,000 & 38,000 & & \\
\hline Wichita-- & & 305,000 & & 4;000 & & \\
\hline \({ }_{\text {Sloux Clty }}{ }_{\text {Buffalo }}\) & & 25,000
23000 & 29 & 10,000 & 2,000 & 8,000 \\
\hline Buffalo & & 23,000 & 266,0 & 73,000 & & 0 \\
\hline Total wk '40 & 408,00 & 2,190,00 & 3,384,00 & 1,362,00 & 336,000 & 1,442,000 \\
\hline Same wk \({ }^{\text {che }}\) & 538,000 & 2,199,000 & 2,426,000 & 1,067,000 & 81,000 & 902,000 \\
\hline Same wk'38 & 425,000 & 3,201,000 & 5,419,000 & 1,418,000 & 283,000 & 2,066,000 \\
\hline Since Aug. 1 & & & & & & \\
\hline 1938 & 13,088,000 & 233,231,000 & 177,516,000 & 66,810,000 & 19,7 & \\
\hline 1937 & 11,117,00 & 218,395,0 & 177,395,000 & 79,377,000 & 19, & \[
68,588,000
\] \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Feb. 17, 1940, follow:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Receipls at- & Flour & Wheat & Corn & Oats & Rye & Barley \\
\hline New York & \[
\left.\begin{array}{|r|}
\hline b b l s ~ 196 \mathrm{lbs} \\
141,000
\end{array} \right\rvert\,
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { bush } 60 \mathrm{lbs} \\
9,000
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { bush } 56 \text { lbs } \\
4,000
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { bush } 32 \mathrm{lbs} \\
27,000
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{|r|}
\hline b u s h 56 \mathrm{lbs} \\
11,000
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { bush } 48 \mathrm{lbs} \\
12,000
\end{array}
\] \\
\hline Portl'd, Me. & & - 228,000 & & & & \\
\hline \({ }_{\text {Philadelphia }}\) & 25,000
13
13 & 269,000
462000 & 91,000
690 & 2,000 & & \\
\hline Baltimore-- \({ }^{\text {New Orl' }}\) & 13,000 & 462,000 & 690,000 & 11,000 & 72,000 & 02,000 \\
\hline New Orl'ns* & 24,000 & 84,000 & 210,000 & 21,000 & & \\
\hline Boston - & 16,000 & 543,000
20,000 & & 80,000
2,000 & & \\
\hline Halliax & & 294,000 & 232,000 & & & 25,000 \\
\hline Total wk '40 & 219,000 & 1,909,000 & 1,313,000 & 143,000 & 83,000 & 79 \\
\hline \[
\begin{array}{r}
\text { nce Jan. } \\
1940
\end{array}
\] & 1,714,000 & 13,949,000 & 9,161,000 & 1,263,000 & 558,000 & 562,000 \\
\hline Week & 285,000 & 1,804,000 & 240,000 & 53,000 & 18,000 & 51,0 \\
\hline \[
1939
\] & 2,103,000 & 11,215,000 & 4,836,000 & 437,000 & 122,000 & 326,0 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
* Recelpts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for forelgn ports * Recelpts do not include

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Feb. 17, 1940, are shown in the annexed statement:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline Exports from- & Wheat & Corn & Flour & Oats & Rye & Barley \\
\hline New York & Bushels
\[
287,000
\] & Bushels & \begin{tabular}{l}
Barrels \\
51,925
\end{tabular} & Bushels & Bushels
\[
24,000
\] & Bushels
\[
110,000
\] \\
\hline Portland, & 228,000 & & & & & \\
\hline Boston & 264,000 & & & & & \\
\hline Philadelphia & 321,000 & & & & & \\
\hline Baltimore. & 402,000 & 975,000 & & & 50,000 & 157,000 \\
\hline New Orleans & & 377,000 & 8,000 & 1,000
80 & & \\
\hline St. John West
Hatifax & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 543,000 \\
& 294,000
\end{aligned}
\] & 86,000
232,000 & & 80,000 & & 140,000
25,000 \\
\hline Total week 1940.Same week 1939.. & \[
\begin{aligned}
& 2,339,000 \\
& 1,690,000
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
1,690,000 \\
26,000
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{|}
\mathbf{a} 59,925 \\
96,302
\end{array}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{r}
81,000 \\
9,000
\end{array}
\] & 74,000 & \[
\begin{array}{r}
432,000 \\
41,000
\end{array}
\] \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
a Complete flour export data unavailable from Canadian ports.
The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1, 1939, is as below:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Exports for Week and Since July 1 to} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Flour} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Wheat} & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{Corn} \\
\hline & \[
\left|\begin{array}{c}
\text { Week } \\
\text { reb. } 17, \\
1940
\end{array}\right|
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Since } \\
& \text { July 1, } \\
& 1939
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Week } \\
\text { Feb, } 17, \\
1940
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Since } \\
& \text { July 1, } \\
& 1939
\end{aligned}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Week } \\
\text { Feb. } 17 \text {; } \\
1940
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Since } \\
\text { July } 1, \\
1939
\end{gathered}
\] \\
\hline *Total 1940 & \[
\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{r}
\text { Bartels } \\
\mathbf{a} 59,925 \\
96,302
\end{array}\right.
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Barrels } \\
2,917,561 \\
3,443,799
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Bushels } \\
2,339,000 \\
1,690,000
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Bushels } \\
83,202,000 \\
98,600,000
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{array}{|c}
\text { Bushels } \\
1,690,000 \\
26,000
\end{array}
\] & Bushels
\(21,651,000\)
\(59,296,000\) \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Total 1939.} 96,302 3,443,

\section*{- Complete flour export data unavailable from Canadian ports.}

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Feb. 17, were as follows:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{GRAIN STOCKS} \\
\hline United Sta & Wheat & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Corn } \\
\text { Bushels }
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Oats } \\
\text { Bushels }
\end{gathered}
\] & \[
\begin{gathered}
\text { Rye } \\
\text { Bushels }
\end{gathered}
\] & Barley
Bushels \\
\hline Boston. & & 272,000 & & & \\
\hline New Yo & 379,000 & 178,000 & 29,000 & 254,000 & 5,000 \\
\hline Philadelphi & 162,000 & 1,252,000 & 12,000 & 4,000 & 1,000 \\
\hline Baltimore. & 460,000 & 1,498,000 & 23,000 & 27,000 & 2,000 \\
\hline New Orleans & 563,000 & 478,000 & 178,000 & 2,000 & \\
\hline Galveston. & 2,831,000 & & & & \\
\hline Fort Worth & 7,498,000 & 312,000 & 233,000 & 10,000 & 18,000 \\
\hline Wichita & 2,581,000 & 2,000 & & & \\
\hline Hutchinson & 6,137,000 & & & & \\
\hline St. Joseph & 2,698,000 & 711,000 & 148,000 & 17,000 & 21,000 \\
\hline Kansas Clit & 20,858,000 & 1,926,000 & 85,000 & 490,000 & 26,000 \\
\hline Omaha & 6,635,000 & 2,718,000 & 279,000 & 93,000 & 30,000 \\
\hline Sioux City & 917,000 & 513,000 & 201,000 & 37,000 & 19,000 \\
\hline St.Louls & 4,972,000 & 1,370,000 & 127,000 & 6,000 & 139,000 \\
\hline Indianapol & 1,105,000 & 1,422,000 & 297,000 & 164,000 & \\
\hline eoria & & 292,000 & 23,000 & & 50,000 \\
\hline
\end{tabular}


Weather Report for the Week Ended Feb. 21-The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Feb. 21, follows:
At the beginning of the week a depression of great intensity developed over the middle Atlantic area and moved rapidily thence northeastwar
off the New England coast. It was attended by general precipitation east of the Mississippl River with some heavy falla, liargely in the form of snow, from the upper Ohio Valley northeastward and by strong winds up to gale
force in some localities. At \(7: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}\)., Feb. 15, New York City reported a force in some localities. At \(7: 30\) a. m., Feb. . 15 , New York City reported a
wind volocity of 50 miles an hour. With the passing of this storm the
 area. Fair weather prevaled in the tion in the more western sections of the country.
The second important storm of the week appeared over southern Texas
on the morning of Feb. 16 and moved thence slowly east ward into the lower on the morning of Feb. 11 and moved thence alowly east ward into the lowar Mississippi Valley, then northeastward to the southern coast of New
England at the close of the week. It was attended by widespread and frequently heayy precipitation throughout the south and over all sections from the Misisissinpi Valley eastward, with many stations reporting \(24-\)
hour amounts of from 1-inch up to more than 3-inches, the heaviest being hour amounts of from 1 -inch up to more than 3 -inches, the heaviest being
in \(G u l f\) sections. There were no marked temperature changes reported during the week, although considerably colder weather prevailed in the Northywest wear rits beginginh co
Marked contrasts in timg.
Marked contrasts in temperature conditions in different sections of the
country in general the South being relatively cold and the north abbormally country, in general, the South being relatively cold and the north a abbormally
warm. The greatest plus departures of temperature are shown for a large north-central area, including the western Lake region, the northern halp of the Mississippi Valley, and the Missouri Valley throughout, where they
averaged mostly from 6 degrees to as many as 14 degrees above normal. averaged mostly from 6 degrees to as many as 14 degrees above normal.
Also the far Northwest was relatively warm, and most stations in, the Northeast reported mean temperatures above normal.
On the other hand, in all sections of the South, extending westward with temperature departures rather uniform over the entire area. The relatively coldest weather occurred in the central Gulf states, where the temperatures averaged from 5 degrees to as many as 9 degrees below
normal. Southern Florida had near-normal warmth, \({ }^{\text {while }}\) southern California had slightly higher-than-normal temperatures. Freezing weather, as reported from first-order stations, extended as far south as the cental portions of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, northern
Louisiana, and south-central Texas. In Gulf coast sections the minima varied from 34 degrees at Mobile, Ala., to 44 degrees at Brownsville. Texas,
 ranged mostly from about 4 degrees to 10 degrees, and in the Mississippi
Valley, from 12 degrees at St. Paul-Minneapolis, Minn., to 37 degrees at New , from 12 degreess at st. Paul-Minneapolis, Minn., to 37 degrees at
New
areas, including the Subzero readings were reported from a few limited areas, including the interior of the Northeast, a few localities op the upper
Lake region, and a more extensive area in the Northwest. The lowest temperature, reported was 6 degrees below zero at Greenviile, Maine, on
the 14th, and like readings at Sheridan, W yo., and Bismarck, N. Dak., on the 17 th.
Stabstantial to heavy precipitation occurred throughout the Southern States and from the southern Ohio Valley eastward and northeastward
except in the extreme Northeast. The heaviest falls were in the central axd east Gulf sections, where most stations reported weeckly totale of 2 -
inchestio more than 5 -Inches. Precipitation was heavy also in much of Okla homa and northern Texas, Oklahoma City, Okla ., reporting 2.8 -inches, and Abilene, Texas, 2.2 -inches. The northern Great Plains had but little
precipitation, while in a considerable far southwestern area no appreciable amounts were reported. Rainfall, however, was heavy in the north Pacific area, extending as far south as northern California.
vegetation, while persistent and mostly heavy rains prevented active field operations, Warm, sunny weather is needed throughout the entire area from Virginia southward and westward to Texas and Oklahoma. While
temperatures averaged decidedly subnormal they were rather uniform and no frost damage of consequence was reported.
In Florida good progress was made in planting, and conditions were fairly favorable for growth, the temperatures in much of the Peninsula
being less subnormal than in other Southern States. However, there was some retardation in field work by heavy rains; citrus are showing new growth. In other southerrn districts field work was decidedy y inactive and is sowoming much later than usual rather generally. In some sections seasonal work Some spring oats were seeded in the Southwest and some corn planted
as far north as central Texas where precipitation during the week was
decidedy beneficial: much fruit was blown from trees by high winds in the extreme southern part of this state;
tinued, but the quality is poor to only fair.
In general, conditions continue favorable from the Rocky Mountains westward, with additional rain or snow in central and northern districts. In fact, recent weather has been outstandingly favorable in the north Pacific area and in much of California. While heavy snows occurred in the
southern Great Plains: the snow cover has largely disappeared in the central valleys, but continues \(d\) *ep in the Northeast. Decially in Pennsylvania, northern New Jersey, southern New York, and southern New England.
Mild temperatures ove
Mild temperatures over most of the western half of the country, and especially the Northwest, continued to favor livestock which remain in
generally good condition. Lambs are doing well in the Pacific Northwest. There was some increase in snow stani is still subnormal rather generally.
Small Grains-Precipitation during the week, in the form of both rain and snow, imnroved the topsoil moisture condition rather generally over
the principal Winter Wheat Belt, although at the close of the week snow hie principal winter Wheat Belt, although at the close of the week snow
har dizapneared from much of the area. Annarently winter wheat did not suffer serious damage from the cold weather in January.
In exas rather general precipitation was decidediy helpful, while in north-central and no wheat was fair; 10 to 16 -inches of snow fell in the inch of precipitation occurred in the southeast and some 7 -inches of snow in south-central countecs. yielded about halr an inch of moisture: elsewhere
it was lighter. Wheat in this State is beginning to greenup. In Nebraska there was considerable melting of benefiting the topsoil.
In the North Pacific States the wheat outlook is decidedly favorable,
with practically all sections having ample moisture. In Washinston there was some seeding of spring wheat in the drier parts of the belt, but the soil is mostly too wet for work. Winter wheat is
lent in Washington and looks promising in Idaho.

