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W. F. RASKOB, Secretary

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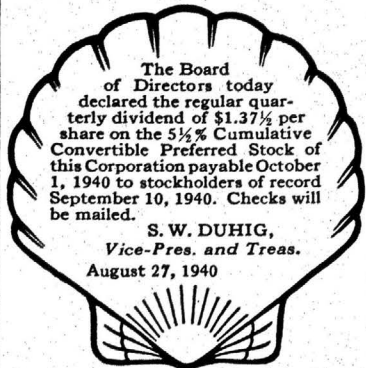
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Dividends

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August 29, 1940



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OFFICE OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY (WISCONSIN)

Chicago Illinois
The Board of Directors of Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin), at a meeting held on August 20, 1940, declared a dividend of one and one-quarter per cent (1¼%) per share on the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable by check September 3, 1940, to stockholders of record as of the close of business August 20, 1940, for the quarter ending August 31, 1940.

N. H. BUCKSTAFF, Treasurer.

Dividends

THE ATLANTIC REFINING CO.

PREFERRED DIVIDEND



NUMBER 18

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held August 26, 1940, a dividend of one dollar (\$1) per share was declared on the Cumulative Preferred Stock, Convertible 4% Series A, of the Company, payable November 1, 1940, to stockholders of record at the close of business October 4, 1940. Checks will be mailed.

W. M. O'CONNOR
Secretary

August 26, 1940

Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation

61 Broadway, New York

August 27, 1940

Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation has declared quarterly dividend No. 78 of One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per share on the Common Stock of the Company, payable September 20, 1940, to common stockholders of record at the close of business September 9, 1940.

W. C. KING, Secretary

KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY

First Preferred, Series B, Dividend No. 55.
Kansas City, Missouri. August 23, 1940.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the First Preferred, Series "B," Stock of the Kansas City Power & Light Company has been declared payable October 1, 1940, to stockholders of record at the close of business September 14, 1940.

All persons holding stock of the company are requested to transfer on or before September 14, 1940, such stock to the persons who are entitled to receive the dividend.

H. C. DAVIS, Assistant Secretary.

THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RY. CO.

A dividend for the third quarter of 1940 of one dollar per share on Preference Stock, Series A, and of seventy-five cents per share on \$25 par common stock (\$3.00 per share on \$100 par common stock) will be paid October 1, 1940, to stockholders of record at close of business September 6, 1940. Transfer books will not close.

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The Financial Situation

JUST a year ago the current war broke out on the continent of Europe. He would have been pronounced a madman who at that time predicted the events which have come to pass within the twelve months that have since elapsed. A single nation, in successive campaigns which evidently had been carefully planned and most meticulously prepared for, has over-run Poland, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg, and France, and is today battering at the island Kingdom of Great Britain. An ally, belatedly entering the conflict, is now busily engaged in adding to the embarrassments of the British Empire. A year ago the Maginot Line, so-called, was by every one except Germany considered to be impregnable; France, with what aid Great Britain could afford, secure from direct attack by Germany; and the British navy quite capable of complete control of the sea and of effectively shutting off Central Europe from access to many if not most of the outside sources of materials. Today Herr Hitler is for the moment at least the unquestioned master of the Continent, and his legions of the air are, with the aid of his ally, Signor Mussolini, raising the question as to whether Great Britain itself may not be "bottled up" in somewhat the way which had been planned for Germany.

Twelve months ago the question on every one's lips was: How long can Germany hold out in a war which is taking and apparently must take the form of a prolonged economic, rather than a strictly military, form?

Today we are asking whether Great Britain can hold the German hordes at bay long enough for the issue to be more or less decisively settled by blockades and counter-blockades. Meanwhile the much publicized British blockade is endangering her own former ally in larger degree even than her enemy, and several wholly innocent quondam neutral countries are along with France facing a winter which apparently must for them be much more trying than any which the German people are likely to be called upon to face at present. A "poorly trained" and "not too well equipped" German army has proved itself to be the equal, if not the superior, of any ever before seen both in training

and equipment. The French army, "the finest in Europe," has been quickly and utterly crushed by reason of unimaginative leadership and utter want of modern equipment. It is to be doubted whether in all history a more eventful or a more astonishing twelve-month period is to be found.

In Retrospect

Yet in retrospect it must appear to every thoughtful observer most remarkable that the general course of events should not have been expected. Naturally no one could foresee the events of the period in detail or in the sequence in which they actually took place, but the seeds of the broader developments were sown long before the beginning of the war and were plain for all to see. That they were not observed and interpreted accurately appears to be a tribute to the economic opthalmia and the general delusions which seem to have possessed much the larger part of the world for a decade or more past. That France with her New Deal, which the departure of M. Blum from office did not eradicate, but merely ameliorated, and Great Britain with her New Deal-ish fol-de-rol, coupled with the typically British complacency and love of leisure, could have hoped to cope successfully with a fanatically active and productive Germany bending all her energies toward one and only one plainly evident goal—armament—now appears almost incredible. That self-confidence of this misplaced variety continued to rule in both countries until the day

that disaster, cruel and irrevocable, broke suddenly upon them is even more incredible. That well informed observers from without—here in the United States, for example—could have so fully shared these views is another circumstance which adds to the fantastic coloring of the picture.

Whether the British and French people now that their house of cards has tumbled so unceremoniously about their ears have come to a full realization of the essential nature of their errors is not wholly clear, due in part at least to the censorship which leaves the people outside of the countries, and probably most of those inside them largely in the dark as to what is really taking place. In any event, how-

It Must Be Eliminated, But—

At the eleventh hour . . . an amendment [to the Burke-Wadsworth bill] was introduced by New Deal Senators Overton and Russell, and passed by the Senate, which gives the President, whenever the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy is unable to arrive at an agreement with the owner of any plant or facility which is deemed necessary for national defense, power to acquire such plant or facility.

In addition, he may take immediate possession of the plant or facility and may operate it by Government personnel. This amendment gives the President of the United States absolute and arbitrary control of virtually the entire economic system of the United States, for within the term "facility" all American business, and perhaps American agriculture, could conceivably be included. Likewise, the discretion to determine when and whether there is a disagreement will lie entirely with the President.

No such sweeping powers were ever heretofore granted to a President of the United States even in time of war. This amendment, if it becomes law, will further impede and disorganize the defense program at the very time when we must speed it up.

It will further stop normal industrial expansion, increase the depths of the present depression and cause further unemployment.

It is said that if men are to be conscripted, wealth must be conscripted. If this statement is taken literally, if our assets and enterprises are to be taken over by the Government at its sole discretion, I cannot understand what we are undertaking to defend. For my part, I want to defend free men in a free land. Neither I nor any one else can do so without proper guarantees of our freedom.

The "conscripted of wealth" is a phrase without meaning. In the event of emergency, the industries and assets of this country are at the disposal of the people. Let us not create that emergency before it actually exists by setting up a potential dictatorship.—Wendell L. Willkie.

The amendment must of course be eliminated before the measure in question becomes law, but fully as important, the significance of its inclusion by the Senate under New Deal influences must not be overlooked.

ever, that is their own affair. What is much more to the point, as far as the people of the United States are concerned, is the question as to whether we, spared by Providence the fate of our friends in Europe, have drawn the necessary conclusions from their experience and are now ready to apply them to ourselves. The only reason that we have not shared their fate is the circumstance that thousands of miles of stormy ocean waters separate us from the nation which evidently still believes in work and which is, whether we like it or not, fired with a burning ambition to find additional outlets for its energies and initiative. France learned New Deal ideas from us. Great Britain, traditionally conservative and practical, in part at least succumbed to the pervasive influence of the professional reformers and quack economists which have proved such a curse on this side of the Atlantic.

These foreign peoples, having taken a leaf from our note books and having embodied them in active policies of statecraft, have paid or are paying the penalty. They may or may not have come to their senses. But have we? The answer to that question is far from clear at the present moment, and a clear, definite and emphatic answer is most urgent. The world is not likely to remain indefinitely peopled half by thin-blooded, dreamy, impractical dilettantes seeking by magic to improve their lot without toil or sweat, and half by peoples who systematically, persistently, and aggressively proceed to create or to take what they want. There is no thought in our mind of putative attacks or invasions by an intoxicated Germany dominated by a bloodthirsty and incredibly ambitious madman reckless of time, space, and hazards and unmindful of the practical things of life. Such stories seem to us to be of such stuff as dreams are made on. Our real danger lies elsewhere, and in a wholly different sphere.

It may be that Great Britain has learned her lesson in time and having learned it, may, thanks to her geographical position, emerge the winner of the present war, but if so she will have won it by reason of her abandonment of her complacent ways and of the dislike of her people for hard and persistent work. It may be that Germany will presently merge the victor over Great Britain as she did in the case of France and the others. In either case we shall be faced with a post-war situation in which we alone among the great nations still worship at the shrine of economic magic and plain indolence—that is, unless we, too, come to our senses meanwhile. It may be, of course, that the outcome of the present war will be of some other order, but whatever its outcome there can be little question that a most trying situation will follow in which the people of Europe will be crying out for an opportunity to earn a decent living and to rebuild what has been destroyed during the holocaust. This world will not then be a wholesome place for any people whose economic loins are not girded for effective action.

What Have We Learned?

Have the plain lessons of the past year found effective lodgment in the minds of the American people? Possibly, but certainly there is little to indicate that they have been taken to heart in Washington. On Thursday evening the Democratic candidate for the Vice-Presidency delivered his "acceptance address." It is scarcely likely that the

President, the managing director of the New Deal, who has said that he will have no time to go before the people during the campaign, was unaware of what Mr. Wallace, his own personal choice foisted upon the Democratic party, was to say on that occasion, or that he, knowing what was to be said, did not approve of it. "Roosevelt vs. Hitler" would have been an appropriate title of the address actually delivered. If the President and his advisers have learned anything of vital consequence from the catastrophic and astounding developments in Europe during the past year, evidence of it should most assuredly be found in what Mr. Wallace had to say upon such an occasion upon such a topic. Yet one looks in vain for anything except the usual political balderdash and a vehement defense of the whole course of the New Deal coupled with assurance that the same old destructive tactics, so disastrous to France and so nearly so to Great Britain, will be continued indefinitely should Mr. Roosevelt be again returned to office.

It has been said that France was well prepared to re-fight the World war, but that Germany having prepared herself to wage a war in 1940, found few obstacles in her path when hostilities on the Continent began in earnest. Mr. Wallace would prepare us for war, which he appears to believe threatening us and for whatever else may be in store for us, by a continuation of economic policies which were tried, discredited, and discarded long before Germany as a nation came into existence. What is worse, he seemed to feel under the necessity of distracting the attention of the people from the real issues of the day by attempting to frighten them out of their senses, and by setting up the contention that the people of the United States must return Mr. Roosevelt to office for the simple reason, if for no other, that Hitler wants him defeated!

"We must face the fact," runs this remarkable utterance, "that the dictators have definite designs against this hemisphere. Their tactics here as in Europe are to divide and conquer. . . . Out of the confusion they have created they hope to build political power and eventually military power. . . . If the Americas present to the Axis powers the same divided front as the democracies of Europe presented to them we shall assuredly walk the same path to destruction and lost freedom. . . . The fact that our Presidential campaign and election come now is most welcome to the dictators. They hope to get rid of the unyielding Roosevelt. . . . Most Republicans may not yet realize it, but their party is the party of appeasement in the United States today. It is the party that the totalitarian powers will back in every way possible." And much more of the same order.

It was a most unworthy effort, of course, and one which, we should suppose, the voter must take as an affront to his intelligence. The really important point is, however, the total absence of the slightest indication of having learned anything at all from the eventful year just past. If this stream of almost unintelligible gibberish is to be taken as giving the key to the New Deal election campaign, then the only hope of progress in preparing ourselves for the really probable eventualities of the coming years is, of course, to turn at once to other leaders; and it must added that while the President himself and some of his other spokesmen have not been

quite so contemptuous of the intelligence of the average man, none of them have given any evidence whatsoever of embodying the plain lessons of the past year in programs or proposals for the future, but have on the contrary been stout in their defense of past follies and heated in their assurance of a continuation of them in the future.

Fortunately, however, the fact that the New Deal managers have been unable or unwilling to learn is not conclusive evidence that the American people are so obstinately Bourbon. There is more encouraging evidence that light is beginning to dawn upon the people, but the situation in this respect is not yet fully clear and probably will not be until the votes are counted this autumn.

Federal Reserve Bank Statement

OFFICIAL banking statistics reveal, this week, another advance in the monotonous climb of our monetary gold stocks and idle credit resources to ever more unprecedented levels. The gold increase varies little from week to week, and for the period ended Aug. 28 is reported at \$71,000,000, raising the monetary stocks to \$20,871,000,000. Together with a considerable disbursement of funds from the United States Treasury general account with the Federal Reserve banks, this made for a sharp advance of member bank reserve balances with the 12 regional institutions. Currency in circulation moved up \$30,000,000 to \$8,006,000,000, which provided a modest offset to the upward trend of idle credit totals. Foreign bank deposits also continued to rise, indicating that only part of the metal flowing into the United States Treasury is being utilized to defray armaments and other costs of the shippers. Excess reserves of member banks over legal requirements nevertheless increased \$70,000,000 in the statement week to \$6,490,000,000. Unless the Treasury does some extensive borrowing, either directly or indirectly, it would seem that the advance of excess reserves will continue. There is, however, no indication of an effective demand for credit accommodation. The condition statement of weekly-reporting New York City member banks reflects an unchanged total of business loans, at \$1,691,000,000. Loans by the same banks to brokers and dealers on security collateral declined \$14,000,000 to \$259,000,000.

Although the market for United States Treasury issues was quiet and stable during the statement week, it appears that the regional institutions resumed open market operations during that period. Holdings of Treasury obligations fell \$4,274,000 to \$2,441,654,000, all of the drop taking place in notes, which fell to \$1,122,458,000, while holdings of Treasury bonds were motionless at \$1,319,196,000. Gold certificate holdings of the regional banks increased \$75,000,000 to \$18,561,978,000, but other cash dipped slightly, and total reserves were up only \$69,334,000 to \$18,922,194,000. Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation advanced \$24,301,000 to \$5,334,240,000. Total deposits with the 12 banks increased \$33,323,000 to \$15,826,840,000, with the account variations consisting of an increase of member bank reserve balances by \$97,280,000 to \$13,515,998,000; a decline of the Treasury general account by \$76,180,000 to \$813,094,000; an increase of foreign bank deposits by \$21,229,000 to \$888,288,000, and a decrease of other deposits by \$9,006,000 to \$609,-

460,000. The reserve ratio improved to 89.4% from 89.3%. Discounts by the 12 regional banks increased \$790,000 to \$3,848,000. Industrial advances were down \$8,000 to \$8,553,000, while commitments to make such advances fell \$3,000 to \$8,238,000.

The New York Stock Market

DEALINGS on the New York stock market reflected a slow but fairly steady price advance this week, which most observers related to the indications of a little actual progress in the defense program that Washington talks about interminably. Some sizable contracts for ships, airplanes and other materials are being let, after weeks and months of delay. These encouraging indications overshadowed the still unsettled question of excess profits on armaments orders. Although the House now has acted on a proposal for excess profits taxation, the Senate may well change the provisions drastically in its forthcoming debate on the measure. Ordinary business in the United States holds to a reasonably good level, and it is quite possible that enormous armaments orders from the United States Government will stimulate matters sharply in coming months and years. These are doubtless the reasons for the modest advances in stock prices recorded during the week now ending. The European war reports afforded nothing of an optimistic nature, while other aspects of foreign affairs were similarly depressing. The political campaign within the country is proceeding rather quietly, and financial observers are paying only the required attention to the debates.

Gains on the stock market were spasmodic, and profit-taking setbacks were not lacking. But the general trend plainly was toward higher prices, and it is especially significant that the upswing was most pronounced during the most active trading of the week. Dealings last Monday on the New York Stock Exchange were almost at record low levels, the turnover amounting only to 161,440 shares. A somewhat larger volume developed thereafter, with the 500,000-share level topped yesterday, when the most vigorous improvement of the week took place in prices. This is not to say that a 500,000-share day represents anything even remotely resembling an active market, but such things are relative in these days of continuing adversities for the financial community. Hopeful aspects require a little emphasis, even if they are of the minor sort. It can be noted in passing that this dullest of all summers now is reaching its end, with an improvement in financial business at least possible after the Labor Day suspension.

In the listed bond market a generally favorable tone prevailed during the week. Underwriters had no difficulty in disposing of the few sizable issues of new bonds and stocks which appeared on the market.

United States Treasury securities slowly advanced, and a good trend appeared also in best-grade utility, railroad and industrial obligations previously outstanding. The speculative bond market was inclined to follow the lead of the equities division, with railroad issues slowly forging ahead and most other groups likewise firm. Foreign dollar bonds were quiet and irregular. Commodity markets either held their ground or moved modestly higher. Wheat and other agricultural staples re-

flected quiet demand in the pits. Base metals were steady. Foreign exchange trading remained cut and dried under the numberless official regulations of foreign countries. Free sterling still is quoted, but at levels corresponding to the official rates for the British unit. Gold continued to move toward the United States in heavy volume.

On the New York Stock Exchange eight stocks touched new high levels for the year while 15 stocks touched new low levels. On the New York Curb Exchange three stocks touched new high levels and 13 stocks touched new low levels.

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

On the New York Stock Exchange the sales on Saturday were 88,380 shares; on Monday, 161,440 shares; on Tuesday, 224,090 shares; on Wednesday, 381,580 shares; on Thursday, 264,760 shares, and on Friday, 563,510 shares.

On the New York Curb Exchange the sales on Saturday were 13,490 shares; on Monday, 26,470 shares; on Tuesday, 38,375 shares; on Wednesday, 58,540 shares; on Thursday, 47,205 shares, and on Friday, 77,645 shares.

A repetition of previous dull sessions was the lot of the stock market on Saturday last as the volume of business once again shrank toward the lowest levels since World War days. Price variations were most negligible, brokers preferring to be free from fresh commitments over the week-end. A mixed trend accompanied a quiet opening, with a noticeable lack of regular leaders in early trades. After moving within a narrow orbit most of the morning the market closed firm and mixed. Monday offered little to brokers in the way of price improvement or a broader volume of sales. Motor stocks came in for some interest on the strength of 1941 models making their appearance. Some impetus was also afforded steel shares by a further increase in steel production. Throughout the market's pattern persisted without alteration and equities closed steady and mixed. Brokers on Tuesday again maintained a watchful waiting attitude to see what the morrow would bring forth. In the way of domestic news, excess profits tax legislation as proposed by the House Ways and Means Committee appeared destined to become law. Confronted with so many vital matters awaiting clarification, the market could show little initiative and just bided its time in its usual dull manner. In the initial period stocks eased fractionally, and from then on followed a narrow groove. Early afternoon witnessed a modest firming of values. At closing time sales tapered off and leading stocks correspondingly declined from their best level. The favorable interpretation placed by Wall Street on the excess-profits tax bill now before Congress produced marked strength in industrial shares on Wednesday, and its good effects extended through the whole market structure. Advances ranged from one to three points, thus breaking through to former high resistance levels. Some reaction later occurred which reduced the day's best gains, but notwithstanding this, final prices ruled one to two points better than their previous close and at the best levels of the month. The approaching Labor Day holiday, next Monday, and some difference of opinion in Congress as to what forms the excess-profits tax and conscription bills should assume left traders mostly indifferent on Thursday

to any wholehearted market participation. Sales transactions fell off and profit-taking had a restraining influence in any effort to push values to new high peaks. Despite dullness in most sections of the list, aviation shares, aided by defense orders for both branches of the United States service, attracted traders' interest and stocks of the companies involved advanced briskly to two points. Fractional gains were also noted in other similar shares. Other groups were mildly affected by the spurt in aircraft shares, but weakened as the day wore on. Fractional declines characterized steel, motor, copper, rubber, oil, paper and electrical equipment groups. The market on Friday moved at an accelerated pace, and trading was the broadest in many weeks. Prices were mostly higher from the opening, best levels being attained in the third hour. From then on a lull set in, but equities held close to the day's best values. The scope of the advance embraced all groups, with gains running from fractions to above two points. A comparison of closing prices for yesterday with final quotations on Friday of last week reveal a definitely higher trend.

General Electric closed yesterday at 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 33 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y. at 28 against 27 $\frac{3}{4}$; Columbia Gas & Electric at 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 5 $\frac{3}{8}$; Public Service of N. J. at 34 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 34 $\frac{5}{8}$; International Harvester at 45 against 44 $\frac{1}{8}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 80 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 77 $\frac{3}{4}$; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 41 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 39 $\frac{7}{8}$; Woolworth at 32 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 32 $\frac{1}{8}$, and American Tel. & Tel. at 161 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 161.

Western Union closed yesterday at 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Allied Chemical & Dye at 156 against 153 $\frac{1}{4}$; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 167 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 164 $\frac{1}{2}$; National Cash Register at 12 against 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; National Dairy Products at 13 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 13 $\frac{1}{2}$; National Biscuit at 19 against 19; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 31 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 31 $\frac{1}{8}$; Loft, Inc., at 22 against 21; Continental Can at 40 against 37 $\frac{5}{8}$; Eastman Kodak at 130 against 126; Standard Brands at 6 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 6 $\frac{1}{8}$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 101 against 98 $\frac{3}{4}$; Canada Dry at 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 14 $\frac{1}{4}$; Schenley Distillers at 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 9 $\frac{1}{2}$, and National Distillers at 20 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 20 $\frac{1}{2}$.

In the rubber group, Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 15 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 14 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 11 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 11 $\frac{1}{2}$, and United States Rubber at 19 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 18.

The railroad stocks extended their gains of the previous week. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 21 against 19 $\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 15; New York Central at 12 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 11 $\frac{1}{8}$; Union Pacific at 85 $\frac{3}{4}$ ex-div. against 85; Southern Pacific at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 7 $\frac{3}{4}$; Southern Railway at 11 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 11, and Northern Pacific at 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 6 $\frac{1}{8}$.

Steel stocks reflected the increased operating rate of the steel industry with further gains the present week. United States Steel closed yesterday at 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Crucible Steel at 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 27 $\frac{5}{8}$; Bethlehem Steel at 79 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 76, and Youngstown Sheet & Tube at 32 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 30.

In the motor group, General Motors closed yesterday at 48 against 46 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Chrysler at 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 71 $\frac{1}{4}$; Packard at 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 3 $\frac{1}{4}$; Studebaker at 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 7 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Hupp Motors at $\frac{1}{2}$ against 9/16.

Among the oil stocks, Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $34\frac{3}{4}$ against 34 on Friday of last week; Shell Union Oil at $8\frac{1}{2}$ against $8\frac{1}{8}$, and Atlantic Refining at $21\frac{3}{4}$ against 22.

Among the copper stocks, Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at $21\frac{1}{8}$ ex-div. against $20\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; American Smelting & Refining at $39\frac{1}{2}$ against $36\frac{1}{4}$, and Phelps Dodge at $29\frac{1}{2}$ against 28.

In the aviation group, Curtiss-Wright closed yesterday at $7\frac{5}{8}$ against $7\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Boeing Aircraft at $14\frac{5}{8}$ against $13\frac{5}{8}$, and Douglas Aircraft at 73 against $68\frac{1}{8}$.

Trade and industrial reports of the week indicated little change in the volume of business conducted in the United States. Steel operations for the week ending today were estimated by American Iron and Steel Institute at 91.3% of capacity, which is the best rate so far attained this year. It compares with 89.7% last week, 90.4% a month ago, and 63.0% on the eve of the war declarations last year. Production of electric power for the week ended Aug. 24 was reported by Edison Electric Institute at 2,570,618,000 kwh., against 2,606,122,000 kwh. the preceding week and 2,354,750,000 kwh. in the corresponding week of 1939. Car loadings of revenue freight for the week to Aug. 24 were reported by the Association of American Railroads at 761,002 cars, a record high for the year. The figure represented a gain over the previous week of 17,881 cars, and over the similar week of last year of 77,096 cars.

As indicating the course of the commodity markets, the September option for wheat in Chicago closed yesterday at 73c. against $69\frac{1}{4}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. September corn closed yesterday at $61\frac{5}{8}$ c. against $60\frac{3}{4}$ c. the close on Friday of last week. September oats at Chicago closed yesterday at 29c. against $27\frac{1}{2}$ c. the close on Friday of last week.

The spot price for cotton here in New York closed yesterday at 9.93c. against 9.86c. the close on Friday of last week. The spot price for rubber closed yesterday at 19.31c. against 19.57c. the close on Friday of last week. Domestic copper closed yesterday at 11c., the close on Friday of last week. In London the price of bar silver closed yesterday at $22\frac{3}{8}$ pence per ounce against $23\frac{5}{16}$ pence per ounce the close on Friday of last week, and spot silver in New York closed yesterday at $34\frac{3}{4}$ c., the close on Friday of last week.

In the matter of foreign exchanges, cable transfers on London closed yesterday at \$4.03 against \$4.02 the close on Friday of last week.

European Stock Markets

STOCK markets in European centers were quiet this week, save for a sharp upswing at Amsterdam. Perhaps the most remarkable thing about the European markets is that they are operating at all, after a full year of a major war. Defying many predictions that a war would mean the end of capitalism and of individual enterprise, the stock and bond business in Europe carried on quite simply, and at price levels that have shown relatively little variation throughout the last 12 months. In the week now ending small dealings were reported on the London Stock Exchange, as brokers often were more concerned with discussions of the nightly air raids than with trading. Gilt-edged and industrial issues alike were well maintained. A modest flurry developed in

South African gold stocks, but the demand was soon satisfied. There are still no reports of dealings on the Paris Bourse, which is assumed to be functioning behind the veil of silence imposed upon the occupied area of France by the German military authorities. In the Amsterdam market a series of sharp price gains developed during the week. Advances of 10 to 20 points sometimes occurred in a single session, leading to the suspicion that a flight from currency may be causing the movement. Trading at Berlin was extremely dull and a modest improvement of prices seemed to be the rule.

American Defense

RAPID legislative progress was made in Washington this week toward the defense of the United States against any aggression that may develop from abroad, and if the mere passage of laws were adequate the country even now would be absolutely impregnable. Unfortunately, there seems to be the utmost confusion in Administration circles as to practical measures that should be adopted. Whether the country will obtain defensive arrangements and equipment really designed for this important task remains to be seen. The Senate finally voted on Wednesday the so-called selective service bill, which is neither more nor less than a conscription measure. In addition to providing for conscription of males between the ages of 21 and 31, this unprecedented peacetime legislation also provides the Government with power to draft private industrial plants. The bill, which is still to be acted upon by the House, thus gives the Administration almost all the totalitarian authority which it professes to find abhorrent in other countries. In the House a tax bill was voted Thursday which provides rates of 25 to 50% on corporate excess profits and this measure was sent to the Senate. President Roosevelt signed on Wednesday a bill empowering the President to call out the National Guard. In these and other ways the liberties of American citizens were surrendered with excessive haste to a regime which has displayed incredible capriciousness in the conduct of foreign affairs. It remains evident, meantime, that a foreign policy along the simple lines laid down by Washington, Jefferson and other able leaders would make absurd many of the costly experiments upon which the country seems about to embark. Some able military experts hold, moreover, that the vast program desired by the Administration is sheerly nonsensical from a defensive standpoint.

The program of the Administration with respect to Continental defense remains cloudy and plainly is tinged with politics. The United States group headed by the Mayor of New York City, F. H. LaGuardia, met at Ottawa last Monday with its Canadian counterpart to study the problems of Canadian defense. Mr. LaGuardia promptly returned to New York, after the initial meeting, while the other members started a tour of inspection of the Canadian defenses. Since the facts of Canadian defense certainly must be available to this joint commission without inspection, it would appear that nothing more than a waste of time is implied by the tour. Bermuda authorities revealed last Saturday that an airplane base may be made available to the United States in those islands of high strategic importance, and this is one of the few signs of real progress toward American defense. Oddly enough, Uruguay was reported on the same day to have been rebuffed by the United States in an

offer to provide naval and air bases for hemisphere defense. The Uruguayan proposal was that the bases be available to all American countries, which assuredly accords with the spirit of the recent Havana conference. But the Uruguayan idea did not appeal to the United States Government, according to a Montevideo dispatch to the New York "Times." No explanation has been vouchsafed by Washington. Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles was named on Thursday as the United States representative on any emergency committee which might have to administer the possessions of European countries in the Western Hemisphere under the Act of Havana. Fortunately, there is little reason at the moment to believe that this Act ever will be implemented. The strange melange known as American foreign policy was climaxed fittingly Wednesday, when Secretary of State Cordell Hull voiced publicly his faith in the Kellogg-Briand pact outlawing war as an instrument of policy among nations. The occasion was the 12th anniversary of the signing of this treaty by the few nations which have remained at peace and the many which have resorted to war.

One Year of War

AS THE great European war draws to the end of its first year, all signs point to another extremely sad development in a conflict which has brought nothing but discouragement to the democratic countries and successes for the totalitarian States, which easily may turn out in the end to be Pyrrhic victories. The aerial bombing attacks launched by Britain and Germany against each other tended ever more sharply in the direction of indiscriminate destruction of London, Berlin and other cities, with civilians the victims on an increasing scale. The conflict turned, on the eve of the first anniversary, toward retaliation on both sides, and in the course of this process the sense of military chivalry seemed to diminish progressively. Night bombing was the chief reliance of both air forces this week, notwithstanding the inaccuracy that necessarily attends such flying. Despite the use of flare lights, it would appear that the incendiary and other bombs dropped by either side found marks mainly in civilian areas, and each side seemed to regard the damage it suffered as an occasion for inflicting still greater harm of a like sort on the adversary. This process, carried to its illogical conclusion, may mean death and destruction on an almost unimaginable scale. Indiscriminate bombing often has been predicted as the inevitable outcome of the Anglo-German war, and many have doubted whether civilization could withstand such a frightful test. Military objectives doubtless were harmed in both countries, as well as civilian abodes, but there is no evidence of flagging efforts, which makes it fairly clear that claims on both sides are highly exaggerated.

The war reaches the end of its first wearying year today and starts on another tomorrow, for it was on Sept. 1, 1939 that German armies marched into Poland. Two days thereafter the British and French governments declared war on the Reich, and a long period of stalemate then began on the Western Front. The Russian Government attempted to take advantage of the situation by warring against Finland, and finally gained a sort of victory which stripped some border territory and a naval base from Finland. But the war only entered a decisive stage in April of this year, when Britain mined the territorial waters of

Norway and the Germans promptly invaded both Denmark and Norway. These Scandinavian countries soon were made complete vassal States of the Nazi Reich. The situation on the Western Front changed dramatically on May 10, when German forces invaded the Low Countries and started their Blitzkrieg against France. In six weeks of intensified fighting the British Expeditionary Force was pushed out of Flanders and German forces occupied all the Low Countries and much of France, rendering the great Continental ally of Britain hors de combat. Italy entered the war on the side of Germany on June 10, and the stage thus was set for the present phase of the great conflict, which finds the British Empire fighting the Rome-Berlin Axis on English soil and in the Mediterranean. Remaking of the map of the Balkans has been started, meanwhile, and prediction is idle as to the further startling turns that this strange war may yet take.

The sort of night aerial bombing which now is becoming general long has been an expedient of the British Air Force, but hitherto the targets have been selected with the utmost care that the situation would permit. When the Germans began their aerial siege of the United Kingdom, they sent over tremendous waves of aircraft on daytime forays. It would seem that this proved a costly game for the Nazi attackers, which fell in great numbers before the British Hurricane and Spitfire defenders. Weather conditions also became adverse and the Germans turned to night bombing by individual airplanes, in addition to occasional large flights of daytime squadrons. No less than 800 German airplanes were said to have flown over England, Scotland and Wales last Saturday, and in the small hours of Sunday morning London was subjected to bombing. The initial Nazi attack on the British capital was confined to the outskirts of the great city. In the course of the current week the night bombers of the Reich made their attacks ever closer to the heart of London. British bombers kept pace with this tendency and sent their bombs hurtling ever closer to the center of Berlin. Huge fires were reported in both capitals late this week, and each side cabled convincing photographs of apartment houses destroyed. The casualties admitted were said to be civilian casualties, and the losses invariably were said to be "trifling" from the military viewpoint. Apart from these raids, the principal development of the aerial war was a further series of daytime raids by German craft against the British Midlands and other highly industrialized areas. Such daytime attacks, which afford at least a chance for accuracy, possibly are doing some real damage to British industry. Naval bases were bombed by the Germans day after day, while British aircraft bombed German military objectives with some persistence.

Numerical superiority of the Germans in the air is an obvious fact, and it is occasioning the main trend of the current phase of the war. It is rather doubtful, however, that the Germans possess the means to lay Britain low. The defensive capacity of England increases day by day and the determination in London is to see the thing through to the point where an offensive can be launched against the Reich, possibly in 1941. The Reich forces, on the other hand, are believed by aerial experts to be only approaching a stage of complete preparation for the attack on Britain. There were indications from Berlin, at the start of the week, that the final stage of the German

aerial Blitzkrieg against England now impends. The impression fostered by the German spokesman was that the preliminary destruction of British aerial facilities had been completed and that an intensive destruction of British industries would follow. It is true that German airplanes soared this week over city after city in England, but British fighter planes moved up to the attack on every occasion and sometimes forced the Germans to retreat without dropping bombs on any military objective. Aerial supremacy over England thus remains in an indecisive stage, and until that question is settled the Germans obviously are in no position to attempt a landing of large invading forces in the British Isles. One incident of the aerial conflict which may be indicative was a bombing of a dairy in the Irish Free State, last Monday. The Germans disclaimed responsibility, but Dublin demanded reparations from Berlin. Submarine sinkings of British ships were accelerated this week, but do not appear to be on a scale threatening the subsistence of the United Kingdom.

The struggle between Britain and Italy produced few incidents of importance, this week. British bombers flew the long miles to Turin and other northern Italian industrial towns, where automobile and other plants were bombed repeatedly. Italy claimed that the British aircraft flew over Swiss territory, and the Swiss Government lodged a protest with England. There were fresh Italian bomb attacks against Gibraltar, and some damage was caused to the Suez Canal by the Italian air force. On the border of Italian Libya and Egypt a sort of conflict continued, but it was not decisive. The British Fleet shelled an Italian port in Libya on several occasions. Rumors circulated at times to the effect that great sea battles were in progress or about to begin, but no real challenge was offered by the Italians to the British hold upon the Mediterranean. The French equatorial African region of Chad was reported on Wednesday to have declared for support of the British cause, and some Atlantic strips of French African territory followed suit, Thursday. These developments are not especially important, although they doubtless provide some comfort for Britain.

France in Defeat

MORE than two months have gone by since France capitulated to the German invaders and the temporary arrangement of a half-free and half-occupied country resulted. There are still only scattered indications, however, of that vast reconstruction and reconstitution which France must face. The semi-totalitarian regime of Marshal Henri Petain continues to function in Vichy, apparently because the German Command does not desire a return of the French Government to Paris. Dispatches indicate a "wall of silence" between the occupied and unoccupied areas, which the Germans probably imposed in order to facilitate their secret military moves for the attack on England. It is evident that German military pressure also is occasioning many other inconveniences for France. Resentment against Britain, which rose to a high pitch when the French fleet was shelled at Oran, likewise continues to play a part in defeated France, according to the sharply censored reports permitted to go over the cables and wireless. Among the more

strictly internal problems continues to be that of the return of refugees to their homes, the supply of foodstuffs and the resumption of something approaching normal business. Modest progress is reported in all these spheres, and even the commercial shipping in such ports as Marseilles seems to be on the increase, chiefly in traffic with northern Africa. Occasional indications are afforded that the French Government is much concerned over reconstruction of the devastated areas of northern France, but some accounts suggest that the damage suffered in the German invasion was greatly exaggerated.

Politically, the Petain regime appears to be bent upon justification of its measures in terms both of the totalitarians and the French republicans. It may well be that this reflects the perplexities faced by the French Marshal, as he contemplates the German conquerors on the one hand, and French public opinion on the other. The American press was received last week by Marshal Petain, who declared firmly that France will continue to be a republic under whatever new constitution she might adopt. But discipline also is necessary, and his regime will not hesitate in providing it, he added. "I do not pretend," the Marshal was quoted as saying, "that this government is free. We are bound absolutely by the clauses of the armistice. The Germans hold the rope and twist it whenever they consider the accord is not being carried out." In the unoccupied region, however, French authority is not subject to German interference, Marshal Petain admitted. The problem of food supplies in the coming winter is one of especial concern, he remarked. Regulations were announced last Saturday covering the sale of some alcoholic drinks, and another set of rules appeared last Tuesday for operation of the dairy industry. In this and other ways the impression was fostered that France methodically will be subjected to regimentation in almost every sphere, at least for the duration of the present difficulties. The diplomatic service of the French Government was subjected to a drastic shake-up on Tuesday, when some 85 representatives in foreign countries were placed on the retired list. This also is an indication of the current French trend.

Balkan Disputes

RESORT to violence in the Balkans is far from unusual, but in the present inflammable state of affairs any tendency in this direction deserves careful examination, since it may readily presage outbursts of direct bearing upon the course of the great war between Britain and the Berlin-Rome Axis Powers. The London Government naturally would look with favor upon any conflict in the Balkans which would interfere with the German-Italian sources of supply. But Rome and Berlin, by the same token, anxiously wish to avoid military clashes, and in a highly important sense the problem boils down to the relative influence upon the Balkan countries exerted by the two warring sides. Russia remains as a dubious factor, with the indications pointing to the aloofness of that country, since demands for Bessarabia and portions of Rumanian Bukovina have been satisfied in recent territorial settlements. Bulgaria already has achieved a return of the southern Dobrudja to its sovereignty. There remains, in these circumstances, the problem of Hungarian demands upon Rumanian authorities

for all or part of Transylvania, which was added to Rumania by the World War settlements.

Conversations were proceeding last week on the Transylvania question, but difficulties suddenly appeared. The real nature of these disputes is obscured by reports of border forays, involving airplane violations of sovereignty. According to the Rumanians, a Hungarian airplane dropped a number of bombs upon Rumanian territory, but the Hungarians assert that one of their airplanes was shot down in a border skirmish. Far to the north Russians and Rumanians were reported in conflict. These are symptoms which apparently alarmed the German and Italian authorities, for a meeting was arranged for Thursday in Vienna, with Hungarian and Rumanian officials "invited" to talk the matter over with Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and Italian Foreign Minister Gaetano Ciano. The Hungarians sent Premier Paul Teleki and Foreign Minister Stephen Csaky to Vienna, while Rumania was represented by Foreign Minister Mihail Manoilescu.

The Vienna conference was reported yesterday to have reached a decision regarding the Hungarian-Rumanian territorial dispute. Approximately half of Transylvania was turned over to Hungary under this award, which reestablished the pre-1914 border between Austro-Hungary and Rumania. The Rome-Berlin Axis was said to regard this as the final step in the readjustment of Rumanian frontiers. In return, Rumania received from Germany and Italy a guarantee of her borders, which German spokesmen indicated was directed against no country in particular and against all in general. Under the "arbitrary" award handed down by the totalitarian masters of the Continent, Rumanian troops are to be withdrawn from the ceded area within a fortnight. Rumanian civilians in the area are to become Hungarians, but may decide within six months to leave and enter Old Rumania, and in that case they can take their movables and liquidate their immovable property. Dispatches from Bucharest indicated that Rumanian authorities would accept this decision, although it was not pretended for a moment that the award was satisfactory.

Far Eastern Dangers

DIPLOMATIC and military events in the Far East are being overshadowed to a large degree by the European war, but they nevertheless constitute one of the primary sources of trouble for the United States. The virtual abdication by the British Government of rights long possessed in China now is occasioning a squabble between Tokio and Washington, especially with respect to the policing of the International Settlement at Shanghai. American interests in China are modest in comparison with those of Britain. However small they may be, relinquishment of our interests is not in keeping with the American spirit. There is some danger, on the other hand, of a Washington tendency toward undue intervention in Far Eastern affairs, over and above the requirements that American interests might suggest. The last contingents of British troops left Shanghai last Sunday, and this move coincided with reports of a vague warning to Japan, said in Hongkong dispatches to have been given orally by Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles. When Secretary of State Cordell Hull

was questioned at a press conference, Tuesday, regarding this matter, he permitted the impression to prevail that a note had been dispatched to Tokio which warned of an eventual conflict if Japan persists in her course. A stern insistence upon American rights in China also is being conveyed to Japan through diplomatic conversations conducted by Ambassador Joseph C. Grew with officials of the Tokio Foreign Office, it appeared. But the precise course of these discussions has not been disclosed, and in the meantime the dispute continued as to the areas to be policed in Shanghai by the American and Japanese forces.

In the wider Far Eastern sphere the developments of recent days and weeks are far from reassuring. The Japanese attacks against the Chungking regime of the Nationalist Generalissimo, Chiang Kai-shek, are continuing with furious abandon. Airplane raids against Chungking are reported almost daily, and it appears that this bombing is of the most indiscriminate nature. Many thousands of Chinese houses have been destroyed by Japanese incendiary bombs in such attacks on the temporary Chinese capital. But the outside world has become somewhat inured to such reports, which have been emanating from China for more than three years. That the Chinese accounts are accurate is well attested, but the bombing attacks apparently have failed to dampen the ardor of the Chinese patriots and there is no faintest indication of surrender by Chungking. The Japanese, badly in need of an outstanding victory, were reported this week to be eyeing again the island possessions of The Netherlands. Trade concessions were reported an immediate Japanese objective in the Dutch East Indies, but it is always possible that military moves will develop, notwithstanding warnings from Washington that the United States could not view such endeavors with indifference. The United States embargo on aviation gasoline shipments to other than American countries may have the unexpected result, it was indicated Thursday, of increasing the Japanese pressure for commercial or military advantages in the great Dutch islands. Defensive airplane patrols of The Netherlands East Indies are being augmented steadily, according to reports from Batavia.

The Japanese internal situation, after more than three years of warfare in China, is far from comfortable, and fresh efforts currently are reported to appease Japanese popular views and prevent a further increase of discontent in the Island Empire. This aspect of Far Eastern affairs is highly important, and it affords at least a measure of comfort to those who fear an outbreak of Japanese-American hostilities. Notwithstanding the restrictions recently announced in Washington on the exportation of aviation gasoline and high-grade iron scrap, Japan remains dependent upon the United States for many essential materials in other categories. The Japanese militarists, according to present indications, are not inclined to push matters to an open break with Washington. The tendency is toward adjustments of the Japanese viewpoint. The Japanese Premier, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, announced on Wednesday some "basic principles" of the Japanese State. He made it clear that the aim of the ruling group at Tokio is to achieve the strength of totalitarian rule, without incurring the dangers of an absolutism that rules out opposition parties.

Since Japan is an absolute State, par excellence, it is quite possible that these comments were made by the Japanese Premier with a view to their effect upon American sentiments.

Argentine Politics

ONLY minor political difficulties have afflicted Argentina in recent years, and some surprise was occasioned, accordingly, when a land scandal suddenly popped to the surface late last week, threatening an overturn of the regime headed by President Roberto M. Ortiz. The Argentina Senate, after a protracted investigation of land purchases for the army, issued a report which suggested price frauds. President Ortiz was not named in this document, but it appears that the wording offended the ailing Chief Executive of Argentina, who for some months had left the conduct of affairs to Vice-President Ramon S. Castillo. The resignation of the President was tendered, in the circumstances, but the Argentine Congress rejected it emphatically, late last Saturday, by a vote of 170 to 1. The sole vote against Senor Ortiz was said to have been cast by an acknowledged fascist sympathizer. The incident occasioned reports from Buenos Aires to the effect that democracy had won a victory. If this is true the victory assuredly was an easy one that ought to dispel some of the fears entertained in Washington of fascist influence in Latin American countries. President Ortiz reconsidered his resignation in the light of the staunch support of Congress, and early this week it was made known that a Cabinet reorganization would follow, with Senor Castillo detailed to make the selections.

Discount Rates of Foreign Central Banks

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

Country	Rate in Effect Aug 30	Date Effective	Pre-vious Rate	Country	Rate in Effect Aug 30	Date Effective	Pre-vious Rate
Argentina	3½	Mar. 1 1936	---	Holland	3	Aug. 29 1939	2
Belgium	2	Jan. 5 1940	2½	Hungary	4	Aug. 29 1935	4½
Bulgaria	6	Aug. 15 1935	7	India	3	Nov. 28 1935	3½
Canada	2½	Mar. 11 1935	---	Italy	4½	May 18 1936	5
Chile	3	Dec. 16 1936	4	Japan	3.29	Apr. 7 1936	3.65
Colombia	4	July 18 1933	5	Java	3	Jan. 14 1937	4
Czechoslovakia	3	Jan. 1 1936	3½	Lithuania	6	July 15 1939	7
Danzig	4	Jan. 2 1937	5	Morocco	6½	May 28 1935	4½
Denmark	4½	May 22 1940	5½	Norway	4½	Sept. 22 1939	5
Eire	3	June 30 1932	3	Poland	4½	Dec. 17 1937	5
England	2	Oct. 26 1939	3	Portugal	4	Aug. 11 1937	4½
Estonia	4½	Oct. 1 1935	5	Rumania	3½	May 5 1938	4½
Finland	4	Dec. 3 1934	4½	South Africa	3½	May 15 1933	4½
France	2	Jan. 4 1939	2½	Spain	4	Mar. 29 1939	5
Germany	3½	Apr. 6 1940	4	Sweden	3½	May 17 1940	3
Greece	6	Jan. 4 1937	7	Switzerland	1½	Nov. 26 1936	2
				Yugoslavia	5	Feb. 1 1935	6½

*Not officially confirmed

Foreign Money Rates

IN LONDON open market discount rates for short bills on Friday were 1 1-32%, as against 1 1-32% on Friday of last week, and 1 1-32% @ 1 1-16% for three-months' bills, as against 1 1-32% @ 1 1-16% on Friday of last week. Money on call at London on Friday was 1%.

Bank of Eng and Statement

THE statement of the Bank for the week ended Aug. 28 showed an increase of £457,000 in note circulation, which raised the total outstanding to £610,042,000, compared with the record high, £613,907,000 two weeks ago and £529,498,805 a year ago. The advance in note circulation, together with a small decrease of £237,000 in gold holdings, resulted in a loss of £694,000 in reserves. Public

deposits fell off £5,717,000 and other deposits £1,593,744. The latter consists of bankers' accounts, which declined £4,715,716, and other accounts, which gained £3,121,972. The proportion of reserves to liabilities is now 11.6%; a week ago it was 11.5%, and a year ago 21.3%. Government security holdings dropped £3,840,000 and other securities £2,762,966. Other securities comprise discounts and advances, which decreased £4,958,486, and securities, which rose £2,195,520. The discount rate remained unchanged at 2%. Below we show the various items with comparisons for previous years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Aug. 28, 1940	Aug. 30, 1939	Aug. 31, 1938	Sept. 1, 1937	Sept. 2, 1936
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	610,042,000	529,498,805	480,432,947	490,309,532	445,783,915
Public deposits	8,828,000	31,067,576	27,758,141	14,111,338	18,053,141
Other deposits	170,458,764	129,119,667	131,119,652	140,703,732	139,829,278
Bankers' accounts	118,655,912	90,143,424	94,743,569	104,172,489	101,067,322
Other accounts	51,802,852	38,976,243	36,376,053	36,531,243	38,761,956
Govt. securities	147,972,838	113,126,164	102,061,164	109,274,772	85,708,337
Other securities	28,496,645	31,016,418	27,696,231	26,122,900	29,707,462
Disc. & advances	3,875,187	6,387,710	5,369,680	5,368,210	10,621,347
Securities	24,621,458	24,628,708	22,326,551	20,754,600	19,086,115
Reserve notes & coin	20,883,000	34,249,947	47,327,631	37,650,648	60,713,718
Coin and bullion	925,970	263,748,752	327,760,578	327,960,180	246,497,633
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	11.6%	21.3%	29.7%	24.3%	38.4%
Bank rate	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%
Gold val. per fine oz.	168s.	158s. 6d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.	84s. 11½d.

Bank of Germany Statement

THE quarterly statement dated Aug. 23 showed a further decline in note circulation of 218,068,000 marks, which reduced the total outstanding to 12,106,645,000 marks. Notes in circulation as of June 29—12,785,345,000 marks—were the highest on record, compared with 8,709,828,000 marks Aug. 23, a year ago. The Bank's gold and foreign exchange fell off 309,000 marks to a total of 77,374,000 marks; a year ago it was 77,036,000 marks. A loss also appeared in bills of exchange and checks of 351,974,000 marks, in investments of 13,991,000 marks and in other daily maturing obligations of 19,096,000 marks. The proportion of gold and foreign exchange to note circulation is now 0.64%, compared with the record low, 0.60%, June 29, and 0.88% a year ago. An increase of 97,005,000 marks in other assets raised the total to 1,675,925,000 marks. Below we show the different items with comparisons for previous years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

	Changes for Week	Aug. 23, 1940	Aug. 23, 1939	Aug. 23, 1938
Assets				
Gold and foreign exch.	-309,000	77,374,000	77,036,000	76,723,000
Bills of exch. & checks	-351,974,000	12,132,369,000	13,996,000	5,790,197,000
Silver and other coin	-----	356,231,000	168,205,000	207,115,000
Advances	-----	25,064,000	22,220,000	27,883,000
Investments	-13,991,000	50,726,000	982,622,000	847,548,000
Other assets	+97,005,000	1,675,925,000	1,380,462,000	1,140,389,000
Liabilities				
Notes in circulation	-218,068,000	12,106,645,000	8,709,828,000	6,143,200,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.	-19,096,000	1,642,187,000	1,195,424,000	977,317,000
Other liabilities	-----	470,933,000	454,774,000	304,780,000
Propor'n of gold & for'n curr. to note circ'n	+0.01%	0.64%	0.88%	1.24%

* Figures as of June 29, 1940.

New York Money Market

HARDLY any business was done this week on the New York money market, and rates were unchanged in all departments. The supply of bankers' bills and commercial paper failed to expand. The Treasury in Washington sold on Monday a further issue of \$100,000,000 discount bills due in 91 days, and awards were at an average discount of 0.028%, 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 1¼% for maturities to 90 days, and 1½% for four to six months' datings.

New York Money Rates

DEALING in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 1% was the ruling quotation all through the week for both new loans and renewals. The market for time money continues quiet. Rates continued nominal at 1¼% up to 90 days and 1½% for four to six months' maturities. The market for prime commercial paper has been a little stronger this week but the demand is still in excess of the supply. Ruling rates are ⅝@ 1% for all maturities.

Bankers' Acceptances

THE market for prime bankers' acceptances has been very slow this week. Some improvement was apparent on Friday but prime bills are scarce. Dealers' rates as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for bills up to and including 90 days are ½% bid and 7-16% asked; for bills running for four months, 9-16% bid and ½% asked; for five and six months, ⅝% bid and 9-16% asked. The bill-buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank is ½% for bills running from 1 to 90 days.

Discount Rates of the Federal Reserve Banks

THERE have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve banks; recent advances on Government obligations are shown in the footnote to the table. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS

Federal Reserve Bank	Rate in Effect on Aug. 30	Date Established	Previous Rate
Boston	1	Sept. 1, 1939	1½
New York	1	Aug. 27, 1937	1½
Philadelphia	1½	Sept. 4, 1937	2
Cleveland	1½	May 11, 1935	2
Richmond	1½	Aug. 27, 1937	2
Atlanta	*1½	Aug. 21, 1937	2
Chicago	*1½	Aug. 21, 1937	2
St. Louis	1½	Sept. 2, 1937	2
Minneapolis	1½	Aug. 24, 1937	2
Kansas City	*1½	Sept. 3, 1937	2
Dallas	*1½	Aug. 31, 1937	2
San Francisco	1½	Sept. 3, 1937	2

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

Course of Sterling Exchange

THE market for free sterling has been exceptionally steady all week, fluctuating within narrow limits, while the lower quotations have been generally above the official Bank of England buying rate for sterling. The market has grown extremely thin and the volume of business is now every small, but this is also true of the volume of trading in official sterling. Interest is centered on the effects of the order issued in London on Aug. 21 barring the import into the United Kingdom of all monetary notes of the Bank of England. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York then advised holders of such notes that they had until Tuesday, Aug. 27 to deliver them to a bank in the United States. This move had no effect on the rate for free pound sterling as virtually all commercial and business transactions are carried on through the use of checks and cable transfers. The range for free sterling this week has been between \$4.02 and \$4.03½ for bankers' sight, compared with a range of between \$3.99½ and \$4.03½ last week. The range for cable transfers has been between \$4.02¼ and \$4.03¾, compared with a range of between \$4.00 and \$4.03¾ a week ago.

Official rates quoted by the Bank of England are as follows: New York, 4.02½—4.03½; Canada, 4.43-4.47; Australia, 3.2150-3.2280; New Zealand, 3.2280-

3.2442. American commercial bank rates for official sterling are 4.02 buying and 4.04 selling.

Exchange on the following countries is no longer quoted in London: Germany, Italy, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium, France and Rumania. Exchange on these countries is also not quoted in New York, although there is an occasional nominal quotation for the so-called free or gold mark at 39.95 cents, against 40.10 a few weeks ago. At present registered marks are occasionally quoted at 11.85, against 12.10 on Aug. 20. In New York Italian commercial lire are nominally quoted at 5.05.

As already noted, the foreign exchange market is extremely limited and the attention of bankers this week has been concentrated on the rush of holders of Bank of England currency notes to deliver them to United States banks with all possible haste. The rush to dispose of Bank of England notes has no bearing on either the free pound or the official rate as virtually all commercial and business transactions are effected through the use of checks and cable transfers.

In Tuesday's market foreign exchange currency brokers transacted probably the heaviest volume of such business ever done in New York, as holders of bills hastened to turn in their holdings for shipment to London for full credit at the official rate. It was estimated by some dealers that the market on Tuesday absorbed more than £70,000.

These notes when shipped to England will be credited there at the official rate to United States registered accounts in London. It is estimated that approximately £300,000 had been placed on the market by Tuesday, including the period from August 21, when the order was issued in London.

The final quotation when the currency market closed about 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon was \$3.57 bid and \$3.60 asked. This compares with a price of \$3.15 at the time the order was issued on Aug. 21. Prior to that date the notes had sold down as low as \$2.50.

A very substantial amount of British notes was brought into this country in recent months by refugees and others, but it is estimated that fully 75% of the notes offered in the past week came from hoarders of the British currency. The importation of Bank of England notes into the United Kingdom of more than £10 is now officially prohibited. The ban was made effective immediately after the publication of the notice on Aug. 21, as it applied then to most European nations as well as to neutrals situated close to Great Britain.

Agencies of the British banks in New York are understood to have been the principal buyers of the notes for shipment abroad as these institutions were considered in a more favorable position to facilitate these transactions than American banks and dealers. The banks buying the notes for shipment, it is understood, were able to make a small profit at a price of \$3.60 a pound, the minimum on which any return could be realized. The price for notes in large quantities, above £100, was substantially lower than the maximum quotation on Tuesday.

When the British order was issued it was officially stated in London that in view of the fact that considerable amounts of Bank of England notes were held in France and other territories occupied by Germany and might therefore fall into enemy hands,

the prohibition on the importation of Bank of England notes into the United Kingdom was to take effect immediately.

In public statements issued in Berlin publicists questioned that the motive cited for the British measure was the actual cause of its adoption. These German commentators suggested that the real motive was to prevent pound notes hoarded abroad and traded on "black bourses" far below the official London rates from reaching England and discrediting the British currency.

The view held in German banking circles was that no large amounts of pound notes are held by the German Government, while owing to the strict Reich regulations of the last few years the volume of sterling bank notes held by the German public is probably of insignificant proportions. The German bank spokesmen assert further that even a small amount would be lost to holders since there is no way to register such notes and the holders would not dare make themselves punishable for such illegal hoarding.

No authentic information is obtainable with respect to notes seized in occupied countries, although it is believed that the amount was probably greater in Denmark and Norway than in the other occupied countries.

In London the only criticism of the Treasury's ban on the reimport of Bank of England notes appears to be that the step should have been taken immediately after the German occupation of Denmark and Norway or certainly immediately after the fall of France.

It is not doubted in London that the principal reason for the Treasury's ban was that large quantities of Bank of England notes were held in France, French nationals having hoarded British notes especially when there appeared a danger of devaluation of the franc. The actual financial effect of the embargo is considered to be nil because the notes are not used for trading purposes.

In London it is believed that possibly the value of the British notes in certain foreign markets may depreciate if the enemy attempts to sell any that might have been seized, but that would not influence the value of sterling in the slightest degree.

Incidentally, the ban on the import of notes affects the already greatly reduced supply of free sterling because the British notes formed part of the supply of British sterling.

The return of the notes to the Bank of England cannot fail to reduce to some extent the bank's excessively high circulation, unless fully offset by other factors, such as the high level of employment at high wages and the increasing cost of consumption products in Great Britain. Undoubtedly the hoarding of British notes by Continental nationals was an influence in the increased circulation since the war began.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Aug. 21 showed a decrease in circulation of £4,322,000, leaving total circulation at £609,585,000 on that date, compared with £508,063,708 a year earlier and with £443,409,298 on Aug. 26, 1936. Note circulation reached a record high of £613,907,000 on Aug. 14 of the current year. The note circulation of the Bank of England on Aug. 28 stood at £610,042,000.

However the circulation may fluctuate from week to week, there can be no question that the trend is

upward and reveals not only the world tendency toward higher prices, but the pressure on the British financial situation. In this respect, however, the position of Great Britain is not much different from that of any other major country. The tendency toward mounting circulation will have an important bearing on the trade and financial position of all major countries when the war is ended. An indication of this detrimental trend may be seen in the effects of the World War of 1914-1918. During the war the volume of paper money in circulation in the world increased annually at the rate of \$9,000,000,000. In the first year after the armistice the increase amounted to \$12,000,000,000 and in the second year to \$25,000,000,000. In the year 1913 the paper money in circulation throughout the world amounted to \$7,500,000,000. At the end of 1920 it had risen to \$82,000,000,000. The ratio of gold to paper circulation was 66.3% in 1913. At the time of the armistice it stood at 17.6% and had fallen by the end of 1920 to 9.2%. The public debt of the nations amounted in 1913 to \$43,000,000,000. At the end of 1920 it amounted to \$300,000,000,000. Before the World War the interest service of the public debt demanded \$1,750,000,000. At the end of 1920 more than \$12,000,000,000 was required. (For these figures 1913 currency values have been employed. The paper emissions and financial transactions of Soviet Russia are not included.—Source: "The Americas," quoted by S. Stern in his study "The Foreign Exchange Problem.")

It would be an impossible task to bring the foregoing figures up to date as there is no means of knowing the actual circulation in many countries, such as Germany, France and Japan. Statements of financial position published during the past several years by various countries afford no reliable indication of the currency circulation. We need only consider the monthly circulation statement of the United States Treasury Department to estimate the sharp upward trend in currency circulation since 1920.

Little reflection is required to realize that when peace is restored the currency and financial systems of all the nations must undergo a radical alteration before international commerce can again resume the free flow customary before 1914.

It is doubtful if the foreign exchange quotations prevalent before Great Britain's departure from gold in 1931 can ever be restored. New ratios, whether based on gold, the dollar, or otherwise, must take the place of the former parities. This goes without saying whether the prices of gold or commodities in common use rise or fall. After these inevitable radical changes, foreign traders will have to take into consideration factors and complications not hitherto encountered.

London open market money rates continue unchanged from the past several weeks. Call money against bills is in supply at $\frac{3}{4}$ %. Two-months' bills are 1 1-32%; three-months' bills, 1 1-16%; four-months' bills, 1 3-32%, and six-months' bills 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ %.

Canadian exchange is steady. Though tourist demands have declined sharply, there is practically no change in the Canadian free dollar rate and business on the whole is quiet. Montreal funds ranged during the week between a discount of 13 $\frac{1}{8}$ % and a discount of 12%.

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 Aug. 21, 1940.

GOLD EXPORTS AND IMPORTS AUG. 15 TO AUG. 21, INCLUSIVE

	Imports	Exports
Ore and base bullion.....	\$2,666,069	-----
Refined bullion and coin.....	102,874,349	-----
Total.....	\$105,540,418	-----
<i>Detail of Refined Bullion and Coin Shipments—</i>		
Portugal.....	\$3,780,727	-----
Sweden.....	2,255,481	-----
United Kingdom.....	3,075,382	-----
Canada.....	87,151,368	-----
Mexico.....	63,297	-----
Venezuela.....	8,200	-----
British India.....	727,126	-----
Ceylon.....	17,641	-----
Netherlands Indies.....	4,261,490	-----
Hongkong.....	1,040,778	-----
Australia.....	141,003	-----
New Zealand.....	351,856	-----

* Chiefly \$122,890 Canada, \$169,048 Nicaragua, \$463,693 Chile, \$131,171 Saudi Arabia, \$1,009,015 Philippine Islands, \$370,326 British Oceania.
Gold held under earmark at the Federal Reserve banks was increased during the week ended Aug. 21 by \$28,140,334 to \$1,680,863,971.

Referring to day-to-day rates for free sterling exchange nothing new of importance can be said distinguishing one day's market from another. On Saturday last bankers' sight was \$4.02@4.02¾; cable transfers were \$4.02¼@4.03. On Monday the range was \$4.02@4.02¾ for bankers' sight and \$4.02¼@4.03 for cable transfers. On Tuesday bankers' sight was \$4.02½@4.03 and cable transfers were \$4.02¾@4.03¼. On Wednesday the range was \$4.02½@4.03 for bankers' sight and \$4.02¾@4.03¼ for cable transfers. On Thursday bankers' sight was \$4.02½@4.03 and cable transfers were \$4.02¾@4.03¼. On Friday the range was \$4.03@4.03½ for bankers' sight and \$4.03¼@4.03¾ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were \$4.03 for demand and \$4.03 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at \$3.99; 60-day bills and 90-day bills are no longer quoted.

Continental and Other Foreign Exchange

NOTHING of a strictly foreign exchange character can be said regarding the Continental European countries. Dispatches regarding the finances or industries of these countries are conflicting and cannot be accepted as guides either to current affairs or to future trends.

Suspension of communications between the occupied and unoccupied zones in France ordered by the Germans on July 31 is more and more strictly enforced. Transfers of securities and funds continue to be prohibited, at least from the occupied territory into the free zone. As long as this state of affairs continues financial activity cannot be resumed to any appreciable extent. Virtually all movements of goods and capital between the free zones of France and the outside world are suspended. The blockade by Britain has followed its sea trade and French holdings have been frozen, not only in Britain and certain neutral countries of Europe, but also in the United States.

A dispatch from Vichy on Aug. 27 stated that M. Robert Lacour-Gayet, French financial expert, has been ordered by the Government to proceed to New York on an "important economic and financial mission." It seems needless to say that any such talks conducted at this time by representatives of the Vichy Government will receive nothing more than polite attention from either New York bankers or Washington Treasury officials.

In the Netherlands business is apparently more active if only shares and bonds on the bourse are considered. The Amsterdam Bourse is regarded as

technically becoming more normal again, for out of 2,800 listed issues about 400 Dutch securities are now officially quoted and a further extension is also expected in some United States securities.

Amsterdam advices state that all British bank notes that were held locally were already delivered before Aug. 25 to the Netherlands Bank under the terms of the official exchange decree, but the amount is unknown.

On Aug. 26, R. F. Loree, Chairman of the New York Bankers Foreign Exchange Committee, issued the following announcement regarding guilder exchange:

"The Federal Reserve Bank of New York is prepared to receive applications from American banking and commercial institutions for licenses to make deliveries of guilders under contracts entered into with other American institutions prior to May 10, 1940.

"It is suggested that applicants whose applications for such licenses have been withdrawn or have not as yet been acted upon by the Treasury Department file new applications in cases of the type above described."

Recent advices from Stockholm state that Norway will have to increase its income tax sharply in order to meet the demand of Germany for \$86,000,000 as a first instalment of a total assessment of \$150,000,000 to cover the expenses of the army of occupation.

The Swiss franc and the Swedish krona, the two remaining free currencies on the continent, have been quoted steady throughout the week.

An official German news agency dispatch stated that on Aug. 26 the reichsmark would become legal tender in the Duchy of Luxemburg. Parity has been fixed by the German head of the civilian administration at 10 Luxemburg francs for one mark.

As noted above under sterling exchange, French francs are no longer quoted in New York or in London. The German so-called free or gold marks are occasionally quoted here nominally around 39.95, against 40.10 a few weeks ago, and registered marks around 11.85, compared with a nominal quotation on Aug. 20 of 12.10. Italian exchange is nominally quoted at 5.05. Exchange on Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and Rumania is not quoted. Swedish exchange is nominally quoted around 23.86, against 23.87. Swiss exchange is nominally quoted around 22.79, against 22.79. Exchange on Finland closed at 2.05 (nominal) against 2.05 (nominal). Greek exchange closed at 0.68 (nominal), against 0.68 (nominal). Spanish pesetas are nominally quoted at 9.35, against 9.25.

EXCHANGE on the Latin American countries continues dull and steady. The cabinet crisis in Buenos Aires which occurred on Aug. 27 appears not to have affected the free peso exchange, while the official rate is held firm as in all South American countries. Political unrest in Chile has not been reflected in the official exchange rate quoted there.

Argentine unofficial or free market pesos closed at 22.70@22.75, against 22.75@22.80. Brazilian milreis closed at 5.15, against 5.15. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted at 5.17, against 5.17. Peru is nominally quoted at 16.00, against 16.00. The Mexican peso is quoted at 20.25, against 20.30.

EXCHANGE on the Far Eastern countries is quiet. The Hongkong dollar and the Shanghai yuan

seems to have been ruling steadier in the past week or more, while the Indian rupee is firm owing to its close alliance with the British pound. The Japanese yen is held steady in relation to the United States dollar through the control exercised by the Bank of Japan.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 23.45, against 23.45 on Friday of last week. Hongkong closed at 22.53 against 22.84; Shanghai at 5½, against 5½; Manila at 49.80, against 49.80; Singapore at 47½, against 47½; Bombay at 30.31, against 30.31; and Calcutta at 30.31, against 30.31.

Gold Bullion in European Banks

THE following table indicates the amounts of gold bullion (converted into pounds sterling at the British statutory rate, 84s. 11½d. per fine ounce) in the principal European banks as of respective dates of most recent statements, reported to us by special cable yesterday (Friday); comparisons are shown for the corresponding dates in the previous four years:

Banks of—	1940	1939	1938	1937	1936
	£	£	£	£	£
England...	*468,263	*141,373,101	327,760,578	327,960,180	246,497,633
France y...	242,451,946	328,601,484	293,728,209	293,250,172	436,088,819
Germany x...	3,868,700	3,851,800	3,008,600	2,464,000	2,244,800
Spain.....	63,667,000	63,667,000	63,667,000	87,323,000	88,092,000
Italy.....	17,440,000	23,400,000	25,232,000	25,232,000	42,575,000
Netherlands	97,714,000	96,117,000	123,378,000	105,490,000	55,246,000
Nat. Belg' m	132,857,000	102,315,000	87,594,000	102,544,000	77,912,000
Switzerland	86,730,000	98,433,000	113,788,000	83,250,000	49,900,000
Sweden.....	41,994,000	35,000,000	29,292,000	25,937,000	24,081,000
Denmark...	6,505,000	6,500,000	6,539,000	6,549,000	6,533,000
Norway....	6,667,000	6,666,000	7,442,000	6,602,000	6,604,000
Total week.	700,362,909	905,924,385	1,081,429,387	1,066,631,352	1,035,794,252
Prev. week.	700,498,184	904,141,964	1,080,746,386	1,066,988,042	1,064,863,896

Note—The war in Europe has made it impossible to obtain up-to-date reports from many of the countries shown in this tabulation. Even before the present war, regular reports were not obtainable from Spain and Italy, figures for which are as of April 30, 1938, and Dec. 31, 1939, respectively. The last report from France was received June 7; Switzerland, June 14; Belgium, May 24; Netherlands, May 17; Sweden, May 24; Denmark, March 29; Norway, March 1; Germany, Aug. 30.

* Pursuant to the Currency and Bank Notes Act, 1939, the Bank of England statements for March 1, 1939, and since have carried the gold holdings of the Bank at the market value current as of the statement date, instead of the statutory price which was formerly the basis of value. On the market price basis (168s. per fine ounce) the Bank reported holdings of £925,070, equivalent, however, to only about £468,263 at the statutory rate (84s. 11½d. per fine ounce), according to our calculations. In order to make the current figure comparable with former periods as well as with the figures for other countries in the tabulation, we show English holdings in the above in statutory pounds.

x Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany as reported in 1939 and 1940 include "deposits held abroad" and "reserves in foreign currencies."

y The Bank of France gold holdings have been revalued several times in recent years; on basis of latest valuation (23.34 mg. gold 0.9 fine equals one franc), instituted March 7, 1940, there are per British statutory pound about 349 francs; prior to March 7, 1940, there were about 296 francs per pound, and as recently as September, 1936, as few as 125 francs were equivalent to the statutory pound. For details of changes, see footnote to this table in issue of July 20, 1940.

Let Public Opinion Determine

The "Chronicle" has in the past commented upon the amazing degree of secrecy which surrounds Administration policies and proposals notwithstanding perennial pretensions that the Government of the United States continues to be one "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Certainly no one high in official circles would choose to deny that this country remains as it was created during the stress of the Revolutionary War, and as the Constitution of 1787 re-affirmed, a representative democracy. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, is the official successor of Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, under whose leadership that democracy was strongly implemented and whose continuous efforts were especially devoted to insistence upon methods and measures enabling the masses of the voters to make their vital decisions in the illumination of comprehensive knowledge of the facts and free and full discussion of the principles involved. It would be exaggeration to imply that, since March 4, 1933, information concerning public transactions of the first importance has ever been generously vouchsafed, but until quite recently the autocratic prerogative of exclusive knowledge in

matters of great moment has not been baldly proclaimed or plainly asserted to be an imperious incident of the Presidency. Recently, however, not even the bare right of informed determination in great crises involving the peace, prosperity, and progress of the next decade, very likely of generations still unborn, has received even the barest mention from the President, much less has there been open admission that it remains a fundamental element of sound decision and public welfare. On the contrary, there is only too much foundation for the reiterated charge brought by Mr. Willkie, that there is persistent and studied refusal, on the part of the President and his confidential advisers, not all of them members of the Cabinet and certainly not including all officers of Cabinet rank, to take the voters into the official confidence, to afford them opportunity to form fully instructed opinions upon questions of the highest general importance, or to accept their determinations as the ultimate resort in shaping the course of the nation.

Never during the entire course of American history were so many problems of such vital importance pressing for decisions which cannot long be postponed and upon the wisdom of which the welfare of the present and all future generations so plainly depends. These problems are not being overlooked, but neither are they being opened to public discussion and the range of potential solutions expounded with clarity to enable free determinations by the enlightened public voice. On the contrary, the information, both as to the facts upon which sound judgment must be based, and the policies and measures which the temporary and titular leadership of the country momentarily favors, is so scantily supplied, and with such apparent reluctance, that there seems to be much force in the suggestion that prolonged tenure of the highest position becomes often the parent of extreme self-confidence and corresponding suspicion of the soundness of popular judgment. Possibly, these appearances are deceptive and it may be that there is, in reality, no such contempt for public opinion and its judgments as superficially appears, but if such is the case, if the strong semblance of self-sufficiency is misleading and popular determination is not truly scorned, these manifestations are most unfortunate and create appearances of the exclusion of the governed from the deliberations of their government which would be seriously weakening should a period of more acute stress develop. Certainly it is unfortunate that hints of what is in process, unmatched by any domestic disclosures, should reach Americans from across the Atlantic Ocean and from the mouth of the Prime Minister of Great Britain. From no other quarter, however, has anything reached the public of this country throwing such a flood of light upon negotiations now believed to be under way as these following sentences from Mr. Churchill's latest statement to the House of Commons sitting in Westminster:

"These two great organizations of English-speaking democracies, the British Empire and the United States, will have to be somewhat mixed up together in some of their affairs for mutual and general advantage. . . . No one can stop it. Like the Mississippi, it just keeps rolling along. Let it roll. Let it roll on full flood, inexorable, irresistible, to broader fields and better days."