\section*{THE DRY GOODS TRADE}

\author{
New York, Friday Night, Feb. 23, 1940.
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Improved weather conditions helped retail business during the past week. Early spring promotions of apparel lines met with a fairly satisfactory response and retailers were confident that, provided the weather factor does not interfere, an early strong revival of consumer buying may be anticipated, particularly in view of this year's early Easter date Department store sales the country over for the week ended Feb. 10, according to the Federal Reserve Board, were unchanged from the corresponding week of last year. In New York and Brooklyn stores the sales volume decreased \(3 \%\) and in Newark establishments a loss of \(1.8 \%\) was re3\% and

Trading in the wholesale dry goods markets improved moderately as retailers placed substantial reorders on goods for the Easter trade. Piece goods as well as apparel lines were in better demand. Wholesalers on their part continued their previous cautious attitude, and forward buying of fall re quirements in general was limited to small proportions although the new underwear lines met with a gratifying response. Business in silk goods remained quiet. Slightly more interest existed for sheer prints as prices showed an easier trend, reflecting the recent reaction in raw silk values. Trading in rayon yarns continued fairly active, notably in the finer counts, in which producers are said to be booked up for the coming month. Total yarn shipments fell slightly behind the previous month, but in view of the steady rate at wnich the current output of yarn is going into consumption no deterioration in the present favorable statistical position of the industry is foreseen
Domestic Cotton Goods-Trading in the gray cloths markets continued in its previous desultory fashion. While the beliei persists that supplies of users in general are more or less depleted, no sustained revival of buying is anticipated until finished goods markets give indications of a real betterment or prices of raw cotton resuscitate from their presen state of lethargy. Late in the period under review slightly more interest was shown in offerings, although transactions were largely the result of price concessions. Rumors of contemplated production curbs again circulated in the market Business in fine goods remained spotty but it was reported that buyers displayed more interest in goods for quick shipment and that numerous requests for speedier deliveries on older contracts reached mills. Closing prices in print cloths were as follows: 39 -inch \(80 \mathrm{~s}, 63\) to \(65 / 8\) e.; 39 -inch \(72-76 \mathrm{~s}\) \(65 / 8 \mathrm{c}\).; 39 -inch \(68-72 \mathrm{~s}, 53 / 4\) to \(55 / 8 \mathrm{c}\).; \(381 / 2\)-inch \(64-60 \mathrm{~s}, 51 / 8\) to \(5 \mathrm{c} . ; 381 / 2\)-inch \(60-48 \mathrm{~s}, 43 / 8 \mathrm{c}\).
We Woolen Goods-Trading in men's wear fabrics continued to reflect between-season influences as transactions wer restricted to occasional spot lots, pending the opening of the new fall lines during the latter part of March. While current operating ratios showed a further trend towards tapering off, the long-range outlook is regarded rather optimistically in view of the shrunken supplies of goods, both in manufacturers' and jobbers' hands. Reports from retail clothing centers made an improved showing as weather conditions were more conducive to consumer purchases of spring goods notably in the Southern sections of the country. Women's wear materials moved in larger volume and the backlog of unfilled orders showed a moderats increase as garment manufactures, encouraged by an improved early spring demand stepped up their production ratios.

Foreign Dry Goods-Trading in linens continued its spotty character with disturbed foreign supply conditions and higher price demands remaining a hindrance to an expansion of trade. Business in burlap broadened moderately both for shipment goods and spot lots. Prices, early in the week, suffered another setback, but subsequently recovered part of the loss in sympathy with better Calcutta cables. part of the loss in sympathy with otter alcuta cables. at 7.80 c .

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\section*{News Items}

New York, N. Y.-Assessed Valuation Discussed in Pamphlet-A copy of a letter to Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia from William Stanley Miller, President of the City's Tax Commission, dated Jan. 25, discussing the subject "Full Value vs. Market Value as It Affects Assessed Valuations in the City of New York," has been reprinted in pamphlet form by the Tax Commission for general distribution. Mr . Miller's statements are particularly apropos at this time in view of the current controversy on over-assessment of property.

New York, N. Y.-Power Plant Bill Introduced in State Legislature-A bill was introduced in the Legislature on Feb. 19 by Assemblyman Crews of Brooklyn on behalf of Mayor LaGuardia, which would authorize the creation of a New York City Power Authority to build a \(\$ 50,000,000\) "yard stick" power plant in New York City if the voters there approve the plan.
"If the bill is enacted", the city's memorandum said, "a so-called ' 'ard-
 the City of New York and a solution found to the puzzle of why, we pay the
high rates we do pay to the utility companies ofr electric power., appointed by the Mayor for overiapping terms of six years. The authority appointer by bo ma mor for overiapping terms of six years. The authority
could float bonds maturable in 40 years, and the plant, to cost not more than \$50,000,000, would be turned over to the city when all of the authority's debt had been paid. The plant would have to be self-supporting within
three years or the start of tis operation and rates would have to be high
enough to amortize the entire debt, pay interest and operation and mainteenough to am
nance costs.

Mayor Reports Increase in Number of Industrial FirmsMayor LaGuardia answered on Feb. 17 the many charges that industrial establishments were moving out of New York City because of high taxes and a multiplicity of onerous departmental investigations with the announcement that 4,363 new manufacturing firms employing 38,846 persons either moved into the metropolis in 1939 or started business in the city, as opposed to 3,625 firms with 34,714 employees which either moved from the city or went out of business last year.
The net result, Mayor LaGuardia emphasized, was that at the end of
1939 New York, City had 738 more industrial firms than it had at the 19ginnin or ork City had 738 more industrial firms than it
begining of the yer and that there was a net gain of 4,129 jobs.
The Mavor saii that the gains wad cot cotinued since the beginning of
1940 and that in January 182 estabishments either started business in
and New York or came here from other parts of the country, while only 134 The research bureau of the corty's Tax Department prepared the data showing the increase in induestrial firms, together with the the removals and
closures from the original inspection records of the State Department of closures, from the original inspection records of the State Department of Labor, the Mayor explained. firms which were in New York City at the
Commenting on the \(3.625 .5{ }^{2}\).
beginming of 1939 and were no longer there at the end of the year, the beginming of 1939 and were no longer there at the end of the year, the
Mayor said: 1,89 moved withount leaving any address, and 48 are known to have derinitely left the city.
In discussing the 182 firms which began business in New York City last
January, the Mayor said: "The number of persons employed by these firms is 1.359 . During the
same period 134 firms employing 1.157 workers are reported as having same period 134 firms employing 1,157 workers are reported a a having
discontinued business in the city, The net increase for the month is 48
firms firms and 202 persons employed."

Unified Transit Expected by May 1-It was stated on Feb. 17 by Mayor LaGuardia that the unification of the city's transit lines would become effective on May 1, with the city operating the present Interborough Rapid Transit and Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. properties, with the possible exception of the surface roads and bus lines of the Brooklyn-Queens Transit Corp., a subsidiary of the B.-M. T. operating in Queens.
"We can take over the B.-M. T. without taking the B. Q. T.," said the
 under the unification plan, and were reported to be holding out for a higher
price price. Mayor assured the 15,000 employees of the I. R. T. and the 12,000
Temployees of the B. M. T. that they had "no cause for worry" over' the employees of the B. M. T. that they had "no cause for worry" over the
tenure of their jobs.
"When the lines are taken over, all the employees will be taken care of under the Wicks AAt, He said.
The Wicks Act provides that
The Wicks Act provides that the employees of the lines in the event of unification shall be taken into the civil service automatically, but it does

New York State Cut in Stock Transfer Tax UrgedRepresentatives of the New York Stock Exchange, the Curb Exchange, financial district employees, the City of New York and various brokers and civic associations joined in Albany on Feb. 20 at a public hearing of the legislative taxation committees in advocating downward revision of the State's stock transfer tax and repeal of the double taxation on odd-lot trading.

Only one of 20 speakers opposed the tax modification as embodied in a
bill introduced by Assemblyman MacNeil Mitchell and Senator Frederick R. Coudert Jr., Both Manhattan Republicans: Those wha supportederick Ril poudert Jr., both Manhattan Republicans: Those who supported the was driving securities business out of New York State and thus defeating
its own purpose by bringing in less to the treasury than a lighter tax would collect. Aside from this direct result, they maintained, the damage caused by the tax in creating rental vacanctees and mointaineod, the darchasing ope caused and in
crease of unemployment among financial district employees could hardly crease of unemployment among financial district employees could hardly
be estimated. The present stock transfer rate, half permanent and half emergency,
 emergency rate-
The Coudert new rate of tax on stock transfers: One cant for each share sold for less than
\(\$ 10\), two ecans each for
for shares sold for from \(\$ 10\) to \(\$ 50\), and three cents each Or shares sold for \$50 or more.
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Even this proposed rate still would be higher than that imposed by any
other State in the Nation, but it would bring the New marret "some teliee, Nation, according to would bring the New York securities
mot. Martiln Jr., President
of the New York Stock Exchange, who was one of the speakers. of the New York Stock Exchange, who was one of the spoak ers, Martin said, the State's return from stock transfers had declined from

United States-Few Cities Have Developed New Revenues to Meet Increased Relief Costs-Few cities have been able to develop new sources of revenue to match increases in local relief and emergency employment costs during the last 10 years, the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada states. The report was based on a study of relief finance methods of more than 50 cities. Only four of the cities-New York, San Francisco, Grand Rapids. Mich.; their relief programs, the study showed. Almost all of the other cities used regular tax receipts to pay for direct relief and thetr share of Work
Projects Administration and Public Works Administration costs. Different methods of financing the local share of relief costs were noted by the Association in its survey, Most cities used tax--supported bonds
for their share of PWA projects, which included large public buildings and for their share of PWA projects, which included large public buildings and
utility facilities. In most cities, also, a substantial part of general relief funds came from regular taxes., Louisville, Ky., for example, financed direct relief and its share of
work with regular taxes, while utilizing tax-supported bond lisues for farge PWA projects. Baltimore annually has financed from 30 to \(35 \%\) of
direct relief and all of its share of PWA costs from bond issues, but has pald itte share of WPA expenses from regular taxes.
New York City became
New York City became the great exception to the general practice when,
some years a some years a aso, it adopted a poicy of financing, as much as possible, all
types of relief from current revenues. In 1939 , the city paid \(85 \%\) of the cost of its three types of relief from current revenues. obtained mostly from municipal sales, cigarette, business, nutility and conduit taxes. New York City used new tax sources or other Grand Rapids financed \(55 \%\) of its reliep load in \(1939,27 \%\) in 1938 and
\(10 \%\) in 1937 from special sources. Its share of WPA costs was obtained from water department funds, special assessenents, an estate elett the city
and zalvage of street car property. It financed PWA for 1935,1936 and 1937 with water works funds and, in 1939, by a water revenue bond issue San Franclisco obtained money from tuility revevenues, gasonuene taxes and
Golden Gate Exposition funds to finance \(40 \%\) of its reliep burden last year Golden Gate Exposition funds to finance \(40 \%\) of tits \({ }^{\text {Teliep }}\), burden last year,
The study showed, according to the Association, that the larger cities and counties of California have generally been paying the entire local share of relief costs from regular taxes. Minneapolis, on the other hand, has financed the entire cost of ail types of rellier from tax-supported bond issues. policy either as to issuing bonds to pay for various types of relief or financpoly them from regular taxes.
Because most of the cities
their shuse most of the cities have not levied new types of taxes to finance their shares of the various relier programs, they have hat to obtain money
from traditional sources of revenue, or have had to curtain services, the
Association said.

United States Housing. Authority-Report on LongTerm Bond Sales-The following press release (No. 448), was made public by the above named Federal agency on Feb. 15: A new goal, planned for and anticipated for two years, was reached today
the United States Housing Authority's drive to increase the participation of local private capital in slum-clearance and low-rent-housing projects when local housing authorities, for the first time, sold long-term bond
issues to raise \(20 \%\) to \(25 \%\) of the capital cost of projects instead of the sssues to raise \(20 \%\) to \(25 \%\) of the capital cost of projects instead of the
minimum \(10 \%\) revuired by law. Interest rates on this private capital averages \(2-5\) of \(1 \%\) less than the rate charged for USHA loans.
Local housing authorities in the following cities, participating in today's issues, and details of the sales, are:
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline & Amount & & Percentage & Interest & Inte \\
\hline & & Period & & & \\
\hline & & & Private & ilal & \\
\hline  & 342 & \({ }_{26} 26\) years & & & \\
\hline ca, & 242,000 & 27 years & 25 & 2.7 & \(3 \%\) \\
\hline St. Petersburg & 104,00 & 15 & 10\% & 2.6 & \\
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This first public offering of long-term local housing authority bonds was
ailed by Nathan straus, Administrator of the USHA as ' "minently hailed by Nathan Straus, Administrator of the USHA, as "eminently successful. in that the maximum amount offered was in every case eagerly
taken. For the City of \$t. Petersburg, only \(10 \%\) of the total issue was so offered, while in the other cases, there were alternate offerings of a much larger percentage of the total bond issue.
The low interest rates obtained by this
The low interest rates obtained by this public offering and public sale of ocal housing authority bonds will mean substantial gavings, it was pointed Housing Act, bear an a verage interest rate of at least \(3 \%\).
Commenting on the success of this first permanent financing of public "This sale today marks another milestone in the steady progress of the USHA toward increasing participation of private capital in the development cost of public housing projects. Under the provisions of the United
States Housing Act, local authorities may borrow from the USHA up to \(90 \%\) of the cost of their projects.
ts capital participation and to increase the amount raised by public offering local authority bonds to private investors. The success of this offering gives promise of steady reduction of the share of the United States Govern-
ment in the financing of the public housing program. It is to be expected that, as future tests of the market demonstrate the readiness of investors to assume a larger share of the financing, the participation of the USHA
will be correspondingly reduced so that before long it may be as low as \(60 \%\) or even less.
housing to investment by private capital should occur at the very moment when there are the greatest reservoirs of idle capital at any time in recent history. This capital, representing the people's savings, will increasingly in financing the expanding public housing program.
"This alliance of business and government in stimulating economic revival through housing has been a goal toward which we have been working
for many months. The aid and guidance of some of the best minds in the banking and business world have been of invaluable assistance in opening to public housing the private investment market. "Just as private capital has always been used to private home "Jjust as private capital has always, so too will private capital, flowing through the usual investment channels, increasingly to used to finance construction of public housing. \(\quad\) The entirance of private cap into long-term financing of public housing low-rent projects follows closely and logically the recent heavy investments of American bankers in short-term temporary loan notes offered by local
housing authorities. Two issues of these short-term notes totaling \(\$ 85\), 000,000 were purchased by private investors in November, 1939 and in 000,000 were purchased The last issue of these notes amounting to \(\$ 35,-\)
January of this year.
000,000 sold at an interest rate of \(45-100\) of \(1 \%\), contrasting with the rate of \(60-100\) of \(1 \%\) on the previous sale

Interstate Exchange of T'ax Information Helps Plug Revenue Loopholes-Mutual exchange of tax information is gaining wide adoption by State tax agencies as a means of halting tax evasion, the Federation of Tax Administrators reported on Feb. 15.
With an increase in the number of levies such as tobacco, sales and liquor taxes, tax administrators frequently find it necessary to check on interstate sales in order to plug loopholes and to enforce tax laws, the Federation said Informa tion given by the tax agencies, it was pointed out, is held confidential in every respect.
Thirteen of the northeastern and Atlantic seaboard States are cooperating started a number of years ago by tax administrators in the North American Gasoline Tax Conference because of organized tax evasion and the "bootlegging" of tax-free gasoline. The reporting system works this way:
Dealer in State A reports to his State tax agency a shipment of gasoline to purchaser in State B. State A's tax agency sends information about the shipment to State B's tax department. State B reports to State A when the
shipment arrives in the State and collects the gasoline levy from the shipment arrives in the state and collects the gasolime levy rom the
recipient, In this way. State \(\mathbf{A}\) is sure that the shipment was actually made out-
side its borders, and State \(\mathbf{B}\) is informed of a taxable shipment which might otherwise have gone tax-free. levy, Georgia and Iowa both report working a areements in effect, and the levy Georgia and iowa both report working agreements in effect, and the tive plan with all other income-tax States. Under the plan, when an
individual claims residence in another Stite, that State will be notified individual claims residence in another Stste, that State will be notified
promplty and will check on him, so that he will pay an income tax to one of the two States with the levy.
The New England St- tes are working out a systematic plan for exchanging reports on cigarette shipments, prescribed by the Nacco-tax States Illinois, Iowa and Massachusetts are among the States which exchange tax information on alcoholic beverage shipments. In 21 States tax officials may cooperate in this way. Ten States authorize the exchange of sxles
taxinformation, but eight others specifically prohibit the practice. Nineteen States permit the exchange of information on inheritance taxes.
Among miscellaneous agreements in force is Florida's reciprocai arrangeproperty