It is scarcely thinkable that the Prime Minister spoke with greater clarity and precision to the House of Commons than to the President. Quite the contrary would be supposed, but the people of the United

States have received no word from the White House intimating that in her hour of need Great Britain is proposing to Americans what amounts to a general alliance or at the least a practical acknowledgment of a community of interests. Yet, it is difficult to reconcile the words of the Prime Minister, or the obvious perplexities by which he is confronted, with any conception of his carefully phrased pronouncement which is less far-reaching or revolutionary. Nevertheless, no such proposal has been posed for discussion in this country and we shall not anticipate any phase of such discussion save as it may be anticipated by the most definite expression of conviction that, if it ever has to be determined, the determination ought to rest with the whole American people and be preceded by the most thorough deliberation in which no fact of relevant importance should be concealed from any fraction of the public. In which, moreover, the perfect freedom of ultimate determination must not be limited or impaired by any previous and premature commitment concerning any element that might affect or control the final judgment. Are any such commitments under consideration at this moment? And by whom? Is the American public accurately and adequately advised and has it been consulted? Let the facts speak for themselves. "The United States News" is a cautious and carefully edited periodical and we quote from the leading article in its issue, post-dated, of Aug. 30:

"Events are forcing a gradual merger of British and American interests. That merger today is taking definite form. It is seen in the defense agreement to be concluded with Canada. It is involved in the coming lease by Britain to the United States of Atlantic outposts. It appears in the proposed exchange of American destroyers to the British. Other moves are pending. There is a tacit understanding about the use of the British base at Singapore. . . . There is a gradually shaping agreement about protection of Australia and New Zealand in event of a crisis. There is study of the future of the Dutch East Indies and the British Malay States—source of American rubber and tin."

Undoubtedly, Prime Minister Churchill is vastly concerned over the American supply of rubber and tin, but from whom are these momentous problems receiving study and consideration? Not a solitary item among them that can be determined more than once, if the first determination is carried to execution. The Senate of the United States shares with the President in the functions of treaty-making. The Senate apparently has not been advised or consulted. At most, it seems, it has heard of the progress of these matters from the daily press or from oracular or jovial expressions at press-conferences, in Hyde Park or in Washington. The average citizen knows slightly less of what is going on, if he reads the best-conducted weeklies and the daily newspapers, than Senators and Representatives in Congress, and a good deal less than the newspaper reporters who are accorded access to Presidential conferences with the press and treated to "off the record" and "background" information which they are rigorously prohibited from making public. The public is not being informed, much less is it being invited to participate in any discussion, to prepare itself to decide, or actually to decide anything. All the suggestions, proposals, plans and negotiations are completely within the control of two or three men, without, so far as the public knows, any communication of any factor of decision or even any preliminary element, to any other individual or authority. The authority previously quoted further says:

"President Roosevelt personally is conducting these negotiations in the higher realm of diplomacy. He is dealing directly with Prime Minister Churchill, in London, and Prime Minister King, in Ottawa."

We apprehend that there can be nothing so esoteric in any exchanges of proposal and acceptance, or counter-proposal, between the United States and Great Britain, or any British Dominion, as necessarily to exempt the subject-matter from the American way of life which, in Government, is to resort to and rely upon the determinations of popular judgment expressed through the popular choice of legislative representatives and at the polls. Unless this is not true, and unless it is rejected as a principle of life and Government by the American people, they have only to comprehend the extent in which they are being ignored and their United wisdom excluded from its constitutional function in order to make their condemnation of the present course of their temporary officers of government swift and severe. The Republican candidate for the Presidency, and other Republican candidates at the November election, can perform no public service more exigent and important than to see to it that these un-American proceedings are fully understood by the voters when they go to the polls on Nov. 5, 1940.

Mr. Willkie vs. The New Deal

While professing fundamental differences with the Administration, Mr. Willkie, the Republican candidate for the Presidency, has in terms stated his approval of several of the key "objectives" of the New Deal and at times by implication at least certain of its technique. At one point in his acceptance address, for example, he said: "This Administration stands for principles exactly opposite to mine. A few minutes later, however, he added: "I believe that the forces of free enterprise must be regulated. I am opposed to business monopolies. I believe in collective bargaining, by representatives of labor's own free choice, without any interference and in full protection of those obvious rights. I believe in the maintenance of minimum standards for wages and of maximum standards for hours. I believe that such standards should constantly improve. I believe in the Federal Regulation of interstate utilities, of securities markets, and of banking. I believe in Federal pensions, in adequate old-age benefits, and in unemployment allowance.

"I believe that the Federal Government has a responsibility to equalize the lot of the farmer, with that of the manufacturer. If this can not be done by parity of prices, other means must be found—with the least possible regimentation of the farmer's affairs. I believe in the encouragement of co-operative buying and selling, and in the full extension of rural electrification."

Then, in substantiation of the contention that New Deal principles are diametrically the opposite of his own, notwithstanding his endorsement of many of its "objectives" at least, he adds:

"The purpose of all such measures is indeed to obtain a better distribution of the wealth and earning power of this country, but I do not base my claim to liberalism solely on my faith in such reforms. American liberalism does not consist merely in reforming things. It consists also in making things. . . .

"I say that we must substitute for the philosophy of distributed scarcity the philosophy of unlimited productivity. I stand for the restoration of full production and reemployment by private enterprise in America.

"And I say that we must henceforth ask certain questions of every reform, and of every law to regulate business or industry. We must ask: Has it encouraged our industries to produce? Has it created new opportunities for our youth? Will it increase our standard of living? Will it encourage us to open up a new and bigger world?

"A reform that cannot meet these tests is not a truly liberal reform. . . . It does not tend to strengthen our system, but to weaken it. It exposes us to aggressors, whether economic or military. It encourages class distinctions and hatreds. And it will lead us inevitably, as I believe we are now headed, toward a form of government alien to ours. . . ."

The general position thus taken, this tendency throughout to support in one breath at least the broad principles of the major "reform" measures of the past six or seven years and in the next to take sharp exception to the fundamentals of the New Deal, has given rise to considerable confusion in the minds of a good many, and in some quarters to the suspicion that no very sharp distinction may be drawn between the credos of the two leading candidates.

At times it is asserted, in effect, that in approving New Deal reforms Mr. Willkie has taken his stand along side the President, and that the remainder of his avowals are but political palaver to catch the ear of voters who are not in sympathy with the New Deal, while at others it is charged that his support of New Deal reforms is but lip service intended to betray the "liberals," and that his real intentions are revealed in his other utterances. While we do not share such views as these, it must be admitted that interpretations of the sort are, in this day and time, understandable. An unscrupulous politician could resort, and unscrupulous politicians in recent years have resorted, to precisely such quibbles and equivocations in order to obtain the preferment to which they aspired.

We think it well, therefore, to inquire carefully and dispassionately into this credo of the Republican candidate for the purpose of determining whether its terms are really in conflict with one another, or whether apparent inconsistencies are apparent only, and whether the declarations so far made by the candidate can reasonably be construed to present an intelligible and intelligent philosophy of government capable of being used during the campaign as a foundation for the construction of well-rounded program of action worthy of support over against the New Deal, a continuation of which must of course be expected should President Roosevelt be chosen to succeed himself again. Mr. Willkie's own interpretation of these earlier pronouncements can, of course, be supplied only by himself, and these he has promised to give during the course of the campaign now about to get under full steam. It is instructive, however, to survey the foundations which have already been laid, and to inquire carefully as to precisely what kind of superstructure is logically possible within the limitations thus imposed, and as to precisely what type of demolition of existing

programs would be required in order to erect the new structure.

The first and really fundamental question is this: Can an effective "policy of unlimited productivity" co-exist with government regulation of "the forces of free enterprise," statutory right of collective bargaining for labor, constantly improving minimum wages and maximum hours fixed by law, "Federal regulation of interstate utilities, of the securities markets, and of banking," a program devised "to equalize the lot of the farmer with that of the manufacturer," and Government support of "those whom private industry cannot support," as the candidate at another point specifically approves? The answer to this query plainly depends largely upon the precise meaning assigned to many terms. If "to equalize the lot of the farmer with that of the manufacturer" is taken to propose merely that the former must be given the same opportunity to determine his own "lot" as that provided the latter, no impediment to full productivity at any point in our economy would emerge. If on the other hand, as appears to be the case, what is meant is that subsidies of one sort or another must be paid the farmer, and that these payments must be measured by the difference in earnings between the farmer and the manufacturer, the proposition becomes a gray horse of a wholly different color.

As to the regulation of the "forces of free enterprise," they have always been regulated in one degree or another both by common law and by statutory provisions designed to formulate a sort of code of rules of the game, as it were. These restrictions have constantly, if at times slowly, changed through the years as conditions actually arising seemed to suggest. Such regulation as this is to be expected and approved. Indeed it would be difficult to do business without it. As time passes, it is well, too, of course, that these restrictions be constantly reviewed, and where necessary modified as conditions demand. Nothing in all this, if sensibly conducted, would in any way abridge the freedom of action or dull the spirit of initiative which have been basic to our success in the industrial field. It is when regulation or restriction goes beyond this simple and strictly limited field that impediments are put in the way of full productivity. No one supposes that unnatural monopolies are conducive to full productivity. General recognition of a right on the part of wage earners to bargain collectively through agents of their own choosing, or even specific statutory guarantee of that right, need not raise up barriers to productivity, although conditions arising out of the recognition of such a right may, and often do give rise to evils fully as bad as those marked for elimination by that recognition. Collective bargaining per se perhaps tends to set up certain rigidities in the economic system which are very prone to prove troublesome, but few would be strongly inclined to the view that collective bargaining *need* prove a serious handicap to American industry.

About the same observations can be made concerning the other "reforms" which the candidate expresses himself as favoring. Minimum wages and maximum hours of work, where really needed and where limited to the purpose of preventing unconscionable "sweat-shop" conditions and the like, and where administered with moderation and good

sense, need impose no particular burden upon legitimate industry. Regulation of all natural monopolies, including interstate utilities, has long ago become generally recognized as essential, and the same is true of banking, and in one degree or another of the securities markets. The extent to which these activities should be undertaken by the Federal Government, outside of banking at least, raises a number of moot questions. Many of us doubt the wisdom of intervention by the Federal Government at all, or certainly upon any very large scale, in the regulation of utilities and securities markets. Yet it must be conceded that theoretically at least such regulation could be undertaken in Washington and carried through effectively without undue burdensomeness. Opinions differ as to the wisdom of elaborate pension schemes, old-age benefits, unemployment insurance and the like. For our part, we must again candidly express our own view that they are unwise. Yet it must be conceded even by the doubting Thomas that arrangements to accomplish the ends sought by elaborate schemes now in effect could be made without killing burdens upon industry and trade.

But with equal directness and with emphasis he it said that the programs of today devised for these several purposes are proving to be exceedingly burdensome to industry. Full productivity in this country must obviously await a complete overhauling of the system now in force. The plain inference is, therefore, that Mr. Willkie, in order to prove himself consistent and to give effect in good faith to his professed "philosophy" must begin by renovating the New Deal from the bottom up. As to the agricultural program of the New Deal, the candidate has shown no purpose to alter it, save possibly as concerns control of production. Indeed, all in all, he appears to have committed himself more or less irrevocably for the present at least to a continuation of a course not essentially different from that which is now being pursued. Should he be successful in reviving industry and trade, that recovery would without question in one degree or another be reflected on the farms of the nation, but otherwise little that is constructive on the farm question has as yet been suggested by him. If he can do no better than this, then of course he must make up his mind that his program of productivity will be obliged to carry American agriculture like the old man of the sea about its neck.

As to most of the other New Deal measures, Mr. Willkie seems to have a much clearer field, at least so far as self-imposed and publicly made commitments are concerned. There is no apparent reason to doubt that he is without sympathy for the innumerable and often indirect measures of restriction, annoyance and expense which the New Deal has taken such delight in imposing, sometimes by means of taxation, sometimes by means of what appears to be punitive publicity, sometimes by use of the position of the Government as enormous purchaser of a wide variety of goods, and sometimes by other means such as the informal influence of Government officials vested with powers which can be used to reach business men to their harm even when they do not relate to matters in dispute. Much can be done without question by merely changing the attitude of the Government from one of hostility

and double dealing to one of straightforwardness and friendliness. All this, however, as important as it is, is not enough. There are many New Deal statutes which must be overhauled, and thoroughly rewritten to say the least before Mr. Willkie can hope to get the results he evidently and fortunately desires in the form of full productivity from industry and trade. Specifications for these tasks he will give, it is most ardently to be hoped, in the course of the campaign. He can by so doing establish beyond question both the sincerity and the soundness of the position he has taken in his acceptance address and elsewhere, a position which otherwise will remain open to question by many, not all of whom are necessarily opposed to him in the premises.

For one thing, he must, to complete and implement his professed philosophy, face frankly the problems which have arisen to plague industry as a result of the National Labor Relations Act. The time for him to arrive at definite conclusions as to the general nature of what must be done is before election day if he is to give the public a reasonably fully account of what should be expected of him if elected. The trouble with this law is not that it grants wage earners the right of collective bargaining. It is rather in the fact that it and its administrators have undertaken in effect to conduct a crusading campaign to persuade, not to say oblige, labor, to exercise this right whether it is greatly interested or not or has any particular cause for being so interested, and in the circumstance that in professed endeavor to protect this right all sorts of statutory provisions and regulatory measures have been brought into being which cause endless friction, costly interruptions of work, and often an abridgment of long established rights of employers as American citizens. Far from serving as an aid to productivity, the law has proved a very serious stumbling block to frictionless operations, and must continue to do so until something drastic is done to remedy the situation. The right of collective bargaining can be conceded and protected without one-hundredth of all this, and it must be so arranged, or else according to the standards Mr. Willkie now sets for measuring reform projects the entire effort must be discontinued as one which certainly has not and cannot encourage our industries to produce.

So also with the wages-hours law. Here is a statute professedly designed to prevent those gross abuses in the employment field which have occurred in the past, and which allegedly might recur at almost any time, but, as a matter of fact, rarely existed anywhere at the time the law was taken to the statute book. As written and as administered it has been employed to harry business men on all sides concerning matters which had never been the subject of serious complaint by employees or by any one else whose opinion was worthy of respect. A law avowedly enacted in the interest of the oppressed and directed at employer groups without conscience and without regard to the opinions of mankind, it has placed heavy burdens upon employers who pay wages universally considered standard and not requiring hours of work exceeding reasonable limits by any reasonable standard. It has involved many business men in pointless litigation, harried them with uncertainty as to what was

required of them, opened them to the risk of what amounts almost to blackmail, and obliged them in self-defense to add enormously to their burden of record keeping and the like. Here clearly is a situation which can be easily remedied, by turning these essentially local problems back to states and localities if in no other way, but one which must be remedied before full productivity is to be expected.

Existing programs of regulation as applied to interstate utilities and the securities markets cry equally for renovation. Apparently Mr. Willkie favors some form of Federal regulation of both, which is at least debatable. It is, however, certainly within the bounds of possibility to effect such reasonable regulation as can reasonably be considered essential without putting all enterprises in a strait-jacket. Existing laws virtually place the utility industry, so far as it is interstate in character, under the thumbs of a group of Federal Government officials vested with the widest of discretionary powers. The securities acts represent the culmination of a movement begun in the interest of full disclosures at the time of issue of new securities. In practice they have evolved into a system of complete and often quite arbitrary dictatorship by bureaucrats. Both interstate utilities and the security markets have been almost wholly robbed of that flexibility and freedom of action so essential to smooth functioning without which full productivity in industry can scarcely be expected. Any legitimate objective of regulation in these fields can be achieved, so far as government can achieve them, without this incubus. The attainment of this end is obviously the task of any President whose first interest is full productivity.

The situation is much the same in connection with old-age pensions, unemployment allowances and the like. We, as our readers well know, have all along entertained strong doubts as to whether any system of this general nature was likely to prove successful or helpful in this country. Such an undertaking is fraught with too many dangers in a situation governed by our habits and traditions in political life. Yet it is possible to conceive of a system for these purposes which would not seriously interfere with full productivity. It certainly would have to be a system wholly different in many respects from that which now obtains, however. The cardinal requisite of an arrangement for the purpose which would not be a burden to industry is, of course, that it must in no way encourage government waste and in no way reduce the willingness of individuals to provide for themselves—that is to say continue production—wherever and whenever opportunity presents itself or could be made to present itself. Individuals too old or too ill to take care of themselves, or otherwise prevented from producing what they need for subsistence, or the equivalent of it, have always been provided for in some way or other. They have always been in reality a charge upon industry. If there is any good reason to formalize practices by having government assume this function, we can doubtless proceed without excessive injury, always provided the very fact of thus providing for such individuals does not increase their number in such a way as to curtail the very production which must in final analysis be their sustenance, or the system itself become so

cumbersome, costly and so abused that it itself becomes a serious burden. No such relatively benign results can be expected, however, from the present systems which encourage the belief among the rank and file that funds are being set aside for them as if on deposit in a savings bank, which imposed taxes of a sort which could never stand public scrutiny if levied for ordinary purposes, and which pours enormous funds into the Treasury through an underground conduit to be wasted by Congress. Here then is another problem awaiting any exponent of the philosophy of full productivity.

From considerations such as these we, therefore, must conclude that these sundry terms of Mr. Willkie's credo are not inherently inconsistent with one another as is being alleged in some quarters, and that it is quite possible to find in this platform the foundations for a constructive program which would serve the country immeasurably better than the New Deal, but that the superstructure remains to be erected. We presume that Mr. Willkie himself is fully aware of the nature of the tasks that lie ahead of him, and entertain a strong hope that he will proceed constructively to them as the campaign progresses—and, should he be chosen as President, consistently after his inauguration.

The Course of the Bond Market

The bond market has been inactive this week, with only minor price changes. United States Government long-term issues have been confined to a narrow range.

Trading volume among railroad bonds continued dull during the week. High-grade rail issues have been fractionally lower. Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe general 4s, 1935, at 105½ were off ¾. In spite of the fact that car loadings reached a new 1940 high last week, and that July earnings reports were most favorable, medium grade rails and speculative issues continued to behave in a very dull manner, and gains have been fractional. Delaware & Hudson 4s, 1943, were up ¼ to 49½; Southern Pacific 4½s, 1969, gained ⅝ to 39¾. Defaulted rails have been inactively traded, and the price changes displayed no definite trend.

Trading in utility bonds has been extremely light once again, no transactions having taken place in many well-known issues. Best grade bonds held well, however, and the speculative group reflected the moderately rising trend shown in the stock market. Among holding company issues Standard Gas & Electric debentures displayed unusual activity and strength, due, of course, to a plan for partial retirement.

The industrial bond market this week has been characterized by further inactivity, with no important trends discernible in group bond movements, although sugar issues exhibited some moderate strength, especially Manati Sugar 4½s, 1960, as a result of the reduction in sugar marketing quotas for 1940 by the Department of Agriculture. Childs Co. debenture 5s, 1943, declined to a new low for the year at 27, as contrasted with a high of 59, largely in reflection of poor first-half results. Atlantic Gulf & West Indies 5s, 1959, exhibited further strength and sold close to their 1940 high of 75¾ and well above the low of 62½. Strength in the medium grade industrial bond market has been attested to by the public offering of \$25,000,000 of Celanese Corp. of America debenture 3s, 1955, at 98.

Price movements in foreign bonds have been irregular. There have been some sharp declines in Danish and Norwegian issues, contrasting with renewed firmness in Argentine bonds, which gained as much as three points. Canadian bonds held up well, while Commonwealth obligations turned softer, except for the advance of four points for the Queensland 7s. Japanese issues obtained better prices, but changes in Italian and German bonds remained within narrow limits.

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

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

Table with columns for 1940 Daily Averages, U. S. Govt. Bonds, All 120 Domestic Corp., 120 Domestic Corporate by Ratings (Aaa, Aa, A, Baa), and 120 Domestic Corporate by Groups (RR, P. U., Indus.).

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

Table with columns for 1940 Daily Averages, All 120 Domestic Corp., 120 Domestic Corporate by Ratings (Aaa, Aa, A, Baa), and 120 Domestic Corporate by Groups (RR, P. U., Indus.).

* These prices are computed from average yields on the basis of one "typical" bond (4% coupon, maturing in 30 years), and do not purport to show either the average yield 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 the yield averages, the latter being the truer picture of the bond market.

† The latest complete list of bonds used in computing these indexes was published in the issue of July 13, 1940, page 160.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME Friday Night, Aug. 30, 1940.

Business activity is more than sustaining its recent high level, the index figure for the current week reaching a peak for 1940. There is every indication business is feeling the strong stimulus of Government orders. It is believed that the present high level of industrial activity should be at least maintained and possibly increased in the next few months because of the volume of new orders received by manufacturers in July.

According to the "Journal of Commerce," business activity showed a fractional rise during the week of Aug. 24 and rose to a new current high of 107.1. Car loadings and steel operations were at top levels, and bituminous coal production registered a small gain.

Incoming steel business shows further slight improvement and some major producers will have booked a greater tonnage in August than in July, the "Iron Age" says in its current summary of the industry, issued yesterday.

ported by substantial 'peace-time' demand from makers of a variety of products such as farm implements and household equipment." The review notes the reaffirmation of steel prices through the fourth quarter, and says that while pig iron producers may not reaffirm quotations, they will accept fourth-quarter business at current prices until further notice.

Production by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Aug. 24 amounted to 2,570,618,000 kwh., an increase of 9.2% over the like 1939 period, according to figures released yesterday by the Edison Electric Institute.

The Association of American Railroads reported today 761,002 cars of revenue freight were loaded during the week ending last Saturday. This was an increase of 2.4% compared with the preceding week, an increase of 11.3% compared with a year ago, and an increase of 22.6% compared with 1938.

the week ended Nov. 18, 1939, when they totaled 771,404 cars.

Engineering construction awards for the week total \$57,444,000, a drop of 55% from the near-record volume of a week ago, and 14% below the total for the corresponding 1939 week as reported by "Engineering News-Record." Private construction is up 7% compared with a week ago, but is 16% below the total for the 1939 week. Public awards are 66% and 13% lower, respectively, than last week and last year. The current week's volume brings 1940 construction to \$2,134,721,000, an increase of 4% over the \$2,055,915,000 reported for the 35-week period last year. Private awards top a year ago by 16%. Public construction is 0.7% under last year, in spite of a 153% increase in Federal awards.

Preliminary difficulties of getting into production on new model motor cars gradually are being overcome, Ward's automotive reports said today in estimating this week's assemblies at 27,645 units, compared with 23,732 units last week and with 24,240 units this week a year ago. The survey said that although next week's work schedule will be reduced by Labor Day holiday, the week's production total probably will exceed that of this full week.

Bad weather this week meant good retail business, said Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., today. "Buying was particularly spirited in women's and children's apparel and in home furnishing lines. Trade benefited generally from the increase in store traffic. Encouraged by the interest shown in fall lines last week, retailers stepped up promotional efforts. In reflection of the retail advance, wholesale markets also were reported more active. Industry, it was noted, experienced a moderate upswing, though it was confined largely to the durable goods divisions. Retail volume for the whole country was estimated 7% to 13% above the level for 1939, the largest increase recorded since last Easter. New England registered a gain of 5% to 8%; East, 10% to 17%; South, 8% to 15%; Middle West, 6% to 14%; Southwest, 4% to 16%; Northwest, 5% to 9%; Pacific Coast, 3% to 7%."

The weather during the past week presented no spectacular features outside of extreme coolness in many Eastern areas and incessant rains. These unfavorable conditions have prevailed in many areas over a considerable period of time and are said to be highly detrimental to the growth of some late crops. The New York City area has had its share of cold wet weather, which has prevailed now for the past week or 10 days with very little interruption. Clearing weather over the Labor Day holiday is hoped for as the transportation lines are making preparations for record-breaking crowds leaving and entering the big city.

Today was rainy and temperatures moderate, ranging from 65 degrees to 74 degrees. Rain is looked for tonight and on Saturday. No great change in temperature is predicted, the lowest thermometer reading for this locality for tonight being placed at about 65 degrees; prevailing winds are moderate and southeast to south. Sunday in all probability will be fair.

Overnight at Boston it was 61 to 69 degrees; Pittsburgh, 65 to 81; Portland, Me., 41 to 69; Chicago, 62 to 81; Cincinnati, 70 to 84; Cleveland, 68 to 84; Detroit, 69 to 81; Milwaukee, 58 to 79; Charleston, 73 to 87; Savannah, 74 to 85; Kansas City, Mo., 60 to 83; Springfield, Ill., 59 to 84; Oklahoma City, 66 to 90; Salt Lake City, 51 to 87, and Seattle, 57 to 80.

Moody's Commodity Index Advances Further

Moody's Daily Commodity Index continued to advance this week, closing Friday at 154.2, as compared with 150.7 a week ago. The principal individual changes were the rise in wheat and hog prices.

The movement of the index was as follows:

Fri., Aug. 23	150.7	Two weeks ago, Aug. 16	149.3
Sat., Aug. 24	150.8	Month ago, July 30	151.2
Mon., Aug. 26	151.5	Year ago, Aug. 30	140.3
Tues., Aug. 27	152.4	1939 High—Sept. 22	172.8
Wed., Aug. 28	152.8	Low—Aug. 15	138.4
Thurs., Aug. 29	152.1	1940 High—May 13	166.8
Fri., Aug. 30	154.2	Low—Aug. 19	149.3

July Truck Loadings Recede Slightly

The volume of revenue freight transported by motor truck during July fell 1.8% below that of June, but represented an increase of 17.7% over the tonnage hauled in July, 1939, according to loading reports compiled and released on Aug. 25 by the American Trucking Associations. The report further disclosed:

Comparable reports were received from 216 motor carriers in 38 States and the District of Columbia. The reporting carriers transported an aggregate of 1,194,434 tons in July, as against 1,216,748 tons in June, and 1,014,493 tons in July of last year.

The A. T. A. index figure, computed on the basis of the 1936 monthly average tonnage of the reporting carriers as representing 100, stood at 133.75 for July. In June, the index figure was 137.79; in July, 1939, it was 113.56.

Approximately 73% of all the freight transported during the month was reported by carriers of "general merchandise." The volume of general merchandise carried increased 1.1% over June, and 16.3% over July, 1939. Carriers in this group reported that their tonnage had been affected by labor difficulties during the month.

Transporters of petroleum products, accounting for slightly more than 14% of the total tonnage, reported a decrease of 5.9% under June, but an increase of 12.4% over July of last year.

Movement of new automobiles and trucks declined seasonally, due to factory shut-downs during preparation for 1941 models. This tonnage,

constituting 2.7% of the total reported, decreased 45.7% under June, but represented an increase of 1.6% over movements of July, 1939.

Iron and steel products represented 3.9% of the total reported tonnage. The volume of these commodities increased 5% over June and 42% over July of last year.

A little more than 5% of the total tonnage reported was miscellaneous commodities, including tobacco, textile products, bottles, building materials, coal, cement and household goods. Transportation of these commodities increased 7% over June and 57.9% over July, 1939.

Revenue Freight Car Loadings in Week Ended Aug. 24 Totalled 761,002 Cars

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended Aug. 24 totalled 761,002 cars, the Association of American Railroads announced on Aug. 29. This was an increase of 77,096 cars or 11.3% above the corresponding week in 1939 and an increase of 140,445 cars or 22.6% above the same week in 1938. Loading of revenue freight for the week of Aug. 24 was an increase of 17,881 cars or 2.4% above the preceding week. The Association further reported:

Miscellaneous freight loading totalled 298,405 cars, an increase of 12,798 cars above the preceding week and an increase of 33,743 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totalled 151,190 cars, an increase of 1,299 cars above the preceding week, but a decrease of 2,982 cars below the corresponding week in 1939.

Coal loading amounted to 134,931 cars, a decrease of 341 cars below the preceding week but an increase of 15,374 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Grain and grain products loading totalled 44,310 cars, an increase of 962 cars above the preceding week and an increase of 521 cars above the corresponding week in 1939. In the Western districts alone grain and grain products loading for the week of Aug. 24 totalled 31,258 cars, an increase of 1,473 cars above the preceding week and an increase of 654 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Live stock loading amounted to 13,511 cars, an increase of 678 cars above the preceding week and an increase of 450 cars above the corresponding week in 1939. In the Western districts alone loading of live stock for the week of Aug. 24 totalled 9,973 cars, an increase of 513 cars above the preceding week and an increase of 91 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Forest products loading totalled 38,038 cars, an increase of 1,683 cars above the preceding week and an increase of 6,084 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Ore loading amounted to 69,983 cars, an increase of 777 cars above the preceding week, and an increase of 20,240 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

Coke loading amounted to 10,634 cars, an increase of 25 cars above the preceding week and an increase of 3,666 cars above the corresponding week in 1939.

All districts reported increases compared with the corresponding weeks in 1939 and 1938.

	1940	1939	1938
4 weeks of January	2,555,415	2,288,730	2,256,717
4 weeks of February	2,486,863	2,282,866	2,155,536
5 weeks of March	3,122,556	2,976,655	2,746,428
4 weeks of April	2,494,369	2,225,188	2,126,471
4 weeks of May	2,712,628	2,363,099	2,185,822
5 weeks of June	3,534,564	3,127,262	2,759,658
4 weeks of July	2,825,732	2,532,236	2,272,941
Week of Aug. 3	718,430	656,553	584,062
Week of Aug. 10	726,976	661,023	589,568
Week of Aug. 17	743,121	669,793	597,884
Week of Aug. 24	761,002	683,906	620,557
Total	22,681,676	20,467,311	18,895,644

The first 18 major railroads to report for the week ended Aug. 24, 1940 loaded a total of 342,901 cars of revenue freight on their own lines, compared with 336,411 cars in the preceding week and 319,009 cars in the seven days ended Aug. 26, 1939. A comparative table follows:

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

	Loaded on Own Lines Weeks Ended—			Received from Connections Weeks Ended—		
	Aug. 24 1940	Aug. 17 1940	Aug. 26 1939	Aug. 24 1940	Aug. 17 1940	Aug. 26 1939
	Atchafalaya & Santa Fe Ry.	18,176	18,195	18,652	5,756	5,331
Baltimore & Ohio RR.	35,031	33,607	30,417	18,274	19,754	16,051
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	25,883	25,787	24,886	11,719	11,097	11,060
Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.	14,066	14,286	17,753	8,112	7,865	7,566
Chicago Millw. St. Paul & Pac. Ry.	21,846	21,134	21,622	7,930	7,607	7,755
Chicago & North Western Ry.	16,547	15,652	15,183	10,843	9,907	9,740
Gulf Coast Lines	2,727	2,997	2,987	1,392	1,323	1,333
International Great Northern RR.	1,686	1,685	1,984	1,821	1,757	1,526
Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.	4,031	3,811	4,475	2,670	2,545	2,481
Missouri Pacific RR.	13,955	12,991	13,231	8,527	7,994	8,003
New York Central Lines	41,406	41,528	37,808	42,029	42,771	37,345
N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis Ry.	5,851	5,681	6,126	11,023	10,699	9,030
Norfolk & Western Ry.	21,300	20,664	20,111	5,264	4,632	4,566
Pennsylvania RR.	70,479	69,582	58,965	44,477	43,521	39,561
Pere Marquette Ry.	5,784	5,430	4,930	5,239	5,184	4,431
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.	7,508	7,164	5,044	7,981	8,272	6,891
Southern Pacific Lines	30,995	31,010	30,216	8,420	8,214	7,755
Wabash Ry.	5,329	5,207	5,009	8,426	8,143	7,371
Total	342,901	336,411	319,009	209,903	208,616	187,063

TOTAL LOADINGS AND RECEIPTS FROM CONNECTIONS (Number of Cars)

	Weeks Ended—		
	Aug. 24, 1940	Aug. 17, 1940	Aug. 26, 1939
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.	25,100	23,164	22,980
Illinois Central System	31,253	29,520	29,388
St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.	12,622	11,871	11,290
Total	68,975	64,555	63,658

In the following we undertake to show also the loadings for separate roads and systems for the week ended Aug. 17, 1940. During this period 96 roads showed increases when compared with the same week last year:

Exports of United States Merchandise and Imports for Consumption Comparative Summary, June, 1939-1940

Table with columns for Exports and Imports, July 1939 and 1940, 7 Months Ended July 1939 and 1940, and Increase/Decrease.

MERCHANDISE TRADE BY MONTHS AND BY CUMULATIVE PERIODS

Large table showing monthly and cumulative trade data for 1935-1940, including Exports and Imports for U.S. Merchandise and Consumption.

Exports and Imports of Gold and Silver

Table showing monthly and cumulative trade data for Gold and Silver in 1939 and 1940.

GOLD AND SILVER TRADE BY MONTHS AND BY CUMULATIVE PERIODS

Table showing monthly and cumulative trade data for Gold and Silver from 1937 to 1940.

Analysis of Imports and Exports of the United States in July and Seven Months Ended July

The Department of Commerce's report of the character of the country's foreign trade reduced the export and import figures into five separate groups, ranging from crude materials to the finished manufactures...

DOMESTIC EXPORTS FROM AND IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY AND SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY, 1940 AND 1939

Analysis by Economic Groups (Value in 1,000 Dollars)

Large table showing domestic exports and imports by economic group (Agriculture, Manufactures, etc.) for July and 7 months ended July, 1939 and 1940.

Iron and Steel Manufacturers, Aircraft, Firearms and Ammunition, Steel-Mill Products, Metal-Working Machinery, and Explosives Chief Export Items in July—Crude Rubber, Raw Silk, and Uncut Diamonds Lead in Imports

Supplementing other data on the Nation's foreign trade in July, given in today's issue, we present here an arrangement of the figures given out by the Department of Commerce showing the value of each of the chief items of the export and import trade arranged according to economic groups:

DOMESTIC EXPORTS FROM AND IMPORTS INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY AND SEVEN MONTHS ENDED JULY, 1940 AND 1939

Analysis by Leading Commodities in Each Economic Group (Value in 1,000 Dollars)

Table showing domestic exports and imports by leading commodity within each economic group for July and 7 months ended July, 1939 and 1940.

Automobile Output in July

Factory sales of automobiles manufactured in the United States (including foreign assemblies from parts made in the United States and reported as complete units or vehicles) for July, 1940, consisted of 231,703 vehicles, of which 168,769 were passenger cars and 62,934 were commercial cars, trucks, or road tractors, as compared with 344,636 vehicles in June, 1940, 209,359 vehicles in July, 1939, and 141,443 vehicles in July, 1938. These statistics, comprising data for the entire industry, were released Aug. 28 by Director William L. Austin, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

Statistics for 1940 are based on data received from 72 manufacturers in the United States, 22 making passenger cars and 61 making commercial cars, trucks, or road tractors (11 of the 22 passenger car manufacturers also making commercial cars, trucks, or road tractors). It should be noted that those making both passenger cars and commercial cars, trucks, or road tractors have been included in the number shown as making passenger cars and in the number shown as making commercial cars, trucks, or road tractors, respectively. The figures for passenger cars include those for taxicabs. The figures for commercial cars, trucks, and road tractors include those for ambulances, funeral cars, fire apparatus, street sweepers, station wagons, and buses, but the number of such special purpose vehicles is very small and hence a negligible factor in any analysis for which the figures may be used. Canadian production figures are supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Figures for previous month appeared in the Aug. 3, 1940, issue of the "Chronicle," page G16.

NUMBER OF VEHICLES (INCLUDING CHASSIS)

Year and Month	United States (Factory Sales)			Canada (Production)		
	Total (All Vehicles)	Passenger Cars	Trucks, &c.	Total	Passenger Cars	Comm'l Cars & Trucks
1940—						
June.....	344,636	286,040	58,596	17,930	8,739	9,191
July.....	231,703	168,769	62,934	14,468	3,397	11,071
Total 7 mos. end. July	2,660,231	2,196,199	464,032	125,380	75,683	49,697
1939—						
June.....	309,738	246,704	63,034	14,515	10,585	3,930
July.....	209,359	150,738	58,621	9,241	5,112	4,129
Total 7 mos. end. July	2,171,348	1,732,889	438,459	103,000	75,080	27,920
1938—						
June.....	174,670	136,531	38,139	14,732	11,014	3,718
July.....	141,443	106,841	34,602	9,007	5,273	3,734
Total 7 mos. end. July	1,344,786	1,043,358	301,428	111,165	81,375	29,790

Petroleum and Its Products—Illinois Production Continues Decline—California Allowable Cut—Underground Storage Suggested—Pennsylvania Crude Prices Cut—Oil Values' Decision Soon by Mexican Court—Standard of Jersey Protests Mexican Action—1940 Well Drillings High

Further decline in daily average production of crude oil in Illinois to below the 400,000-barrel mark was the highlight of the weekly statistical report of the American Petroleum Institute which disclosed that daily average production of crude oil for the nation was off 10,750 barrels during the Aug. 24 week to 3,508,000 barrels. The week's total was sharply below the August allowable of 3,657,700 barrels recommended by the United States Bureau of Mines.

A drop of 9,700 barrels in daily production in Illinois carried the figure off to 381,650 barrels, in striking contrast to the record high of better than 550,000 barrels reached only a few short weeks back. Oklahoma clinched its hold on its place as third largest producing oil State in the nation, last temporarily to Illinois, with a gain in the daily average output of 9,100 barrels, which lifted the figure to 401,750 barrels. Only other major State to show a gain was Texas where output was up 7,900 barrels to a daily average of 1,200,350 barrels.

Sharpest decline in daily average production was shown in California where the total dipped 18,600 barrels to 614,000 barrels. A loss of 5,200 barrels for Kansas pared the daily average total for the Sunflower State to 181,800 barrels. Daily average production in Louisiana was off 4,600 barrels to a total of 273,800 barrels. Imports of oil daily were off 63,714 barrels to 221,000 while daily receipts of California oil were off 3,000 barrels to 18,286 barrels.

Anticipating lower domestic demand for crude oil during the fall, the Conservation Committee of the California Oil Producers group slashed the Sept. allowable to 571,000 barrels, off 16,000 barrels from the quota for August. The Louisiana Conservation Commission ordered an increase of 234 barrels in the daily allowable for Sept., which was set at 274,854 barrels. The Sept. allowable for Arkansas held unchanged at 72,995 barrels daily.

The Texas Railroad Commission on Aug. 29 issued the proration orders governing production for September through November, which provided for nine shutdown days per month from the basic allowable of 1,647,725 barrels daily for the period. Allowing for the shutdowns, the daily average quota was set at 1,298,528 barrels, which automatically increases as new wells are completed. The September figure is 48,600 barrels above actual production currently, but is 21,828 barrels under the September market demand for Texas set by the Bureau of Mines.

No announcement had been made at week-end concerning the Oklahoma allowable for Sept., but a strong movement to hold it 5% under the Bureau of Mines' suggested figure for the month was deemed likely of success. Illinois, which up until the time that the sustained decline in production set in some weeks back had proved a threat to the maintenance of the mid-continent crude oil price structure, has no State conservation law. However, the continued decline in production there has stopped the flow of cut-price oil from the State and as a matter of fact brought about a price increase of 10 cents per barrel during the past week or so.

The Nation's petroleum resources are adequate to meet the demands of modern mechanized warfare "in striking contrast to all the warring nations," Robert E. Wilson, petroleum technologist of the National Defense Advisory Commission, told the Interstate Oil Compact Commission at the meeting at Oklahoma City last week-end. However, Mr. Wilson suggested that vital oil supplies be stored in underground tanks to forestall their possible destruction by air attack.

Another measure suggested by Mr. Wilson which would prepare the Nation's petroleum industry for any untoward developments was the laying of new pipelines along the Atlantic Seaboard to eliminate the necessity of using oil tankers for transportation of crude from the producing areas to refineries. Pointing out that there were no bottlenecks in the oil industry itself, Mr. Wilson suggested that the industry could prevent them developing in other industries by producing synthetic rubber and toluene for T.N.T. from petroleum.

An increase of 13% in the number of oil burners in domestic use and increase of from 12% to 17% in domestic demand for gas oil and distillate, used mainly for heating oils, were forecast before the Commission by Fred Van Covern, director of the American Petroleum Institute's Department of Statistics. Offsetting the gain in domestic demand for gas oil and distillate fuel, however, he indicated, would be the sharp slump in export demand which probably would pare the net gain for gas oil and distillate fuel to from 6% to 9%. W. R. Boyd Jr., executive Vice-President of the Institute, told the assembled oil men of the full preparedness of the American petroleum industry to serve the United States if war should come again, and its ability to meet both military and civilian needs.

Contending that current prices of Pennsylvania grade crude oil were out of line in their relation to refined products, the Valvoline Pipe Line Co. on Aug. 28 posted a reduction of 15 cents a barrel. Bradford crude in Elk and McKean counties was set at \$1.85; Pennsylvania grade in Warren, Forest, Venango, Clarion and Butler counties, \$1.78; Pennsylvania grade in Allegheny, Beaver, Washington and Greene counties, \$1.50; West Virginia, \$1.44, and southeastern Ohio \$1.40. At week-end, South Penn Oil and other companies had not met the Valvoline cut.

American and other foreign oil companies involved in the 1938 expropriation of some \$500,000,000 of oil properties in Mexico by the Cardenas Administration were notified on Aug. 28 by Judge Ponciano Hernandez of the First District Court in Mexico City to prepare for his final decision on the indemnity to be paid by the Government. Judge Hernandez acted after Ricardo Jordan, who was called in to evaluate the seized properties after two evaluators named by the Court—one for the Government and the other one for the companies—were unable to agree, filed an evaluation on the "non-taxable" properties which reportedly was between \$35,875,000 and \$36,900,000 in American money.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey on Aug. 23 issued a statement as follows, in part:

"The Mexican Government has just published a statement to the effect that a representative of the oil companies has valued at \$36,258,000 the foreign-owned oil properties in Mexico, seized in 1938 by the Mexican Government. This so-called representative of the companies was not nominated by them, does not represent their interests, and is in no way authorized to speak for them. He was chosen by the Mexican Government and speaks for that Government.

"In 1928, the Mexican Department of Industry placed a value on Mexico's foreign-owned oil industry of 1,038,943,000 pesos (about \$499,492,000 at the then rate of exchange). The value now placed upon the properties by the Cardenas Government, \$36,000,000, represents such a small fraction of the above referred to estimate made by Mexican Government officials that it prompts inquiry into what the basis for such a drastic discrepancy may be.

"An answer may be found in the fact that when President Cardenas seized the oil properties on March 18, 1938, he made it plain that Mexico would pay nothing for the great bulk of the properties, namely, the right of the companies exclusively to produce the subsoil petroleum. When the oil companies acquired their lands in Mexico and went to the expense of geologizing, buying or leasing acreage, drilling, for oil installing machinery, pipe lines and refineries, and creating marketing facilities, they did so for the express purpose of obtaining the oil. While these investments run into many millions of dollars, they were but means to develop the oil that lay beneath the ground. The oil in the subsoil constitutes the major portion of the value of any oil-bearing properties. It is obvious that the reason that Mexico seized the properties in question was to possess itself of this oil.

"It follows, therefore, that the Mexican Government's determination to deny that the oil in the seized property has any value, together with the denial that the right to exploit and develop this oil is the exclusive property of the companies, in themselves constitute confiscation. The companies' exclusive right to exploit and develop oil in their properties has been repeatedly re-affirmed in Mexican legislation, Supreme Court decisions and diplomatic interchanges. It is the companies' position that the Cardenas Government's confiscation of this right is illegal, unconstitutional and in violation of the accepted practice of international law and of specific pledges made by the Mexican Government to the Government of the United States. This is irrespective of any arbitrary valuation which the Mexican Government may put upon the surface properties and installations."

Despite the fact that the first half of 1940 saw production of crude oil sharply above market demand, the industry is running drilling operations for the year to date at a rate 20% above the figure for the comparable 1939 period, the "Oil and Gas Journal" reports. Wells drilled as of mid-August totaled 19,435, against 16,395 wells for the corresponding period a year ago. Completions totaled 27,717 wells in 1939, against the record of 33,075 drilled in 1937.

Price changes follow:

Aug. 28—Valvoline Pipe Line posted a cut of 15 cents a barrel in Pennsylvania grade crude oil.

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

Table with columns for location, price per barrel, and gravity. Includes entries for Bradford, Pa., Eldorado, Ark., Rusk, Texas, etc.

REFINED PRODUCTS—STANDARD OF NEW YORK CUTS GAS PRICES—NEW YORK CITY RETAIL MARKET WEAK—GASOLINE STOCKS DECLINE—REFINERY OPERATIONS OFF

Reductions of from 1-10th to 3-10ths cents a gallon in the bulk gasoline markets throughout New York and New England, except in areas already suffering from depressed prices, were posted on Aug. 28 by the Standard Oil Co. of New York, marketing subsidiary of Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., inc. Under the new price schedule, gasoline at New York was to 7 cents a gallon, against 7.2 cents posted previously.

The reduction was not unexpected since the New York and New England markets have witnessed progressive price weakness during the past several weeks. Basic cause of the price softness is the heavy over-supply of gasoline, in turn a direct result of the sustained over-demand refinery operations. Despite the fact that demand is running far ahead of last year, stocks are still more than 12,000,000 barrels above a year ago. Another factor has been the drop in tanker rates from the Gulf Coast ports.

Cut-price tactics are widespread in New York and throughout the New York and New England markets in general and Standard's price cut was the direct result. The softness of the New York City market also is blamed in part for the invalidation on Aug. 10 of the local Price Posting Bill which provided that the price must be posted on the units dispensing the gasoline. It also provided for the regulation of the size of the price sign. The city has 30 days to appeal the decision.

Stocks of finished and unfinished motor fuel were off 671,000 barrels during the Aug. 24 period, according to the American Petroleum Institute which placed the total at 85,770,000 barrels. The decline was affected adversely by the gain of 356,000 in gasoline production during the week, which rose to 11,680,000 barrels. Holdings of finished gasoline were off 674,000 barrels, while unfinished motor fuel stocks rose 3,000 barrels.

Refinery operations were curtailed somewhat during the week, dropping 0.6 points to 80.5% of capacity. Daily average runs of crude oil to stills of 3,485,000 barrels represented a decline of 25,000 barrels.

Representative price changes follow:

Aug. 28—Socony-Vacuum Oil cut bulk prices of gasoline from 1-10th to 3-10ths cents a gallon throughout the New York-New England markets, with the exception of areas already suffering from depressed prices.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included

Small table with columns for city and price per gallon. Includes New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago.

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

Table listing gasoline prices for various states like New York, Texas, California, etc.

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

Small table listing kerosene prices for New York, North Texas, New Orleans, etc.

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

Small table listing fuel oil prices for California, New Orleans, etc.

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

Small table listing gas oil prices for New York, Chicago, Tulsa.

Daily Average Crude Oil Production for Week Ended Aug. 24, 1940, Off 10,750 Barrels

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude production for the week ended Aug. 24, 1940, was 3,508,000 barrels. This was a decline of 10,750 barrels from the output of the previous week, and the current week's figures were below the 3,657,700 barrels calculated by the United States Department of the Interior to be the total of the restrictions imposed by the various oil-producing States during August. Daily average production for the four weeks ended Aug. 24, 1940, is estimated at 3,498,900 barrels. The daily average output for the week ended Aug. 26, 1939, totaled 1,690,800 barrels. Further details, as reported by the Institute, follow:

Imports of petroleum for domestic use and receipts in bond at principal United States ports for the week ended Aug. 24 totaled 1,547,000 barrels, a daily average of 221,000 barrels, compared with a daily average of 284,714 barrels for the week ended Aug. 17 and 215,714 barrels daily for the four weeks ended Aug. 24. These figures include all oil imported, whether bonded or for domestic use, but it is impossible to make the separation in weekly statistics.

Receipts of California oil at Atlantic Coast ports during the week ended Aug. 24 amounted to 128,000 barrels, a daily average of 18,286 barrels, all of which was gasoline received at the Port of Philadelphia.

Reports received from refining companies owing 85.3% of the 4,535,000-barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States indicate that the industry as a whole ran to stills, on a Bureau of Mines basis, 3,485,000 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, 85,770,000 barrels of finished and unfinished gasoline. The total amount of gasoline produced by all companies is estimated to have been 11,680,000 barrels during the week.

DAILY AVERAGE CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION (Figures in Barrels)

Main production table with columns for State Allowables, Actual Production (Week Ended Aug. 24, 1940), Change from Previous Week, Four Weeks Ended Aug. 24, 1940, and Week Ended Aug. 26, 1939. Includes rows for Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, etc.

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

b Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Mississippi, Indiana figures are for week ended 7 a. m. Aug. 21.

c This is the net basic 31-day allowable as of Aug. 1. Past experience indicates that it will increase as new wells are completed and if any upward revisions are made. It includes a net figure of approximately 371,363 barrels for East Texas after deduction for shutdowns. All fields in the State were ordered shut down for nine days, namely Aug. 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, and 30.

d Recommendation of Central Committee of California Oil Producers.

e Production partially shut down as a result of State order.

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

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS AND PRODUCTION OF GASOLINE, WEEK WEEK ENDED AUG. 24, 1940

(Figures Are in Thousands of Barrels of 42 Gallons Each)

Table comparing Daily Refining Capacity, Crude Runs to Stills, and Gasoline Production at Refineries Inc. Natural Blended across various districts.

* U. S. B. of M. Aug. 24, 1939

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

Copper

Buying of copper in the domestic market during the last week was in good volume, with all sellers at 11c., Valley. Sales for the week amounted to 19,332 tons, bringing the total for the month so far to 55,530 tons.

The trade is convinced that consumption of copper in this country is nearing 80,000 tons a month. Shipments to fabricators during August probably exceeded that figure.

Export demand for foreign copper was on the light side during the last week, but quotations held at close to 9.90c., f.a.s. United States ports.

Estimated copper content of shipments ex mills of all kinds and ex foundries, allowing for normal return of processing scrap, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics:

Table with columns for months (January to July) and years (1939, 1940) showing copper content in tons.

a Revised.

Exports of refined copper—copper refined in bond and domestic metal—during July totaled 29,022 tons, against 25,474 tons in June. Exports by countries during June and July follow:

Table showing exports of refined copper by country (France, Great Britain, Italy, Russia) for June and July.

Lead

A fair week's business was done in lead, involving 6,313 tons, against 9,314 tons in the previous week and 8,997 two weeks ago. Demand was principally from makers of cable, storage batteries, sheet lead and pipe, and oxides. Many calls for prompt delivery were reported.

Quotations remained steady at 4.90c., New York, which was also the contract settling basis of the American Smelting & Refining Co., and 4.75c., St. Louis.

Zinc

The nearby position in zinc remains firm, but producers, in most instances, are discouraging consumers from overbuying because the long-term outlook is anything but clear. The bulge in consumption of zinc this summer has resulted chiefly from export orders.

Sales by the Prime Western division for the week ended Aug. 24 amounted to 5,530 tons, against 7,314 tons in the preceding week. Shipments of the common grades for the same period totaled 5,393 tons.

Imports of zinc concentrate during July totaled 14,575 tons (zinc content), of which 4,494 tons were shipped from Canada and 10,081 tons from Mexico.

Tin

Very little business was done in the tin market during the last week, with prices for Straits remaining at 50.625c. for the seven-day period. Deliveries of good tonnages of tin are being made from the East, all of the metal moving into strong hands, principally consumers.

World production of tin during July was 18,800 long tons, according to an estimate by the International Tin Research and Development Council. This compares with 20,100 tons (revised) in June.

Straits tin for future arrival was quoted as follows: Aug. 22...50.500 50.350 50.200 50.150 Aug. 26...50.625 50.350 50.250 50.200 Aug. 23...50.500 50.350 50.200 50.150 Aug. 27...50.625 50.250 50.200 50.150 Aug. 24...50.500 50.350 50.200 50.150 Aug. 28...50.625 50.250 50.200 50.150

Chinese tin, 99% spot, was nominally as follows: Aug. 22, 49.875c.; Aug. 23, 49.875c.; Aug. 24, 49.875c.; Aug. 26, 49.875c.; Aug. 27, 49.875c.; Aug. 28, 50.000c.

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

Table with columns for Electrolytic Copper, Straits Tin, Lead, and Zinc, showing prices for various months and locations.

Average prices for calendar week ended Aug. 24 are: Domestic copper f.o.b. refinery; 10.75c.; export copper f.o.b. refinery, 9.85c.; Straits tin, 50.646c.; New York lead, 4.850c.; St. Louis lead, 4.700c.; St. Louis zinc, 6.500c.; and silver 34.750c.

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

Copper, lead and zinc quotations are based on sales for both prompt and future deliveries; tin quotations are for prompt delivery only. In the trade, domestic copper prices are quoted on a delivered basis; that is, delivered at consumers' plants. As delivery charges vary with the destination, the figures shown above are net prices at refineries on the Atlantic seaboard.

Export quotations for copper are reduced to net at refineries on the Atlantic seaboard. On foreign business, owing to the European war, most sellers are restricting offerings to f.a.s. transactions, dollar basis. Quotations, for the present, reflect this change in method of doing business. A total of 0.05 is deducted from f.a.s. 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: Aug. 22, spot, £260; three months, £260 3/4; Aug. 23, spot, £260 1/4; three months, £261; Aug. 26, spot, £260, three months, £260 1/2; Aug. 27, spot, £258 1/4, three months, £258 3/4, and Aug. 28, spot, £257 1/4, three months, £258.

Steel Mill Operations Reach New Peak for 1940 at 91 1/2%

The "Iron Age" in its issue of Aug. 29 reported that steel plant operations in the United States this week advanced to 91 1/2% of capacity, a point above last week's rate and a new high mark for 1940. Gains of 3 points to 87% at Pittsburgh, 1/2 point to 98 1/2% at Chicago, 3 points to 89% at Cleveland, 4 1/2 points at Detroit, and 3 points at St. Louis accounted for the upturn in the national average. The publication further reported:

Accompanying the gain in ingot production came the expected reaffirmation of base prices on major steel products for delivery up to and including Dec. 31. Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. reaffirmed present base prices on hot rolled carbon steel semi-finished material, bars, structural shapes, plates, sheet steel piling, hot and cold rolled sheets, hot rolled strip and standard rails and on all hot rolled alloy steel items except alloy plates. Because of increased demand for hot rolled alloy plates a base price of 3.25c. a lb. f.o.b. Pittsburgh and Chicago was set up for this product, which is important in the national defense program.

Incoming steel business shows further slight improvement and some major producers will have booked a greater tonnage in August than in July, a situation which undeniably is bolstered by strong resistance to invasion of England but which is being supported by substantial "peacetime" demand from makers of a variety of products such as farm implements and household equipment. Railroad buying is more active, the 26,400-ton rail purchase this week by Illinois Central being the largest order for rails placed since mid-June.

Purchase of 80,000 tons of steel by Ford Motor Co. was expected to be completed this week on a second period production budget for 150,000 automobiles, bringing Ford's total steel purchases for 1941 models to more than 210,000 tons.

Improvement in buying of structural shapes is a feature of the current steel market and some observers are already predicting that by mid-October a bottle-neck may be found in structural shape production. Mills (are operating at capacity and the tonnages involved in impending Government projects, many of which are for defense, are extremely large. Fabricated structural steel awards for the first eight months of 1940 are estimated by the "Iron Age" at 1,070,380 tons compared with 1,111,375 tons in the corresponding period of 1939.

Mixed trends in sentiment are noted in the scrap market despite heavy steel company melting schedules. A 25c. increase in No. 1 heavy melting steel at Philadelphia has lifted the "Iron Age" scrap composite to \$19.08.

THE "IRON AGE" COMPOSITE PRICES

Table showing Finished Steel prices (Aug. 27, 1940, 2.261c. a lb.) and Pig Iron prices (Aug. 27, 1940, \$22.61 a Gross Ton).

Table showing Steel Scrap prices (Aug. 27, 1940, \$19.08 a Gross Ton) and various market indices.

Table showing Steel Scrap prices for various months and years (1939-1940).

The American Iron and Steel Institute on Aug. 26 announced that telegraphic reports which it had received indicated that operating rate of steel companies having 97% of the steel capacity of the industry will be 91.3% of capacity for the week beginning Aug. 26, compared with 89.7% one week ago, 90.4% one month ago, and 63% one year ago.

Table showing operating rates of steel companies for various months and years (1939-1940).

"Steel" of Cleveland, in its summary of the iron and steel markets, on Aug. 26 stated:

With production close to the practical ceiling, some plants above theoretical capacity, the steel industry continues its effort to fill requirements of consumers, mindful of expected increase in demand as defense needs reach contract stage.

Despite the high rate of output, deliveries on some products continue to extend further, especially on steel requiring special treatment. Current shipments in general are close to rate of bookings and little progress is being made in reducing backlogs.

Somewhat larger production is expected when vacation interruptions are at an end, which will care for part of imminent increased buying in early fall. The margin of possible increase is small but every effort is being made to put equipment in condition to carry as much of the load as possible.

While no inkling has been given as to prices for fourth quarter the general feeling is that no important change will be made on steel products. Announcement for the final period may be made within a short time. Consumers show no concern and are not seeking protection on future deliveries, one factor in the quiet situation, in which buying is largely for specific needs instead of inventory. However, some effort is being made in a small way to accumulate moderate stocks against possible delay in deliveries in the next few months.

Some apprehension is developing over possible shortage of coke and pig iron. An important steelmaker recently bartered scrap for pig iron with two other interests. While no shortage has developed yet it is possible enlarged steelmaking and foundry operations, coupled with large domestic coke demand in the fall, may cause difficulties.

Production last week rose 1/2-point, to 90.5%, the rate of the preceding week. Youngstown, Ohio, producers took off open hearths for repairs, causing a loss of 3 points to 83%. Pittsburgh regained 3 points to 83% as a plant idle for vacation resumed work. Detroit gained 3 points to 92%. New England 5 points to 85, Buffalo 2 points to 90 1/2, Chicago 1/2-point to 98 and Cleveland 1/2-point to 86 1/2. Rates were unchanged at Wheeling, 99%; Eastern Pennsylvania, 89; Cincinnati, 78; Birmingham, 88; St. Louis, 77.5.

Government steel buying continues heavy. The navy will open bids Sept. 6 on more than 116,000 tons for various navy yards, to cover expected requirements for six months ended March 31. Frequently tonnage specified runs well ahead of quantities asked and this is expected to be the case in this instance. Requirements for 10 seaplane tenders, which will be bid Sept. 25, will be over 10,000 tons, mainly plates.

Railroad buying is irregular, last week bringing no large inquiries or purchases. Chesapeake & Ohio is asking bids on 10 heavy locomotives, the United States army 160 to 660 tank cars and the Virginian 10,000 tons of rails and accessories. Rail requirements are being figured by numerous roads and buying may be earlier than usual this fall.

Automobile output continues to gain, last week's production being 23,732 units, 3,257 over the preceding period, following a previous increase of

8,840. This movement is contra-seasonal, attributed to early sales of 1941 models. In the comparable week last year production was 18,365 cars.

While scrap buying is light much strength is apparent and higher prices are expected when melters enter the market. However, supplies are increasing as the price advances, which will moderate the rise. While steelmaking grades were little changed last week a stiffening in the East caused the composite to advance four cents to \$18.87. The same influence raised the iron and steel composite one cent to \$37.74.

Tin plate drags somewhat under burden of considerable stocks in hands of producers and consumers, production last week dropping to 62% from the level of 70% maintained for some time. Export demand is fair but does not make up for lack of domestic buying.

Iron ore production continues to increase, furnaces using 5,493,961 tons in July, the third successive month showing a gain. This was the highest July rate since 1929 and the best this year. Seven months' total was 32,826,627 tons, 63% more than for the like period last year. The July total was 75% above the same month in 1939. All but two Great Lakes bulk carriers were carrying ore Aug. 15, a gain of one from the preceding month. Ore on hand at docks and furnaces Aug. 1 totaled 28,128,054 tons, compared with 23,515,802 tons July 1. A year ago stocks were 28,507,243 tons.

Steel ingot production for the week ended Aug. 26, is placed at 90 1/2% of capacity, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Aug. 29. This compares with 90% in the previous week and 90 1/2% two weeks ago. The "Journal" further reported:

U. S. Steel is estimated at 93%, against 93 1/2% in the two preceding weeks. Leading independents are credited with 89%, compared with 87 1/2% in the week before and 88 1/2% two weeks ago.

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

	Industry	U. S. Steel	Independents
1940-----	90 1/2 + 1/2	93 - 1/2	89 + 1 1/2
1939-----	63 - 1 1/2	57 - 1 1/2	69 1/2 + 3
1938-----	44 + 2	37 1/2 + 3	49 1/2 + 1
1937-----	84 + 1	84 + 3	84 - 1 1/2
1936-----	72 1/2	69 1/2 + 1 1/2	75 - 1 1/2
1935-----	45 - 5 1/2	37 - 4	50 - 7
1934-----	19 - 1	19	19 1/2 - 1
1933-----	42 - 7	41 - 6	42 1/2 - 8 1/2
1932-----	13 - 1/2	12 - 1/2	13 1/2 - 1/2
1931-----	31 - 1	34 - 1 1/2	29 - 1
1930-----	57 1/2 - 1/2	65 - 1	51
1929-----	87 1/2 - 1 1/2	93 - 1	83 - 2
1928-----	77 1/2 + 1 1/2	77	77 1/2 + 2
1927-----	67 1/2 - 1/2	69	65 - 1

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks

During the week ended Aug. 28 member bank reserve balances increased \$97,000,000. Additions to member bank reserves arose from increases of \$71,000,000 in gold stock and \$4,000,000 in Treasury currency, and a decrease of \$76,000,000 in Treasury deposits with Federal Reserve banks, offset in part by a decrease of \$12,000,000 in Reserve Bank credit, and increases of \$30,000,000 in money in circulation and \$12,000,000 in non-member deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts. Excess reserves of member banks on Aug. 28 were estimated to be approximately \$6,490,000,000, an increase of \$70,000,000 for the week. Holdings of United States Treasury notes decreased \$4,000,000 for the week.

The statement in full for the week ended Aug. 28 will be found on pages 1234 and 1235.

Changes in member bank reserve balances and related items during the week and year ended Aug. 28, 1940, follow:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	Aug. 28, 1940	Aug. 21, 1940	Aug. 30, 1939
Bills discounted-----	\$ 4,000,000	\$ +1,000,000	\$ -2,000,000
Bills bought-----			\$ -1,000,000
U. S. Government securities, direct and guaranteed-----	2,442,000,000	-4,000,000	+16,000,000
Industrial advances (not including \$8,000,000 commitments—Aug. 21)	9,000,000		-3,000,000
Other reserve bank credit-----	26,000,000	-9,000,000	+23,000,000
Total Reserve Bank credit-----	2,480,000,000	-12,000,000	+32,000,000
Gold stock-----	20,871,000,000	+71,000,000	+4,253,000,000
Treasury currency-----	3,934,000,000	+4,000,000	+129,000,000
Member bank reserve balances-----	13,516,000,000	+97,000,000	+2,565,000,000
Money in circulation-----	8,066,000,000	+30,000,000	+865,000,000
Treasury cash-----	2,291,000,000	-36,000,000	-
Treasury deposits with F. R. banks-----	813,000,000	-76,000,000	+104,000,000
Nonmember deposits and other Federal Reserve accounts-----	1,759,000,000	+12,000,000	+896,000,000

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

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

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

	New York City			Chicago		
	Aug. 28	Aug. 21	Aug. 30	Aug. 28	Aug. 21	Aug. 30
	1940	1940	1939	1940	1940	1939
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total..	9,568	9,600	8,379	2,305	2,307	2,161

New York City

	Aug. 28	Aug. 21	Aug. 30	Chicago		
	1940	1940	1939	Aug. 28	Aug. 21	Aug. 30
Assets—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loans—total-----	2,737	2,751	2,856	608	604	539
Commercial, industrial and agricultural loans-----	1,691	1,691	1,545	430	428	353
Open market paper-----	82	83	120	21	21	19
Loans to brokers and dealers-----	259	273	467	23	22	35
Other loans for purchasing or carrying securities-----	162	166	183	60	60	68
Real estate loans-----	124	124	118	18	18	14
Loans to banks-----	31	29	39	---	---	---
Other loans-----	388	385	384	56	55	50
Treasury bills-----	324	343	194	306	310	241
Treasury notes-----	1,062	1,062	825	160	159	245
United States bonds-----	2,644	2,643	2,136	729	731	656
Obligations guaranteed by the United States Government-----	1,372	1,373	1,147	143	144	154
Other securities-----	1,429	1,428	1,221	359	359	326
Reserve with Fed. Res. banks-----	6,470	6,422	5,499	1,200	1,177	927
Cash in vault-----	85	80	71	43	42	39
Balances with domestic banks-----	78	80	72	258	255	213
Other assets—net-----	319	322	378	45	43	49
Liabilities—						
Demand deposits—adjusted-----	9,727	9,732	8,195	1,970	1,942	1,729
Time deposits-----	714	710	647	507	507	496
United States Govt. deposits-----	35	35	48	94	94	63
Inter-bank deposits:						
Domestic banks-----	3,640	3,629	3,112	1,003	1,004	808
Foreign banks-----	626	617	613	7	7	13
Borrowings-----	283	286	303	15	15	13
Other liabilities-----	1,495	1,495	1,481	255	255	267

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 that week ended with the close of business Aug. 21.

The condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities shows the following principal changes for the week ended Aug. 21: Increases of \$68,000,000 in holdings of "Other securities," \$94,000,000 in reserve balances with Federal Reserve banks, and \$167,000,000 in demand deposits—adjusted.

Commercial, industrial and agricultural loans decreased \$12,000,000 in New York City and \$6,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

Holdings of United States Treasury bills increased \$14,000,000 in New York City and \$2,000,000 at all reporting member banks. Holdings of United States Government bonds decreased \$20,000,000 at all reporting member banks. Holdings of "Other securities" increased \$66,000,000 in New York City and \$68,000,000 at all reporting member banks.

Demand deposits-adjusted increased \$112,000,000 in New York City, \$21,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$13,000,000 in the Cleveland district, \$10,000,000 in the Boston district, and \$187,000,000 at all reporting member banks. Time deposits increased \$10,000,000.

Deposits credited to domestic banks decreased \$8,000,000 in the Cleveland district, \$6,000,000 in New York City, and \$28,000,000 at all reporting member banks. Deposits credited to foreign banks decreased \$12,000,000 in New York City.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of reporting member banks, together with changes for the week and the year ended Aug. 21, 1940, follows:

Assets—	Aug. 21, 1940 \$	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) Since	
		Aug. 14, 1940 \$	Aug. 23, 1939 \$
Loans and investments—total	24,180,000,000	+59,000,000	+1,840,000,000
Loans—total	8,509,000,000	+3,000,000	+331,000,000
Commercial, industrial, and agricultural loans	4,455,000,000	-6,000,000	+517,000,000
Open market paper	295,000,000	+1,000,000	-17,000,000
Loans to brokers and dealers in securities	377,000,000	+1,000,000	-262,000,000
Other loans for purchasing or carrying securities	473,000,000	+4,000,000	-45,000,000
Real estate loans	1,215,000,000	+2,000,000	+42,000,000
Loans to banks	39,000,000	-----	-14,000,000
Other loans	1,655,000,000	+1,000,000	+110,000,000
Treasury bills	735,000,000	+2,000,000	+241,000,000
Treasury notes	2,116,000,000	+2,000,000	-22,000,000
United States bonds	6,560,000,000	-20,000,000	+659,000,000
Obligations guaranteed by United States Government	2,583,000,000	+4,000,000	+309,000,000
Other securities	3,677,000,000	+68,000,000	+322,000,000
Reserve with Fed. Res. bank	11,348,000,000	+94,000,000	+2,232,000,000
Cash in vault	490,000,000	-15,000,000	+47,000,000
Balances with domestic banks	3,173,000,000	+5,000,000	+335,000,000
Liabilities—			
Demand deposits—adjusted	20,956,000,000	+167,000,000	+3,121,000,000
Time deposits	5,346,000,000	+10,000,000	+96,000,000
United States Government deposits	528,000,000	-----	-11,000,000
Inter-bank deposits:			
Domestic banks	8,369,000,000	-28,000,000	+1,190,000,000
Foreign banks	672,000,000	-13,000,000	+3,000,000
Borrowings	1,000,000	+1,000,000	-5,000,000

United States Transport American Legion, with 897 War Refugees, Arrives Safely in New York After Perilous Voyage from Finland—Norwegian Crown Princess Among Passengers

The United States Army transport American Legion, carrying 897 American war refugees from Europe, arrived safely in New York Aug. 28, after a 12-day journey from Petsamo, Finland, which led the vessel through mine-infested waters. German officials had warned that they could not be responsible for the ship's safety if it traveled through British waters, but passengers on landing reported that there were no alarms, although the transport encountered bad storms. Diplomatic exchanges regarding the journey were mentioned in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 24, page 1068.

Among those on the American Legion were Crown Princess Martha of Norway and her three children, as well as Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, American Minister to Norway. A convoy of two United States destroyers met the ship 500 miles from New York and escorted it to port. United Press advices of Aug. 27 from the American Legion said in part:

The vessel had been led from Petsamo by two Finnish patrol ships through heavy Russian mine fields up to the North Cape, and then was escorted by British warships through mines studding the coasts of the Shetland Islands and the Hebrides before the trans-Atlantic journey home.

Hundreds of persons lined the rails and cheered as the two American destroyers steamed into sight.

Lifeboat drills were held constantly aboard ship, sometimes several drills on the same day. Passengers wore their life preservers most of the time.

Passengers and correspondents were not allowed to send wireless messages until the vessel was safely in the hands of her American escort today, but regular news reached the ship and brought crowds daily to the bulletin board.

The American Legion left Petsamo, in northern Finland, on Aug. 16. On Aug. 19 she began the most dangerous part of the trip, that part for which Germany refused to take any responsibility.

During passage through the area north of the British Isles, the number of lookouts was doubled. Every one was ordered to wear lifebelts except when sleeping or eating. Heavy seas, which must have set many mines adrift, made this area particularly dangerous. The ship slowed down and picked its way cautiously.

British patrol boats and planes escorted the vessel through the area. Most of the passengers remained calm, although two slept on deck in their life preservers.

Lifeboats were unlashd and hung on their davits, ready to be lowered instantly.

Princess Martha is staying in the United States as a guest of President Roosevelt for the duration of the war. She and her three children arrived at the Roosevelt home in Hyde Park, N. Y., on Aug. 29. Later that day the President and Mrs. Roosevelt escorted the Royal Norwegian party to the Dutchess County Fair at Rhinebeck, N. Y.

Bill Permitting American Ships to Bring Child Refugees from European War Zones Signed by President Roosevelt

Legislation amending the Neutrality Act to permit American ships to enter the European combat zones and evacuate refugee children has been signed by President Roosevelt, it was announced by the White House on Aug. 28. The bill had passed the House on Aug. 7 and was adopted by the Senate on Aug. 19 in slightly different form. The House accepted the minor amendments on Aug. 21 thus completing congressional action; this was reported in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1072. Under this bill American vessels are permitted to transport from war zones children under

16 years old provided safe conduct is assured from all belligerents.

Time Expires for Turning in Bank of England Notes

The time for depositing Bank of England notes with registered banks in the United States expired at midnight, Aug. 27. Under the rules issued last week (noted in these columns of Aug. 24, page 1068) holders were advised that in order to obtain value for sterling notes the latter were required to be forwarded by the banks not later than Aug. 27. These bank notes cannot now be imported into the United Kingdom. It was estimated by foreign currency dealers that about £70,000 were absorbed by the market on the closing day, with the total since the order was issued on Aug. 21, approximating £300,000. The final quotation price was \$3.57 bid, \$3.60 offered.

Odd-Lot Trading on New York Stock Exchange During Week Ended Aug. 24

On Aug. 30, the Securities and Exchange Commission made public a summary for the week ended Aug. 24 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 Aug. 17 were reported in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1069. 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 THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Aug. 24, 1940

	Total for Week
Odd-lot sales by dealers (customers' purchases):	
Number of orders	8,812
Number of shares	220,877
Dollar value	7,891,117
Odd-lot purchases by dealers (customers' sales):	
Number of orders:	
Customers' short sales	379
Customers' other sales, a	9,940
Customers' total sales	10,319
Number of shares:	
Customers' short sales	9,610
Customers' other sales, a	235,833
Customers' total sales	245,443
Dollar value	7,755,083
Round-lot sales by dealers:	
Number of shares:	
Short sales	110
Other sales, b	57,760
Total sales	57,870
Round-lot purchases by dealers:	
Number of shares	47,400

a Sales marked "short exempt" are reported with "other sales."
b Sales to offset customers' odd-lot orders, and sales to liquidate a long position which is less than a round lot are reported with "other sales."