\section*{Bond Proposals and Negotiations ALABAMA} DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Selma) Ala.-BONDS NOT SOLD-It is
stated that the report given in our issue of Feb. 3, on the sale of \(\$ 250,000\)
refunding road bonds to the Merchants National Bank of Mobile- -V .150 , refunding road bonds
DALLAS COUNTY (P, O. Selma) Ala.-BONDS SOLD-We are in\(\$ 250,000\) coupon road refunding bonds were offered for sale on Feb. 20 and Were awarded at public auction to a syndicate headed by Marx \& Co.,
King, Mohr \& Co both of Birmingham, and the First National Bank of
Montgomery, as \(2 \%\), s , paying a price of 100.79 plus accrued interest.
DECATUR, AIa-PUBLIC UTILITY OFFERS TO SELL POWER New York "Times" of Feb. 16 reported as follows: "The Alabama Power Co. has petitioned the Alabama Public Service Com mission for authority to sell its Decatur distribution system to the munici-
pality, which has built a duplicate system and is distributing Tennesse pality, which has built a duplicate system and is distributing eennesse Valley Authority electricity, Hearing on the petition has
March 4 at the Commission's headquarters in Montgomery.
"The priceagreed upon, according to E. W. Robinson, opera
of the company is \(\$ 193,000\), He said there would be a salvans manager of the company, is \(\$ 193,000\). He said there would be a salvage value or option to TVA, was offered at one time to Decatur for something under \(\$ 350.000\), he said, which is estimated to have been the cost of the dupli-
cated municipal system. The two systems have been competing since cated municip
PRICHARD Ala.-ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-It is now reported by the City Clerk that the \(\$ 29,000\) (not \(\$ 30,000\) ) street improvement warrants sold to Roy Gridley \& Co. of Birmingham, as noted here on Nov. 25, were purchased as 41/2s at par. Dated July 15, 1939 . Due on
July 15 as follows: \(\$ 1,000\) in 1940, and \(\$ 2,000\) in 1941 to 1954 incl

\section*{ARIZONA}

SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND
POWER DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix) Ariz.-BOND OFFERING-It is stated by A. W. McGrath, Secretary of the Board of Directors, that he
will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on March 4 , for the purchase of a
\(\$ 425,000\) issue of coupon refunding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed \(\$ 425,000\) issue of coupon refunding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed
50 , payable J-J. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1, 1940. Due July 1 , as
 date thereafter upon 45 days' notice at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \(1 / 2\) of \(1 \%\) of the principal for each and accrued interest plus he premium shall not exceed \(3 \%\) of the principal. The right is revide the premium shall not exceed 3\% of the principal. The right is reserved Phoenix. The bonds are registerable as to principal only. The bonds are without limitation of rate or amount and payment of the bonds, both Users' Association whose executed guaranty of payment will be indorsed
upon each bond. No proposal will be considered at less than \(95 \%\) of the par value of the bonds and accrued interest.
This is a part of a total authorized issue of \(\$ 13,000,000\) for refunding pur This is a part of a total authorized issue of \(\$ 13,000,000\) for refunding pur-
poses. of which \(\$ 8,214,000\) have been issued and sold. The proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used to refund 1940 anteed by Salt River Valley Water Users' Association:
Horse Mesa, \(6 \mathbf{s}, \$ 390,000\) maturing Aug. 1, 1940: R
Hprovement District No. 1, 6s \(\$ 35,000\) maturing Aug. 1, 1940; total Improve
The district will furnish printed bonds and the approving opinion of Chapman \& Cutler, o

\section*{CALIFORNIA}

CALIFORNIA State of-WARRANTS SOLD-An issue of \(\$ 2,052,527\) awarded to \(R\). H. Moulton \& Co. of Los Angeles, at \(3 \%\) on plus a premium of

\section*{California Municipals \\ BANKAMERICA COMPANY}

485 California Street, San Francisco Bell System Teletype SF 469 OFFICES IN OTHER PRINCIPAL CALIFORNIA CITIES

\section*{CALIFORNIA}

WARRANTS OFFERED-Bids were received by Harry B. Riley, state Comptroller, until 11 a . m. on Feb. 23, for the purchase of an issue of
 The current California offering represents the amount voted by the
special session or the Legisfature to carry unemployment relief, pending
aporopriations of a larger amount for relief during the remainder of the appropriations of a larger amount
biennium which ends June 30,1941 .
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles) Calit. - BOND OFFERINGS-We are informed by L. E. Lampton, County purch gregating \(\$ 841,000\) ?
\$88,000 Burbank Unified School District, elementary school of 1938 bonds Dated Jan. 1, 1940 DDue Jan. 1, as forlows \(\$ 4 ., 000\) in 1946 to
961, and \(\$ 6,00\) in 1962 to 1965 . Interest payable January
Burbank Unified Schol District
225,000
Durbank Unified school District, elementary school of 1939 bonds. aug. 1 . 5,000 in 1963 to 1965. Interest payable lebruary and
200,000 Burbank Unified School District, high school of 1938 bonds
Dated Jan. 1, 1940 Due \(\$ 10,000\) in 1942 to 1945 and \(\$ 8,000\) in Dated Jan. 1,1940 . Due \(\$ 10,000\) in 1942 to 1945 . 1946 to 1965. Interest payable January and July \(i\).
260,000 Burbank Unified School District, high school of 1939 bonds Dated Feb. 1 , 1940 . Due Feb. 1, as follows: \(\$ 10,000\) in 1942 to 13,000 terest pas Verdes School District bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1936 . Due 55,000 Downey Union High school Distrest bayds. Date Dated Feb 1 . 19440
Due Feb. 1 , as follows: \(\$ 1,000\) in 1942 and \(\$ 3,000\) in 1943 to 1960 . Due Feb. 1, as follows: 81,000 in 1942 .
Interest payable February and Aug. i.
Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Prin. and int. payable in lawful money at the County Treasury. The bonds will be sold for cashonla ond at not 1ess than per and In the event that the bidder submits a proposal to purchase a portion of the bonds, the bid shall designate specifically the bonds bid for. All bonds sold to a bidder bidding for a portion of the bonds shall bear the same rate
of interest and bids for varying rates of interest for the same block or portion of the bonds will be rejected. Enclose a certified check for not less than \(3 \%\) of the amount of the bonds.
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY (P. O. San Luis Obispo) Calif.by Gwen Marshall, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \(\$ 110,000\) \(4 \%\) court houss bonds of 1938 . Denom. \(\$ 1.000\). Dated Jan. 1, 1933. Due
on Jan. 1 as follows 85,000 in 1941 and 1942 , and \(\$ 40.000\) in 1943. Prin and semi-annual interest, payable at the orfice of the County Treasurer. any, the premiums offered on the bonds bid for.
A certified or cashier's check of some responsible bank for at least \(10 \%\) of the face amount of the bonds bid for, payable to the order or
man of the Board of Supervisors, must accompany each bid.

\section*{COLORADO}

CREEDE, Colo--PRE-ELECTION SALE-A \(\$ 30,000\) issue of water bonds is said to have been purchased by \(\mathbf{O}\). F
GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo-BONDS SOLD-A \(\$ 10,000\) issue of W. K. Mullen Investment Co. of Denver.

FORT COLLINS, Colo.-BONDS SOLD-We are informed by our Denver correspondy to a synd cate composed of Brown, Schlessman, Owen Co., Gray B. Gray. Inc., and Boettcher \& Co., all of Denver, and Stern Bros. \& Co. of Kansas City, paying par on the bonds divided as follows. \(\$ 267,000\) as \(13 / 4 \mathrm{~s}\). De from 1940 to 1945 incl.
275,000 as 2 s . Due from 1946 to 1950 incl.
It is also stated that the original amount sold was \(\$ 603,000\), but the city
bought back \(\$ 61,000\) of the bonds. boul wack
GUNNISON, Colo.-PRICE PAID-It is stated by the City Manager that the \(\$ 47,00021 / 2 \%\) semi-annual electric light and power revenue re-
funding bonds sold to Brown, Schlessman, Owen \& Co. of Denver, as funding bonds sold to Brown, Schlessman, Owen \&
noted here- V .150 , p. \(1160-\) were purchased at par.

\section*{CONNECTICUT}

HARTFORD Conn.-BOND SALE-The \(\$ 2,775,000\) coupon series C general obligation public works bonds offered Feb. \(19-\mathrm{V}\). 150, p. 1160-
were awarded to a syndicate composed of First National Bank of New York: were awarded to ssindicate composed or First National Bank of New York
Rr. W. Pressprich \&vo Now York Northern Trust Co. Chicapo;salomon
Bros. \& Hutzer, New York, and Lincoln R. Young \& Co. of Hartord Bros. \& Hutzler, New York, and Lincoln R. Young \& Co. of Hartford, as
\(11 / 5\) s. at a price of 10.189 , a basis of about \(1.48 \%\). Dated Sept. 1,1339
 from 1945 to 1959 , incl. Reorfered from a yield of \(0.15 \%\) for the first
maturing bonds to a price of 98 for the last dated obligations. Other bids: Estabrook \& Co.; Putnam \& Co.; F. S. Moseley Int. Rate Rate Bid \& Co.; R. L. Day \& Co. and Edward M. Bradley Harriman Ripley \& Co., Inc.:亏irst Boston Corp.,
 Halsey Stuart \& Co., Inc. Chemical Bank \& Halseys Stuart \& Co., Inc.; Chemical Bank \& Lehman Bros. P Pelps, Fenn \& Co., Inc., and National City Bank of New York; Mercantile
Commerce Bank \& Trust Co., and Weeden \&

\(1.60 \% \quad 100.2099\) \(1.70 \%\) 100.05

NEW BRITAIN, Conn.-NOTE OFFERING-W. H. Judd, President of Board of Finance and Taxation, will receive sealed bids at the offices of
the New Britain National Bank until \(1: 30\) a. m. on Feb. 27 for the purchase at discount of \(\$ 250,000\) tax anticipation notes. Denoms. to suit
purchaser. Payable June 20, 1940, at the National City Bank of New Bork City Legal opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer \& \(\&\) Dodge of
Bostished the successful bidder. Signatures will be certiBoston will be furnished the successful
fied by the New Britain National Bank.
SHELTON Conn.-BOND' SALE-The 850.000 coupon relief bonds
 of Nel
March
bids:


\section*{FLORIDA}
(P. O. Fort Myers), Fla.-BOND RAPLIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT Clerk. Fort Myers), Fla.-BOND SALEE-We are now informed by the


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& \text { (This notice supplements the sale report given in our issue of Dec. 2.) }
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\] WEST PALM BEACH FIa.-SL PREME COLRT VALIDATES exchanged for outstanding obliguations of not \(\$ 1,439,000\) refunding bonds to be The new bonds by the state Supreme Cour
securities within the next two weeks. He ready to exchange for outstanding to be in agreement with the refunding operation. indebtedness was refinanced in 1936 and refers to provisions of the original arreement with the creditors, which were attacked in the validation suit.
The right of the city to refund the remaining \(7 \%\) under a different plan

\section*{GEORGIA}

COLLEGE PARK Ga.-BONLS SOLD-It is reported that the follow-
ing \(3 \%\) bonds, aggregating \(\$ 65,000\), have been sold at a price of 110.11 :
\(\$ 35,000\) property purchase, and \(\$ 30,000\) auditorium bonds.

\section*{ILLINOIS}

BENTON III-BOND ISSLE DETAILS The \(\$ 20,000.5 \%\) water revenue bonds purchased by Lewis, Pickett \& Co. of Chicago, at par-
V. 150 , p. \(1160-\) mature \(\$ 2,000\) on June 1 from 1950 to 1959, incl, BLOUNT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Potomac), III-BONDS SOLD-An COOK COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago) \(\$ 345,000\) tax anticipation warrants at par plus \(\$ 100\) premium for \(\$ 275,000\) 4 s and \(\$ 70,000\) 1 \(1 / \mathrm{s}\).
EAST MOLINE Ill- BOND SALE-The \(\$ 185.000\) paving bonds
 941; 817,0001942 . \(\$ 18,000\), 1943 to 1946 incl.; \(\$ 19,000\), 1947; \(\$ 20,000\) ing of bonds to be at expense of
approval of loan by the voters.
FLORA III.-BOND ELECTION-An election will be held Feb. 27 on previously contracted for by Ballman \& Main of Chicago.-V. 150, p. 304: FREEBURG III.-BONDS SOLD-An issue of \(\$ 45,000\) sewer system
ILLINOIS (State of)-PROPOSED MOTOR FLEL NOTE ISSLE StaLe without referendum, of notes secured by pledge of motor fuel revenue State whthout referenam, of notes secured by pledge of motor fued revenue
taxes is illegal. City of Chicago and Cook County had hoped to have issued for them \(\$ 660000,000\) op the states's revenuentotes for super-highway
construction in their area. They would have anticipated a large part of construction in their area. They would have anticipated a large part of ecured by a pledge of the city's and while the revenue notes wo evenues. they would not constitute an obligation of the State itself, a Exception was taken by the court to provisior
In the Governor, State Treasurer and Auditor of public accounts, the power to perevent, through isseanuee of motor fund revenue notes, succeeding general assemblies from reducing the tax authorized by the motor fuel tax
laws below a certain rate and would prevent future general assemblies from reapportioning that part of the State's revenues to other purposes.
Corporation Counsel Barnet Hodes has announced that the city will ceerporation Counsel Barnet Ho
"By attempting to control the maintenance of the tax rate on gasoline, payment of those notes and they become, therefore, the rebposts of the ftar the, he court held.
the pledging of funds is permitted when it is done in the the opinion said, that is, by the approval of the vote of the people at a general election Wanting such vote, the general assembly is without power to delegate to the executive department the power, by the issuance of notes, to pledge years, so as to prevent succeeding general assemblies from repealing the motor fuel tax law entirely, reducing the rate or changing the purposes or
fund into which it is to be paid. Present decision is the result.
to the actual issuance of the notes.
JACKSONVILLE III.-BOND ISSL E DETAILS-The \(\$ 33,0003 \%\)
 ,000, 1941; \(\$ 13,000\) in 1942 and \(\$ 5,000\) in 1943.
PEORIA COUNTY (P. O. Peoria), III.-BONDS DEFEATEDLeonard T, sours, County Clerk, reports that an election on Feb. 20 the
proposed issue of \(\$ 1,500,000\) courthouse construction bonds was decisively defeated.
RIVER FOREST PARK DISTRICT III.-BOND ELECTIONWhat an election wigill bechetary harch 19 on the question of issuing \(\$ 22,000\)
thark improvement bonds.
SADORUS, III.-BOND SALE-The issue of \(\$ 4.500\) fire department
bonds offered Feb. \(20-\mathrm{V} .150, \mathrm{p} .1161\)-was sold at a price of 105.622 .