Member Trading on New York Stock and New York Curb Exchanges During Week Ended Aug. 10

The Securities and Exchange Commission made public yesterday (Aug. 30) 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 Aug. 10, continuing a series of current figures being published weekly by the Commission. 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 Aug. 10 (in round-lot transactions) totaled 249,320 shares, which amount was 17.62% of total transactions on the Exchange of 1,584,480 shares. This compares with member trading during the previous week ended Aug. 3 of 473,340 shares, or 21.13% of total trading of 2,357,480 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange member trading during the week ended Aug. 10 amounted to 60,430 shares, or 16.24% of the total volume on that Exchange of 322,490 shares; during the preceding week trading for the account of Curb members of 87,150 shares was 20.94% of total trading of 400,275 shares.

The Commission made available the following data for the week ended Aug. 10:

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

	New York Stock Exchange	New York Curb Exchange
Total number of reports received	1,065	829
1. Reports showing transactions as specialists	185	105
2. Reports showing other transactions initiated on the floor	154	24
3. Reports showing other transactions initiated off the floor	159	52
4. Reports showing no transactions	660	655

Note—On the New York Curb Exchange, odd-lot transactions are handled solely by specialists in the stocks in which they are registered and the round-lot transactions of specialists resulting from such odd-lot transactions are not segregated from the specialists' other round-lot trades. On the New York Stock Exchange, on the other hand, all but a fraction of the odd-lot transactions are effected by dealers engaged solely in the odd-lot business. As a result, the round-lot transactions of 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 EXCHANGE AND ROUND-LOT STOCK TRANSACTIONS FOR ACCOUNT OF MEMBERS * (SHARES)

Week Ended Aug. 10, 1940

	Total for Week	Per Cent a
A. Total round-lot sales:		
Short sales.....	51,160	
Other sales.....	1,533,320	
Total sales.....	1,584,480	
B. Round-lot transactions for account of members, except for the odd-lot accounts of odd-lot dealers and specialists:		
1. Transactions of specialists in stocks in which they are registered—Total purchases.....	150,790	
Short sales.....	21,960	
Other sales.....	111,400	
Total sales.....	133,360	8.97
2. Other transactions initiated on the floor—Total purchases.....	71,400	
Short sales.....	6,900	
Other sales.....	57,400	
Total sales.....	64,300	4.28
3. Other transactions initiated off the floor—Total purchases.....	86,870	
Short sales.....	5,110	
Other sales.....	46,550	
Total sales.....	51,660	4.37
4. Total—Total purchases.....	309,060	
Short sales.....	33,970	
Other sales.....	215,350	
Total sales.....	249,320	17.62

TOTAL ROUND-LOT STOCK SALES ON THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE AND STOCK TRANSACTIONS FOR ACCOUNT OF MEMBERS * (SHARES)

Week Ended Aug. 10, 1940

	Total for Week	Per Cent a
A. Total round-lot sales:		
Short sales.....	3,990	
Other sales.....	318,500	
Total sales.....	322,490	
B. Round-lot transactions for the account of members:		
1. Transactions of specialists in stocks in which they are registered—Total purchases.....	27,595	
Short sales.....	1,650	
Other sales.....	41,015	
Total sales.....	42,665	10.89
2. Other transactions initiated on the floor—Total purchases.....	4,950	
Short sales.....	900	
Other sales.....	7,250	
Total sales.....	8,150	2.03
3. Other transactions initiated off the floor—Total purchases.....	11,825	
Short sales.....	1,240	
Other sales.....	8,375	
Total sales.....	9,615	3.22
4. Total—Total purchases.....	44,370	
Short sales.....	3,790	
Other sales.....	56,640	
Total sales.....	60,430	16.24
C. Odd-lot transactions for the account of specialists:		
Customers' short sales.....	0	
Customers' other sales.....	28,778	
Total purchases.....	28,778	
Total sales.....	16,909	

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

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

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."

Association of Customers' Brokers Asks Exemption for Members from Fair Labor Standards Act

By way of emphasizing their belief in the professional nature of the work of customers' brokers, the executive committee of the Association of Customers' Brokers has directed a petition to the Administrator of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1939 urging exemption from certain provisions of that Act. The petition follows:

Whereas the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938" has a section reading as follows:

"Sec. 13 (a) The provisions of sections 6 and 7 shall not apply with respect to (1) any employee employed in a bona fide executive, administrative, professional, or local retailing capacity, or in the capacity of outside salesman (as such terms are defined and delimited by regulations of the Administrator)"; and

Whereas the Executive Committee of the Association of Customers' Brokers believes that the duties of counseling and servicing customers' accounts as performed by its members, are of a professional nature.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved that this Committee respectfully urges that the Administrator of the "Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938" issue a ruling that the designated provisions of this Act shall not apply to customers' brokers.

In commenting on this request, Allyn C. Donaldson, Chairman of the Association of Customers' Brokers' Legal Committee, stated:

Our work can not be restricted in well-defined channels nor limited to certain hours any more than the work of the doctor, lawyer or other pro-

fessional men. Many men in this business devote considerable time outside of market hours analyzing securities and requirements of individual clients. Constant study is necessary to keep abreast of corporate reports and international and domestic developments affecting our economy.

It was pointed out that the Committee, in its petition, undertook to speak primarily for the members of the Association.

The nationwide public relations program recently announced by the New York Stock Exchange, was endorsed by the Committee and steps taken to cooperate. It is planned to link the Association's educational program for customers' brokers with the Exchange's approach to the public.

New York Curb Exchange Appoints Regional Public Relations Groups in Boston, Chicago and San Francisco

In line with the New York Curb Exchange's policy of broadening the scope of activity of its Committee on Public Relations, George P. Rea, President, announced on Aug. 23 the appointment of regional public relations groups in Boston, Chicago and San Francisco. The purpose, according to Mr. Rea, is to make the functions and policies of the organization better known to the public through Curb Exchange members in individual communities. These groups will also act in an advisory capacity, offering suggestions from time to time as to how the Exchange can improve its services and reflecting to the operating officials in New York the reactions of members and the public in their localities. Mr. Rea stated:

One of the important tasks confronting the New York security exchanges in the future is that of making the general public throughout the country conscious of the fact that the exchanges represent a nation-wide cross section of industry and, as such, are important to people living outside New York City. The New York Curb Exchange, for example, is actually a meeting place where the evidences of ownership of industry, as represented by their securities, may be conveniently bought and sold. Yet in the past, because of poor educational effort, too many people outside of New York have gained an entirely different impression.

We feel confident that the experience of our groups in these important financial centers and their intimate knowledge of conditions in their own regions will prove extremely helpful in our efforts to create a broader public understanding of the functions and policies of this Exchange.

These groups of representatives are made up as follows:

Boston—E. H. Kittredge (Hornblower & Weeks); Forrester A. Clark, (H. C. Wainwright & Co.); Stanley E. Clark, (Estabrook & Co.).

Chicago—Joshua J. D. Derry, (Fenner & Beane); Reuben Thorson, (Jackson & Curtis); Byron C. Webster, (Fuller, Rodney & Co.).

San Francisco—William W. Woods, (Merrill Lynch, E. A. Pierce & Cassatt); Harold P. Schlemmer, (Wm. Cavalier & Co.); Harry W. Sack, (Strassburger & Co.).

Chicago Stock Exchange Appoints New Specialists and Odd-Lot Dealers for Optional Odd-Lot System

The Chicago Stock Exchange announced on Aug. 22 the appointment by the Executive Committee of new specialists and odd-lot dealers for issues in the optional odd-lot system of the Exchange to replace firms who resigned in accordance with a ruling of the New York Stock Exchange. The new appointments will become effective at the close of business, Aug. 28. The announcement of the Chicago Exchange stated:

Thirteen clearing members were appointed specialists and odd-lot dealers. They are: Morton D. Cahn, Fred W. Fairman & Co., Norman Freehling & Co., Fuller, Cruttenden & Co., Kissilove & Feinberg, Langill & Co., Irving E. Meyerhoff, Frank E. McDonald & Co., E. P. Molloy, R. H. Smart & Co., Smith Bros. & Co., Webster, Marsh & Co. and Weiness & Co.

Eighteen individual members were appointed co-specialists and odd-lot agents. They are: Joseph G. Blesch, Paul M. Becker, Walter J. Buhler, Arch Doty, Chancellor Dougall, Walter Glass, Joseph Griffin, Geo. E. Hachtmann, Francis O. McDermott, Wm. H. Morse, Harry M. Payne, R. W. Phillips, Wm. B. Renshaw, Frank E. Rogers, Robert F. Schenck Jr., John C. Stewart, A. E. Turner and E. T. Wood.

Charles C. Renshaw, Chairman of the Floor Procedure Committee which recommended the appointments, told members in a letter that there would be no interruption in service in the optional odd-lot system. Mr. Renshaw said the Committee was gratified with the eager willingness of local firms take over the books so that the system can continue to function as in the past. He said the appointments provide new factors which will tend to improve Chicago market services.

The New York Stock Exchange ruling was reported in our issue of July 13, page 177.

Fewer Adverse Effects of War Than Expected on Business Conditions in United States Seen by Guaranty Trust Co. of New York—Sees Far-Reaching Indirect Effect of National Defense Program on Business

At the close of its first year the war in Europe appears to have had fewer adverse effects on current business conditions in this country than might have been expected, states the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in the issue of "The Guaranty Survey," its monthly review of business and financial conditions in the United States and abroad, published on Aug. 26. According to the "Survey" the war's "consequences have been highly irregular and, in some directions, distinctly unfavorable. On the whole, however, its influence has probably been stimulating rather than otherwise." In part, the "Survey" continues:

Unfortunately, these partly favorable effects are of minor significance in comparison with the sweeping and permanent readjustments that the war is likely to entail. Both the nature and the extent of these prospective

changes will depend largely on the duration and outcome of the conflict. It seems inevitable, however, that the war must eventually bring American business face to face with some of the most difficult problems with which it has ever had to deal.

Possibly the most far-reaching of the war's indirect effects on business in the United States will be those related to the newly-adopted program of preparation for defense, induced by an awakened sense of national insecurity. The expenditure of the huge sums already appropriated, in addition to the usual outlay for defense purposes, and of other billions to follow is expected to provide a major stimulation of general business for some years. On the other hand, the program involves a prospect of greatly increased taxation and a mounting load of debt.

Other future effects of the war on economic conditions in this country will be governed chiefly by factors that remain essentially unpredictable—the further progress of the fighting, the duration of the conflict, and the nature of the settlements that will follow. Such economic readjustments as are likely to be undertaken abroad could largely determine the position of the United States in the post-war pattern of international trade. As yet, however, neither the impending political realignments nor the provisions for economic reorientation that may accompany them are clearly outlined.

Immediate attention is being directed to problems of Western Hemisphere defense and economic cooperation. The plan for a huge international cartel to deal in the surplus products of the Americas has apparently given way to a more modest program for financing Latin American trade and industrial development. Agreements reached in the recent inter-American conference at Havana are generally gratifying, although they provide no definite indication of the steps to be taken in meeting post-war trade problems. These preliminary attempts are significant chiefly as indicating a general recognition of the drastic readjustments that are expected to become necessary as a result of the war.

Among the earliest reactions in the United States to the outbreak of the war was a sudden rise of commodity prices. Markets here evidently reflected anticipation of the belligerents' need for indefinitely large quantities of materials directly or indirectly required in the business of making war, interruption or curtailment of ordinary production incident to military mobilization by the warring nations, and disruption and readjustment of the trade of neutral countries as well.

Although not all important price movements during the last 12 months may be properly regarded as effects of the war, few significant changes in American economic factors can be attributed to the war's influences with less reservation than can the course of commodity values.

A possible repetition of the great inflation of prices that accompanied the World War has been feared in some quarters, and visions of some such development were indicated by the sudden wave of speculative buying in the first weeks of the current conflict. While there is no complete assurance that inflationary influences in American commodity markets will remain well restrained for the duration of the war, perhaps more concern is now felt regarding potentialities in the opposite direction—the further curtailment of effective demand for American merchandise in many foreign markets and consequent depression of prices.

American foreign trade in the war period, despite the grave disturbance of international commerce as a whole, has exceeded the comparable totals a year earlier, and the expansion of exports has been greater than the gain in imports. The merchandise export balance of the United States has increased substantially. In only one of the war months has the excess of exports over imports dropped below a hundred million dollars. Payments on account of the currently increased trade balance have been made by drawing on accumulated foreign bank balances in this country, use of the proceeds of sales here of foreign-owned American securities, and by shipments of gold. Receipts of the metal from abroad during the war period, in fact, have greatly exceeded the merchandise trade balance.

An outstanding influence of the war on financial conditions in the United States is evident in the reported transfer of foreign funds to this country. The movement of capital that has resulted recently in so unusual a concentration here did not originate in the period of actual warfare; it had been under way for some time before the war began. Its exact nature is not clearly revealed by trade and financial statistics, as currently reported.

Imports of gold have risen enormously; net receipts during June were almost twice the maximum amount reported for any previous month. The heavy inflow has continued, and the monetary gold stock on Aug. 14 was \$20,689,000,000, approximately \$4,000,000,000 more than at the beginning of the war. The mounting stock of gold is reflected in bank deposits, which have reached unprecedented levels in recent months, and in the huge reserves of each or its equivalent.

Tenders of \$235,835,000 Received to Offering of \$100,000,000 of 91-Day Treasury Bills—\$100,026,000 Accepted at Average Rate of 0.028%

A total of \$235,835,000 was tendered to the offering last week of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts of 91-day Treasury bills dated Aug. 28 and maturing Nov. 27, 1940, Secretary Morgenthau announced Aug. 26. Of this amount \$100,026,000 was accepted at an average rate of 0.028%.

The tenders to the offering were received at the Federal Reserve banks and the branches thereof up to 2 p. m. (EST) Aug. 26. Reference to the offering appeared in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1071. The following regarded the accepted bids to the offering is from the Secretary's announcement:

Total applied for \$235,835,000.	Total accepted \$100,026,000.
Range of accepted bids:	
High, 100.000.	
Low, 99.990; equivalent rate approximately 0.040%.	
Average price, 99.993; equivalent rate approximately 0.028%.	
(93% of the amount bid for at the low price was accepted.)	

New Issue of \$100,000,000 of 91-Day Treasury Bills Sold—Bills Dated Sept. 4, 1940

Tenders to a new offering of \$100,000,000 of 91-day Treasury bills were received at the Federal Reserve banks and the branches thereof up to 2 p. m. (EST) yesterday (Aug. 30). The bills, which were sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders, are dated Sept. 4 and will mature on Dec. 4, 1940. The Treasury Department invited the tenders on Wednesday (Aug. 28) instead of the usual Friday offering because of the Labor Day holiday on Monday (Sept. 2).

In announcing the offering the Treasury had the following to say:

They (the bills) will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000 (maturity value).

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

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

Immediately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on Aug. 30, 1940, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve banks or branches thereof up to the closing hour will be opened and public announcement of the acceptable prices will follow as soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following morning. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or parts of tenders, and to allot less than the amount applied for, and his action in any such respect shall be final. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Payment at the price offered for Treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve banks in cash or other immediately available funds on Sept. 4, 1940.

The Treasury bills will be exempt, as to principal and interest, and any gain from the sale or other disposition thereof will also be exempt, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. (Attention is invited to Treasury Decision 4550, ruling that Treasury bills are not exempt from the gift tax.) No loss from the sale or other disposition of the Treasury bills shall be allowed as a deduction, or otherwise recognized, for the purposes of any tax now or hereafter imposed by the United States or any of its possessions.

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

President Roosevelt Warns Young Democrats of Pennsylvania to Adhere to Democratic Course

In a message to the Young Democrats of Pennsylvania, President Roosevelt on Aug. 25 warned that the Democratic party has succeeded whenever it has had the courage to be democratic and had failed when its leaders sought to diverge from this course. The following concerning his message is from a Wilkes-Barre, Pa., dispatch of Aug. 24 to the New York "Times":

"In sending my hearty greetings to the fourth biennial convention of the Young Democratic Clubs of Pennsylvania," the message said:

"I desire to emphasize a hard and unchanging truth, which is that the Democratic party has succeeded whenever it had the courage to be democratic.

"So my message to you is simply that if you will do your best for your party and your country, you must adhere to the true principles of a liberal democracy."

The Young Democrats were told that "the world cannot stand still; the watchword of youth must ever be progress."

"Politics, which in the correct sense is another name for government, can no more be conducted on the lines of a half century ago than business could be expected to function along with quill pens instead of typewriters, and written messages instead of telephones," the President stated.

Net Capital Inflow Into United States in May Amounted to \$27,107,000—British Liquidation of U. S. Securities Drops to Low Level

British liquidation of American securities continued to lag in May for the second consecutive month, the August Treasury "Bulletin" disclosed on Aug. 29, 1940.

The Bulletin indicated that British liquidation, which had progressed regularly at the average monthly rate of \$20,000,000 since the outbreak of the European war, virtually was suspended during the week ended May 22 but was resumed on a slightly larger scale the following week. Decline in British activity in the American stock markets corresponded to the period in which stock prices sagged. Net sales of the United Kingdom in the 28 days ended May 29, 1940 totaled \$4,755,000 compared with net sales of \$5,104,000 in the preceding four weeks.

Statistics in the Treasury Bulletin covering the 28 days ended May 29 revealed that liquidation of foreign-owned American securities in that period aggregated \$15,489,000. Of this amount net sales of \$7,848,000 were recorded for Asiatic countries and \$3,959,000 for Canada. Smaller net sales were recorded for France, Netherlands and Latin America. Switzerland showed net purchases of \$5,908,000. The Treasury's announcement went on to say:

Net sales of foreign-owned American securities from Aug. 30, 1939 through May 29, 1940 totaled \$84,137,000. Net sales of \$152,118,000 by the United Kingdom in that period and \$25,482,000 by Canada partially were offset by net purchases of France and Switzerland.

Gross purchases of American securities by foreigners in the four week period ended May 29 totaled \$58,893,000; gross sales were \$74,382,000.

Net capital inflow into the United States from May 1 to May 29 amounted to \$27,107,000. The inflow partly was traced to a decrease of \$40,617,000 in American short-term funds abroad, an increase here of \$6,775,000 in brokerage balances and the repatriation of \$4,407,000 in foreign securities held in this country.

Foreign short-term balances in the United States reached a record high of \$3,126,539,000 on May 22 but dropped to \$3,066,410,000 the following week and for the four week period declined \$9,203,000.

Featuring the movement of short-term balances, Switzerland withdrew \$33,982,000 of its funds. The withdrawals apparently were made up mostly of refugee funds which were transferred to domestic accounts when it seemed Switzerland might become involved in the European war.

British short-term balances increased \$17,917,000 to \$354,507,000. French funds rose \$32,393,000 to \$319,133,000 mainly through gold sales. Belgium funds, which were "frozen" here on May 10, by Executive Order, declined \$11,706,000 in the 28 days to \$171,969,000. Nearly 60% of these withdrawals were made before the order became effective. Short-term balances of the Netherlands declined \$14,787,000 to \$198,299,000.

Of the total reduction of United States claims on foreigners, claims on Japan decreased \$12,360,000. Withdrawals of American funds in Canada totaled \$10,353,000; United Kingdom, \$6,658,000; Belgium, \$3,010,000; Germany, \$2,028,000; the Netherlands, \$4,778,000; Switzerland, \$1,423,000; Argentina, \$4,024,000; Brazil, \$2,337,000; and Cuba, \$1,441,000. American short-term balances in the Philippines increased \$2,037,000 and in China \$598,000.

Canada led during May in the repatriation of its securities held in the United States, buying back a total of \$2,302,000. Latin America followed with \$1,257,000 and the United Kingdom with \$439,000.

Latin America increased its brokerage balances here \$6,620,000, Asia, \$2,800,000 and France, \$713,000.

The following tabulation has been prepared from figures appearing in the August issue of the Treasury "Bulletin":

NEW CAPITAL MOVEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES, JAN. 2, 1935, TO MAY 29, 1940
+ Indicates Inflow. — Indicates Outflow.

	Jan. 2, 1935, to May 29, 1940	Of Which from May 2 to May 29, 1940
Movement in Short-Term Banking Funds—		
United Kingdom	+544,377,000	+34,575,000
France	+357,841,000	+32,891,000
Canada	+205,384,000	—5,998,000
Germany	+194,130,000	+3,481,000
All other	+1,852,523,000	—30,535,000
Total	+3,124,255,000	+31,414,000
Movement to Brokerage Balance—		
United Kingdom	+17,555,000	—793,000
France	+18,352,000	+713,000
Canada	+10,312,000	—96,000
Germany	—47,000	—21,000
All other	+48,938,000	+6,972,000
Total	+95,110,000	+6,775,000
Movement in Transactions in Domestic Securities—		
United Kingdom	+281,344,000	—4,755,000
France	+75,755,000	—400,000
Canada	—12,447,000	—3,959,000
Germany	—28,713,000	+16,000
All other	+765,988,000	—6,391,000
Total	+1,081,527,000	—15,489,000
Movement in Transactions in Foreign Securities—		
United Kingdom	+132,433,000	+439,000
France	+42,841,000	+68,000
Canada	+12,610,000	+2,302,000
Germany	+36,165,000	—34,000
All other	+551,505,000	+1,632,000
Total	+775,554,000	+4,407,000
Net Capital Movement—		
United Kingdom	+975,709,000	+29,466,000
France	+494,789,000	+33,272,000
Canada	+215,859,000	—10,751,000
Germany	+171,535,000	+3,442,000
All other	+3,218,534,000	—28,322,000
Total	+5,076,446,000	+27,107,000

President Roosevelt Coordinates Marketing of Power at Bonneville and Grand Coulee Dams—Action Taken in Interest of National Defense, Industrial Development and Domestic Consumption

President Roosevelt on Aug. 26 signed an Executive Order coordinating the marketing of power at the Bonneville and Grand Coulee dams on the Columbia River, in Washington and Oregon, under the Bonneville Power Administration. The Bonneville administration was originally set up as a temporary agency for the marketing of Bonneville power, but Mr. Roosevelt had announced on Aug. 24 that the present emergency required that power from both dams be handled under a single agency.

In signing the Executive Order, the President expressed hope that neither Washington nor Oregon would enact any State laws that would prevent municipalities or co-operatives from taking advantage of power created at the two dams. In Washington advices, Aug. 28, to the New York "Journal of Commerce, it was stated:

Under the terms of the order, the Bonneville Administrator is authorized to construct, operate and maintain the transmission lines and other facilities necessary for marketing the power and energy delivered from the Grand Coulee project. Additional generators are to be installed at this dam with the approval of the Secretary of Interior.

Grand Coulee, largest hydro-electric development in the world, is still under construction, but is expected to begin producing power some time in October. Bonneville has been in operation for some months and is now supplying power to a number of municipalities, utility districts and defense industries.

In his Executive Order, the President directed that the Bureau of Reclamation with the approval of Secretary Ickes shall provide the Bonneville Administrator with a basic schedule of the power and energy to be available from the Grand Coulee Dam project. Power delivered from the Grand Coulee Dam project is to be marketed at rates fixed by the Secretary. These rates will be based on allocations of cost made pursuant to existing law.

The following is the White House announcement made Aug. 24 in connection with the coordination of power resources:

The President announced at his Cabinet meeting yesterday that he is taking steps to coordinate the great power resources of the Columbia River available for the requirements of national defense, industrial development and domestic consumption. By combining the marketing of power produced at the Bonneville and Grand Coulee Dams under one marketing agency, the transmission net work now under construction by the Bonneville Power Administration will carry the low-cost power from both developments throughout the Pacific Northwest.

To bring this vitally important step into effect the President and the Secretary of the Interior are preparing an Executive Order combining the marketing of power from Grand Coulee and Bonneville dams under the Bonneville Administration which was originally set up as a temporary agency for the marketing of Bonneville power. The present emergency makes even more pressing the need for coordinating the power facilities of the two projects and for providing a single agency for marketing the power in the region.

The present national defense emergency makes evident the fact that the many strategic and critical mineral reserves found in the Pacific Northwest are a matter of national interest. An abundance of low-cost electric power available in the Columbia River region will accelerate the supply of necessary minerals for national defense because electricity is an important factor in the processing of many of these minerals. It will also provide power for war industries in this region.

President Roosevelt's Statement on Signing of Bill Regulating Investment Companies and Investment Advisers—Measure Also Amends Securities Act of 1933 Respecting 20-Day Waiting Period

The signing by President Roosevelt on Aug. 23, of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 giving the Securities and Exchange Commission power to regulate investment trusts and investment counselors. It was indicated in these columns of a week ago, page 1072. At the same time we noted that the President had announced his approval of the bill in a statement stressing the Administration's program of protecting the investor. This statement we are making room for further below.

The completion of Congressional action on this measure, which also contains a provision amending the Securities Act of 1933 by permitting the SEC to shorten the 20-day waiting period for the offering of new securities, was noted in our issue of Aug. 17, page 925.

In his statement of Aug. 23, President Roosevelt said:

I have great hopes that the act which I have signed today will enable the investment trust industry to fulfill its basic purpose as a vehicle to diversify the small investors' risk and to provide a valuable source of equity capital for deserving small and new business enterprises which the investment banks have been unable to finance.

On the day of the issuance of the President's statement (Aug. 23) the SEC made known the general policy which it proposes to follow with respect to the 20-day waiting period incident to the registration of new securities under the Securities Act of 1933. The Commission's statement is appearing in this issue under a separate head.

The text of President Roosevelt's statement follows:

I have just signed the Investment Company Act of 1940 and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; legislation which both Houses of Congress passed unanimously. These Acts give the Securities and Exchange Commission power to regulate investment trusts and investment counselors. They mark another milestone in this Administration's vigorous program—began in 1933 and supplemented in 1934, 1935, 1938 and again in 1939—to protect the investor. As the pressure of international affairs increases, we are ready for the emergency because of our vigorous fight to put our domestic affairs on a true democratic basis. We are cleaning house, putting our financial machinery in good order. This program is essential, not only because it results in necessary reforms, but for the much more important reason that it will enable us to absorb the shock of any crisis.

There is no necessity of reviewing in detail the many unhealthy practices which this legislation is designed to eliminate. It is enough to point out that the investment trusts have themselves actively urged that an agency of the Federal Government assume immediate supervision of their activities. This attitude on the part of the investment trust industry and investment advisers is most commendable.

It is a source of satisfaction that business men have at last come to recognize that it is this Administration's purpose to aid the honest business man and to assist him in bringing higher standards to his particular corner of the business community. In the case of this legislation, it deserves notice that the investment trust industry insisted that the Congress grant to the Securities and Exchange Commission broader discretionary powers than those contemplated in the original regulatory proposals. Not only is this a tribute to the personnel of the SEC, and an endorsement of its wisdom and essential fairness in handling financial problems, but it serves well to indicate that many business men now realize that efficient regulation in technical fields such as this requires an administering agency which has been given flexible powers to meet whatever problems may arise.

This in itself is enough to demonstrate that we have come a long way since the bleak days of 1929, when the market crash swept away the veil which up to then had hidden the "behind-the-scenes" activity of our high financiers and showed all too clearly the sham and deceit which characterized so many of their actions.

The SEC has been established to protect the investor. Looking back at the various acts which have been passed and placed under the jurisdiction of that Commission, the breadth of this Administration's program is apparent. In 1933 the Securities Act was passed, preventing misrepresentation and fraud and requiring full disclosure by those who wished to sell securities. In 1934 the Securities Exchange Act was passed, regulating stock exchanges, preventing market manipulations, and placing curbs on excessive speculation. In 1935 the Public Utility Holding Company Act was passed. In 1938 the Bankruptcy Act was amended to enable the SEC to participate in corporate reorganizations in order to act as technical adviser to the Court and advocate for the best interests of the small and inarticulate security holders. Finally, only last year, additional legislation was passed requiring corporate trustees under indentures to assume true fiduciary obligations.

No better example of the true meaning of this program can be found than in the legislation regulating public utility holding companies. During the 1920's these corporate monstrosities had been permitted to pyramid stockholdings on top of stockholdings until a few men at the top, with only a microscopic investment of their own, could control the smallest action of those who ran the far flung operating companies at the base of the pyramid. Watered stock and high rates to consumers signified holding company management. Those at the top juggled corporations for selfish purposes. This situation was contrary to the American way of life and, had the holding companies not been checked, they would have threatened the very existence of our democratic processes. The Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 is designed to break down these top-heavy structures to the end that local operating managements will come back into their own and be given an opportunity to serve the immediate community without being subjected to the direction of an absentee and dictatorial holding company management.

In every direction a conscientious and successful effort has been made to require the investment banker, the broker and the dealer, the security salesman, the issuer, and the great financial institutions themselves to recognize the high responsibilities they owe to the public.

We will continue to push our program for the protection of the investor on all fronts because we are convinced of its essential soundness. I have great hopes that the Act which I have signed today will enable the investment trust industry to fulfill its basic purpose as a vehicle to diversify the small investors' risk and to provide a valuable source of equity capital for deserving small and new business enterprises which the investment bankers have been unable to finance.

President Roosevelt Says Any Delay in Armament Program Is Due to Congressional Inactivity—Reports Airplane Production Now at 10,000 Yearly Rate

President Roosevelt said at his press conference on Aug. 27 that Congress was responsible for any delay in the national defense program by failing to pass the selective military service bill, the \$5,000,000,000 supplemental defense appropriation bill and the excess profits tax bill. The President, in reply to criticism of the progress being made in airplane production, stated that military planes are now being produced at the rate of 10,000 a year. He added that this rate would be increased to 13,000 or 14,000 by Jan. 1, to 24,000 before the end of 1941 and to 36,000 airplanes in 1942. Regarding his remarks a Washington dispatch Aug. 27 to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

Mr. Roosevelt rejected suggestions that the nation's air force should be set up as a separate defense department, independent of the War and Navy Departments, which now have control over military and Navy planes. Mr. Roosevelt averred that the form of departmental organization was less important than the question of operating efficiency—and went so far as to say that the American air force was already the equal of the German air force on the point of operating efficiency.

While professing satisfaction on the whole with the progress of the enormous arms program, Mr. Roosevelt admitted there were some serious delays in the construction of airplanes and tanks and in the expansion of the Army and the Navy, due to the necessity of building and equipping new plants, settling tax questions and enrolling the augmented personnel. Responsibility for these delays was flatly denied by Mr. Roosevelt, who passed it right back to Congress.

President Roosevelt Signs Bill Empowering Him to Call National Guard for Year's Service

President Roosevelt signed on Aug. 27 the measure giving him power to order the National Guard and Army reservists into active military service for a period of one year. Congressional action on the legislation was completed last week, as was reported in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1072. Washington United Press advices Aug. 28 had the following to say concerning the bill:

The President's authority under the guard bill extends to June 30, 1942, and he is limited in the use of the troops to the Western Hemisphere and territories and possessions of the United States, including the Philippine Islands.

Under Army plans made public recently by Brig. Gen. William E. Shedd, Assistant Chief of Staff, the Government plans to begin ordering up the guardsmen Sept. 15 when four divisions are scheduled to be mobilized.

Not all of the 408,000 subject to call will be mustered into service. The bill permits guardsmen and reserves below the rank of Captain who have dependent wives or children to resign or be discharged at their own request within 20 days. That, Army officials estimate, will eliminate at least 22,000 of the available 238,000 guardsmen.

Senate Passes \$5,000,000,000 Supplemental Defense Bill—Provides Funds for Two-Ocean Navy and Mechanized Army

The Senate without a record vote on Aug. 29 approved a supplemental national defense bill appropriating \$5,000,000,000 to start construction of a two-ocean navy and for organization of a completely mechanized army. As reported to the Senate last week by its Appropriations Committee (noted in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1072) the bill totaled \$5,008,162,277 but the Senate in adopting the measure this week, made additions to several items. Included among these were: a \$100,000,000 fund enabling the President to meet any defense housing shortage and \$10,000,000 in cash and contract authorization to build a graving drydock in New York harbor, capable of servicing the proposed new 45,000-ton battleships.

The bill, which was passed by the House on July 31, is now before a joint conference committee where differences between the Senate and House measures will be adjusted before it is sent to the President for his signature. As passed by the House, the bill totaled approximately \$4,960,000,000; this action was noted in our issue of Aug. 3, page 632.

The Senate had previously (July 11) passed a bill voting \$7,000,000 for a New York drydock, but it is claimed this measure is pending in the House Naval Committee. Reference to this legislation was contained in these columns of July 13, page 184.

Senate Gives President Roosevelt \$100,000,000 to Meet Housing Shortage in Defense Areas—Defense Commission Asks Congress for \$150,000,000 for Same Purpose

Following a conference with President Roosevelt on Aug. 27, Senator Wagner of New York announced that he would introduce an amendment to the \$5,000,000,000 defense bill earmarking \$100,000,000 for emergency defense housing. This proposal was approved when the Senate passed the bill on Aug. 29, this action is reported in another item in today's issue. This amendment gives the President authority to decide which of the several governmental agencies would do the building.

Meanwhile, the National Defense Advisory Commission on Aug. 26 asked Congress to authorize an expenditure of \$150,000,000 to provide housing for persons engaged in national defense activities. The request was transmitted to Speaker Bankhead in a letter from C. F. Palmer, Coordinator of Defense Housing.

President Roosevelt took further action on Aug. 28, to relieve serious housing shortages threatening to obstruct the national defense program when he approved loans and allocations of \$9,232,000 of United States Housing Authority funds to build 2,324 homes for families of defense workers, in five vital defense centers. This brings the total amount set aside for defense housing to \$28,675,000, which will provide new dwellings for 7,475 families. Previous reference to these loans was made in our issue of Aug. 17, page 930.

Senate Passes Compulsory Military Training Bill—Provides for Conscription of Industrial Plants—All Attempts to Defer Call Defeated—House Group Widens Age Draft to 21-45—Minority Report Opposes Measure

After nearly three weeks' debate, the Senate on Aug. 28 adopted the Burke-Wadsworth selective compulsory military training bill by a vote of 58 to 31.

This action came after administration leaders had forced the Senate into night sessions on Aug. 26, 27 and 28 in an effort to expedite final passage.

The bill, which now goes to the House, provides that all men between the ages of 21 and 31, estimated at 12,000,000, must register for a year of military training. It is estimated that after all exemptions are made, due to dependents, physical disabilities, and other reasons, about 4,500,000 will be available for service.

Just before the final vote on the bill, the Senate on Aug. 28, defeated, by a 50 to 35 vote, an amendment sponsored by Senator Maloney of Connecticut, which would have postponed a draft of men until next year, providing the present voluntary enlistment system had failed to show a great increase. Earlier in the debate on Aug. 28, an amendment was inserted in the measure permitting the Government to take over industrial plants when such action is deemed necessary to national defense. This provision, sponsored by Senator Russel of Georgia, was passed by a vote of 69 to 16.

Regarding action on other amendments on Aug. 28, United Press Washington advices said:

In rapid order, the chamber also:

Rejected, 43 to 41, an amendment by Senator Carl Hayden (Dem., Ariz.) to defer operation of the draft for sixty days after the bill is enacted. Then the draft would be applied only to enough men to fill Army quotas.

Rejected, 55 to 27, a proposal by Senator Alexander Wiley (Rep., Wis.) to delay the draft until Congress declares a state of emergency to exist.

Defeated, 58 to 26, another restrictive amendment by Senator Matthew M. Neely (Dem., W. Va.) that would have postponed the draft if, within thirty days of enactment of the law, volunteer enlistments total 75,000 persons; 115,000 within the next thirty days, and 210,000 within a third thirty-day period.

Adopted, by voice vote, an amendment by Senator Alva B. Adams (Dem., Colo.) to limit net profits on Army ordinance contracts to 8%.

Rejected, by voice vote, an amendment by Senator Ernest W. Gibson (Rep., Vt.), which would ban Army officers from holding administrative positions in the Government.

On Aug. 26 the chamber voted to limit to 900,000 the number of men being trained at one time while the nation is at peace and also voted to restrict the service of those drafted to the Western Hemisphere and territories and possessions of the United States, including the Philippines.

The first test votes on the training bill took place at the Aug. 27 night session when attempts to strike out the essential provisions of the measure were defeated. Following this action an agreement was made limiting debate on the bill. The initial test on the legislation came in a proposal of Senator Walsh of Massachusetts making selective service operative only after Congress declares war or declares that the United States is threatened with invasion. This amendment was defeated by a vote of 54 to 29. Later that night a substitute amendment offered by Senator Taft of Ohio to limit the standing army to 500,000 men and the reserve force to 1,500,000 voluntary enlistments was rejected by a 55 to 22 vote.

Senate debate on the bill last week was discussed in these columns, Aug. 24, page 1072.

Meanwhile the House version of the bill was reported out by its Military Affairs Committee on Aug. 29, calling for the drafting of men between the age of 21 and 45. The House group approved this wider age range by a 20 to 4 vote. It also voted on Aug. 27 to limit to 1,000,000 the number of draftees for the Army and Navy in any one year. It is expected that House debate on the bill will start on Tuesday (Sept. 3) and final action will be taken by next Friday (Sept. 6).

A minority report of the House Committee signed by eight of the members of the Committee, was issued yesterday (Aug. 30), declaring that the conscription bill is not only unnecessary to adequate national defense but that it is "a distinct and dangerous departure which will lead ultimately to the destruction of the American form of government in a totalitarian, military economy."

The following regarding the minority report is from Washington, Aug. 30, United Press advices:

"Conscription of manpower," the minority said, "is urged as necessary to defense against imminent peril to this country."

"The imminence of these perils is pure assumption, but even if we were to grant that America is in real and immediate danger from without, the course we propose to follow may lead to even more serious internal hazards."

"Conscription of manpower will be merely a first step. Proposals for total conscription of wealth and productive facilities will follow inevitably. In fact, the groundwork for a totalitarian military economy has already been very largely completed. The Senate has already voted to conscript industry in time of peace."

"We have become accustomed to the growing usage of the term 'total defense' without realizing its full implications. 'Total defense' can have only one logical final meaning. It means the use of our entire economy, under an arbitrary centralized control, for the primary if not the sole purpose of establishing a military machine."

Excess Profits Tax Bill Passed by House—Senate Finance Committee to Begin Hearings on Measure Sept. 3—Plant Amortization Provisions Expected to Speed Defense Contracts

The House disposed of the Administration's excess profits tax bill on Aug. 29, when it passed the measure without a record vote. The bill now awaits the action of the Senate, Associated Press advices from Washington yesterday (Aug. 30) stated that opposition to the bill was reported in the Finance Committee, where Senator La Follette, Progressive, of Wisconsin, already was talking of even stiffer taxes than the excess profit levies of from 20 to 50% provided for by the House.

As we indicate further below the House debate on the bill (consisting of over 100 pages) was limited to 2 hours. As to the essential features of the bill as it emerged from the House the Associated Press (Aug. 30) said:

Besides the imposition of a 20 to 50% excess profits tax, the House-approved bill would:

1. Permit Government contractors to amortize defense plant expansions by deducting the cost of new facilities from taxable income.
2. Suspend the present profit limitation on warship and aircraft contracts.
3. Yield an estimated \$300,000,000 revenue in 1940 and \$900,000,000 annually thereafter.

Senator La Follette, who may seek to boost the rates, was the author of a more drastic excess profits tax formula, passed by the Senate earlier this session, but thrown out of the \$1,000,000,000 general defense tax measure in a Senate-House compromise.

According to advices Aug. 29 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" from its Washington bureau, two last minute amendments, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee, were incorporated in the bill just before final action was taken. The advices likewise said:

These had the effect of broadening the scope of exemptions from the Act to include domestic corporations doing only a foreign business, and air mail contractors under certain conditions.

Exemption Is Provided

The latter amendment provides that if, for any year, excluding the subsidy paid to airmail contractors by the Government, such contractors have no adjusted excess profits net income they are to be exempt from the excess profits tax for that year. If they do, however, have an excess profits net income, excluding the subsidy, they are subject to the excess profits tax on their excess profits net income, including in the gross income for this purpose the amount of the subsidy.

As passed by the House the bill imposes two schedules of rates on excess profits, one ranging from 25 to 50% when the tax is computed on the basis of average earnings over the period 1936 through 1939, and the other ranging from 20 to 45% when the tax is computed on the basis of average invested capital over the base period.

In addition the bill provides suspension of profit limitations of the Vinson-Trammell Act and permits corporations to amortize the cost of new plants and equipment acquired for production of defense materials over a period of five years free of taxation.

The excess profits tax bill, intended to expedite defense production by eliminating uncertainty over future taxes and also to prevent the creation of "war millionaires," was formally reported to the House on Aug. 23 by the House Ways and Means Committee, and at the same time the House Rules Committee acted to hasten action on the bill by adopting a "gag" rule, prohibiting submission of amendments except by the Ways and Means Committee, waiving all points of order and limiting general debate to two hours. From its Washington bureau on Aug. 28 the New York "Journal of Commerce" reported:

The rule granted by the Committee is one of the most drastic submitted to the House in recent years to insure against delay of major legislation. Except on behalf of the Ways and Means Committee itself, no member will be allowed to offer any amendment to the bill from the floor.

Amendment Barred

The rule also limits general debate to a maximum of two hours and waives all points of order against any provision in the measure. The rule was agreed to unanimously by the Committee, with Republicans joining with the Democrats in an effort to speed the legislation to the Senate.

Plans of the leadership call for consideration of the rule and the tax bill on the House tomorrow [Aug. 29] and in view of the two-hour limitation of debate, its passage then is virtually assured.

In anticipation of House passage of the bill, Chairman Pat Harrison of the Senate Finance Committee announced today that three days of public hearings would be held by his Committee on the measure beginning Tuesday [Sept. 3].

This is a change in original plans of the Senate Committee which felt that by "sitting in" during the hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee further hearings would be unnecessary. But due to rather drastic changes made by the House Committee in the legislation from the form in which it was originally proposed, Mr. Harrison yielded to demands for hearings.

The appeal to the House Rules Committee for "gag rule" to speed the bill through the House was made only a few hours after the Ways and Means Committee had completed its action on the bill by going through the for-

mality of reporting it to the House. Only one change was made by the Committee before voting its approval and this was to broaden the list of exempt corporations to include corporations organized in the United States but which do not do any business in this country or receive any income from within the United States.

During the hearings before the Rules Committee Chairman Jere Cooper (Dem., Tex.) of the tax-sub-committee impressed upon members urgency of speeding the bill to the floor so that it could be acted upon promptly and sent to the Senate for concurrent approval.

Mr. Cooper also declared that the Ways and Means Committee was unanimous in the view that the measure should not be separated into two parts, one dealing with excess profits and the other relating to amortization allowances and suspension of the Vinson-Trammell Act.

He also said that the bill has been so framed as to exempt 400,000 out of the 478,000 corporations in the country from payment of an excess profits tax. This is made possible by a flat exemption of \$5,000 granted each industry from the excess profits tax.

On Aug. 26 the House Ways and Means Committee approved a tax of 20 to 50% on corporation "excess profits," as well as a plant amortization plan designed to speed up conclusion of defense contracts.

Action of the Ways and Means Committee was outlined in the following Associated Press Washington dispatch of Aug. 26:

The committee made a number of changes in the proposals of its tax subcommittee, headed by Rep. Jere Cooper (D., Tenn.). Generally speaking, these changes were designed to make the tax stiffer on corporations with high earnings and lower on concerns earning small profits.

It was estimated unofficially that the changes would increase the prospective revenue from the measure this year from \$190,000,000 to more than \$300,000,000.

Thus the changes were designed to meet complaints by both Republican and Democratic committee members that the tax, as originally proposed, would fall hardest on those least able to pay and also would raise little revenue. This controversy had kept the bill in committee since last Tuesday [Aug. 20].

The measure includes a provision for suspending the Vinson-Trammell Act's limitations of 8 and 7% on profits from warships and military aircraft. The suspension would be applicable to all years during which the excess profits tax is in force.

The amortization plan would permit Government contractors and sub-contractors to deduct from their taxable income the entire cost of any new facilities completed after July 10, 1940, in connection with defense. These deductions would be at the rate of 20% a year for five years. The Defense Commission and the Secretary of Navy or War would be required to certify that the plants were needed for defense.

This provision had been urged by the White House, the Defense Commission and the War Department as necessary to a speedy defense program. Contractors, officials said, did not wish to lay out money for new plants unless assured of this tax concession.

One of the Committee's changes provided a higher rate schedule for concerns earning large profits and electing to use an "average earnings" method of computing their tax. Under this method a corporation's profits are considered "excess" and therefore taxable under the bill if they exceed the average of its earnings for the four years 1936 to 1939, inclusive.

Concerns using an "invested capital" method would be accorded a lower rate.

This latter method provides that where a corporation averaged earnings of 10% or more on its invested capital during the 1936-39 base period years, its untaxed credit would be 10% of its invested capital.

Corporations with lower earnings during the base period would be allowed credit equal to the average. A concern would be allowed a minimum credit, however, of 7% on the first \$500,000 of invested capital and 5% on all remaining capital. These minima were 6 and 4% in the original sub-committee proposal.

Concerns organized since Jan. 1, 1936, would use as their "earnings" for any base period year when they were not in operation an amount equal to 10% of the first \$500,000 of their invested capital and 8% of the remaining invested capital.

Corporations organized since Jan. 1, 1940 would be allowed a credit of 10% on the first \$500,000 of invested capital and 8% on the remaining.

The rates:

Amount of Excess Profits	Rate of Tax (Average Earnings Method)	Rate of Tax (Invested Capital Method)
First \$20,000	25%	20%
Next \$30,000	30%	25%
Next \$50,000	35%	30%
Next \$150,000	40%	35%
Next \$250,000	45%	40%
All over \$500,000	50%	45%

In addition to the higher tax rates on concerns which elect the average earnings method, their normal income tax rate would be increased from the present 20.9 to 25%.

From a Washington account Aug. 27 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following:

Terms Are Summarized

Result of two weeks of hearings and ten days of executive committee consideration, during which the President had to intervene to break a deadlock over terms, the measure carries out original recommendations of the Cooper subcommittee of allowing corporations the right to elect the method of computing their tax, either upon the basis of average earnings or invested capital.

It also provides, in accordance with the recommendations of the sub-committee, for suspension of the profit limitations imposed upon ship-builders and aircraft contractors of the Vinson-Trammell Act, and allows corporations a five-year period within which to amortize the cost of new plants and equipment purchased under the defense program.

It differs sharply, however, with recommendations of the Cooper sub-committee in the matter of rates to be imposed upon "excess" profits. Whereas it was originally proposed that the same set of rates would apply whether corporations computed their tax on the basis of average earnings or invested capital, the bill sets up a dual set of rates ranging from 20 to 50%.

It also differs in the manner in which the tax is to be applied. The Cooper subcommittee proposed that the rates apply against the excess profits of a corporation which exceed a certain percentage of the excess profits credit. The new rates are applicable to specified amounts which are in excess of the credit.

In addition, those corporations which choose to elect the average earnings formula for computing their tax are to be penalized by an additional

tax of 4.1% on their normal income, which runs the normal corporation tax rate up to 25%.

The effect of this switchover from a percentage-of-credit-tax to a specified amount tax, plus the boost in the normal rate, is a severe blow to large corporations. It is generally believed, for it means that any corporation which has an excess profit of more than \$500,000 will have 50% of the excess taken from it by the Government.

The reasoning behind this move was not clear to observers. In some quarters opinion was expressed that the Committee felt that for political purposes big corporations had to be taxed at a higher rate than smaller competitors. It was also thought that the committee wanted to make sure that the loss in revenue that would result from relief granted for hardship cases would be offset by increased amounts that would be taken from big corporations.

It is expected that the rates will be protested to the Senate Finance Committee on the grounds of unfair treatment.

A reference to the bill appeared in our Aug. 24 issue, page 1073.

Lower L. C. L. Freight for South Approved by ICC

The Interstate Commerce Commission, on Aug. 29, denied a plea by the trucking industry for suspension of railroad tariffs reducing thousands of rates on less-than-carload shipments within the South, between the North and the South, and from the Midwest to the South.

While refusing to suspend the tariffs the ICC ordered an investigation into their lawfulness. The reduced rates are to go into effect on Sept. 1.

The American Trucking Association, Inc., and affiliated organizations, which led the opposition to the reductions, described them as a thinly disguised attempt to destroy the motor carrier industry.

The railroads replied that it was an attempt to make rail rates on merchandise traffic conform to modern trends of transportation.

The reductions will be made by lowering classifications on approximately 3,500 articles. Reductions will be made on articles not classified as light, bulky, hazardous, fragile or perishable.

While opposing the railroads' reduction proposals, the trucking industry put itself in a position to meet the reductions by filing tariffs to maintain the present parity of rates between the railroads and trucks.

The truck industry estimated that the changes would result in a reduction of about 10% in the total less-than-carload revenue on traffic now moving by rail and truck. The railroads insisted, however, that they would attain a substantial increase in revenue by modernizing and reforming their merchandise rate structure.

Railroads to Continue Low "Grand Circle" Fares for Another Year

The railroads will continue for another year—until Oct. 31, 1941—the low "grand circle" railroad fares by which an individual can travel by rail from his home to both Atlantic and Pacific coasts thence to the original starting point at a substantial reduction from standard rates, J. J. Pelley, President of the Association of American Railroads announced on Aug. 26.

Continuation of this plan was decided upon by the railroads because of the success attained by it in the first year of operation when it was used by 32,500 persons. Of that number, 25,000 purchased grand circle tour first-class tickets, that is traveled by Pullman, and 7,500 traveled by coach.

Under the plan, an individual can purchase a "grand circle" coach ticket for \$90 or a first-class ticket for \$135 plus the charges for sleeping or parlor car space occupied. The Pullman Co. will continue also special reduced rates of \$45 for one or two persons in a lower berth, or \$34.50 for an upper berth, for the entire "grand circle." These greatly reduced fares apply from all cities and towns in the United States. The plan makes it possible for an individual to travel by rail on a "grand circle" fare from 6,300 to 8,000 miles depending on the starting point and the route selected.

The "grand circle" fare plan was inaugurated by the railroads on April 28, 1939, for the purpose of stimulating travel to the New York and San Francisco World Fairs and to points of scenic interest throughout the country. It permits travelers to choose many attractive routes with stop-over privileges at any points desired in either direction. Children between 5 and 12 years of age, who are accompanied by parents or guardians, are allowed half fare rates.

Canadian-United States Joint Defense Board Holds Meetings in Ottawa—Defenses Along Seacoast of Eastern Canada and Newfoundland are Initial Problem

The Canadian-United States Joint Board of Defense, whose members were appointed on Aug. 22 after a conference at Ogdensburg, N. Y. between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King, held its first meetings this week in Ottawa. It was reported that initial plans of the defense experts included the strengthening of the continent's defenses along the seacoast of eastern Canada and Newfoundland. The Board recessed on Aug. 27 and will resume its sessions Sept. 9. Mayor LaGuardia of New York, who is Chairman of the American section of the Board, on Aug. 26 described the work of the body as "the Monroe Doctrine translated into action. The Mayor spoke at a press interview, which

was reported as follows in United Press advices of Aug. 26 from Ottawa:

Speaking at a press interview in the American Legion, the Mayor said that the board members got down to business today "in just about six and a half minutes," after all preliminaries and exchanges of courtesies were finished.

"Furthermore," he said, "the language employed throughout the meeting was plain English. We agreed at the outset to avoid any of the cumbersome or obscure language of diplomacy or legalism and to talk in plain terms.

"We have a common problem, a common objective. The problem boils down to this: In the face of existing world conditions, whether or not strategic points in the North American continent are to be taken as bases for offensive operations by a potential enemy or whether these same strategic points are to be used as outposts for the defense of our hemisphere." Asked when the Board would adjourn, LaGuardia replied: "When the job is finished."

"The Board realizes, of course," he continued, "that time is of the essence. Our work will not be a prolonged activity, I assure you."

Asked whether the United States would furnish munitions and supplies to Canada as part of the joint defense arrangement, he said:

"That is a detail, disclosure of which might give comfort to a potential enemy."

Asked if this "is an extension of the Monroe Doctrine," he replied:

"This is the Monroe Doctrine translated into action."

Mayor LaGuardia was asked if the American-Canadian understanding is to be regarded as a part of a big Pan-American defense scheme and he replied:

"You must use your own judgment on that point, but I think it is self-evident."

He said it would be imprudent to go into matters of detail at the present stage of the conversations when asked if there had been any discussion of the plan to be taken regarding coastal patrol.

O. M. Biggar, Chairman of the Canadian section, said that today's meeting of four hours had developed most useful and satisfying discussions.

Technical experts of the services attended the session.

The board addressed until tomorrow morning. The expectation is that meetings will be held until Wednesday night, when an adjournment will be taken to draft specified recommendations for continental defense measures to the governments of the two countries.

Plans of the Board were noted in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1067. After mentioning the intention to concentrate on problems connected with Canadian coast defenses, a United Press Ottawa dispatch, Aug. 27, said:

The Canadian-American Joint Board on Defense gave definite intimation to this effect tonight when, at the close of two sittings that lasted more than eight hours, the Co-Chairmen, Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York and Col. O. M. Biggar, of Canada, announced a recess from further sessions until the service members of the board have had an opportunity to complete a tour of existing defenses along the Canadian and Newfoundland Atlantic coast.

The service members of the Board—representing the Navy, Army and air force of each country—are to leave Ottawa tomorrow and will visit the entire Atlantic coast area, traveling for the greater part by plane.

The board will resume its business in Washington Sept. 9.

On the basis of data that will have been gathered by the service members on their tour, it is expected that no time will be lost in drafting program for the East coast of the continent to be submitted to the two governments.

Circles close to the Board were forecasting tonight that the first report of the Board, embodying the Eastern-coast program, would be in the hands of the Administrations at Ottawa and Washington not later than Sept. 15, less than a month after the historic meeting at Ogdensburg on Aug. 17 between President Roosevelt and Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie-King.

Tonight members of the Canadian naval, military and air services were busy working out the itinerary of the service members. The intimation was that it would not be made public, and that newspaper men and other outside observers would be excluded from the tour.

The list of members of the Board, representing both the United States and Canada, was given in our issue of a week ago, page 1067.

The American members of the Board received final instructions from President Roosevelt in Washington on Aug. 24 at which time Mayor LaGuardia was chosen as Chairman. Reporting this Washington advices on that date to the New York "Times" said in part:

At the Board meeting with the President today, which was held in the Executive offices at the White House, Mr. Roosevelt spoke briefly and then they conferred for more than an hour on the program which envisages the utilization of naval and air bases and other measures designed to provide for the cooperation of the United States in repelling any attack on Canada. Afterward the members met in another room and effected their organization.

Upon leaving the White House Mr. LaGuardia made this statement:

"The members of the Permanent Joint Board of Defense met with the President, who outlined his views of the situation. The members then met and discussed procedure and arranged to leave here tomorrow afternoon for the first meeting in Ottawa with our Canadian colleagues on Monday and, of course, until we confer with our Canadian colleagues no other statement will be made."

Secretaries Stimson and Knox also were present when the Board met with the President.

Board members present, in addition to Mr. LaGuardia, were Lieut-Gen. Stanley D. Embick, Commander of the Fourth Corps Area; Captain Harry W. Hill of the Navy War Plans Division; Commander Forrest Pe Sherman, United States Navy; Lieut.-Col. Joseph T. McNarney of th. Army Air Corps, and John D. Hickerson, Assistant Chief of the Division of European Affairs in the State Department. Mr. Hickerson is Secretary of the American section of the Defense Board.

Mayor LaGuardia returned from Canada on Aug. 28.

Secretary of State Hull Urges Adequate Preparation for Self-Defense as Only Hope of Remaining at Peace—Issues Statement on 12th Anniversary of Signing of Kellogg-Briand Pact Outlawing War

Secretary of State Cordell Hull on Aug. 28, the 12th Anniversary of the signing of the Kellogg-Briand pact outlawing war, declared in a formal statement that no country can hope to remain at peace except by "vigorous and adequate preparation for self-defense."

Stating that the pact was signed "to spare the human race the untold suffering and indescribable tragedy we are witnessing today", Mr. Hull said its underlying principles has in no way been impaired by what has taken place since its adoption. He expressed confidence that these "same bases of civilized existence"—renouncing war as an instrument of national policy and settling disputes by pacific means—will become firmly established as an "unshakable foundation of international relations."

The text of Mr. Hull's statement follows:

Twelve years ago today there was signed a solemn treaty outlawing war, to which this country and 60 other countries gave their unqualified adherence. In Article I of that treaty the high contracting parties renounced war as an instrument of national policy in their relations with one another. In Article II the high contracting parties agreed that "the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts, of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them, shall never be sought except by pacific means."

In exchanges of views preceding and accompanying the ratification of that treaty, it was accepted as a part of the general understanding that the right of self-defense is implicit in sovereignty and remains with each and all of the signatory and adhering States.

In recent years the renunciation made in Article I of the Kellogg-Briand Pact has been disregarded by some of the signatories; and the pledge given in Article 2 of that treaty has been violated by those signatories. Several nations have sent their armed forces into and against other countries.

In consequence, destruction of life and of property, of material values and of spiritual values—destruction on a vast scale—not alone in the countries invaded but also in the countries whose armies are the invaders, is going on in various parts of the world.

Some of the invaded nations have been destroyed, some are fighting desperately in self-defense, and every other country, perceiving the manner in which activities of conquest spread and become enlarged as operations of conquest proceed, finds itself forced to arm as speedily as possible and to the utmost of its capacity in preparation for self-defense—toward preserving its own security by preventing war from reaching and crossing its boundaries.

Today no country and no individual is secure against the destructive effects of the existing armed conflicts. No human being anywhere can be sure that he or she will be allowed for long to live in peace. Only by vigorous and adequate preparation for self-defense can any country, including our own, hope to remain at peace.

It was to spare the human race the untold suffering and indescribable tragedy of the kind we are witnessing today that the Kellogg-Briand pact was signed. The soundness of its underlying principles has in no way been impaired by what has taken place since then.

Sooner or later they must prevail as an unshakable foundation of international relations unless war with its horrors and ravages is to become the normal state of the world and mankind is to relapse into the chaos of barbarism. And I am certain that there are in the human race resources of mind and of spirit sufficient to insure that these sane bases of civilized existence will become firmly established.

Hemispheric Defense Plans Cannot Be Completed Too Soon, Says Secretary Hull

Full and adequate preparations for hemispheric defense cannot be completed too soon, Secretary of State Hull declared on Aug. 24 upon his return to Washington following a three weeks vacation at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Mr. Hull issued his statement, it is understood, incident to the Joint Canadian-United States Defense Pact concluded last week; this was reported in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1067. His statement follows:

I feel constrained to reemphasize the view expressed upon my return from the Havana conference, that the possibilities of danger to the American republics are real; that a threat to any important part of the Americas means a threat to each and all of the American Nations.

The conclusion is therefore inescapable that full and adequate preparations for hemispheric defense cannot be completed too soon. I desire again to appeal for the fullest possible measure of unity on the part of our people in support of such program of defense and of related foreign policies.

Mr. Hull's statement issued upon his return from the Havana conference was given in our issue of Aug. 10, page 788.

SEC Asks Stock Exchanges Outside New York City for Views on Effects of New York Stock Exchange Ruling on Multiple Trading

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Aug. 29 made public a letter addressed to the Presidents of all Stock Exchanges outside New York City, inviting their views on the effects of the ruling of the Committee on Member Firms of the New York Stock Exchange, dated July 12, 1940, relating to multiple trading. Many of these Exchanges according to the SEC have protested to the Commission against this ruling, which is scheduled to become effective Sept. 1, 1940.

The ruling says the Commission would prevent any member of the New York Stock Exchange from acting as an odd-lot dealer or specialist or otherwise publicly dealing, either alone or through a joint account, on any regional exchange in any security which is also traded on the New York Stock Exchange. This ruling was given in our issue of July 13, page 177. The SEC announcement further said:

Trading in securities dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange represents a substantial part of the business of the principal regional exchanges. Representatives of some of these exchanges have advised the Commission that the ruling may severely impair the ability of the regional exchanges to handle trading in these securities. The claim has also been made that indirectly the ruling may adversely affect the ability of the regional exchanges to afford a market for local securities.

The Commission is now engaged in a study of the problems involved in the relationship between competitive markets. In this connection, the Commission is particularly interested in the ruling regarding multiple trading and commenced an informal inquiry into its possible effects.

On Aug. 22, the Commission requested the New York Stock Exchange to postpone the effective date of the ruling for 60 days pending completion of

its study. The Exchange did not postpone the effective date of the ruling, but on Aug. 28 advised the Commission that the Committee on Member Firms would continue the policy of granting to any member firm having a "legitimate reason" for postponement, extensions of time necessary "to prevent undue hardship."

SEC Issues Statement of Policy on 20-Day Waiting Period Incident of Registration of New Security Offerings Under Securities Act of 1933

The Securities and Exchange Commission announced on Aug. 23 the general policy which it proposes to follow under the discretionary authority given it by the amended Section 8 (a) of the Securities Act of 1933, which became effective with the signing of the "Investment Company Act of 1940." The signing of this bill was reported in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1072 and his statement with respect thereto is given elsewhere in these columns today.

Heretofore, the Securities Act had provided, in effect, that no registration statement, except for certain foreign governmental issues, could become effective until 20 days after its filing. In indicating this the Commission on Aug. 23 said.

The amended section now provides that the effective date of the registration statement shall be the 20th day after the filing thereof or such earlier date as the Commission may determine, but requires the Commission to give due regard to the adequacy of information concerning the issuer which has previously been made available to the general public, the ease with which the nature of the securities to be registered, their relationship to the capital structure of the issuer and the rights of the holders thereof can be understood, and to the public interest and the protection of investors.

The text of the Commission's statement of policy follows:

The Congress having amended Section 8 (a) of the Securities Act of 1933 to confer upon the Commission discretion to accelerate the effective date of registration statements filed under the Securities Act of 1933, the Commission declares that, pursuant to such discretionary authority, it will be the general policy of the Commission to accelerate the effective date of registration statements filed under the Securities Act of 1933 in accordance with the following procedure:

In determining the date on which a registration statement shall become effective, the Commission will consider, having due regard to the public interest and the protection of investors.

(a) The adequacy of the disclosure and compliance with the requirements of the Act, and compliance with the applicable form and instruction book and rules pertaining thereto at the time the registration statement is initially filed;

(b) The advisability of permitting the acceleration of material amendments filed after the initial filing date; and

(c) The character and date of information previously or concurrently filed under any Act administered by the SEC or by any other Federal agency or which is generally available to the public.

It is expected that examination by the Commission of registration statements and amendments (if any) which have been prepared with due regard to the matters set forth in (a) above, will ordinarily be completed within a few days after the filing date, so that as soon as an appropriate amendment correcting the deficiencies, if any, and an amendment setting forth the price, if the price and terms of offering were not set forth in the statement as initially filed, (or matters relating to price such as redemption or sinking fund, call prices, conversion prices or such other matters relative to price or terms of offering as the Commission may by rules and regulations determine) are filed, the Commission will, subject to the above statement of policy and the requirements of the Act, consent to the filing of the amendments and declare the statement effective as soon as practicable.

The requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 have materially increased the examination work of the Registration Division of the Commission with respect to registration statements of securities to be issued under indentures which must be qualified under that Act. It will further the effectuation of the above policy if drafts of such indentures are submitted in reasonably final form for consideration and discussion with the staff as far as possible in advance of the actual filing of the registration statement.

The Registration Division of the Commission has, in the past, made its services available to proposed issuers of securities and their counsel and accountants in order to give them advice with respect to questions which might arise in connection with the preparation of registration statements. The Commission will continue this service insofar as possible and will endeavor to assist proposed registrants, in advance of filing, in the solution of specific technical questions which may arise.

It will be the Commission's policy to cooperate with registrants in order that the effectiveness of registration statements filed under the Securities Act may be expedited as much as possible consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors.

For additional guidance, consultation with the Commission at or before the time of filing may enable the Commission, whenever possible, to indicate the approximate date on which registration may become effective.

Amendment to Securities Act Not Regarded by I. B. A. as Complete Solution of Waiting Period Problem—Will Seek Further Changes

Emmett F. Connelly, President of the Investment Bankers Association of America, sent to members, on Aug. 23, a letter bearing on the passage by Congress and the approval by President Roosevelt (on Aug. 23) of the amendment to the Securities Act of 1933, which Mr. Connelly points out gives to the Securities and Exchange Commission "authority to accelerate the effective date of registration statements of issuers concerning whose affairs adequate information has already been made available to the public." In his letter Mr. Connelly reviews the course pursued by the Association in endeavoring to bring about improvements in the Securities Acts, and refers to its cooperation in congressional moves toward that end. With respect to the provision in the bill just signed by the President giving the SEC discretionary authority to shorten the 20-day waiting period between the registration of securities and their offering to the public, Mr. Connelly states that the amendment, "although helpful, is not a complete solution of the problem of the waiting period." He adds that the Association hence reserves "complete freedom of action to propose

to Congress in January that further changes be made. In his letter Mr. Connelly says, in part:

We have had a committee working on Securities Acts changes for nearly two years. It has been representative of all the various elements in the business interested in this subject. It has been working actively to bring about improvements in these Acts.

During the early part of the present session of Congress the subject was discussed at various times and at considerable length with many members of Congress in both houses and in both parties, and as the session progressed it was evident that interest in this subject was steadily growing in congressional circles. The Association has always taken the position that this question was entirely nonpartisan, that it involved practical questions of no interest from a partisan standpoint, and that consideration should be given by Congress solely on this basis.

During the spring Senator Prentiss Brown (Democrat) of Michigan, an influential member of the Banking and Currency Committee, became interested in the matter, and after a number of conferences with us introduced a bill containing many changes in the 1933 Act, with which the Association was in entire accord. This bill was referred to the Senate Banking and Currency Committee. To the best of our knowledge no further action has been taken on it.

A few weeks later Representative Clarence F. Lea (Democrat) of California, Chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, introduced a similar bill in the House, which was referred to his committee. This committee is one of the most powerful in Congress, and Mr. Lea is one of the most influential members of the House. This proposed legislation is now frequently referred to in the press as the Brown-Lea bill. Mr. Lea arranged for hearings and asked this Association and other interested organizations to testify on the general subject of the Securities Acts. Prior to the date of the hearing, however, arrangements were made with the Securities and Exchange Commission that a study be made over the next few months in conference between the Commission and the Investment Bankers Association, together with other interested associations, with a view to making a comprehensive report to Congress in January on the entire subject.

We agreed to this procedure with the reservation that we would be free to continue to discuss these Acts publicly as well as privately, and at the time of the Commission's report to Congress we would be entirely free to agree or disagree with its conclusions of the conference and, in case of disagreement, to present our own views to Congress. We believe this is a practical and sensible way of approaching the whole subject, and these conferences have already started.

As a result of the early discussions, the 20-day waiting period came up as a pressing problem. We, therefore, agreed on presenting to Congress the amendment which has just become law.

We believe that the present amendment, although helpful, is not a complete solution of the problem of the waiting period. We have therefore, reserved complete freedom of action to propose to Congress in January that further changes be made in this section as well as in other sections of the Act.

It is important to note that this is the first time since the amendments in 1934 that any important change has been made in the Securities Act. That the SEC has been willing to recommend the enactment of an important change in the Act and that Congress has passed it and that they are willing to consider further amendments, seems to us a large step forward.

The announced policy of the SEC on the waiting period, made known this week, and President Roosevelt's statement with the signing of the bill, which is also designed to regulate the investment trust industry, are noted elsewhere in these columns today.

NLRB Member Criticizes Board's Administration— Dr. W. L. Leiserson Says It Is Overweighted [with Lawyers—Declares Board Members Misconceive Purpose of Law

The National Labor Relations Board is overweighted with lawyers and has shown a record of "poor administration," Dr. W. L. Leiserson, NLRB member, indicated as saying in a letter to Professor John R. Commons of the University of Wisconsin. The letter is reported to have appeared in the record of the House Committee investigating the Board, and was made public Aug. 21, it is learned from the New York "Times." According to that paper Dr. Leiserson said that the Board and its legal staff cannot "grasp the idea" that Congress created the NLRB merely as an investigatory and fact-finding agency, but that they believe the Board has prosecuting and judicial powers. A Washington dispatch of Aug. 21 to the "Times" quoted from the letter as follows:

Dr. Leiserson, who told Professor Commons, his old teacher, that there was nothing wrong with the act itself, also predicted that the strictly legal approach to the Board's functions envisaged a problem more far reaching than the NLRB itself, and in fact that it threatened "the whole idea of scientific investigation and administrative control as it was thought out and worked out in Wisconsin years ago.

[Fears "New Technical Law"

In conclusion Dr. Leiserson maintained that before long there would be an association of practitioners before the NLRB, "to whose members both employers and unions will be forced to go to get the benefits of the act because no layman could understand the legal practices and procedures."

"This is the trend here now at Washington, and it threatens, I think, to develop a new body of technical law just as ill-adapted to dealing with modern problems as the common law and the equity law now are," the letter continued. "The Walter-Logan bill, which has passed one House of the Congress, is really a step in this direction."

After pointing out that the NLRB has 900 employees scattered over the country, Dr. Leiserson related that the management of such an organization was "a job all by itself, requiring technical knowledge of management organization and administration."

"There is no one here in a responsible position who has any such technical training or knowledge," he said. "The result is that we really have no organization to manage our staff at all. There is lacking anything like an efficient system of directing or supervising the work of our large and scattered staff. Out of the total of 900 employees just about 38% are lawyers, but the total includes a large clerical staff, messengers, janitors, &c. If we leave these out something like 60 or 70% of the professional staff is made up of lawyers.

"We handle about 10,000 cases a year and this is really a mass production problem. The lawyers who control the administrative work of the Board,

as well as the legal department have no conception of how to handle the mass-production job. Their method is to assign cases to individuals and leave each one to his own devices."

Cites "Basic Misconception"

Referring to the Smith committee's recommendations to separate "the so-called prosecution from the judicial functions of the Board," the writer said this proposal made plain the basic misconception regarding the Board's work "for, as a matter of fact, we have neither prosecuting nor judicial powers."

The Board, he added, was really a branch of the Congress for investigation and fact finding similar to the Interstate Commerce Commission or the Wisconsin Industrial Commission.

After saying that Congress had merely adopted a labor policy for industry in interstate commerce which changed the policy of the last century, Dr. Leiserson asserted that Congress knew it could not make the old policy a crime, but that instead it sought to have the Board ascertain whether industry was following the old practices, with power to order cessation of those practices and to pursue the new practice of collective bargaining with free organizations of employees.

Six Changes in Pending Excess Profits Tax Recommended by Tax Group of National Association of Credit Men

Six recommendations designed to reduce possible complications and hardships arising from the proposed excess profits tax were presented by the Committee on Taxation of the National Association of Credit Men in a statement released on Aug. 23 which also advocates a more deliberate approach to the problem of excess profits taxation and favors separate consideration of the amortization provisions of the present bill. Pointing out that, even with the points suggested, the excess profits tax is likely to produce many difficulties and hardships, the committee asks for the following specific changes:

1. Change the base period to be used in determining average earnings from the present proposal of the years 1936-39, inclusive, to any three of those four years. The proposed three-year base period would tend to eliminate abnormalities which will exist if the average of the four years must be used.

2. Permit corporations to file consolidated returns. Unless the filing of consolidated returns is permitted substantial inequities will result in the reflection of true income and true invested capital.

3. Eliminate stock dividends in the computation of equity invested capital. Stock dividends paid by a corporation do not add to or detract from the amount of money that the shareholders have invested in the business. The increase in the capital stock account is offset by a like decrease in the surplus account, resulting in no change in invested capital.

4. In connection with the determination of "borrowed invested capital," permit the taxpayer to use an average of the capital borrowed during the taxable year. This could be accomplished by totaling the amount of borrowed capital at the end of each month of the year and dividing the total by 12.

This is suggested because of the established practice of many firms of reducing their borrowed capital at the end of the calendar year. If the amount of borrowed capital should be computed as of that time, substantial inequity might result which would be eliminated by striking an average for the year.

5. Make the excess profits tax applicable to 1941 instead of 1940. The amount of excess profits whose recapture is sought in the proposed legislation during the current year is likely to be small compared to the advantage of permitting corporations to adjust themselves to the new tax by extending its date of application to next year.

6. The committee does not oppose the alternative methods of arriving at the exemptions from the excess profits tax which are proposed in the subcommittee report, but does suggest the consideration of some effective relief provision in the legislation which would prevent the operation of the tax from working any unnecessary hardships against any company, large or small.

It is specifically suggested that the law contain a provision that, in cases where because of present deficiencies in average earnings or invested capital, or because of other abnormal conditions affecting capital and income, a hardship is worked on the taxpayer as a result of the excess profits tax, the income of such taxpayer should be subject to an excess profits tax which bears the same ratio to its net income as the average tax of representative corporations engaged in a like or similar trade or business bears to their net income.