WOOD RIVER, III.-PROPOSED BOND ELECTION-An election may bonds.

\section*{INDIANA}

HAMMOND SANITARY DISTRICT, Ind--BOND OFFERINGG. B. Smith, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids untit 2 p. M. on series E sanitary bonds of 1940 . Dated April 1,11940 . Denoms. \(\$ 1,000\) and
8600 . Due \(\$ 13,600\) on Jan. 1 from 1942 to 1971 incl single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 14 of \(1 \%\). Princinal and interest (J-J) payabie, at the City Treasurer's office..The bonds shall not
be in any respect the corporate obligation or indebtedness of the city, but be in any respect the corporate obligation or indebtedness of the city, but
shall be and constitute the indebedness of the district of the city as a shall be and constitute the indebtedness of the district or the cine city as a
special taxing district The bonds with the interest thereon shall be patable
out of special taxes ievied upon ail the taxable property in the district. special taxing district. The bonds with the interest thereon shatil be payabate
out of special taxes ievied upon all the taxable property in the district.
The bonds shall be issued and are offered for sale under and pursuant to
 provision or an Act one Department of Public sanitation, \&c., approved
Act Concerning the Den
March 9, 1917, and all Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto. March 9, 1917, and all Acts amendatory thereor and supplemental thereto. Cutler, of Chicago, the opinion to be furnished to the purchaser at the
expense of the district. Enclose a certified check for at least \(3 \%\) of the par expense of the bonds bid for.
NOBLE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Portland), Ind.-
BOND OFFERING-James J. Wallace, Trustee, will receive sealed bids
until 2 p. m . (CST) on March 18 for the purchase of \(\$ 24,000\) not to exceed

 of interest, expressed in a multiple of, 14 of ion ion inerest J-J. The bonds
are the first obligation of the school township, payable out of unlimited are the rirst obligation of the school townshi, payabe out Legan opiniten
ad Yalorem taxes to be levied on all of its taxabie property.
of Matson, Ross, McCord \& Ice of Indianapolis will be furnished the successful bidder.

\section*{IOWA}

IOWA CITY, Iowa-BONDS SOLD-It is stated by E. B. Raymond, City soleasurer, that \(\$ 6,929.415 \%\) semi-ann. sower improvement bonds
were sold recently to Scott, McIntyre \& Co of Cedar Rapids, at par.
Dated Oct MASON CITY, Iowa-BONDS PARTL Y A WARDED-We are inbonds offered for sale on Feb. \(21-\mathrm{V} .150\), . 1161 - the \(\$ 4,000\) improvement
 of Des Moines bid \(\$ 10\) promium on \(1 \frac{1}{4} 4 \mathrm{~s}\).
The above named City Clerk does not state what disposition was made
of the \(\$ 29,463\) street bonds. Due on May 1 in 1941 to 1949 ; callable at any time prior to maturity.
RUTHVEN, Iowa-BOND SALE-The \(\$ 2,300\) coupon street improvemy a local investor, as 3 s , paying a premium of \(\$ 25\), equal to 101.089 . according to the Town Clerk. Dated Feb. 1, 1940. Due on Feb. 1 in
1951. Interest payable M-N.
STORM LAKE Iowa-BOND SALE-The \(\$ 4,934\) semi-annual street purchased by bonds offered for sale on investor, as \(41 / 4\), at a price of 190.101 , 19 , according to the City Clerk. \(\quad\) Coupon bonds, dated Jan. 4, 1940. Due on May 1 in 1941 to 1949. WATERLOO, Iowa-MATURITY-It is stated by the City Clerk Co. of Des Moines, as 5 Ss, at a price of 100.031 , as noted here- V . 150 ,
p. 1161 are due on May 1 as follows: \(\$ 2,831.95\) in 1940 , and \(\$ 3,200\) in 1941 to 1949. giving a basis of about \(4.99 \%\)
B. 1161 -were purchased by a local sewer bonds offered on Feb. \(12-\mathrm{V}\). 150 , p. 1161 -were purchased by a local inverstor, as 5 sat par. Due on May \(\mathbf{i}\)
as follows: \(\$ 312.25\) in 1940 , and \(\$ 400\) in 1941 to 1949 incl.

\section*{KANSAS}

WICHITA Kan.-BOND SALE-Of the various issues of \(11 / 2 \%\) semiannual bonds, aggregating \(\$ 386,078.40\), offered on Feb. \(19-\mathrm{V} \cdot 150 ; \mathrm{p}\). jointiy to the Harris Trust \& Savings Bank of Chicago, and Estes, Snyder
879,821.65 paring and sewer, series No. 461 bonds at a price of 101.539, a
basis of about \(1.21 \%\). Due on Jan. 1 in 1941 to 1950 , inclusive. \(142,000.00\) refunding, series No. 464 bond at a price of 101.579,' a basis of ADDITIONALSALE-The \(\$ 14,256.75\) issue of \(11 / 2 \%\) park, series No. 463 bonds also offered at the time. were awarded to the First National Bank of 1941 to. 1950 a price of 101.548 , basis of
BONDS NOT SOLD-The \(\$ 150,000\) paving, series No. 462 bonds scheduled for sale on Feb. 19, were not a warded as the offering was withdrawn, prior
to the opening of bids. Due \(\$ 15,000\) on Jan. 1 in 1941 to 1950 , inclusive.

\section*{KENTUCKY}

FORT THOMAS Ky.-BOND REFL NDING CONTRACT-It is stated by the City Clerk that Pohl \& Co. and Fox, Einhorn \& Co.. both of
Cincinnati, jointly have contracted to refund \(\$ 80,000\) 2 \(\%\) semi-annual refunding bonds. Due \(\$ 5,000\) on April 1 in 1940 to 1955 , inclusive.

\section*{MARYLAND}

BALTIMORE COUNTY (P. O. Towson) Md.-BOND OFFERINGJames g silfe, Chief Clerk or County Commissioners, will receive sealed
bids unti 11 a.m. on March 19 for the purchase of \(\$ 800\), 00 not to exceed March 1, 1940. Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Due \(\$ 20,000\) on March 1 from i941 to 1980 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in multiples of \(1 / 8\) or \(1-10\) of \(1 \%\). Each yearly maturity of the bonds shall be considered as a separate series. It may be provided in the bids that one or more series of the bonds shall bear may be provided in the bids that all of the bonds shall bear one rate of nterest up to the date of maturity of one of the series and thereafter a different rate, but no more than two rates may be proposed in any bid. The rates of interest named in any legally acceptable proposal and offering to pay not less than par for the bonds.
Principal and interest (M-S) payable at the Second National Bank,
Towson. The bonds will be issued subject to registration as to principai only at the office of the Safe Deposit and Trust Co, of Baltimore, Registrar. The obonds are issued pursuant to the authority, of Section 336 .of Articile III of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), as origMaryland, passed at its January session in the year 1924, and as last amended by Chapter 186 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland,
passed at its January session in the year 1937, and the bonds are also nissioners on Feb. 14, 1940. The bonds are issued upon the foull faith and credit of the County Commissioners and the full faith and credit are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the maturing principal and interest
of the bonds. The primary fund for the payment of the principal and interest is the proceeds of special assessments and other charges levied by the County Commissioners pursuant to the authority of Sertion 335 of
Article III of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), Maryland, passed at its January Session in the year 1939, against all prop erty located within the Metropolitan District benefited by the construction or installation of any water, sewerage or drainagese systems installed pursuant
to Chapter 539 of Acts of 1924, as amended, the proceeds realized from the levy and collection of such assessments heretofore and hereafter made constituting an origisinal fund for the debt service on all of the bonds heretofore or hereafter issued by the County Commissioners for the Metropolitan
Distrct, pursuant to the authority of the Acts of Assembly above referred to. In the event such proceeds shall at any time prove insufficient for the irected to levy and collect sufficient taxes upon all assessable property within the Metropoitan District to make up any such deficicency and in the special assessments, shall prove inadequate, then the County Com-
 pose upon all taxable property within the entire corporate limits of the time after the sale thereof at the Court House in Towson, or in Baltimore City Delivery elsewhere will be made at the expense of the purchasers.
The iegality of this issue will be approved by \(J\). Howard Murray, Attorney for the to the purchaser of the bonds without charge. Enclose a certified check for \(\$ 20,000\), payable to the County Treasurer.
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY DISTRICT, Md.-BOND V. 150, p. 1025 -were a warded to a syndicate composed of Northern Co, Toledo, and Campbell Phelps \& Co Inc New York, Bosworth \& 100.42, a basis of about \(2.72 \%\). Dated March 1,190, ard
as follows: \(\$ 15,000\) from 1941 to Mare 1950 , incl.; \(\$ 20,000\) from 1951 to 1970 chcl and \(\$ 25,000\) from 1971 to 1980 , incl. Reooffered to yield from \(0.50 \%\) to
\(2.90 \%\), according to maturity. Other bids:

Midder- Letg \& Co.. Raltimore, Phelps. Fenn \&\& Co. New
York; Eldredge \& Co., New York, and F. W. Craigie
 York: Edward Lowber Stokes \& Co., Philadelphia, and Mar-
burg, Price \& Co, Baltimore burg, Price \& Co., Baltimore
Harriman Ripley \& Co., New York; R. W. Pressprich \& Co., and Robert C. Jones \& Co Waningon, D.C. John Nuveen \& Co.; Horner \& Mason, Ine.; Fahey, Clark \& Co., and Charles K. Morris \& Co., Inc. New York; Estabrook \& Co., and Equitable 97.61
\& Co. of Detroit purchased \(\$ 16,000\) Sanilac and St. Clair Counties highway refunding Road Assessment District 451 bonds
PLEASANT RIDGE Mich.-BONDS SOLD-The \(\$ 249,200\) refunding bonds for which bids were rejected Jan. 30-V. 150, p. 873 -were sold sub both of Detroit, jointly, at par plus \(\$ 1\) premium as follows: For \(\$ 40,200\) maturing March \(1, \$ 4,200\) in \(1941, \$ 9,000\) in 1942 to 1945, as \(3 \mathrm{~s}(\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{S})\),
\(\$ 132,000\) maturing, March \(1, \$ 9,000\) in 1946 to \(1953, \$ 10,000\) in 1954 to
1959 as \(31 / 2 s(\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{S})\), and \(\$ 77,000\) maturing \(\$ 11,000 \mathrm{March} 1,1960\) to 1966 , as \(31 / 4 \mathrm{~s}\).
ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO, \(\mathbf{7}^{\mathbf{R}}\) (P. O. Berkley Branch, Royal Oak) Mich.-CERTIFICATES PC RCHASED Of indebredness at 60 flat, according to Edward Parkin, Secretary of Board
of Education:-V. 150, p. 465 .

\section*{MINNESOTA}

DULUTH, Minn.-BOND SALE-The \(\$ 150,000\) coupon permanent im provement, unemployment relief projects bonds offered a price of 100.405 , a basis of ab
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.-BOND OFFERTNG-Sealed and open bids wil MINNEA POLIS, Minn.-BO March 13, by Geo. M. Link, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, for the purchase of \(\$ 100,000\) coupon Water works bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed \(6 \%\), payable A-O
Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Dated April 1,1940 . Due \(\$ 5.000\), April 1,1941 to 1960 Date of interest to be in a multiple of \(1 / 4\) or \(1-10\) of \(1 \%\), and must be the same for all of the bonds. Prin. and int. payable at the fiscal agency of the city in New Yorsuant to the provisions of Sections 9 and 10 of Chapter XV of the City Charter, adopted Nov. 2, 1920, and pursuant to the request of the City Council, expressed by a resolution of the City Council passed Jan. City Council in the construction of the softening plant of the city wate the City Council in the construction of the sortening plant of the principal and interest of the bonds.
OLMSTED COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 88 (P. O. Rochester), Minn.-BONDS SOLD-1t is stated by the District clerk that \(\$ 1.8003 \%\) semi-annual building construction bonds have been purc.
Due \(\$ 180\) on July 1 in 1945 to 1954, inclusive.

\section*{MISSISSIPPI}

MERIDIAN, Miss.- PWA LOAN CANCELED-It is stated by the City lerk and Treasurer that the city has abandoned a project to construct a Administration.
MISSISSIPPI State of-BOND OFFERING-It is reported by Greek ale by sealed becre on Feb. 27 , an issue of \(\$ 1,500,000\) highway bonds, sale by sealed bids on Feb. 27, an issue of \(\$ 1,500,000\) highway bonds.
Dated Feb. 1, 1940. Due \(\$ 100,000\) on Feb. and Aug. 1 in 1941 to 1945, on Feb. and Aug. 1,1950 and 1951 , and on Feb. \(1,1952\). No bid of less than par and accrued Trearurer's office, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. The bonds shan be registerabie as to principal only. The bonds are payable as to both principal and interest from such portion of the gasoline or motor fuei taxes levied or in accordance with the provisions and definitions contained in the aforesaid Chapter 130, Laws of Mississippi, 1938. Under the terms of and as permitted by said Act, said bonds. together with the other bonds authorized, issued and permis may be necessary for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and it is recited, covenanted and agreed that said taxes, to the amount necessary as aforesaid, shall be irrevocable until all of said bonds have been paid in full as to principal and interest. The bonds will be issued and sold pursuant the State Bond Commission, reference to which is made for a more detailed description thereof. The approving opine valid and legally binding obliChicago, to the State, payable solely as aforesaid, will be furnished to the purchaser. Enclose a certified check for \(2 \%\) of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the State Treasurer.
OSYKA, Miss.-BONDS SOLD-It is reported that \(\$ 1,50041 / 2 \%\) semiannual water works improvement bonds have been sold to Kenneth \(G\).
Price \& Co. of McComb. Dated March 1,1940 . Due \(\$ 100\) on March \(i\) Price \& Co of McComb.
in 1941 to 1955 , inclusive.
PIKE COUNTY (P. O. Magnolia) Miss.-BONDS SOLD-A \(\$ 27,000\) ssue of \(31 / 2 \%\) semi-annual funding bonds is said to have been purchased
ointly by Kenneth \(G\). Price \& Co. of McComb and C. Balton \& Co. of Jackson. Dated Jan. 1, 1940. Due \(\$ 3,000\) on March 1 in 1941 to 1949.

\section*{MISSOURI BONDS \\ Markets in all State, County \& Town Issues}

\section*{SCHERCK, RICHTER COMPANY \\ LANDRETH BUILDING, ST. LOUIS, MO}

\section*{MISSOURI}

HURRICANE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hale City), Mo.- BONDS DE-FEATED-At an election held on Feb. 3 the vo
OCEAN GROVE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gulfport), Miss--BONDS OFFERED-It is reported that sealed bids were received until \(\$\) Feb. 23 , by the Cls .
for the purchase of \(\$ 40,000\) school bonds.
WEST WALNUT MANOR SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clayton), Mo.-BOND SALE-The \(\$ 30,000\) school bonds offered for s. Pale on Flayton) Louis, as. \(21 / 3\) s, paying a price of 10.19, a basis of about \(2.48 \%\). Dated Feb. 15, 1940. Due on Feb. 15 in 1945 to 1957 incl.