With the addition of this relief provision the law would contain three bases to be employed in arriving at the tax: (1) invested capital, (2) average earnings, and (3) the special relief provision.

Because of the limited time available to study the report—since only five days were available between the publication of the House subcommittee report and the conclusion of the hearings before the joint congressional committee—the committee states that it is forced to restrict its comments to certain suggestions which appear to be necessary to prevent the proposed tax from operating in a manner detrimental to sound credit conditions. The committee points out that there may be other aspects of the tax which may adversely affect credit conditions. It intends, therefore, to observe carefully the actual operation of the tax in that regard and be prepared later to submit to the Congress further information derived from such observations. In its special statement the Credit Association's group observes, in regard to the need of the proposed legislation:

That "the annual revenue which will be derived from the proposed excess profits tax is likely to be much less than the estimated \$300,000,000 which is generally supposed to be the expected annual revenue. Much greater revenue could obviously be raised more easily through other means of taxation which would be less productive of the difficulties and inequities which will probably result from the proposed excess profits tax.

The revenue-producing aspect of the tax appears, therefore, to be relatively unimportant and the legislation must be regarded from the standpoint of its primary purpose—to recapture undue profits which companies may earn as a result of participation in the defense program.

The proposed legislation may accomplish that obviously desirable purpose to some extent, but it may fairly be asked whether, in doing so,

it will not operate to the detriment of many companies whose activities are not related in any way to the defense program.

The committee believes that a more selective form of taxation so designed as to recapture excess profits realized by companies producing materials for the defense program would more effectively attain the desirable objectives of the proposed legislation and would, at the same time, not cause difficulties and probably hardships for other companies.

The committee believes, after a review of conditions that existed under former excess profits tax laws, that it is virtually impossible to have an equitable excess profits tax, and feels that this form of tax legislation should not be enacted. The inherent complications and inelasticity of an excess profits tax, and the high rates of such a tax, inevitably result in inequities and frequently cause serious injury to many types of business organizations.

In its conclusion the Association's Taxation Committee states that it "clearly recognizes the necessity of preventing profiteering in connection with the operation of the Government's defense program. It is forced to the conclusion, however, that the effect of the proposed tax in that direction may prove to be secondary to the unfortunate results which may follow the operation of the tax. Avoidance of those difficulties would necessitate a more deliberate approach to the problem of taxing excess profits." The members of the Association's Committee on Taxation are:

John L. Redmond (member ex-officio), Vice-President Crompton-Richmond Co., Inc., New York, and President National Association of Credit Men.

Bryant Essick, Essick Machinery Co., Los Angeles.

H. E. Kay, The Teachout Co., Cleveland.

H. J. Miller, San Juan Fishing & Packing Co., Seattle.

S. Graham Nelson, Wolf & Co., Chicago.

Thomas W. Peck, Kalamazoo Vegetable Co., Kalamazoo.

Paul A. Pflueger, Max I. Koshland & Co., San Francisco.

Andrew B. Trudgian, S. D. Liedesdorf & Co., New York.

F. S. Walden, Strevell-Paterson Hardware Co., Salt Lake City.

Conference on Industry and National Defense Held in New York Under Auspices of Tax Foundation, Inc.—Views on Pending Tax Profits and Plant Amortization Legislation

Brief reference was made in our issue of a week ago (page 1076) to the conference on industry and National defense held in New York City on Aug. 15 under the auspices of the Tax Foundation, Inc. At the conference more than 200 businessmen from all parts of the country heard economists, tax and fiscal experts and industrial leaders clarify industry's position in regard to the pending excess profits and plant amortization legislation. Advice to this effect received from Lewis H. Brown, chairman of the Foundation, and President of the Johns-Manville Corp. also indicate that the morning session of the conference was devoted primarily to tax problems, while the principal subject considered at the afternoon session was the recovery of costs.

Mr. Brown also says:

In the open discussion which followed the speeches and which required a large part of the afternoon session, it developed that it was the sense of the meeting that certain special points should represent the views of the taxpayers and industry in connection with the board problem. There were:

1. That adequate public hearings before the Senate Finance Committee were necessary since few people were familiar with the bill. This is especially important since the text of the bill was not available when hearings were held before the Ways and Means Committee. It was through that businessmen should write the Senate Finance Committee and ask for a hearing.
2. That the amortization provisions should be separated from the excess profits provisions and that these two items should be embodied in separate bills, with correlative repeal of the Vinson-Trammell Act.
3. That the right to file consolidated returns should be restored.
4. That adequate provision should be made in the administration of the law for special relief in exceptional and non-uniform cases.
5. That insufficient time was being allowed for the drafting of a proper excess profits tax bill which would remove inequities of administration. The separation of the amortization provisions would clear the immediate log jam in the National Defense Program and allow necessary time to study the question and prepare an adequate bill.

Those who attended arrived at the conclusion that it was vitally necessary for businessmen to make their views known to their members of Congress if they wished these points to be included in the pending legislation.

The subjects discussed at the conference and the speakers were:

1. Clarifying the National Defense Problem (Lewis H. Brown).
2. Review of Washington Developments (Ellsworth C. Alvord).
3. Emergency Taxation and the National Economy (Alfred G. Buehler).
4. Appropriate Yardsticks for Determining Normal Profits (F. P. Byerly).
5. Administrative Problems of an Excess Profits Tax (Robert N. Miller).
6. Industry's Responsibility and the National Defense Program (Philip D. Reed).
7. Recovery of Costs—
 - a. Principles and Methods (L. C. Weiss).
 - b. Administrative Problems Under Prior Laws and New Proposals (L. H. Parker).
8. Discussion

The discussion leaders were Henry Fernald, George Houston, P. W. Haberman, and E. V. O'Daniel.

From the summary of the proceedings we quote in part:

At both sessions of the conference speakers and discussion leaders stressed the challenge presented by the national defense program. It is highly desirable that the requirements of the Government should be fulfilled within the framework of the enterprise system. Unless the issues that develop and that must be solved by business and Government acting jointly are faced squarely, there will be danger of substitution of governmental fiat for the forces of private industry. It was stressed by one speaker that the objective should be to have our industrial machine in as good a shape at the end of the emergency as at the beginning.

The profit incentive which serves as a motivating factor for the enterprise system should not be destroyed. In the last analysis, industry must provide the expanding national income out of which the huge defense bill must be paid. The co-ordination and integration of all fiscal programs—Federal, State and local—is a necessary step in the attainment of the national defense objectives. Both financing and production must be approached in a cooperative spirit.

The view was expressed that the national defense program affords an opportunity for industry to demonstrate the national worth of the private enterprise system. In the face of the trend towards totalitarianism now in evidence throughout the world, this opportunity should be availed of to the fullest degree. With the cooperation of Government, industry may be expected to turn in an excellent performance.

The discussion of the excess profits tax and amortization measures that will soon be introduced in the Congress brought out an almost complete unanimity of opinion to the effect that the two items—excess profits taxes and amortization—should be taken up in separate bills. The view was expressed that inadequate time was being given to the drafting of the tax bill and that the time made available for public hearings was inadequate, particularly if the Senate Finance Committee does not hold separate hearings. It was believed by some of the experts in attendance that it would take from two to three months to draft an excess profits tax bill that would be generally approved as equitable. The amortization provisions, on the other hand, should be settled now, in order that the conditions governing the recovery of costs of new plants might be definitely established in advance.

It was emphasized that the amortization problem differs in important respects from that of excess profits taxation. The amortization provisions would apply only to those companies which will expand their facilities in order to complete defense contracts, and perhaps also to some sub-contractors and suppliers of materials. The excess profits tax measure, however, would affect all business irrespective of defense contracts. It was felt to be both practicable and fair that the amortization question should be decided immediately in order to expedite the defense program. The requirement that the excess profits tax be highly equitable, however, more than offsets whatever apparent advantages might seem to follow immediate enactment of a tax law.

With reference to excess profits taxation, it was emphasized that businessmen now, as in the World War period, have no desire to profiteer at the expense of the Nation. In the words of one speaker: "All that business seeks in the way of compensation is the minimum of return which will produce the maximum effective functioning of the enterprise system." Industry accepts the necessity of an excess profits tax, even though it acts as a deterrent to full business recovery. This acceptance, however, is predicated upon a careful and deliberate drafting of the tax provisions. A hastily drafted law may destroy the profit incentive and with it the efficiency of the enterprise system.

In the discussion of appropriate yardsticks for determining normal profits and administrative problems of an excess profits tax, attention was directed towards those aspects which determine whether the operation of an act is satisfactory from the standpoint of both Government and industry.

One of the subjects that received a great deal of attention throughout the day was the necessity of consolidated returns. The necessity of consolidated returns had been recognized by the administrators of the Revenue Act of 1917, even though no such provision had been contained in the law. The current proposal is defective in that no mention is made of the necessity of consolidated returns. Unless consolidated returns are required or are permissible, there will be duplications of invested capital, taxation of net profits at a rate of 100% or more may be possible in some cases, and the end result may be a reorganization of corporate structures.

Other difficulties of the current proposal were examined. One is the lack of provision for the earnings of predecessor companies.

The difficulties in drafting an excess profits law are further accentuated by the difficulties attending the administration of the Act. In the consideration of the administrative difficulties of an excess profits tax, emphasis was placed on two important elements. They are the effect of any high-rate tax law and the need for special relief provisions.

The impossibility of drafting an ideal law to cover all cases and all abnormalities makes it imperative that sufficient discretionary authority be vested in the administrators to dispose of cases by negotiation with taxpayers.

In general, it was felt that careful deliberation is a prerequisite to the enactment of an excess-profits tax. Public hearings and more adequate time are needed in order to eliminate the inequities of administration. The restoration of the right to file consolidated returns and the inclusion of adequate provision for special relief were considered essential parts of an equitable tax law. Regardless of the legislation that is adopted, the prime consideration should be the attainment of the national defense objectives. Success depends upon the maintenance of the profit incentive as the motivating force. If the amortization question, the problems that are inherent in an excess profits tax, and other problems can be solved in a cooperative spirit by business and Government, and the green light is given to industry, the success of the defense program is insured.

Smith Amendments to National Labor Relations Act Opposed by Economists and Political Scientists—Viewed as Dangerous in Time of National Defense

Contending that the Smith Amendments to the National Labor Relations Act are particularly dangerous in a time of national defense, and holding that the bill now pending before the Senate is intended to emasculate the Act, 709 economists and political scientists on Aug. 29 released a letter addressed to Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor.

"In the form in which the Smith amendments passed the House," the economists hold, "the subtle phrasings of corporation lawyers have been substituted for more forthright attempts to void the main provisions of the Act. The administration of the Act is to be divided. The Board is to exercise limited judicial functions, and a new Administrator, to be appointed by the President to serve without term of office, is to be created to act as sole complainant and prosecutor. If this Administrator, yielding to existing pressures, feels indisposed to enforce the law, recalcitrant employers will need to worry little concerning prosecution for unfair labor practices." In voicing their objections the economists further stated:

Another provision rendering the Act ineffective is that compelling the Board to take a separate ballot of each "craft" (whatever that may be), before designating an appropriate bargaining unit. If through this method

the growth of industrial unions can be checked and election machinery snarled, collective bargaining may easily be rendered ineffective in basic industry.

The Smith Amendments, moreover, would fasten upon the Act the old common law, jury-trial rules of evidence, would empower Circuit Courts further to review the Board's findings of fact regarding unfair labor practices, and would even provide court review of elections held by the Board. These cases would be dragged out interminably. At the same time, workers would have a new time-limit of six months set against them for filing complaints, and would have awards for back pay limited to a maximum of one year.

Added together, the divided responsibility, the added court interferences and delays and the other obstacles to effective operation, serve not as improvements to the present Act, but as a method of rendering it unworkable.

In criticizing these amendments, we do not contend that the present statute is perfect in every detail or that the Board and its subordinate agencies have always been infallibly circumspect in its administration. We do contend that the Board has an admirable record, as shown by the excellent standing of its cases before the Supreme Court, that the positive accomplishments of the law are very great, and that the proposed amendments are destructive. If adopted, we believe that they would serve to disrupt sound industrial relations for years to come.

Among those signing the letter addressed to Senator Thomas are professors in various American universities and colleges, including Columbia, Dartmouth, Hunter, Swarthmore, New York University, Amherst, Wells, Cornell, Vassar, etc.

National Security Trades Association Concludes Three-Day Convention in Detroit—Organization Prepared to Serve Government in Emergency, Says President Jones—Comments of J. W. Kress on Municipal Investments—Other Addresses—T. A. Akin Elected New President

Discussion of opportunities for the 2,200 members of the National Security Trades Association to gear their efforts in with the national defense program and changing economic trends, held the forefront of the Aug. 27 Annual Convention of the Association at the Hotel Statler in Detroit. With President Edward D. Jones of St. Louis in the chair, recent Federal legislation was discussed from the viewpoint of the security trader, with particular reference to the part the over-the-counter securities market can play in the national rearmament program. Active in the discussion was Frank P. Meyer, Vice-President of the First of Michigan Corp., Willis M. Summers of Hoit, Rose & Troster, New York, Chester E. DeWillers, Charles King & Co., New York.

Action to liberalize trading in high class bank, insurance and similar stocks was urged by Willis M. Summers, Chairman of the Association's Legislative Committee at the National Committeeman's session on Aug. 27. Pointing out how present Federal legislation prohibits the extension of credit, or margin sales, in transactions involving stocks of banks and insurance companies with long records of satisfactory earnings and management, Mr. Summers recommended that the Association go on record and ask national legislators to so amend the Securities Act of 1934 as to extend to high class stocks of strong companies, under adequate regulations, the same privileges in over-the-counter trading as now are enjoyed by those stocks listed on accredited exchanges, namely the privilege of purchase on credit, or margin. Mr. Summers added:

It appears inequitable that credit can be extended by brokers and dealers on a security due to the fact that it is listed on a registered exchange whereas securities of banks, insurance companies and industrial companies with long dividend records and good marketability do not enjoy this privilege.

Citing his own institution's favorable experience through investment in municipal bonds, John W. Kress, Assistant Vice President of the Howard Savings Institution, Newark, N. J., on Aug. 26 told the 400 delegates to the Convention that the determined efforts put forward to put the finances of New Jersey municipal bodies in order had brought rich rewards, which without doubt have been duplicated in other States. Mr. Kress continued:

An aroused public opinion can make for efficiency in government and proper management by public officials. Properly administered taxpayers' money can be used wisely so as to render the best service to the community.

If the taxes are insufficient to carry the cost of government, these public officials have the power to increase tax, cost and those additional taxes constitute a first lien on the taxpayers property.

If government securities are considered the safest type of investment, because they represent an obligation of all the people and the nation's resources, is there any reason why the same cannot be said for municipals so long as proper judgment is used at the time of their purchase, and proper attention given afterwards.

Emphasizing the part that the National Security Trades Association plays in the municipal field, Edward D. Jones, of St. Louis, President of the Association told the delegates at the morning session on Aug. 26 that, "the financing of municipalities, governments, corporations, public utilities and railroads will have to be accomplished in the old fashioned way, and there are but two avenues of approach to this problem. The first is taxation. The second is that of selling securities." Mr. Jones pointed out that the Association is an organization of 2,500 members that covers practically every security market in the United States. Continuing he said "we stand ready and are prepared to offer our services to the Government in an emergency. Our members and our 22 affiliates are ready to carry out a financial program with speed and dispatch."

Emphasizing that American National defense must begin in the hearts of the American people, R. E. Carpenter,

Executive Vice-President, of the Spicer Mfg. Corp., Toledo, told the delegates on Aug. 28, that our present national defense is a defense of our traditional homeland, and that we will achieve adequate national defense only to the degree that appropriations are converted into materials.

Mr. Carpenter said:

"We must face the fact that we are calling on industry for a stupendous task. It is for Congress to define the area which the United States must protect in order to defend its national interests. It is for the military authorities to determine the strategies, the man power, the land, sea and air bases, the equipment desired."

Mr. Carpenter then pointed out that as American manufacturers have excelled the world in mass production for peace, they also can surpass the world in its use for defense. He asserted that there has been an undermining of our system of individual business enterprise and initiative by the introduction of new economic philosophies and experiments—the substitution of the doctrine of tax and spend for that of encouragement of investment in, and expansion of, job-giving enterprise. He commented:

The 40-hour law, contrary to the intentions of its sponsors, means now in effect a five-day week, and limits our capacity to work. It was originally intended to proportionately decrease unemployment where constant production required corresponding working hours and so an automatic increase in employment. Nevertheless, the total number of unemployed and partially employed do not make up the needed labor reserve, nor are they readily employable in these new jobs, as was first thought.

We must face the fact that if we are to continue to enjoy the highest standard of living and the greatest individual freedom ever enjoyed by any people under any form of government, we must all of us be prepared to make sacrifices. Defense appropriations will cost staggering sums of money. They will demand the utmost thrift on the part of individuals, and necessitate strict economy on the part of the government in the expenditures for purposes other than national defense. We must rearm ourselves, spiritually and mentally.

Also a feature of the closing session on Aug. 28 the three-day convention was an address by Henry T. Bodman, Jr., Assistant Vice-President of the National Bank of Detroit. Mr. Bodman speaking on the subject, "Why the Increasing Popularity of Common Stock Investments for Trust Funds," cited certain studies that have been made of the investments of universities, foundation and charitable institutions to show the increasing investment of such funds in common stocks.

At the final morning session on Aug. 28, Thomas A. Akin, of Akin-Lambert & Co., Los Angeles was elected President of the Association for the coming year, succeeding, Mr. Jones. Other officers elected were: First Vice-President, Edward, E. Parsons, Jr., of William J. Mericka & Co., Inc., Cleveland; Second Vice-President, Chester E. DeWillers, of Charles King & Co., New York; Secretary Edward H. Welch, of McGuire, Welch & Co., Chicago; and Treasurer R. Jeremy Glas, of Hyams, Glas & Carothers, New Orleans.

The National Committee of the National Security Trades Association on Aug. 28 adopted a resolution favoring extension of collateral privileges to securities traded over-the-counter as being in the public interest. A committee is to be appointed to endeavor to bring about such amendments to the securities Act of 1933 and the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 as are necessary to effect such liberalization of collateral privileges. The committee will, it is believed, endeavor to enlist the support and assistance of the Investment Bankers Association and the National Association of Security Dealers to urge upon Congress the advisability of according to high grade over-the-counter securities the same collateral privileges as are accorded to securities listed on registered stock exchanges.

New Orleans today was selected as the Convention city for the 1941 Convention of the National Security Trades Association, at the closing session of the Detroit meeting.

E. A. Pierce Addresses Rotary Club of Chicago on "American People's Stake in Securities Market"

E. A. Pierce, partner of Merrill Lynch, E. A. Pierce & Cassatt, largest investment and brokerage organization of its kind, in addressing members of the Rotary Club of Chicago on Aug. 27 on "The American People's Stake in the Securities Market," declared that those in the securities field "have a genuine responsibility to the third of our people who have been getting the hardest knocks." "We should," he said, "be honest enough to admit that whatever we can do to improve the status of this segment of our population will be frankly good business."

Mr. Pierce went on to say that "it is this third of our people who constitute the greatest potential market for the nation's mass consumption goods. Whatever improves their ability to consume, and thus their standard of living, also improves the market for the goods that business produces and distributes and thereby the value of the securities invested in such enterprise."

Discussing the New York Stock Exchange, Mr. Pierce continued:

It is a deplorable but undeniable fact that it is the least understood and most ill-judged institution among the organizations of national importance in this country; it is a pitifully ironical fact that fundamentally the feature for which it generally is blamed doesn't exist, and that the feature for which it should be criticized does exist. Members have not generally recognized that the Exchange, in a sense, was public utility which, in the long run, could prosper only as it stood responsive to the public's needs and reactions. Only recently, in fact, has the Exchange demonstrated any recognition of the need of selling itself to the public.

He declared that in recent years, however, a profound change has come over the Exchange officials and members. Speaking along the times of a recent address in Detroit Mr. Pierce enumerated three things that have contributed to it.

First, there has been a growing realization, he said, on the part of business and Government that they must compose their differences on the basis of less mutual distrust and more team-work in the direction of recovery. "We've got to get the knocks out of the economic machine. We haven't yet fully grasped the import of what is going on but an increasing number are coming to see that it is in the enlightened self-interest of every one of us business men to take the public more into our confidence."

Second contributing factor has been the "exposure of the imported political termites that were gnawing away at our foundations, and the realization that some of our people are being 'used'."

The third factor is one that has always been present, he said, but has been a long time forgotten. It is the fact that at least two-thirds of our people have continued to enjoy, even during the depression, the highest standard of living the world has ever known. Added to this, Mr. Pierce said, is the fact that "at least two out of every three have an actual stake, direct or indirect, in our system and the other third have a chance to get one." Half of this two-thirds, he added, have a direct stake in the securities markets. Between 6 and 10 million Americans own bonds and between 9 and 11 million own stocks.

Discussing national securities legislation, Mr. Pierce said that "the provisions of the Act and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission have definitely contributed to the protection of the customer's interest. Pool operations have been outlawed. Professional and manipulative practices employed to induce the public to buy at artificially high prices by making stocks active have been eliminated."

The earlier address of Mr. Pierce was referred to in our Aug. 10 issue, page 784.

New York State Federation of Labor Demands "Prevailing Wages" on Defense Projects—Convention Endorses Third Term for President Roosevelt—William Green Offers to Discuss Peace with CIO

The New York State Federation of Labor, at its annual convention in Niagara Falls on Aug. 22, followed a unanimous indorsement of the candidacy of President Roosevelt for a third term by adoption of a resolution urging the payment of "prevailing wages" in national defense projects. The resolution directed the Executive Committee to press for passage of a Federal law requiring all contracts of appropriations to contain clauses stipulating that prevailing wages and hours be maintained. Many of the delegates who expressed opposition to the other resolution, endorsing President Roosevelt's candidacy, remained silent when the voice vote was conducted. Proceedings at the final session on Aug. 22 were described in part as follows in United Press advices of that date from Niagara Falls:

The convention also adopted resolutions advocating extension of the five-day 30-hour week in industry, demanding payment of wages in cash rather than by check and seeking increases in benefits to widows and dependents under the workmen's compensation law.

A resolution calling for revision of the State Unemployment Insurance plan to increase benefits and shorten the waiting period was referred to the Executive Committee.

The State Federation also approved the stand of its parent body, the American Federation of Labor, against the Burke-Wadsworth Compulsory Military Training bill. William Green, President told the convention the A. F. of L. favored an amendment giving the principle of voluntary enlistments a longer chance.

William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, addressing the convention on Aug. 20, said that the Federation is ready "to meet any time and any place" a committee for the Congress of Industrial Organizations will meet. Associated Press advices of Aug. 20 from Niagara Falls quoted Mr. Green as follows:

"Not only do we stand at the front door with an open hand waiting," Mr. Green asserted, "but in addition, we have pleaded for a conference with the other group.

"We have appointed our committee, but the leader of the other group says 'no.' These are the incontrovertible facts."

Other speakers included Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, New York; Thomas J. Lyons, New York, President of the State Federation; Lieut. Gov. Charles Poletti; Assembly Speaker, Oswald D. Heck, Schenectady; Assembly Majority Leader Irving M. Ives, Norwich, and Solicitor General Henry Epstein.

Turning to the international situation Mr. Green was greeted by a storm of applause when he declared:

"I favor officially all support and help we can give England short of war." Pointing out that the Federation refuses to support the Burke-Wadsworth Compulsory Training bill, the A. F. of L. national President declared that all working men and women should be assured that the Army would not be used in a foreign war.

There should be an absolute guarantee, he added, that any United States armed forces would be used for home defense.

Mayor LaGuardia warned American labor that the Nation's working men must face the national defense peril by moving for greater armaments, pointing out "we can't become prepared overnight."

New York City Truck Drivers Strike Threatened as Peace Negotiations were Deadlocked

Negotiations to avert a strike of 15,000 unionized truck drivers in New York City ended in a deadlock on Aug. 29, and both sides continued preparations for a strike. Technically the strike is scheduled to start on Sunday, Sept. 1, but, because of the Labor Day holiday, its effects will not be felt until Tuesday, Sept. 3. Preparing for any contingency, the bureau of operations at Police Headquarters announced that it was drawing up "comprehensive plans" for policing districts that might be effected by a trucking tie-up.

In reporting the strike, the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Aug. 29, stated:

The union representatives, having met with the Merchant Truckmen's Bureau, whose members operate primarily in New York City, will confer today with the Highway Transport Association. Members of the latter group operate over-the-road trucks on long hauls between cities.

There are two principal issues in the controversy. The unions are demanding continuation of its present weekly wage scale coupled with a reduction in working hours from 44 to 40, which in effect raises the hourly scale. The employers are demanding the right to work men any eight consecutive hours without paying overtime rates. At present a man must be paid for a full day's work at 5 p. m. and overtime must start at that time even though he began work only two hours earlier.

Thomas Hickey, Secretary of Local 807, declared yesterday that the union would be forced to strike if the employers continued in their "arbitrary and uncompromising position."

"The union truck drivers of New York City are determined to extend employment as much as possible, and they will not be intimidated by any carefully planned publicity campaign of the employing truckers," he said.

New York Painters Union Strike in Wage Dispute, Halting Work in Three Boroughs

Twelve thousand painters, members of District Council No. 9 of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers, tied up all union painting jobs in Manhattan, The Bronx and Richmond on Aug. 26. The strike was called because of the inability of the union and the Association of Master Painters and Decorators to agree on the union's demands for wage increases in a new contract. The union's demands were for an increase in pay from \$1.50 to \$1.75 an hour, a reduction in the work week from 35 to 30 hours, and 50% control over hiring.

Among the major projects on which painting work was stopped was Parkchester, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. housing project in The Bronx, and on all public schools. Work on the Vladeck Houses on the lower East Side was stopped for one day in a token strike, but was resumed on Aug. 28, because it has an agreement with the Federal Government that the provisions of the contract reached with private builders shall be followed.

Despite the efforts of Mayor F. H. La Guardia to prevent a tieup of painting work on the schools on the grounds that they were municipal projects, the union men stopped, since the painting is carried on through private contractors.

New York Merchants Assn. Urges Mayor LaGuardia to Help Avert Threatened Trucking Strike in New York City

In a letter sent on Aug. 29 to Mayor LaGuardia, The Merchants' Association urged the Mayor to use his influence to avert the threatened trucking strike and to settle the controversy between the operators and their employees on a basis which will preserve New York's position in competition with rival cities. In the letter The Association stated that the cost of trucking is an important item in almost all merchandise transactions in the City and that it had been reliably informed that trucking costs here are already so much higher than in other competing cities that they impose a considerable handicap upon New York business. The Association further stated that, while serious interruption to the movement of goods resulting from the threatened strike would practically strangle business activity, in the long run the increase in the cost of doing business, which would occur if any substantial part of the demands of the union were granted, would be no less deadly to the business of the community.

The letter which was signed by Jeremiah D. Maguire, its Vice-President, in the absence of John Lowry, President of The Association, read as follows:

The Merchants' Association of New York is deeply concerned over the threatened truckmen's strike.

The welfare of the community being dependent upon impartial and uninterrupted transportation service, all classes of people and merchandise should be served by transportation and trucking facilities without interruption to such service through industrial warfare except as a last resort when all efforts of adjustment have failed and there is no impartial tribunal available to the parties presenting a grievance. Such is not the case at the moment.

You have repeatedly expressed your desire to encourage the development of business and industry in this City as evidence recently by your establishment of the City Department of Commerce. We believe that your influence to attain this objective can be exerted in no better way than in keeping down the costs of transportation through the Port of New York. The cost of trucking is an important item in almost all merchandise transactions in this City. We are reliably informed that trucking costs in this City are already so much higher than in other competing cities than they impose a considerable handicap upon New York business.

While the serious interruption to the movement of goods which would result from the threatened strike would practically strangle business activity for the duration of the strike, in the long run the increase in the cost of doing business which would result from granting any substantial part of the demands made by the union would be no less deadly to the business of this community.

In view of the existing international and national situation huge expenditures are unquestionably necessary for national defense. These expenditures must eventually be met by heavy additions to the already crushing tax burden. To meet these burdens will necessitate important sacrifices on the part of all. It seems to us indisputable that the demands of the truckmen's union are in the present situation quite contrary to the public interest and that they, therefore, should be opposed by the full power and influence of every clear-thinking, patriotic business man and our public officials.

We, therefore, urge you as the Chief Executive of the City to use your good offices, first, to avert the threatened strike, and second, to settle the controversy on a basis which will preserve New York's relative position in competition with rival cities.

President Roosevelt Refuses to State Position on Plant Seizure Amendment in Conscription Bill—Wendell L. Willkie Had Asked for Views After Criticizing Proposal

President Roosevelt declared yesterday (Aug. 30) that an attempt was being made to involve him in a political discussion over the provision in the conscription bill permitting the Government to take over certain plants needed for defense. At his press conference at Hyde Park (N. Y.), the President declined to state his position on the amendment as had been requested by Wendell L. Willkie, Republican Presidential candidate, on Aug. 29. Mr. Willkie again yesterday called on Mr. Roosevelt to give his stand on the matter. Mr. Willkie called the measure a revolutionary threat to the American economic system.

Concerning his views a Rushville, Ind., Aug. 29 dispatch of the United Press said:

"The 'conscription of wealth' is a phrase without meaning," Mr. Willkie said. "In the event of an emergency the industries and assets of this country are at the disposal of the people. Let us not create that emergency before it actually exists by setting up a potential dictatorship."

The amendment, he charged, would give President Roosevelt "absolute and arbitrary control of virtually the entire economic system" of the country.

Mr. Willkie said the amendment, adopted by the Senate yesterday before passing the Burke-Wadsworth military conscription bill, would "stop normal industrial expansion, increase the depths of the present depression and cause further unemployment."

President Roosevelt and Wendell L. Willkie Disclose Labor Views—Set Forth in A. F. of L. Monthly Magazine

The views of President Roosevelt and Wendell L. Willkie, Republican presidential nominee, on labor are set forth in the September issue of the "American Federationist," monthly official organ of the American Federation of Labor. In response to a request of William Green, President of the A. F. of L., Mr. Roosevelt outlined his labor policies in a letter to Mr. Green, while Mr. Willkie submitted a signed article. The following concerning the subject is from a Washington dispatch of Aug. 24 to the New York "Herald Tribune":

President Roosevelt stoutly defends the record of the New Deal and says the future policy of the Administration will be to "hold steadfastly to every advance gained and not permit present safeguards to be whittled away by yielding to the specious arguments of those whose lip service to labor is loud and eloquent before election, but whose ears are deaf to all appeals to justice the rest of the time."

In his statement, President Roosevelt declares that examination of the safeguards established by law since 1933 to protect the rights of American wage earners "will reveal that this Administration has been unremitting in its efforts to foster, promote and develop the interests of labor, to improve working conditions and to advance opportunities for profitable employment."

"This Administration is willing to be judged—as to future policy—by past performance," he continues. The achievements of the Administration since 1933 shall be witness to its good faith in the future."

Mr. Willkie, on the other hand, declares that a new attitude in Washington toward labor is necessary, urges "some changes" in the Wagner Act, and pledges his aid to "the principle of free unions." He says that more jobs "must" be made.

Every person owes a debt to organized labor, Mr. Willkie says. He declares that organized labor has been a principal factor in bringing about improved working conditions, higher wages and shorter hours for all.

Mr. Willkie adds that he advocates a "continued rise in American wage levels."

Indorsing collective bargaining, Mr. Willkie continues: "I sympathize with the criticism advanced by the American Federation of Labor against the National Labor Relations Board and with the Federation's emphasis upon the necessity for better administration of the Labor Act."

"To achieve the desired end some changes in the Wagner Act are necessary, but I believe that the more important need is a new attitude in Washington. If the New Deal is continued, I believe it will be only a matter of time before the American labor movement becomes completely dominated by government, and that in place of the old, discredited company union we shall have government unions as in Nazi Germany. For my part I pledge myself to help the principle of free unions."

Address of Henry A. Wallace Accepting Democratic Vice-Presidential Nomination—Declares Adolf Hitler "Implacable Enemy of all Democracy" and Refers to President Roosevelt's Efforts Toward Peace and Preparedness—Terms Republicans as Party of Appeasement

Speaking in his home city, Des Moines, Iowa, on Aug. 29, Henry A. Wallace accepted the Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination in an address under the title of "The New Fight for Freedom." In the beginning of his remarks he contrasted the beliefs of President Roosevelt and Adolf Hitler, as to which, among other things he said: "Adolf Hitler believed in dominating both individuals and nations by force. President Roosevelt believed in the good neighbor policy, among individuals and among nations." Mr. Wallace also said in part:

Adolf Hitler was the implacable enemy of all democracy. Franklin Roosevelt was its eager servant and faithful defender before the whole world.

President Roosevelt has striven with greater vigor than any other President to build international goodwill, international trade and a higher standard of living. In these efforts Adolf Hitler was stumbling block No. 1.

President Roosevelt's task was rendered difficult enough by the opposition of Adolf Hitler abroad. But his handicaps were multiplied by a continuous and bitter partisan opposition at home.

The dominant leadership of this Republican opposition has never understood, and has apparently been unwilling to find out, what the rise of

Adolf Hitler meant to farmers, workers and business men in the United States.

This blind leadership believed that the United States could be prosperous, no matter what happened to Europe, no matter what happened to Asia, no matter what might be our relationship with Latin America. When President Roosevelt tried to adjust the internal affairs of the United States to a sick world they fought him at home as Adolf Hitler fought him abroad.

Some of the bitter attacks on President Roosevelt's program were directly inspired by agents of Adolf Hitler in this country. Others were merely blindly partisan. But, whatever the motive, the effect was the same—these attacks on President Roosevelt and his program played into the hands of Adolf Hitler. Every evidence of opposition to President Roosevelt within the United States has been reason for rejoicing in Berlin.

I do not wish to imply that the Republican leaders are willfully or consciously giving aid and comfort to Adolf Hitler. But I do want to emphasize that replacement of President Roosevelt, even if it were by the most patriotic leadership that could be found, would cause Adolf Hitler to rejoice. I do not believe the American people will turn their backs on the man that Adolf Hitler wants to see defeated.

Speaking with reference to the Administration's defense program, Mr. Wallace said in part:

Now we have launched on a great national effort to build up our defenses against the threat from abroad. Under the leadership of President Roosevelt this effort was begun several years ago. We now have nearly twice as many airplanes as in 1933 and double the tonnage of fighting ships afloat or under construction. We have more than doubled our Army. This is a splendid start, but it is only a start. It will be pushed until America is fully prepared to defend herself against any emergency.

Like the measures of economic adjustments, defense preparation also met with short-sighted obstructionist tactics. Why build so many airplanes?

The total defense of modern war requires thousands of officers and men skilled in the mechanics of the gas engine, the airplane and the tank. We must not only construct a giant air force but know how to operate and service it. We must protect the Panama Canal. We must enforce the Monroe Doctrine with an increased Navy, with air bases and through cooperation with Canada and the rest of the Americas. By preparing completely now, we shall have the best chance of keeping out of war.

In part Mr. Wallace also had the following to say:

Here in this country we are developing preparedness on all fronts. On the agricultural front we have stored in the ever normal granary tremendous reserve supplies, while at the same time by commodity loans we have protected farm prices and the purchasing power of farmers for city products. We have increased our soil fertility. In every county and every township there are farmer committees which are prepared to meet any defense need involving agriculture.

Human Values Are Stressed

On the social security preparedness front, the Administration has started the job of taking care of our aged and unemployed. Continually we have put human values first. We believe that no one who is willing to work should be allowed to starve. We have improved the health of millions by means of food stamp and school lunch programs.

We have stood at all times for national unity. To aid in our national defense we have called in the best men regardless of party. In terms of action, the National Defense Commission represents splendid cooperation between agriculture, labor, industry, and government.

We are obtaining national unity on the fifth column front by enlisting in a common-sense way the cooperation of local and State authorities. We are determined to break up the gigantic international conspiracy through which the Nazis are trying to subjugate our country.

Between now and Nov. I propose to do everything I can to arouse the American people to the need for peace through preparedness, to the importance of the solidarity of the Americas, and to the duty of business men, workers, and farmers to cooperate together for full employment and for the national defense.

For I sincerely believe that the Democratic Party under President Roosevelt will best give us a higher standard of living, unity within our country, safety from external aggression and freedom on this hemisphere for ourselves and our children.