\section*{NEBRASKA}

LEXINGTON, Neb.-BONDS SOLD-It is reported that \(\$ 32.00023 / 2 \%\) refunding bonds were sold recen
12 years; optional after five years.

\section*{NEW HAMPSHIRE}

BERLIN, N. H.-NOTE SALE-The First National Bank of Boston CONCORD, N. H.-NOTE SALE-R. L. Day \& Co. of Boston were awarded on Feb. 16 an issue of \(\$ 400,000\) notes at \(0.13 \%\) discount, plus a
premium of \(\$ 1\). Dated Feb. 19,1940 and due \(\$ 100\), coo each on Dec. 4
 Bank of Boston \(0.15 \%\); Merchants National Bank of Boston, \(0.16 \%\); First Boston Corp. 0.1
\& Co., \(0.204 \%\).
MERRIMACK COUNTY (P. O. Concord), N. H.-NOTE SALEThe issue of \(\$ 350,000\) notes offered Feb. 15 was awarded to the National
\(\$\) Nawmut Bank of Boston, at \(0.15 \%\) discount. Dated Feb. 15, 1940 and due Dec. 20, 1940.

\section*{NEW JERSEY}

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.-CIT Y MANAGER GOVERNMENT RE-JECTED-At a special election on Feb. 20 the proposal to establish a city BARRINGTON, N. J.-BONDS, SOLD-E. H. Rollins \& Sons, Inc. New York, purchased at price of 95 , a basis of a bout \(4.94 \%\), a block of
\(\$ 55,0004 \%\) refunding bonds of 1939 of an original issue of \(\$ 76,00\) which was unsuccessfully offered last Dec. 7-V. \(149, \mathrm{p} 4064.0\) Due Dec. 1 Dhich
follows: \(\$ 6,000\) in \(1940 ; \$ 10,000,194 ; \$ 1,000,1942 ; \$ 5,000\), 1943; \(\$ 4.000\) \(194 ; \$ 2, C 00,1945 ; \$ 4,000,1946 ; 13,000,1947\) and \(1948 ; \$ 4,000,1949\) and
1950; \(\$ 6,00\) in 1951 and \(\$ 3,000\) in 1952 .
N. HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Centerville),
 chants National Bank of Matawan as 2.90 s, at a price of 100.01, a basis
of about \(2.89 \%\). Dated Jan. 1,1940 and due Jan. 1 as follows: \(\$ 2,000\)
from 1942 to 1955 , incl J. Bidder- Hanau
 NILLBURN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Millburn), N. issine of \(\$ 20,000\) playground bonds was authorized by the voters on
Feb. 13 .

NEWARK, N. J.-DEFEATS CITY MANAGER PLAN-Proposal to establish the city manager plan of government was defeated by a vote of
PLEASANTVILLE, N. J.-BOND OFFERING-Nehemiah Andrews, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p.m. on March 4 for the pur-
chase of \(\$ 30,000\) not to exceed \(5 \%\) interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: 16,000 emergency relief, series of 1940 bonds. Dated Feb. 15,1940 and
due Feb. 15 as follows: \(\$ 4,000\) in 1941 and \(\$ 3,000\) from 1942 to
1945 inclusive 1945 inclusive. Dem bonds. Dated Feb. 1, 1939 Due Feb. 1 as
emergency relief or
follows: \(\$ 4,000\) from 1944 to 1946 incl. and \(\$ 2,000\) in 1947 These emergency relief bonds. Dated Feb. 1, 1939 . Due Feb. 1 as
follows: \(\$ 4,000\) from 1944 to 1946 incl. and \(\$ 2,000\) in 1947 . These
bonds are unsold part of an instalment offered on March \(6,1939\). Denom. \(\$ 1.000\). Combined maturities of the bonds now offered are as
ollows: \(\$ 4.000\) in \(1941 ; \$ 3,000,1942\) and \(1943 ; \$ 7,000\), 1944 and 1945 . \(\$ 4,000\) in 1946 and \(\$ 2,000\) in 1947. Bids are requested only for such combined maturities as if they constitute a single issue. Amount required r-imited tax obligations of the city and the approving legal opinion of Dillon, Vandewater \& Moore of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder. A certified check for \(\$ 600\), payable to order of the city, WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP
PROPOSED-The Township plans to issue \(\$ 460,000\) not to exceed \(6 \%\) interest general funding bonds. Dated March 15, 1940. Due March 15 as


\section*{NEW MEXICO}

HATCH, N. M.-BOND SALE DETAILSS-We are now informed by the City Clerk that the \(\$ 55,000\) waterworks extension and sewer system
bonds sold to Banks, Huntiey \& Co. of Los Angeles, as noted hereV. 150 . p. 1027 were purchased as. \(41 / 5 \mathrm{~s}\), paying par, as Coupon bonds,
dated Feb. 1, 1940. Denom. \(\$ 1,000\) and \(\$ 500\). Interest payable F-A. The bonds are said to be due serially being redeemable on Feb. 1, 1944 and any time thereafter up to and incl. Jan. 31,1948 , upon payment of a
premium of \(6 \%\) of principal, and on Feb. 1, 1948 and any time thereafter prior to maturity upon payment of premium of \(5 \%\) of principal. NEW MEXICO COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS (P. O. State College), N. Mex.-PRICE PAID-It is stated by
College President Hugh M. Milton that the \(\$ 55,00004 \%\) semi-ann. building
and improvement series E bonds and improvement, series E bonds sold jointly to E. J. Prescott \& Co., and the Charles A. Fuller Co., both of Minneapolis, as noted here- V .150 , p.
on Jan. 1 in 1942 to 1960 incl.


\section*{NEW YORK}

BATAVIA, N. Y.-BOND SALE-The \(\$ 135,000\) coupon or registered bonds offered Feb. \(20-\) V. \(150, \ldots\). 1163 Were awarded to C. F. Childs \&
Co. of New York and Perrin, West \& Winslow of Boston, as 0.80 s , at a price of 100.034 , basis \(\$ 100,000\) public works bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \(\$ 18,000\) from 1941 35,000 pubbic welfare (home relief) bonds. Due \(\$ 7,000\) on Feb. 1 from
1941 to 1945 , incl. All of the bonds will be d
Bidder-
Gordon Graves \& Co_
Harris Trust
Gordon Graves \& Co
Harris Trust \& Savings Bank
Spencer Trask \& Co
Sherwood \& Co-
Blair \& Co., Inc
Union Securities Corp
Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo and R . D. White \& Co-
Halsey. Stuart \& Co., Inc
Halsey A. Aluart \& Co
Manufacturers \&
CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Plattsburgh), N. Y.-BOND OFFER \(I N G-C\). M. Morhous, County Treasyrer, will receive sealed bids untii
\(10 \mathrm{a} \cdot \mathrm{m}\). on March 4 for the purchase of \(\$ 274,000\) not to exceed \(4 \%\) interest istered bonds, divided
\(\$ 35,000\) public welfare (home relief) bonds. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \(\$ 3,000\) 65,000 refunding, series of 1940 bonds. Due \(\$ 5,000\) on Feb. 1 from 1946 174,000 road and bridge bonds. Due Feb, I as follows: \(\$ 22,000\) in 1941 - Ancl.; \(\$ 5,000\), 1951 to \(1943 ; \$ 29,000,1944 ; \$ 4,000\) from 1945 to 1950.000 in 1959 and \(\$ 3,000\) in 1960 . All of the bonds will be dated Feb. 1, 1940. Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Bidder Principal and interest (F-A) payable at Merchants National Bank, Platts. burgh. The bonds are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes and the
approving legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt, Washburn \& Clay of New York approving legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt, Washburn \& Clay of New York
City will be furnished the successful bidder. A certified check for \(\$ 5,480\),

FORT ANN, N. Y.-BOND SALE-The Manufacturers \& Traders Trust Co. of Burfalo purchased on Feb. 9 an issue of \(\$ 16,000 \mathrm{~g}\)
as 2.40 s , at a price of 100.18 . Due from 1941 to 1950 , incl.
LAFAYETTE, FABIUS, TULLY AND ONONDAGA CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.' OFFERING-Stanley Burt, District Cierk, woill receive sealed bids until
\(1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}\). on Feb. 27 for the purchase of \(\$ 16\), 500 not to exceed \(6 \%\) interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated March \(1,1940 \%\) Denoms. \(\$ 500\) and \(\$ 750\). Due Nov. 1 as follows: \(\$ 500\) from 1940 to 1960 , incl., and
\(\$ 750\) from 1961 to 1968 , incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest expressed in a multiple of \(1 / 4\) or \(1-10\) th of \(1 \%\). Prin. and int ( M .N)
payable at the First National Bank, Tully. The bonds are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes and the approving legal opinion of Hawkins, A certified check for \(\$ 330\), payable to order of Sarah Millette, District
Treasurer, is required. Treasurer, is required.
MOUNT VERNON, N. Y-FINANCTAL STUDY ISSUED-Kidder, Peabody \& Co. of New York have prapared a study of the financial position of the city in which the firm states that the municipality's per capita debt
is the lowest among the larger taxing units in Westchester County and is perhaps the most fortunately situated as regards future capital needs.
NEW YORK CITY POWER AUTHORITY (P. O. New York), N.Y. provide for creation of the above agency is proposed in a bill (A Tnt. No.
1591) recently introduced in the Assembly by Robert J. Crews of Brooklyn of which would be appointed by Mayor of New. The authority, members powered to have outstanding not more than \(\$ 50,000,000\) bonds, proceeds
of which would of which would be used in the construction of a plant and related facilities to furnisu public utility service to public and private consumers. The and principal of debts and expenses, including retirement reserves. Decision as to whether the authority is to be operated would be submitted to
PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY, N. Y.-BOND SALE-The issue of \(\$ 33,000,0003 \%\) fourth series general and refunding bonds offered 58 members, the principals of which included Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc.; Corp., all of New York. This group, complete, and the Swiss American
given below, purchased the bonds at a price of 99.188 the of which is cost to the Authority being \(3.02 \%\). The bonds are dated Dec. 15,1936
and mature Dec. and mature \({ }^{\text {Dec. }} 15,1950\), only through operation of the to redemption prior to this limitation, they are redeemable in whole or in part, at the onjion of the Authority, on interest payment dates, at: 103 beginning on Dep. 15, Dec. 15,1950 ; at 101 thereafter through Dec. 15, 1955; and at per through
after to after to maturity Payments will be made into the "Fourth Series, \(3 \%\), fund will be applied to the retirement of fourth series es bonds by purchase BONDS REOFFERED FOR INVESTMENT-Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc. ment at a price of 100.25 and accrued interest, to yield about \(2.989 \%\) to maturity. Official announcement of the offering appears on page VI. New York-New Jersey Interstate Tunnel bonds, series E, heretofore issued of Now York Tunnel purposes. Net income from all facilities of the Port of New ork Authority for January, this year, totaled \(\$ 365,647.73\), or an income of \(\$ 5,488,465.20\), an increase of \(22.9 \%\) over the \(\$ 4,464,365.20\) for the same period in 1939.
The bonds, currently offered, in the opinion of counsel, are legal investment for New banks, insurance companies, trustees and other fiduciaries, and eligible for deposit with State or municipal officers or agencies in the
two States for any purpose for which bonds of New York and New Jersey two States for any
may be deposited.
SYNDICATES COMPETTE FOR ISSL E-Three banking groups com-runner-up was particularly keen. In contrast with the offer of 99.188 on which the award was made to the Halsey, Stuart group, the second best The latter bid figured a net interest cost of \(3.023 \%\) and was entered on behalf of the Chase National Bank, Harriman Ripley \& Co., Inc., National Securities Corp., Chemical Bank \& Trust Co., White, Weld \& Co., Union final offer of 97,90 , or a net cost of \(3.05 \%\), came from an account which
included the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, Blyth \& Co., Inc., Manuincluded the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, Blyth \& Co.. Inc., Manu-
facturers Trust Co. of New York, Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, Phelps,
Fenn \& Co., Inc., Stone \& Webster and Blodget, Inc. and Goldman,
Sachs \& Co.
UNDERWRITING GROL P-All of the members of the syndicate which was awarded the \(\$ 33,000,000\) bonds were as follows: Halsey, Stuart \& Co. Inc.
Blair \& Co., Inc. Corporation
Dick \& Merle-Smith
E. H. Rollins \& Sons, Inc.
B. J. Van Ingen \& Co., Inc. Shleids \& Compan
Jackson \& Curtis

> Jackson \& Curtis Merrill Lynch \& Co. In Otls \& Co. (Inc.) Kean, Taylor \& Co. J. S. Banhe \& Co.
Eastman, Dillon \& Co. Wertheim \& Co G. M.-P. Murphy \& Co.
Carl M. Loeb, Rhoades \& C Schoell kopt, Hutton \& Pomeroy, Inc.
schwabacher \& Co
SPRINGFIELD, N. Y.-BOND SALE-The \$150,000 coupon or regis tered sewer bonds offered Feb. 21- V . \(150, \mathrm{p}\). 1163 -were awarded to the
Citizens National Bank of Springfield, as 134 s , at a price of 100.10 , a basis of about \(1.74 \%\). Dated Feb. 1,1940 and due Feb. 1 as follows \(\$ 8,000\) from
1941 to 1943 incl. \(\$ 10,000,1944\) to 1949 incl. and \(\$ 11,000\) from 1950 to 1941 to 1943 incl. \(\$ 10\),
1955 incl. Other bids:
\(\begin{array}{ll}\text { Bidder- } & \text { Int. Rate }\end{array}\) Rate Bid
SCOTIA
bonds
offered
Feb.-BOND
20-V.
150 , p. The \(\$ 163\)-were awarded to the Union Securities Corp. of New York, as 2 s , at a price of 100.09 , a basis of about
\(1.99 \%\). Sale consisted of: \(\$ 71,000\) general impt, bonds. Denom. \(\$ 1,000\) and \(\$ 500\) Due July 1 as
follows: \(\$ 6,500\) from 1940 to 1942 , incl.: \(\$ 7,500\) i943: \(\$ 2,000\) from water refunding bonds. Denom, \(\$ 1,000\). 1947 Due' \(\$ 1,000\) on July 15,000 water refunding bonds. Drom 1940 to 1954 inclusive. \(\$ 1,000\). Due \(\$ 1,000\) on July 1 10,000 general refunding bonds. One bond for \(\$ 200\), other \(\$ 1,000\) each. 1954.
water supply impt. bonds. Denom. \(\$ 500\). Due July 1 as follow 3

All of the bonds will be dated Jan. 1, 1940. Other bids:
 Gaorge B. Gibbons \& Co. and Roosevelt \& Wei-
goll Inc.
Marine Trust Co of Buffalo and R R D. White \& Co. Kidder, Peabody

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SYRACUSE HOUSING AUTHORITY (P. O. Syracuse) N. Y.BOND SALE-TThe \$993,000 series A first issue housing bonds offered Feb.
 net interest cost of about Butso , as follows: 8302,00028 , due rrom 1940, to



 second high bido of 100.11 for \(\$ 505,0002.40 \mathrm{~s}\) and \(\$ 488,00023 / \mathrm{s}\), or a net nterest cost of about \(2.65 \%\) was submitted by a group composed of Goldinc.
TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AUTHORITY, N. Y.-ORIGINAL TRIBOR REDEMPTION -The above Authority, successor to the New York City Parkway Authority, announces that runds have been deposited with the Marine Midland Trust co. New York, fiscal agent, for the purchase, payment or redemption or the s18, fond revenue bonds serial bonds due
31/2\% serial and \(31 / 2 \%\) sinking fund
Oct. 1940 and Oct. 194 are payable at par and acrued interest to maturity. Serial bonds due Oct. 1,1942 and thereafter and all sinking fund bonds are payable at 105 and accrued interest to Aprif
The Triborough Authority also announces that it thas erectern on April 1, 1942 , all of its \(4 \%\) serial revenue and \(4 \%\) sinking fund revenue April 1, 1942. In this connection, the agency has deposited with the Chase April 1, 1942. In this connection, the agefcy has depicient to pay or redeem as of Feb. 21 all of its outstanding \(4 \%\) bonds by payment of the following amounts. \(4 \%\) serials due April 1.1942 . at par with interest to that date;
\(4 \%\) serials due after April 1 , 1942 and all of the \(4 \%\) sinking fund bonds, \(4 \%\) serials due after April interest to foregoing date.
 Parkway bonds, none of which are optional until a result of the recent position to liquidate their holdings at this time as a result of the recent
cinancing by the Triborough agency in amount or \(898.500 .000-\mathrm{V}\). 150 , \(\mathbf{p}\). 1163. The eity parkway's should be presented for redemption in accordance with terms or the official announcement at the Marine Midland Trust Co..
120 Broadw, New York City; the original Triborough ts should be
1rested presented at
UTICA HOUSING AUTHORITY (P. O. Utica), N. Y.-BONDSSOLD -The Monawk Valley Investing Co: of Utica purchased privately an issue

Monawk Valley Investing Co.. Utica, is offering a new issue of \(\$ 242,000\).
municipal housing. series \(A 2 \% \%\) and \(2 \% \%\) bonds. dated Feb. 15,1940 . municipal housing, series A \(23, \%\) and \(23 / \%\) bonds, dated Feb. 15.1940 . 190 ,
and due Aug. 15,1940 , to 1960 at prices to yileld from \(0.50 \%\) to \(2.60 \%\). aacording to maturity, This issue was the first of forv recently sold by
local housing authorities in connection with the Federal housing program local housing authorities in connection with the Federal housing program
and, according to the bankers, were the only bonds sold ate private sale. The bankers originally agreed to perchase and were a warded the issue in any interest payment date as a whole or in part in the inverse order of their numbers at 103 plus accrued interest, on or before Feb. 15 , 1945, and at secreasing prices thereafter to matrity. They are legal invertments
savings banks and trust funds in all present Federal and New York State income taxes.
WILLSBORO (P. O. Willsboro), N. Y.-BOND OFFERING-Livings-
ton Hatch Town supervisor will receive sealed bids until 11 a a m . on March ton Hatch, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m . on March 8 for the purchase of \(\$ 10,000\) not to exceed \(6 \%\) interest coupon or registered road bonds. Dated March 1.1940 . Denom. \(\$ 1,00000\) in 1944 . Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 4 or \(1-10\) th of \(10 \%\) Prin. and int. (M-S) payable at the Essex County National Bank,
Wilisbor, the bonds are eneneral obligations of the town, payable from
unlimited ad valorem taxes. A certified check for \(\$ 500\), payable to order unlisbort. The bond valoren taxes. A certitified check for \(\$ 500\), pate
of the Town Supervisor, must accompany each proposal.
YONKERS N . Yy-HIGHER TAX RATE PROPOSED-The proposed
budget for 1940 , submitted by City Manager Raymond J. Whitney, probudget for 1940 . submitted by City Manager Raymond J. Whitney, pro-
vides for a tax rate of \(\$ 40\) per \(\$ 1,000\) of assessed valuation, compared with


\section*{NORTH CAROLINA}

MILTON, N. C.-BOND OFFERING-Sealed bids will be received unti 11 a.m. on Feb. 27 , by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Govern1940. Due \(\$ 500\) on Jan. 1 in 1942 to 1959 , incl., without option of prior payment. There will be no auction. Denom. 8500 ; coupon bonds registerable as to principal alone; prin. and int (JJJ) payabie in la wrul money March 19, at place of purchaser's chooce.
Bidders are requested to name the interest rate or rates, not exceeding \(6 \%\) per annum in multiples of \(1 / 2\) of \(1 \%\). Each bid may name one rate for part of the bonds (having the earire than two rates, and each bidder must
 awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the bonds at the lowest interest
cost to the town, such cost to be determined by deducting the total mount oost to the town, such crost the aggregate amount of interest upon all of the bonds until their respective maturities. No bid of less than par and accrued interest will be entertaned. bertified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable uncondititionally to the order of the state Treasurer for \(\$ 180\) Tha approving opinion of
Durham, N. C., will be furnished the purchaser.
PASQUOTANK COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth City) N. C.-BOND SALE-The \$145,000 coupon semi-ann. schooi building bonds offered for
 1959 incl.
PERSON COUNTY (P. O. Person), N. C.-BOND OFFERING-Sealed bids will be received until 11 a.m. on Feb. 27, by W. E. Easterling, secre-
tary of the Local Government Commission, at his office in Raleigh, for the purchase of a \(\$ 65,000\) issen of refunding school bonds. Dated March 1
Due on March 1 as follows: \(\$ 2,000\), 1941 to 1950 and \(\$ 3,000\), 1951 to 1965 , all incl., without option of prior payment. There will be no auction. Denom. \$1,000; coupon bonds registerable as to principal alone;
prin. and int. (M. © Si.), payable in legal tender in New Nork City; generai prin. and int. (M. \(M\), \&
obligations; unitited tax; delivery on or about March 18, at place of purchasers choice.
6 Bidders are requested to name the interest rate or rates, not exceeding
 balance, but no bid may name more than two rates, and each bidder must
specify in his bid the amount of bonds of each rate. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the bonds at the lowest interes cost to the county, such cost to be determined by deducting the total
amount of the premium bid from the aggregate amount of interest upnoall
of the bonds until their respective maturities. No bid of less than par and accrued interest will be entertained
Bids are required on forms to be furnished with additional information bank or trust company, payable unconditionally to the order of the state Treasurer for \(\$ 1,300\). The approving opinion of Masslich and Mitchell, N. Y. City, will be furnished the purchaser.

ROXBORO, N. C.-BOND OFFERING-Sealed bids will be received
Rutil 11 a.m. on Feb. 27, by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, at his orfice in Raleigh, for the purchase of \(\$ 15,000\) refunding schiool, bonds. Dated March 1,1940 . Due \(\$ 1,000\) on
March 1 in 1941 to 1955 incl., without option of prior payment . There will be no auction. Denom.' \$1.000; coupon bonds reyisterable as to principal alone: prin. and int. (M-s), payabie in egal tender in New York City; ; eneran 25 c on the \(\$ 100\) valuation; delivery payable from a tax of at place of purchaser's choice.
Bidders are requested to name the interest rate or rates, not exceeding \(6 \%\) per annum in multiples of the or licest maturities), and another rate for for balance, but no bid may name more than two rates, and each bidder must specify in his bid the amount of bonds of each rate. The bonds will be cost to the town, such cost to be determined by deducting the total amount of the premium, bid from the aggregate amount of interest upon all of the bonds until theerr respective maits
Blds are reequired on forms to be furnished with additional information
and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon an incorported and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company payable unconditionally to the order or the dithe
Treasurer for \(\$ 300\). The approving opinion of Masslich \& Mitcheli, New Treasurer for \(\$ 300\). The approving opinion.
TREDELL COUNTY (P. O. Statesville) N. C.-BOND SALE-The \(\$ 65,000\) coupon refunding bridge and road bonds offered for sale on Feb . \(20-\) southern Investment Co., both of Charlotte, paying a premium of \(\$ 14.85\).
 \(31 / \mathrm{s}\), due on March 1: \(\$ 20,000\) in 1954; \(\$ 10,000\) in 1955 and 1956, and
\(\$ 5,000\) in 1957. WILSON N. C.-BOND SALE-The \(\$ 300,000\) issue of coupon semi-
 Wilson, paying a premium of \(\$ 489\), equal to 100.163 a net interest cost of
Wbout \(2.40 \%\) on the bonds divided as follows: \(\$ 255.000\) as \(2 / 15\) s. due on



\({ }_{*}^{\text {Estabrook \& Co. and }} \mathbf{F}\). R. S . Dickson \& \(\mathrm{CO}, \mathrm{C}\). F . Ashmun \& Co . and southern Investment Co .R.
First \(\$ 240,000\)
Sucessful bid.

\section*{OHIO}

BELLAIRE, Ohio-BONDS AUTHORIZED-The city has authorized
 1942 to 1948 , inclusive.
BELMONT COUNTY (P. O. St. Clairsville) Ohio-BOND OFFER-ING- E. E. Taylor, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Wil
receive sealed bids until noon on March 12 for the purchase of \(\$ 150,000\) not
noted
 Aprom 1940 to 1949 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in multiples of Iotice to the halder at par and interest on any incting agent. They are issued to pay for
notice to poor to Jan. 1, 1940 . Printed bonds will be furnished by the city. A certiprior to an. 1 fiec for of the amount bid, paybable to order
Cied check Commissioners, must accompany each proposal
CLEVELAND, Ohio BONDS PURCHASED FROM SINKING FUND - Atotal of \(\$ 1,655,000\) bonds offered by the City Sinking Fund on Feb. 20
 \& Co., Hayden, Miller \& Co., McDonald-Coolidge \&\& Co., all of cleveland
Stranahan, Harris \& Co., Inc., and Ryan, Sutherland \& Co., both of Toledo Stranahan, Harris \& Co.. Inc. and Ryan, Sutherland \& Co, , both or Toledo,
at par plus a premium of \(\$ 149651.13\), equal to 109.209, or a net interest at par plus a premium Sale consisted of:
cost of about \(2.49 \%\).
\(\$ 957\), \(\$ 957,0004 \%\) refunding bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1936, and dae \(\$ 87,000\) on



 \(161,000515 \%\) hiond hatial bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1921, and due \(\$ 23,000\) on
Nov. 1 from 1941 to 1947 , incl. Second high bid of 107.52 was made by a groun composed of Halsey,

DENNISON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohioseale sealed bids until noon on March 6 , for the purchase \(\$ 1,00\). Due \(\$ 1,000\)
tional facility bonds. Dated April 1940 Denom. ton April 1 and Oct. \(i\) from 1941 to 1965 , incl. All bonds remaining unpaid
ofter on interest on interest date on four mone bonds bid for, payable to order of the Clerk
certified check for \(1 \%\) of the of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.
FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio- BOND SALE POSTPONED-The proposed sale on Feb. 24 of \(\$ 250,000\) poor relief
delinquent tax bonds- \(150, p\). 1029 has been canceled, according to
 HAMILTON, Ohio BONDS SOLD-Anissue of \(\$ 75.000\) refinding bonts
 1950 incl. Principal and interest payabie at the City Treastrer's office.
KELLEYS ISLAND, Ohio- BOND SALE-The \(\$ 1,500\) coupon water
orks bonds offered Feb. 20-V. 150 , p. 1029 -were awarded to the Third National Bank of Sandusky, as 4s. at par. Dated March 1, 1940, and due \(\$ 300\) on March 1 from 1942 to 1946 , incl.
MANSFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio-EOND SALE-
The \(\$ 23.000\) chool bonds offered Feb. \(20-\mathrm{V}\). 150 , p . \(1164-\) were awarded The \(\$ 23.000\) school bonds offeret
to Johnson. Kase \& Co. of Cleveland, as 1 s, at a a price of 100.073 a a batis of about \(0.98 \%\) Dated Feb. 1.1940 and due Oct. 1 as follows \(\$ 5.000\) from
1941 to 1944 incl. and 83.000 in 1945 . Second high bid of 100.70 for \(1 / 2 \mathrm{~s}\)

MIDDLEFIELD Ohio-BOND OFFERING-H. J. Rhodes, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until noon on March i2 for the purchase of
\(\$ 6,000.5 \%\) coupon water works improvent and extension bonds. Dated \(\$ 6,000\). \(5 \%\) coupon water works improvement and extension bonds. Dated
April 1 . 1940 . Denom. \(\$ 500\). Due \(\$ 500\) on Aug. 1 from 1942 to 1953 . April. Bidder may name a different rate of interest provided that fractionai rates are expressed in a multiple of \(1 / 4\) of \(1 \%\). A certified check for \(1 \%\) of
the bonds bid for, payable to order of the village, must accompany each proposal COLLEGE HILL, Ohio-BOND SALE-The 88.500 fire
NORTH COLE apparatus \(\&\) Co. of Cincinnati, as \(11 / 2 \mathrm{~s}\), at a price of 100.105 , a basis of about \(1.48 \%\). Dated Feb.. 19 . 1940 and due Oct. 1 as follows. \(\$ 500 \mathrm{ol}\) rom
1941 to 1943 incl. and \(\$ 1,000\) from 1944 to 1950 incl. Second high bid of

101 for \(13 / 4 \mathrm{~s}\) was made by Browning, Van Duyn, Tischler \& Co. of Cin-
cinnati.
ST. MARYS, Ohio-BOND OFFERING-George W. Hale, City
Auditor, will receive sealed bids until noon on March 7 , \(\$ 230,000\) not to exceed \(3 \%\) interest coupon municipal light and power plant system extension first mortgage revenue bonds. Dated March 1, 1940 .
Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Due Sept. as follows: Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Due sept. 1 as follows: \(\$ 15\), , 00 from 1941 to 1950 , incl.
and \(\$ 16.000\) from 1951 to 1955 , incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 14 of \(1 \%\), payable \(M-\).s. Bonds are payanlest to be expressed out of revenues of the municipal light and power plant after provision only for operating
and maintenance expenses. A certified check for \(1 \%\) of the bonds bid for, payanle to orderof the city, A certified check for \(1 \%\) of the bonds bid for,
of Peck, Shaffer, Williams \& Gorman of Cincinnati will be furnished the TRIMRIdder without charge
TRIMBLE. Ohio-BOND OFFERING-M. F. Christman, Village Cierk, will receive sealed bids until noon on March 18 for the purchase of \(\$ 1,200\)
\(4 \%\) funding bonds. Dated March \(1,1940\). Denom. \(\$ 200\). Due \(\$ 200\) on
March 1 from 1942 to 1947 incl. Prin. and int. (M-s) payable \(\$ 2{ }^{\text {Villagen }}\). Clerk's office. Bidder may name a different rate of interesteble at Village multiple of \(1 / 4\) of \(1 \%\). A cerrified check for \(2 \%\) of the bid, payable to order he Vivage Clerk, is required.
TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio-BOND ofFERINGbids until 2 p. m. on March 7 for the purchmissioners, will receive sealed bonds. Dated March 1,1940 . Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Due \(\$ 7,000\) on Aprunding 1 and oct. 1 from 1941 to 1950 , incl. Bidder may name a different rate of interest pnterest A-O. County will pay for expressed in a multiple of \(1 / 4\) of \(1 \%\). to pay for legal opinion and expense of shipping the bonds. A certified
check for \(\$ 1,400\), payable to order of the County Commissioners, must acompany each proposal.
 not to exceed \(4 \%\) interest coupon general improvement refunding bonds from 1942 to 1946 , incl. and \(\$ 12,000\) from 1947 to 1951 ollows: \(\$ 13,000\) interest to be expressed in a mutliple of \(1 / 4\) of \(1 \%\), payable A-Ocl. A certified check for \(1 \%\) of the issue, payable to order of the city, must accompany WILLOWICK (P. O. Willoughby), Ohio-TENDERS WANTEDable in the sinking fund for the purchase of refunding bout \(\$ 5,000\) is a datail-
1936 , and is asking for sealed tenders of such securities until noon on March 22. Tenders must fully describe bonds offered and state a price of not ex-

\section*{OKLAHOMA}
(P. O. Fairfax), CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Fairfax), Okla,-BONDS SOLD-It is reported that \(\$ 18,000\) building and furniture bonds have been purchased by Carl \(\mathbf{F}\). Matzen of Okla-
homa City. The bonds are divided as follows: \(\$ 6,000 \mathrm{as} 21 / 2 \mathrm{~s}\), due \(\$ 2,000\) on June is, in 1942 to 1944 ; the remaining \(\$ 12,000\) as 3 s , due \(\$ 2,000\) on
June 15 in 1945 to 1950 incl. LAWTON Okla - BONDS
LAWTON Okla.-BONDS SOLD-It is stated by the Assistant City sale on Feb. 20 and were awarded to the Security Bank were offered for Lawton, as 134, paying a premium of \(\$ 45\), equal to 100.15 , a basis of about
\(1.72 \%\). Due \(\$ 6,000\) in 1943 to 1947 incl OKLAHOMA, State of-SUPREME COURT ORDERS ISSUANCE plication of Governor Leon C. Phillips for a writ of mandamus to force ment of claims against the general fund for this fiscal year warrants in payMr . Carter had refused to issue such warrants in excess of \(\$ 400,000\) of
cash on hand, contending such action was pervented by the constitutional cash on hand, contending such action was pervented by the constitutional The Court action will release \(\$ 2,735,000\) in claims which have piled up
in the Auditor's office. Mr. Carter estimates a general fund deficit for this fiscal year of \(\$ 6,000,000\).
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla-BONDS VOTED-It is stated by F. G. Baker, City Auditor, that at the election held on Feb. 20, the voters approved the issuance of the following bonds aggregating \(\$ 6,911,000: \$ 4,345\), ,-
000 water reservoir; \(\$ 1,162,000\) distribution system; \(\$ 1,098,000\) pumping and filtration, and \(\$ 306,000\) lake improvement bonds. \(\$ 1,098,000\) pumping
The 'Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 23 commented on the returns as follows:

Complete returns on Tuesday's election show that city voters have Water Reservoir bond issu of 396 ballots a \(\$ 6,911,000\) Upper Bluff Creek problems by supplementing the present lake with construction of another on city property voted in the election Bids on the issue are expected to be called for on March 5.
PERRY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Perry), Okla.-PRICE PAID It is now reported that the \(\$ 22,000\) building repair and equipment bonds
sold to Carl F. Matzen of Oklahoma City as \(1 \$ 4 \mathrm{~s}\) and 2 s as noted here . 150, p. 876-were awarded at an interest cost of \(1.895 \%\).
Improvement bonds offered Feb \(19-\mathrm{S} .150-\mathrm{The} ~ \$ 18,000\) coupon street First National Bank of State College. Dated March 1, 1940. Due March the 1945; callable on any interest payment date. The Peoples National Bank of

\section*{OREGON}

CASCADE LOCKS Ore- BONDS SOLD-We are informed by W. J.
Carlson, City Recorder, that \(\$ 10.000\) coupon semi-ann Carison, City Recorder, that \(\$ 10.000\) coupon semi-ann. street improvement
bonds were offered for sale on Feb. 13 and were awarded to Tripp \& Mc-
Clearey of Portland, as 5 s. Clearey of Portland, as 5 s, paying par. No other bid was received. Due
\(\$ 1,000\) on July 1 in 1942 to 1951 incl. COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. St. Helens) Ore.-BOND \(S A L E\)-The \(\$ 49,500\) issue of school bonds offerd for sale on
Feb. \(19-\) V. 150, p. 1165 -was awarded to Atkinson, Jones \& Co. of Portand, as 2 s , paying a price of 100.07 , a basis of about \(1.99 \%\). Dated
March 1, 1940. Due on Feb. 23 in 1941 to 1952 incl. MONMOUTH O
MONMOUTH, Ore.-BOND SALE DTEAILS-It is stated by the City Tripp \& McLeary of Portland, as noted here-V. 150, bonds sold to purchased at par, divided as follows: \(\$ 22,000\) as \(311 / 4\), due \(\$ 2,000\) on
Feb. 1 in 1942 to 1952 : the remaining \(\$ 18,000\) as \(31 / 2 \mathrm{~s}\), due on Feb. \(1:\)
\(\$ 2,000\) in 1953 to 1958 , and \(\$ 3,0\) in in 1959 and 1960 . POLK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO
Ore.-BONDS NOT SOLDD-It is stated by the District Clerk that the \(\$ 15,000\) not to exceed \(4 \%\) semi-annual school bonds offered on Jan. \(26-2\), .
PORTLAND, Ore.-BONDS OFFERED-Sealed bids were received
until 11 a.m. m Feb. 21 by R. E. Riley, Commissioner of Finance, for the
purchase of \(\$ 95,269.376 \%\) semi-annual improvement bonds. until 11 a.m. m . Feb. 21 by R. E. Riley, Commissioner of Fi
PORTLAND Ore.-SINKING FC ND BONDS SOLD-It is stated by City Water Sinking Fund), aggregating \(\$ 302,000\), offered for sale on Feb. 20,
have been purchased by several bidders.

\section*{PENNSYLVANIA}

ALLENTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY (P. O. Allentown), Pa.V. 150 , p. 876 - Were awarded to a a group composed of R . Wefered Feb. \(15-\)
Co., Phelps. Fenn \& Co., Inc., and F. S. Moseley \& Co., all of New York
 \(\$ 64,00011 / 2 \mathrm{~s}\), due Aug. \(15: \$ 30.000\) in \(1940 ; \$ 9,000,1941 ; \$ 8,000,1942\); \(61,0002 \mathrm{~s}\), due \(\$ 10,000\) in \(1945, \$ 9.000\) in \(1946, \$ 10,000\) in \(1947, \$ 11,000\)
in \(1948, \$ 10,000\) in 1949 and \(\$ 11,000\) in 1950.
\(89,00021 / \mathrm{s}\), due \(\$ 12,000\) from 1951 to 1953, incl.; \(\$ 13,000\) from 1954 to
 Second high bid of 101.023 for \(\$ 187,00021 / 5 \mathrm{~s}\) and \(\$ 155,00023 \mathrm{ys}\), or a net
interest cost of \(2.599 \%\), was made by Burr \& Co., Inc., and Edward Lowber Stokes \& Co
BONDS REOFFERED FOR INVESTMENT-The successful bidders re-
offered the bonds to yield from \(0.30 \%\) to \(2.65 \%\), according to maturity. ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Erie), Pa.-NOTE SALE-The issue of \(\$ 250,000\) tax anticipation notes offered Feb. 16-V. 150, D. \(724-\) were awarded to
Shields \& Co. of New York at \(0.244 \%\) interest. Dated Feb. 23, 1940 and due Aug. 23.1940 . Fisher, MacEwan \& Co., second high bidder, named
a rate of \(0.33 \%\). 1940 and
LUZERNE COUNTY (P. O. Wilkes Barre) Pa.-BOND OFFERINGRobert N. Bierly, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a.m.
on March 8 for the purchase of \(\$ 500,000\) not to exceed \(21 / 2 \%\) interest
coupon funding bonds. Dated March 1,1940 Denom. \(\$ 1,000\) coupon funding bonds. Dated March 1,1940 Do exceed \(11 / 2 \%\) interest
March 1 as follows: \(\$ 50,000\) in 1942 and \(\$ 150,000\) from 1943 to 190 . Due
Rate of incl.
 of Philadelphia. A certified order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. payable to NEW BRIGHTON Pa.-BOND SALE-The \(\$ 35,000\) funding bonds
offered Feb. \(21-\mathrm{V}\). 150, p. 1165 -were awarded to Bank of Beaver Falis, as 2s, at par. Dated Feb. 1, 1940 and due Feb. 1 as \(\$ 2,000,1949 ; \$ 3,000,1950, \$ 2,000,1951 ; \$ 3,000,1952: \$ 2,000,1953\) and
\(1954 ; \$ 3,000\) in 1955 and \(\$ 2,000\) in 1956 and 1957 . Other bids: Bidder-


PHILADELPHIA Pa.-COL RT APPROVES BOND ISSL E-Judge
Gerald F. Flood of Common Pleas Court on Feb 19 approved an issue of \(\$ 22,000,000\) bonds to rehabilitate the municipal water system. Issue will be considered by the voters at the primary election on April 23. Court ruled against the city's borrowing in serial form, would not consitute a charge against the city's borrowing capacity. The decision lumped outstanding
water bonds and the proposed issue in one total of \(\$ 50438,900\) in ruling their exclusion "from the calculation of the city's indebtedness."
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.-WAGE TAX LAW APPEAL DROPPED-
Plans to appeal the decision of the state Supreme Court upholding consti Plans to appeal the decision of the State supreme Court upholding constiutionality of the city's \(11 / 2 \%\) wage tax law have been dropped by the At-
torney for the local worker in whose behalf the statute was attacked an cording to report. Intention was to appeal the ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court on ground that the tax ordinance violated the 14 th Amendment
to the Constitution. The attorney later decided that there was basis l, it was sdid.
PITTSBURGH, Pa.-BOND OFFERING-Edward R. Frey, City chase of \(\$ 375,000\) not to exceed 40 inter coupon equipment bonds. Dated March 1, 1940. Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Due \(\$ 75,000\) on March 1 from 1941 to 1945 , incl. Bidder to name a single rate of inholder at any time for a registered bond or bonds of the same maturity and denomination or a multiple thereof not exceeding the aggregate principal amount of the coupon bond or bonds surrendered in exchange therefor Nonds are issued to provide funds for the purchase and delivery of automotive vehicular equipment to be used in connection with the collection, disposal and final disposition of garbage and household refuse within the limits temporary typewritten or printed bond or bonds for the a purchaser a cipal amounts of the bonds which shall be substantially in the same form as the definitive bonds with appropriate omissions, insertions and variations the temporary bonds shall be in full force for definitive coupon bonds, terms. The purchaser will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Smith, Shaw \& McClay of Pittsburgh that the bonds are direct and general obliga-
tions of the city, payable both as to principal and interest from ad val taxes, without limitation as to rate or a mount, of all property ad valorem taxes, without limitation as to rate or amount, of all property legally tax-
able therein. Enclose a certified check for \(2 \%\) of the principal amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city.
SCRANTON, Pa.-NOTE SALE-Brandon \& Co. of New York purchased an issue of \(\$ 750,000\) notes at \(0.67 \%\) interest rate. Dated Feb. 20,
1940 and payable Dec. 20,1940 . Legality approved by Townsend, Eliott \& Munson of Philadelphia.
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.-PROPOSED BOND ISSUE-The City Counci
lans to hold an election on the question of issuing \(\$ 175,000\) flood protec tion bonds
YOUNGSVILLE, Pa.-BOND ISSUE DETAILS-The \(\$ 20,00031 / 2 \%\) sewer bonds awarded to Phillips, Schmertz \& Co of Pittsburgh, at a price
of \(107.817-\mathrm{V}\). 150 . p. 1165 mature July 1 as foilows: \(\$ 2,000\) from 1949 to payable at the Youngsville National Bank, Youngsville. Legality approved

\section*{RHODE ISLAND}

CRANSTON, R. I.-NOTE SALE-The \(\$ 200,000\) revenue anticipation notes offered Feb. 21. were e warded to the First National Bank of Boston
at \(0.278 \%\) discount. Dated Feb. 23, 1940 and due Dec. 3, 1940.


 Yowk, Putnam \& Co. of Hartford., Bhaston, Whiteside \& Symn \& \& Conds of Boston
Schwabacher \& Co., New York, Martin, Burns \& Corbett of Chicago Lincoln R. Young \& Cow P Hark, Martin, Burns \& Corbett of Chicago, and
of about \(2.22 \%\) Bonds will be dated March at a price of 100.362 , a basis

 \(195 ; \$ \$ 108,000,1960 ; \$ 110,000,1961 ; \$ 112,000.1962, \$ 115,000.1963 ;\)
\(\$ 117,000,1964 ; \$ 114,000,1965 ; \$ 122.000,1966 ; \$ 124,000,1967 ; \$ 127,000\),
\(1968 ; \$ 129,000,1969 ; \$ 132,000,1970\), and \(\$ 93.000,1971\). matrrity. They are payable from water works revenues and are also general obligations of the City of Newport. In the opinion of the bankers,
the bonds are legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York. Massachusetts and Connecticut. The following other bids, also Bidder-
First Boston Corp,; Harris Trust \& Savings Bank; Mercantile Com- Rate Bid
merce Bank \& Trust Co Harriman Ripley \& Co., Inc.; Kidder, Peabody \& Co.; F. \& 101.60 Moseley \& Co., et al.,.
Rankers Trust Co. Lehman Bros. Lazard Freres \& Co., et al
Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc.; Blair \& Co., Inc.; Dick \& Merle-Smith,
et al. EAST PROVIDENCE, R. I.-BOND. SALE-The \(\$ 80,000\) coupon
emergenyy relief bonds offered Feb. \(20-\mathrm{V}\). \(150, \mathrm{p}, 1165\) were a warded
to the Industrial Trust Co. of Providence, as \(13 / 4 \mathrm{~s}\), at a price of 100.75 ,
a basis of about \(1.66 \%\). Dated March 1, 1940 and due \(\$ 5,000\) on March 1 from \(\begin{aligned} & \text { Bidder } \\ & \text { Halsey, St }\end{aligned}\)
 Stone \& Webster and Blodget, Inc.................................................................... 101.08 WARWICK (P. O. Apponaug), R. I. TBOND SALE-The \$177,500 Peabody \& Co. and Bond, Judge \& Co., both of Boston, jointly, as \(13 / 4 \mathrm{~s}\) follows:
\(\$ 27,500\) Gorton School bonds as \(13 / \mathrm{s}\). Due March 1 as follows: \(\$ 5,000\) from 110,000 public works bonds as \(21 / 2 \mathrm{~s}\). Due \(\$ 5,000\) on March 1 from 1941 to water bonds as \(21 / 2 \mathrm{~s}\). Due \(\$ 5,000\) on Mar. 1 from 1963 to 1970 incl. All of the bonds will be dated March 1, 1940. Other bids: Bidder \({ }_{\mathbf{W}}\). Tourtellot Halsey, Stuart \& Co., Inc................................................. \(13 / 1 / 2\)


\section*{SOUTH CAROLINA}

COLUMBIA, S. C.-BONDS OFFERED until
 87,000 in 1949 .

\section*{SOUTH DAKOTA}

HOSMER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hosmer)

 1948 to 1952, all incl. The district has the right to call any bond on any HUMBOLDT, S. Dak.-BONDS SOLD-It is reported that \(\$ 7,000\) Co. of Sioux Falls.

\section*{TENNESSEE}

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Kmoxville), Tenn--BOND SALE-The following coupon bonds aggregating \(\$ 35,000\), offered for saave on Feb, and the Fidelity-Bankers Trust Co., both of Knoxville, as \(21 / 2 \mathrm{~s}\), paying a premium of \(\$ 17.50\), equal to 100.05 , a basis of about \(2.49 \%\) in 1943 to 1953 inclusive.
\(\$ 25,000\) welfare building bonds. Due on Feb. 1 in 1943 10,000 Valley Agricultural and Industria
Feb. 1 in 1943 to 1950 inclusive.
SMITH COUNTY (P. O. Carthage), Tenn.-BOND SALE DETAILS It is stated by the Clerk of the County Court that the \(\$ 100,000\) school bonds sold to \(W\). N. Estes \& Co. of Nashville and the p. 878 -were sold at of Carthage, jointly, as \(23 / \mathrm{s}\), as noted here-V. \(150, \mathrm{p}\). 878 -were sold at
par, are dated April 1, 1940 , and mature \(\$ 5,000\) on Jan. 1942 to 1961 . par, are de.

WILSON COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon) Tenn.-BOND SALE DETAILS We are informed by the County Court Clerk that the \(\$ 129,00023 / \%\). 150, p. 1166-Were purchased at par. Coupon bonds, dated Feb. 1, 1940 .

\section*{TEXAS}

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas) Texas-WARRANTS SOLD-It is DALLAS Charles A. Tosch, County Auditor, that \(\$ 280,000\) road and bridge, series 1940 warrants were orfered for slae on Feb. 17 and were awarded to Crummer \& Co. of \(11 / \mathrm{D}^{2}\) due on April \(\$ 50,000\) in 1943 , and \(\$ 75,000\) in 1945 ; the
 in 1947 . Dated April 10, 1940, callable at the option of the county on
April 10 , 1955, or any interset payment date thereafter. Prin. and int payable by the levy of a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax on al
taxable properties in the county. Legality to be approved by W. P. Dumas. of Dallas.
HEMPHILL, Texas-BOND OFFERING-It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Feb. 27 , by Mayor D. G. Mann, f
chase of \(\$ 30.000\) not to exceed \(5 \%\) semi-ann. refunding bonds.
MEDINA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2 ( \(\mathbf{P}\). O. Hondo), TexasPRICE PAID-It is stated by the County Judge that the \(\$ 60,0003 \%\) coupon semi-ann. road on
sociates, as noted here V. \(150, \mathrm{p} .1166\)-were purchased for a premium
of \(\$ 1.462 .50\), equal to 102.437 , a basis of about \(2.78 \%\). Due on_Aug. 1 in 1941 to 1959 incl
MERKEL, Texas-BONDSSOLD-It is reported that \(\$ 130,0\) - 0 refunding
bonds have been sold recently. MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PRECINCT NO. 2 (Pounty Judge, that he will receive sealed bids until \(10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}\). on Feb. 26 for the purchase of a \(\$ 500,000\) issue of road, series 1940 bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed legal opinion from a recognized firm of bond attorneys of his own selection and the preparation of such orders and certificates as are necessary for
the transcript of the proceedings of said bonds and the issuance thereof These bonds are part of the \(\$ 2,000,000\) issue authorized at the election held on Dec. 16, 1939. Enclose a certified check for \(\$ 5,000\), payable to the TIOGA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tioga) TexasBONDS SOLD-It is reported that \(\$ 22,2254 \%\) semi-ann. refunding bonds have been purchased at par

\section*{VERMONT}

FAIRFIELD, Vt.-BOND OFFERING-Thomas B. Ryan, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until noon on Feb 29 for the purchase of
\(\$ 80.000\) not to exceed \(3 \%\) interest coupon refunding bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1940. Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Due \(\$ 4,000\) on Feb. 1 rrom 1941 to 1960 , incl Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of \(1 / 4\) of \(1 \%\). Prin, and int.
\((\mathbf{F}-\mathrm{A})\) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. The bonds will be authenticated as to genuineness and their legality approved by such attorney as the bidder may suggest. and also by the attorney for the town
M. H. Alexander of St. Albans. Duly certified copies of all resolutions M. H. Alexander of St. Albans. Duly certified copies of all resolutions,
votes and records incident to the authorization of the issue will be filed with the attorneys.

\section*{VIRGINIA}

DANVILLE, Va.-BOND OFFERING-Sealed bids will be received ntil noon on the purchase of a \(\$ 7,000\) issue of refunding " \(M\) "' coupon bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4\%, payable J-J. Denom. \(\$ 1,000\). Dated Jan. 1,1940 . Due \(\$ 3.000\) Jan. 1, 1941 to 1965 . Rate of interest to be in a muitiple of than all of the bonds will be considered. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid offers the lowest interest cost to the city over the life of
the bonds after deducting the premium offered, if any. Principal and int. the bonds after deducting the premium offered, if any. Principal obligation payds issued pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State, including among others, the City Charter, and pursuant to ordinances duly
adopted by the City council. The sonds will be ready for delivery on or dopted by the City council. The sonds will be ready for delivery on or about April, and will be delivered in any city designated Washburn \& lay,
together with the approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt, Wash
of New York. Bids shall be made on the form to be furnished by the City Auditor and Clerk. Enclose a certified checi for \(2 \%\) of the face value of the

VIENNA Va.-BONDS OFFERED-Sealed bids were received Antil \(8: 30 \mathrm{p}\). m. on Feb. 23, by G. C. Bishop, Chairman of the Town Com-


\section*{WASHINGTON}

CAMAS Wash.-BOND SALE-The following issues of semi-ann CAMAS Wash.- BOND SALE
coupon city hall, 1940 bonds aggregating \(\$ 73,000\) offered for sale on
F
-V. 150, p. 878-were awarded \(\$ 22,000\) were sold as \(21 / 4\), at par, the rein 1942 tol 1955 incc . \(1 / 2 \mathrm{~s}\), at a price of 100.27 . Due on March 1 in 1942 to 1955: call
of about \(2.45 \%\).
KING COUNTY ( \(\mathbf{P}\). O. Seattle) Wash.-BOND OFFERING-It is tated by Earl Millikin, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, that he will receive sealed bids until \(10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}\). on March 12, for the purchase of an exceed \(6 \%\). payable A-O. Dated April 1, 1940. Due on April 1 follows. \(1942, \$ 119,000.00 ; 1943, \$ 123.000 .00 ; 1944, \$ 126,00,00 ; 1945, \$ 130-\)
\(000.00 ; 1946, \$ 134,000.00 ; 1947, \$ 138,000.00 ; 1948, \$ 142,000.00 ; 1949\), \(\$ 146,000.00 ; 1950, \$ 155,000.00\).
The bids shall specify: Fhich the bidder will purchase such bonds; and Second, the lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase the All bids except that of the State of Was, either in cash or certified check which amount will be returned to the bidder if his bid is not accepted. Said bonds will be sold with the opinion or bond issue. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept any bid, or reject any and all bids. pledged itself to include in its budget and King County has irrevocably pledged itself to include in its budget and levy taxes annually for the purpose of paying, and which shall mature, and unless a sufficient sum shall be otherwise provided to make such payment, said tax shall be levied as a people.
MOSES LAKE Wash.-PRICE PAID-The Town Clerk states that he 830,000 water system revenue 50 , 5 . 150, p. 726 -were purchased nd a price of 96.00 , a basis of about \(5.45 \%\). Due on Jan. 1 in 1942 to 1960; pional on and arter Jan. 1, 1955.
SUNNYSIDE Wash.-MATLRITY-It is stated by the City Clerk that the \(\$ 90,000\) (not \(\$ 100,000\) ) water system revenue bonds sold jointly to Harris, Lamoreux \& Norrs, noted here on Nov. 4, are due on Nov. 1 as 41/s, at a price of 9644 to as nete \(1944 ; \$ 2,000,1945\) to \(1948, \$ 4,000\) in \(1949, \$ 6,000\) in 1950 to \(1952, \$ 7,000\) in 1953 to \(1955, \$ 8,000\) in 1956
in 1958 and 1959 , callable on and after Nov. \(1,1949\).
THURSTON COUNTY (P. O. Olympia), Wash.-MATURITY-It is now reported by the County Auditor that, the \(\$ 212,000\) refunding court on Jan. 13, are dated Dec. 1, 1939 and mature on June 1 as follows: \(\$ 8,000\) in 1941 and \(1942, \$ 9,000\) in 1943 to \(1946, \$ 10,000\) in 1947 to \(1949, \$ 11,000\)
in 1950 and \(1951, \$ 12,000\) in 1952 and \(1953, \$ 13,000\) in 1954 and 1955, in 1950 and \(1951, \$ 12,000\) in 1952 and 1953 , \(\$ 13,190\). 19.000 in 1956 and 1957 , and \(\$ 15,000\) in 1958 and 1959.

\section*{WISCONSIN}

CARLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. 4116 W. Silver Spring Drive, received until 7 p. m. on Feb.
for the purchase of two issues of not to exceed \(284 \%\), semi-ann. bonds
\(\$ 60,500\) building, and \(\$ 34,500\) aggregating \(\$ 95,0\)
refunding bonds.
DURAND, Wis.-BOND OFFERING-It is stated that both sealed and at 7 b \(m\) for the purchase of a \(\$ 39,000\) issue of refunding bonds. Interes rate is not to exceed \(21 / 2 \%\). Payable M-S. Denom. \(\$ 1,00\). Dated March 15 1940. Due \(\$ 3,000\) on March 15 in 1941 the executed bonds and the ap Treasurer's office. The city will furnish the execured Colman \& Barber, of Minneapolis. Delivery of the bonds is expected to be on or about March 15 at any bank in the city containing the principal oasces of the purchaser Bids may be conditioned upon delivery to the purchaser on
Enclose a certified check for \(2 \%\) of the par value of bonds.
ETTRICK, Wis.-BOND OFFERING-Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on March 1, by A. L. Ofsdahl, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \(\$ 1000\) issue of 3 , \(\%\) coupon semi-a nual town hall bonds. 10 Denom. \$50 These bonds are said to be general obligations of the town.
ONALASKA, Wis.-ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-In connection with the report in our 18 of \(\$ 36.000\) sewage disposal plant bonds- V . \(\mathbf{1 5 0}\), p. 1166 -City Clerk \(R\). W. Sjolander states that only \(\$ 25,000\) were sold as 4 s , and the balance wi Nov taken as and \(\$ 2,000\) in 1951 to \(1953, \$ 2,500\)


\section*{WYOMING}

GILLETTE, Wy o.-BOND SALE-We are now informed by Bessie erk, that the following coupon semi-annual general obligawere awarded jointly to the Casper National Bank of Casper and the Stockmen's Ba
about \(2.45 \%\) :
\(\$ 57,000\) water bonds. Due in 1941 to 1950 . inclusive.
The following information is also furnished.
Names of Other Bidders-
 \({ }_{100.513}\)
 \(\begin{array}{ll}\text { National Bank, Cheyenne, and Geo. } & 25 \% \\ \text { \& Co., Denver } \\ \text { Coughlin \& Co. and Sullivan \& Co., both of Denver.. } & 2.4 \%\end{array}\) \({ }_{100}^{100.14}\) Coughlin \& Co. and Sullivan \& Co., b and rejected and bonds sold at private Note-Alcesfud bidders. Same price bid as on sealed bid, but arrange-
sale to successful ments made whereby bonds could be delivered in blocks as proposed work and contracts progress, thus additional saving in int
GREEN RIVER, Wyo.-BOND OFFERING-Sealed bids will be eceived until \(8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}\). on March 4, by sewer bonds. Dated July 1, 1940 . Denom. \(\$ 500\). Due 1943 to 1945,000 in 1946 to 1949 , and 83,000 in 1941 and 1942,50 in 1950 . The bonds are general obligations of the town and are issued to refund sewer bonds issued July 1, 1930, and callable July 1, 1940. Certified transcript and opinio
certified check for \(\$ 1,000\)

\section*{CANADA}

CANADA, (Dominion of)-TREASLRY BILLS SOLD-An issue of Dated Feb. 15, 1940 and due May 15, 1940. NEWMARKET Ont.-BOND SALE-Wood, Gundy \& Co. of Toronto purchased an years. Among other bids were: J. L. Graham \& Co., 101.275 serially in 10 years. Among other beds were: J. L. Grah```


[^0]:    a These are Bureau
    ofl based upon certain premises outlined in its detailed forecast tor the month of

[^1]:    * Estimated. vo figures available

[^2]:    * "Other cash" does not include Federal Reserve notes. $\dagger$ Revised figures.

[^3]:    For footnotes see pare 1251

[^4]:    Lexington Water Power Co.-EarningsYears Ended Dec. 31-
    Operating revenues
    $\qquad$ $\begin{array}{r}\mathbf{y 1 9 3 9} \\ -\quad \begin{array}{r}1,725,876 \\ -- \\ \hline\end{array} \quad 18,168 \\ \hline\end{array}$
    

    |  | 1938 |
    | ---: | ---: |
    | 1676 | $\$ 1,725,910$ |
    | 138 | 450,826 |
    | 139 | 15,864 |
    | 160 | 188,000 |
    | 161 | 16,502 |
    | 404 | 271,458 |
    |  | $\$ 783,260$ |
    | 34 | 14,139 |
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    Gross income-1.-.-.-.-.
    
    Other interest
    Amortization of debt discount and expense.....-.
    Net income
    Preliminary.
    \$29,067
    $\mathbf{x} \$ 46,582$

    ## Tenders

    The Chase National Bank as trustee is notifying holders of first mortgage 5\% gold bonds, series due 1968, that it has a vailable for purchase of such the sum of $\$ 13,863$. All offers should be addressed to the corporate trust department of the bank, 11 Broad St., New York City, before 12 o'clock
    noon on March 11, 1940.-V. 149, p, 3720,3267 .

[^5]:    Radio Corp. of America-Stockholder Sues-