The nomination of Mr. Wallace as Vice-President to serve on the Democratic ticket with President Roosevelt was noted in our July 20 issue, page 337. President Roosevelt's speech of acceptance was given on page 336 of that issue. Mr. Wallace was formally notified of his nomination this week at Des Moines by Representative Marvin Jones, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee.

Speech of Senator Charles L. McNary Accepting Republican Vice-Presidential Nomination—Opposes New Deal's Capacity to Govern as Well as its Trade Treaties—Favors Federal Hydro-Electric Projects

In a speech at Salem, Ore. on Aug. 27, Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, formally accepting the Republican nomination for Vice-President said that "in this campaign I shall not seek to indict the New Deal motives. I shall, with all the force at my command, attack the New Deal's capacity to govern and the political and economic heresies which have deflected us from our course." In his declarations about the New Deal, the Senator stated in part:

We may forgive the New Deal's incompetence in dealing with economic forces; its inability—or unwillingness—to further the employment of idle capital and idle hands. We might overlook the confusion in theory and practice that have curbed initiative, stalled the engines of production and multiplied debt. We are still a rich country.

What we cannot forgive is that the New Deal, finding itself unable to restore national vitality, fashioned its plan upon the thesis that America is finished, that our economy is inevitably contracting; that opportunity has been extinguished and that, hereafter, we must look increasingly to the government for jobs, for security and for the oversight of our private lives.

Approximately 15,000 persons heard Senator McNary endorse the Republican platform, pledge his loyalty to Wendell L. Willkie, the Presidential candidate, and voice opposition to the Administration's reciprocal trade treaty program. The Senator urged the establishment of a two-price system for farm products "enabling us to export without injuring the domestic price level," and he said that the

New Deal had lowered tariff barriers "so that foreign crops undersell our own in our markets." He endorsed continued Federal development of hydroelectric projects. As to the Republican farm program and trade treaties, we quote the following from Mr. McNary's address:

For the moment, let me say that the Republican platform recommends a hopeful and affirmative farm program. It endorses the principle of parity. It advocates—and this is a departure—incentive payments to farmers willing to experiment with tillage of crops we now import. We stand pledged to continue soil-conservation payments, commodity-surplus loans; to encourage acquisition of farms by tenants and for research aimed at developing industrial uses for products of the soil. We favor continuing the food-stamp program, which serves the double purpose of assisting the needy and helping the farmer by reducing surplus crops.

The platform offers no magic formula. The problem is far too complex for any all-embracing cure. It does constitute a promise that the Republican party genuinely seeks solutions.

A substantial solution of the farm problem may be resolved into a question of markets. Any rational plan must assign the American market to the American farmer. Beside being far and away the greatest market, it is the only one we may hope to control. The farmer is, at least, entitled to that and no Treasury benefits can compensate him for its loss.

Yet the New Deal, which, in seven years, has failed to map out a long-range plan for reconstituting the agricultural empire, piles confusion upon confusion by following two contradictory policies at once. With one hand, the New Deal pays farmers not to sow and reap; with the other, it lowers tariff barriers so that foreign crops undersell our own in our market.

Secretary Wallace, a highminded and sympathetic Secretary of Agriculture, may not be blamed for this second policy. Any Secretary of Agriculture would be hampered by the reciprocal trade system, which, in the last two years, has admitted competitive farm products to the value of \$537,000,000 a year. That sum, it is interesting to note, approximates what the government has paid farmers to reduce acreage and production. Experts estimate that the 35 million acres withdrawn through government payments from production correspond closely to the acreage displaced by competitive imports.

I have always opposed reciprocal trade treaties, as formulated by the New Deal. When I spoke against their renewal last Spring in the Senate I charged that the treaties had failed to "dissipate, alleviate or liquidate the uneconomic conditions" affecting agriculture. I hold to that opinion still. Moreover, as the war spreads the areas of closed trade I gravely fear that the effects on agriculture may grow worse and we have no assurance that peace will restore foreign markets for our surpluses.

After seven years we need a realistic reappraisal of the whole problem and, whichever party assumes the responsibility next January, we should demand and have the formulation of a long-range policy looking to the restoration of our agriculture empire. The farmers do not wish to rely perpetually on subsidies which stop short of economic justice. They wish to re-enter the economy as independent producers. They are entitled to the fulfillment of that wish.

For years I have advocated a two-price system; a system enabling us to export without injuring the domestic price level. The McNary-Haugen Act, which looked to that end, was twice vetoed by a President. Although conditions have altered radically since the bill was last rejected, I maintain with undiminished faith that some such formula must still be sought.

Declaring that "power is the prime requisite of modern industrial existence," Senator McNary said in part:

A measure of America's industrial magnitude may be found in the fact that one-half the installed horsepower in the world is developed within our borders. Steam power made England the industrial colossus of the nineteenth century; steam plus electrical power has made the United States the industrial giant of the twentieth.

Yet America's water power resources are still largely undeveloped. In the mountainous parts of the Pacific West, where strong rivers run unimpeded to the sea, a major portion of the country's potential hydroelectric power still waits to be harnessed. Fortunately the principle on which this power may be made available has long been recognized. The Federal Government accepts the obligation to control floods and assure navigation. Out of these services flows the by-product of power.

Unflinching, the Congress has granted to the public preferential rights to power generated from navigable streams. Such power should be a common heritage. The government, having made this power available, should have an indisputable right to control its utilization and distribution. Maximum benefits for domestic consumers, farmers and small users of power should be the yardstick by which we measure the usefulness and serviceability of every Federal development.

In connection with foreign policy, Mr. McNary expressed his opposition to involvement in "foreign military adventure," but added that he was also opposed to "a peace of appeasement." Discussing foreign affairs, he said in part:

In indorsing a National forestry program the Senator said:

The resources we have been considering bear pertinently on a subject uppermost in our minds as we look across the Atlantic. I refer to preparedness for defense. The last war disclosed deficits in power and farm and forest products. A shortage of power in certain Eastern industrial districts deprived domestic consumers of service. Food deficiencies caused meatless, wheatless days and the plowing up of the short grass prairies in what is now the Dust Bowl.

In common with what I believe to be the overwhelming majority of my countrymen, I oppose involvement in foreign military adventures. America as always, prefers peace. But America does not prefer the peace of appeasement, not the surrender of our national dignity, our independence of action, our political freedom or the civilized values that we cherish.

The existence of aggressive despots in Europe is not new to our experience. We administered a lesson to George III. Napoleon inconvenienced our commerce. Monroe and John Quincy Adams effectually warned the Holy Alliance to keep its arbitrary hands off this hemisphere. We helped bring Maximilian's imperial adventure in Mexico to an inglorious end.

Nor have we failed to exercise our guardianship over countries within the scope of the Monroe Doctrine. Unless I mistake our temper, we are no less firm and positive today. We are not a docile people and we propose to work out our destiny on our terms. In the present world situation, we still have a choice. We shall be strong, in which case we shall deter our enemies at home and abroad; or we may remain weak and thus invite their aggression. For my part, I prefer the part of strength. That has been the American choice.

Happily a substantial portion of our forest lands are being managed and utilized in ways that best safeguard social values, provide maximum employment, guarantee future supplies, stabilize streams and soils and conserve our rich endowments of natural beauty and wild life.

Yet, much more can be done. The government equitably could assume half the cost of abating loss from fire, insects and disease to the desirable point where forests might become insurable risks. Credit facilities are rudimentary and inadequate. Forest taxation too often tends, by laying too heavy an immediate burden, to compel uneconomic exploitation and forced liquidation.

Unproductive areas increasingly should be acquired for public ownership and the exploration and research arms of the forest service should be expanded.

The speech of notification of Mr. McNary's nomination as Vice-President was made by Gov. Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota, the latter having been introduced to the gathering at Salem on Aug. 27 by Representative Joseph W. Martin Jr., Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Senator McNary's nomination as Vice-President and that of Mr. Willkie as President was reported in our issue of June 29, page 4061; Mr. Willkie's acceptance speech was given in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1077.

President Hanes Announces Details of Program of Annual Convention of American Bankers Association to Be Held at Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 22-26—Arrangements for Meeting of General Convention, Various Divisions and Sections—Round Table Conferences a Feature

Programs for the general business sessions and the annual meetings of the principal Divisions and Sections of the American Bankers Association, to be held during the A. B. A. convention at Atlantic City Sept. 22-26, will provide a maximum amount of consideration and discussion of current banking problems as well as of the Association's regular business, it is announced by Robert M. Hanes, A. B. A. President. Mr. Hanes is President of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Winston-Salem, N. C. The programs for the various meetings include addresses by outstanding authorities on banking and economics, and they also provide ample opportunity for "round table" discussion of current banking subjects. The sessions of the general convention will occupy two days—Sept. 25 and 26. The meetings of the various Division, viz., National Bank, State Bank, Savings Division, and Trust Division, will be held on Monday, Sept. 23, as will also that of the State Secretaries Section, while the Round Table Conferences are scheduled for Sept. 24, 25 and 26. Senator Carter Glass of Virginia is to be honored during the proceedings of the general convention on Sept. 26 for his services to American banking. The speakers at the general convention will be President Hanes, Governor Hoey of North Carolina, and Elbert S. Woosley of the Louisville (Ky.) Trust Co. Addresses will be delivered before the National Bank Division by W. Randolph Burgess and Dr. Marcus Nadler; the speakers before the State Bank Division will be William A. McDonnell of the Commercial National Bank of Little Rock, Ark., and Dr. William A. Irwin; Paul F. Cadman will address the Savings Division. A symposium on "The Job Ahead for Trust Service" will be conducted before the Trust Division by former Presidents of that Division. At the meeting of the State Secretaries Section there will be discussions on topics of interest to Secretaries of State Bankers Associations. The programs for the general business sessions, the division meetings, and the round table conferences follow:

General Convention

First Session, Sept. 25, 1940—9:45 a. m., music; 10:00 a. m., call to order, President Robert M. Hanes.

Invocation.

Report—Official acts and proceedings of Executive Council.

Address of President Hanes.

Appointment of Resolutions Committee.

Fortieth anniversary of the American Institute of Banking Section.

Introduction of former Presidents American Institute of Banking Section—Harry R. Smith, Assistant Vice-President Bank of America N. T. & S. A., San Francisco, Calif.

Presentation of National Educational Director American Institute of Banking Section—J. L. Dart, Vice-President Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.

Awarding by A. B. A. Agricultural Commission of plaque to Georgia Bankers Association.

Address (topic to be announced later)—Clyde R. Hoey, Governor, State of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.

Communications.

Announcements.

Second Session—Sept. 26, 1940.

9:45 a. m.—Music.

10:00 a. m.—Call to Order, President Robert M. Hanes.

Invocation.

Address, "Know Your Bank"—Elbert S. Woosley, Vice-President Louisville Trust Co., Louisville, Ky.

The Honorable Carter Glass—President Robert M. Hanes.

Unfinished Business.

Communications.

New Business.

Report of Resolutions Committee.

Announcements.

Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers.

Installation of Officers.

National Bank Division

Sept. 23, 1940—2:00 p. m., Call to Order, President Melvin Rouff.

Address of the President.

Appointment of Committees.

Address, "Financing the Defense Program"—W. Randolph Burgess, Vice-Chairman of the Board, The National City Bank, New York, N. Y.

Address—Dr. Marcus Nadler, Professor of Finance, New York University, New York, N. Y.
 Unfinished Business.
 New Business.
 Reports of Committees.
 Election and Installation of Officers.

State Bank Division

Sept. 23, 1940, 2:00 p. m.—Call to Order, President William S. Elliott.
 Address of the President.
 Appointment of Committees.
 Address, "Our Part in a New World"—William A. McDonnell, Executive Vice-President, Commercial National Bank, Little Rock, Ark.
 Address, "The System of Free Enterprise" (an answer to its critics)—Dr. William A. Irwin, National Educational Director, American Institute of Banking Section.
 Forum Discussion.
 Unfinished Business.
 New Business.
 Reports of Committees.
 Election and Installation of Officers.

Savings Division

Sept. 23, 1940, 2:00 p. m.—Call to Order, President A. George Gilman.
 Motion Picture—"Free Men Make a Nation."
 Address—The President.
 Address—Dr. Paul F. Cadman, Economist, American Bankers Association.
 Unfinished Business.
 New Business.
 Reports of Committees.
 Election and Installation of Officers.

Trust Division

Sept. 23, 1940, 2:00 p. m.—Call to Order, President Roland E. Clark.
 Address of the President.
 "The Job Ahead for Trust Service," a symposium conducted by former Presidents of the Trust Division during the past decade, viz., Merrell P. Callaway, Vice-President Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, New York, N. Y.; Robertson Griswold, Vice-President Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.; Leon M. Little, Vice-President New England Trust Co., Boston, Mass.; Gilbert T. Stephenson, Director of Trust Research, The Graduate School of Banking; Samuel O. Waugh, Executive Vice-President and Trust Officer The First Trust Co., Lincoln, Neb.
 Unfinished Business.
 New Business.
 Election of Officers.
 Installation of Officers.

State Secretaries Section

Sept. 23, 1940, 10:00 a. m.—Board of Control and General Meeting.
 Call to Order—President C. C. Wattam.
 Annual Report of the President.
 Appointment of Committees.
 Reports of Standing Committees—Banking Education and Public Relations, James C. Scarboro, Chairman; Insurance, Armitt H. Coate, Chairman; Standard Forms, Lauder Hodges, Chairman; State Bankers Association Management and Regional Clearing Houses, George M. Starring, Chairman; State Legislation, Eugene P. Gum, Chairman.
 Unfinished Business.
 New Business.
 Election and Installation of Officers.
 Adjournment until evening session.
 Sept. 23, 1940, 8:00 p. m.—Call to Order, President C. C. Wattam.
 Round table discussion and question period on topics of interest to Secretaries of State Bankers Associations.
 Operating Problems of State Associations—J. Carlisle Rogers, Secretary and Treasurer, Florida Bankers Association, First National Bank, Leesburg, Fla.
 Interest Rates on Savings—Paul W. Albright, General Secretary, Savings Banks Association of the State of New York, New York, N. Y.
 Public Relations—Claude L. Stout, Executive Vice-President and Cashier, Poudre Valley National Bank, Fort Collins, Colo.
 Explanation of New York State Bankers Retirement System—Sigourney B. Romaine, Manager New York State Bankers Retirement System, New York, N. Y.

Round Table Conference—New Business Development

Sept. 24, 1940, 9:30 a. m.—Call to Order, Dunlap C. Clark, President American National Bank, Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Influence and Value of Bank Staff Contacts—William Powers, Director of Customer Relations, American Bankers Association.
 Discussion, "How to Survey Your Trade Area"—C. W. Bailey, President First National Bank, Clarksville, Tenn.
 Discussion, "Liquidity of Loans Made to Farmers"—C. O. Neumann, President Nebraska Bankers Association, Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Oakland, Neb.
 Discussion—Panel discussion on "Research as a Basis for New Business Development in Country Banks," conducted by A. G. Brown, Deputy Manager A. B. A., in charge of Agricultural Credit Department, with Messrs. Powers, Bailey, Neumann, and William J. Kinnamon, Cashier Hunterdon County National Bank, Flemington, N. J., as members of the panel.

Round Table Conference—Real Estate

Sept. 24, 1940, 2:00 p. m.—Call to Order, Joseph M. Dodge, President The Detroit Bank, Detroit, Mich.
 Real Estate Loans in the Investment Portfolio—Dr. Ernest M. Fisher, Director of Research in Mortgage and Real Estate Finance, American Bankers Association.
 A question and answer panel discussion on "Real Estate Loans," conducted by Dr. Ernest M. Fisher, along the line of "Information Please," with the following panel members: Frederick M. Babcock, Assistant Administrator, Federal Housing Administration, Washington, D. C.; William A. Marcus, Vice-President American Trust Co., San Francisco, Calif.; Earl B. Schwulst, First Vice-President The Bowery Savings Bank, New York, N. Y.; William W. Slocum, President The United States Savings Bank of Detroit, Detroit, Mich.

Round Table Conference—Operating Problems

Sept. 25, 1940, 2:00 p. m.—Call to Order, J. L. Dart, Vice-President Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla., President of American Institute of Banking Section.
 Productive Work Planning—Ernest S. Woolley, Bank Consultant and Analyst, New York, N. Y.
 Discussion, "Research, Analysis and Budgetary Control as an Aid to Bank Management"—Maurice L. Breidenthal, President Security National Bank, Kansas City, Kan.

Discussion, "Greater Efficiency and Increased Earnings Through Simplification of Bank Operating Forms"—Louis W. Bishop, Cashier State-Planters Bank & Trust Co., Richmond, Va.

Round Table Conference—Consumer Credit

Sept. 26, 2:00 p. m.—Call to Order, Walter B. French, Deputy Manager A. B. A. Consumer Credit Department.
 "Automobile Financing"—Kenton R. Cravens, Vice-President Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Discussion—A question and answer panel on "Consumer Credit," conducted by Walter B. French along the line of "Information Please," with the following panel members: Kenton R. Cravens; John H. Lucas, Vice-President Peoples-Pittsburgh Trust Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.; George A. MacLachlan, Vice-President National Bank of La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis.

Inaugural Ceremony

Sept. 26, 1940—University of Pennsylvania Glee Club.
 Inauguration of New Officers.
 Presentation to Retiring President.
 Recital—John Charles Thomas.

Previous references to the convention appeared in our issues of July 6, page 46, and Aug. 3, page 642.

Summary of Investment Company Act as Affecting Open-End Companies Distributed by Massachusetts Investors Trust

With the signing of the Investment Company Act of 1940 on Aug. 23 by President Roosevelt, the Massachusetts Investors Trust has issued a 27-page summary of the Act "as it affects open-end investment companies." The summary was prepared by Warren Motley of Gaston, Snow, Hunt, Rice & Boyd, of Boston, counsel for the Massachusetts Investors Trust and Massachusetts Investors Second Fund, Inc. In a preface to the summary it is stated:

The Investment Company Act of 1940, which is the result of the collaboration of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the leaders of the investment company industry, seeks to promote honest and competent management and to prevent the recurrence of isolated instances of wrongdoing and practices contrary to the best interests of investors. These ends it undertakes to achieve by the enforcement of certain definite standards and incidentally by the delegation to the SEC of limited administrative authority, without interfering with the exercise of business judgment by those who are charged with the duties and responsibilities of management.

Business Curriculum Expanded in Columbia University Extension Division

New courses in accounting, salesmanship, and marketing have been introduced into the business curriculum of the Extension Division of Columbia University for the 1940-41 academic year, which begins on Sept. 26, it is announced by Professor James C. Egbert, Director. A course on stock and commodity brokers' accounts will be given for the first time this year in Extension, as well as new courses on book-selling and problems dealt with by textile merchants and executives in charge of cotton, silk or rayon mills. Also included in the curriculum are four courses in insurance and a course on corporation finance.

Harry L. Hopkins Resigns as Secretary of Commerce Because of Ill Health—President Roosevelt Offers Post to Jesse H. Jones, Loan Administrator

President Roosevelt accepted the resignation of Harry L. Hopkins as Secretary of Commerce on Aug. 24, to become effective at a later date. The White House announced at the same time that this position had been offered to Jesse H. Jones, Federal Loan Administrator, and that the post of Under-Secretary of Commerce, which was left vacant by the resignation of Edward J. Noble (noted in these columns of Aug. 17, page 933), has been offered to Louis Johnson, former Assistant Secretary of War. Mr. Hopkins indicated that he resigns because of ill health. In accepting the resignation the President said that it only breaks the "official ties that exist between us—not the ties of friendship that have endured so happily through the years."

Secretary Hopkins's letter of resignation follows:

My dear Mr. President:

The tenth of May, 1940, was an important and fateful date.

It seemed to me then that our situation was similar to that of the British before the outbreak of war. In the months preceding that event many Englishmen believed the conflict could be avoided by concession.

Others thought there was no immediate threat from Germany; that defense preparation could be delayed with safety. Still others maintained that anyone who wished to strengthen the defenses of Great Britain was a "war mongerer."

The experience of Great Britain has shown that where the national interest and security are at stake, we are justified in making only the most pessimistic assumptions. To do otherwise is to be too late at every stage, to invite attack when it suits the aggressor, to face conflict half prepared.

The only questions at this time are with regard to the character, pace and magnitude of our defense effort. We must build armaments, and because of your own foresight and determination this is being done.

We must marshal our complete economic strength for the task of defense. This means that instead of retreating from our social and economic objectives we should push forward vigorously with a program to abolish poverty from the land. To do less would be to undermine our security.

That you have resolved these fundamental questions in your own mind; that you are now leading the Nation in its gigantic effort to defend itself—is the surest guarantee of peace for America.

I wanted to resign last May because it seemed to me that you and the country needed the services of Cabinet officers whose strength permitted vigorous and continuous assumption of the duties required of them.

You indicated then that I should remain throughout the summer in hope that I would completely recover my strength. This recovery I have not fully accomplished; therefore I feel that I must resign as Secretary of Commerce, the resignation to become effective in the immediate future.

An expression of goodwill and appreciation from me to you at this

time is unnecessary. My abiding devotion and affection for you and Mrs. Roosevelt cannot be authenticated in any exchange of letters.

Faithfully yours,
HARRY L. HOPKINS.

Mr. Roosevelt's reply, dated Aug. 24, is as follows:

Dear Harry:

I have your letter of Aug. 22 and I fully understand all that you say and much that you have left unsaid.

In giving me this letter of resignation it is possible only for you to break the official ties that exist between us—not the ties of friendship that have endured so happily through the years.

I am accepting your resignation, therefore, to take effect at a date to be determined later and, I repeat, that this resignation is accepted only in its official sense.

In other words, you may resign the office—only the office—and nothing else. Our friendship will and must go on as always.

Affectionately,
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Hopkins became Secretary of Commerce in January, 1939; this was reported in our issue of Jan. 28, 1939, page 514.

Senate Confirms Nomination of C. E. Wickard as Secretary of Agriculture—Also Approves P. H. Appleby as Under-Secretary

The Senate on Aug. 23 confirmed the nominations of Claude R. Wickard to be Secretary of Agriculture and of Paul H. Appleby to be Under-Secretary of Agriculture. President Roosevelt made these appointments last week as was reported in these columns of Aug. 24, page 1081. Mr. Wickard was named to succeed Henry A. Wallace, whose resignation becomes effective Sept. 5, when he will begin active campaigning as the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate, and Mr. Appleby takes Mr. Wickard's former post.

Death of Representative George N. Seger of New Jersey—Served in Congress Since 1923

Representative George N. Seger, Republican of New Jersey, died on Aug. 26 in Naval Hospital, Washington. He was 74 years old. Mr. Seger, dean of the New Jersey delegation in the House, having served since 1923, had planned to retire at the end of the present session of Congress.

The House adjourned on Aug. 26 after a short session out of respect to Mr. Seger. A committee consisting of Senator Barbour, Republican, Representatives Eaton, Wolverton and Hartley, and Representative Mary Norton, Democrat, all of New Jersey, attended the funeral services in Passaic, N. J., on Aug. 29.

Regarding the life of Representative Seger, the New York "Times" of Aug. 27 said:

Representative Seger had been a member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries, and Rivers and Harbors Committees. He had made several official trips to Alaska and Honolulu.

He had been an advocate of tariff protection and anti-lynching legislation, and an opponent of President Roosevelt's Supreme Court and government reorganization bills.

Mr. Seger was born in New York City, had been in the building business in Passaic, N. J., and was a member of the Passaic School Board from 1906 to 1911. He served for three terms as a member of the city's Board of Commissioners, and was Mayor of Passaic from 1911 to 1919.

He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1916, and was elected to the Sixty-eighth Congress from the Seventh New Jersey District in November, 1922. He served successively thereafter, later representing the Eighth District.

C. N. Nichols Elected President of International Association of Convention Bureaus

C. N. Nichols, Executive Director of the New York Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Merchants' Association of New York was elected President of the International Association of Convention Bureaus at its annual convention on Aug. 24 in Washington. Sam Fowlkes, Secretary of the Convention and Visitors Bureau of the New Orleans Association of Commerce, is the retiring President. Henry T. Davis, Secretary Manager of the Indianapolis Convention and Publicity Bureau, was elected First Vice-President. The Merchants' Association states:

The International Association of Convention Bureaus' membership is made up of 50 of the leading convention cities in the United States and Canada. The cities in which these bureaus are located annually entertain 95% of the conventions in the United States. At the meeting in Washington the convention business was estimated to be a \$500,000,000 industry. New York's share of the convention dollar annually amounts to \$25,000,000 as the result of the 250,000 convention delegates who come to New York and spend on an average of \$100 each.

New York State Bankers Association to Hold Regional Agricultural Conferences in Upstate New York on Sept. 16, 17 and 18

The Committee on Agriculture of the New York State Bankers Association, in cooperation with the New York State College of Agriculture at Ithaca, is planning a series of three Regional Agricultural Conferences to be held in upstate New York on Sept. 16, 17 and 18. The first of these meetings, on Sept. 16, will be at Mount Morris, N. Y.; the second will be held at Syracuse, N. Y., on Sept. 17, and the third and final conference will be held in Albany, N. Y., on Sept. 18. The Association states that primarily designed to give the bankers of New York State an opportunity to view the new developments in agriculture and also permit them to study the various phases of agriculture in which they are already cooperating and may further cooper-

ate in the future, these meetings are expected to be one of the outstanding features of the Association program during 1940-41. Through these three agricultural conferences, the Committee on Agriculture has planned that each banker attending should have an opportunity of gaining a more intimate contact with agricultural problems.

Dr. E. M. Fisher and C. B. Axford to Address New York State Savings Bankers at Convention in Lake Placid, N. Y., Oct. 2-4

Dr. Ernest M. Fisher, Director of Research in Mortgage and Real Estate Finance of the American Bankers Association, and Clinton B. Axford, Editor of the "American Banker," will address the savings bankers of New York State at their annual convention at Lake Placid, N. Y., Oct. 2 to 4. Regarding the convention the Association states:

The questions of mortgage financing and investment in limited dividend housing are of extreme importance at the present time. Mutual savings banks, as trustees of the funds of some 6,000,000 depositors, hold mortgage investments of approximately 47½% of their total assets, or in excess of \$3,000,000,000, and despite new mortgage loans of \$92,000,000 made during the first six months of this year, have available for further investment in this type of security another \$250,000,000. Further, it is hoped that at the next session of the State Legislature savings banks will receive some consideration in their efforts to taper off the mortgage moratorium, as an essential to improvement of the mortgage market.

Since the enactment of the Desmond-Moffat Act last winter, a special committee of the Association has made considerable progress in developing a practical formula for savings bank investment in limited dividend housing corporations. Considerable attention will be focused at the convention on such a formula and upon specific housing projects. A session of the convention will be given over to these related subjects at which the principal speaker will be Dr. Fisher, formerly of the Federal Housing Administration, a member of the faculty of the Graduate School of Banking. Mr. Axford as editor of the "American Banker" will deliver "A Challenge to Savings Banking," analyzing those activities and services which savings banks might well seriously consider as meeting public needs in their respective communities. Other speakers previously announced include William R. White, Superintendent of Banks in New York State, and Dr. W. Randolph Burgess, Vice-Chairman of the National City Bank and President of the New York State Bankers Association. Earlier reference to the convention appeared in our issue of Aug. 10, page 789.

Metal Mining Convention and Exposition to be Held at Colorado Springs, Colo., Week of Sept. 16

An estimated half a million dollars worth of the newest in metal mine equipment will be exhibited at the Broadmoor Hotel at Colorado Springs during the week of Sept. 16. The exhibits will be assembled from all parts of the country for inspection of some 2,000 mine operators who are expected to be present at the seventh annual Metal Mining Convention and Exposition of the American Mining Congress. A total of over 75 exhibitors are planning displays of machinery and supplies designed to reduce costs and increase safety in metal mine and mill operations. Manufacturers will exhibit the latest developments in mine locomotive, blasting equipment, crushers, scrapers, electrical equipment, safety devices, and a host of others. Representatives of the manufacturers will be in attendance at each booth to consult with operators over their equipment problems.

Delegates to Annual Convention of A. B. A. in Atlantic City Sept. 22-26 Plan 7-Day Post-Convention Cruise to Nassau, Bahamas—To Sail from New York Sept. 27 and Return Oct. 4

A large number of delegates who will attend the Convention of the American Bankers' Association which is to be held in Atlantic City from Sept. 22-26 are planning to sail on a 7-day, post-convention cruise to Nassau, Bahamas on Friday, Sept. 27, aboard the SS. Acadia of Eastern Steamship Lines. The American cruise liner Acadia will leave Pier 18, North River, at 9.30 p. m., E. D. S. T., it has been announced by R. U. Parker, Passenger Traffic Manager of Eastern Steamship Lines. This sailing time was decided upon so that delegates might be enabled to attend the final dinner of the convention which will take place at the New York World's Fair.

According to present plans, the delegates will leave Atlantic City, on Friday morning, arriving in New York City at noon. They will proceed direct to the World's Fair where they will spend the afternoon, prior to the convention dinner, by taking in some of the Fair's many sights.

At the conclusion of the dinner, delegates making the cruise to Nassau, Bahamas, will leave the World's Fair grounds direct for Pier 18, North River, at the foot of Murray Street, from where the Acadia will sail. The post-convention cruise party will be under the direction and guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Henkle of Indianapolis. Mr. Parker states:

On this special post-convention cruise, we have allowed for 2 full daylight days and 2 full nights in Nassau. This will permit the delegates double the time that passengers on regular cruises have been allowed in which to take in the numerous sights and enjoy the various activities in the gay island-resort.

While at Nassau and during the entire 7 days of the cruise, the Acadia will be used by the delegates as their hotel.

Not only will there be gala entertainment during the 2 days in Nassau, but a special program of entertainment has been arranged aboard the Acadia during the other 5 days of the cruise, so that delegates are assured of a continuous round of good times.

The Acadia is scheduled to arrive back in New York City at 8 a. m. Oct. 4. The round trip cruise rate begins at \$75. it was stated.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

Guaranty Trust Company of New York announces the appointment of J. Brougham Wallace, Jr., as an Assistant Treasurer. He was formerly an Assistant Trust Officer.

Arrangements were made Aug. 28 for the transfer of a New York Stock Exchange membership at \$35,000, unchanged from the previous transaction on Aug. 21.

Announcement is made by the National City Foundation of The National City Bank of New York, of the award of a second scholarship to a South American student for a college course in an American university. The selection was made by a Board of well known figures in South American finance, education and diplomacy, in cooperation with officers of the National City Bank, and Trajano Pupo Netto, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, received the award. The announcement from the bank states:

The scholarship is the second one given out by the Foundation in line with its effort to further cement the cultural and commercial relations between Latin America, where the National City has 41 branches, and the United States. The first went to Loreto M. Dominguez, of Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1939, and the recipient has just completed his first year of study at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration with such success that the National City Foundation decided on a second award.

Mr. Netto is a graduate of Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Sao Paulo. Both students will return to their native countries after completing the courses.

The Chase National Bank of New York announces the removal of its branch at Balboa, Canal Zone, from temporary quarters on Ancorn Boulevard to its new building at the intersection of Balboa Road and Pearson and Barneby Streets. Other Chase branches in the Panama Canal area are located at Cristobal, C. Z., and at Panama City and Colon in the Republic of Panama.

Alexander Morse Earle, a regular member of the New York Curb Exchange since Feb. 24, 1915, died on Aug. 27 at his home in West Hempstead, Long Island.

The Harlem Savings Bank, New York City, opened a new branch office on Aug. 26 at 207th Street and Broadway. "This new office, the first savings bank in the Inwood Section of Manhattan, has been established," Glover Beardsley, president of the Harlem Bank, stated at the opening ceremonies, "in the furtherance of the Harlem Savings Bank's policy of extending savings bank services to the fast growing residential population of the upper West Side."

Liquidation of the affairs and business of the Bank of North Hempstead, Port Washington, N. Y., has been completed by the Superintendent of Banks, the corporation dissolved and the corporate existence terminated, it is learned from the "Weekly Bulletin" of the New York State Banking Department, issued Aug. 23.

Charles I. Farrell, President of the National Newark & Essex Banking Co., Newark, N. J., died on Aug. 25 in Presbyterian Hospital, Newark. He was 65 years old. A native of Bristol, Ind., Mr. Farrell attended Transylvania University in Kentucky, and began his banking career in 1894 at the State Bank of Indiana in Indianapolis. Later he became Assistant Cashier of the Capitol National Bank of Indianapolis, leaving in 1903 to become Vice-President of the Fort Dearborn National Bank in Chicago. He came to New York in 1906 to become Vice-President of the Irving National Bank. In 1909 Mr. Farrell was chosen President of the Essex County National Bank in Newark, which in 1918 was merged with the National Newark and Essex Banking Co. and he was designated President of the new company. Mr. Farrell was former President of the Newark Clearing House Association and a Director of the American Insurance Co., the Howard Savings Institution and the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., all of Newark. He was a former member of the Executive Council of the American Bankers Association.

Harry Blair Cullen, Vice-President of the First and Merchants National Bank, Richmond, Va., died on Aug. 27 at a Richmond hospital. He was 57 years old. The following concerning Mr. Cullen's career is taken from the Richmond "Dispatch" of Aug. 28:

In early manhood, he entered the employment of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway at the national capital and was transferred to Richmond in 1905, rising to the position of traveling passenger agent.

In 1918 Mr. Cullen left the C. & O. to accept a connection with the Guaranty Trust Company in New York, but returned to Richmond three years later as assistant to the president of the First National Bank. He was made a Vice-President in 1922, before the consolidation with the Merchants National Bank.

His particular duties with the First and Merchants National Bank in recent years had been in connection with the bank's securities department, which he organized in 1928.

The American National Bank of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, Mich., on Aug. 17 increased its common capital stock from

\$150,000 to \$250,000 and on Aug. 19 further increased its stock to \$300,000, it is learned from the Aug. 26 bulletin issued by the Comptroller of the Currency.

Herbert A. Metcalfe, Chairman of the Board of the Valley Savings Bank, Des Moines, Iowa, died of heart disease on Aug. 26 at his home in Des Moines, Mr. Metcalfe, who was 57 years old, had retired from active business three years ago.

M. N. Avery, Vice-President of the Security-First National Bank, of Los Angeles, Calif., celebrated his 50th year in the banking field on Aug. 21, it is learned from the Los Angeles "Times" of that date. The paper had the following to say in part regarding of his career:

On Aug. 21, 1890, Dr. Avery, a retired physician from Niles, Mich., was elected Cashier and Secretary of a newly organized savings bank opening for business in S. Main Street. With that election, he embarked upon a banking career that has lasted half a century. . . . The former practicing physician in 1910 emerged as President of the institution he had entered 20 years earlier as Cashier, and in the management of which he had been active from the beginning. Mergers with the Union and Columbia Savings banks had given the bank a substantial volume of saving deposits, and the year 1915 found it located in new quarters at Seventh and Spring Streets.

In 1921 during a period of many Southland bank mergers, Dr. Avery led his bank into a consolidation with the rapidly expanding Security Trust & Savings Bank (later the Security-First National). Of this organization he has been a part ever since.

THE CURB MARKET

The market was dull and price movements were irregular on Monday but prices gradually strengthened and the trend turned upward. Public utility preferred stocks attracted considerable speculative attention at times and some modest gains were registered in this group. Oil shares have been active throughout the week, and while the gains have not been particularly noteworthy, they have been fairly steady. Aircraft issues have been irregular, paper and cardboard stocks held firm with only fractional changes and shipbuilding shares moved within a narrow range.

Narrow price changes and dull trading were the chief characteristics of the curb market dealings during the two-hour session on Saturday. There were no special features and the volume of trading tumbled downward to approximately 13,000 shares against 22,000 during the preceding short day. There were a few isolated advances and declines of around a point, but most of the changes in the general list were in minor fractions. Public utility stocks were the most active but the changes, as a rule, were toward lower levels. Industrial specialties were off and the aircraft issues were down with the exception of Fairchild Engine & Airplane which was unchanged. There was no trading in the shipbuilding or paper and cardboard stocks.

Curb issues turned upward under the leadership of the public utilities on Monday, and while there were a few of the market favorites that failed to appear on the tape, there was a goodly number of gains ranging up to a point or more. The transfers were down to 26,000 shares as compared with 44,000 on Friday the last full session. Aluminum issues were absent from the tape and there were no changes in the shipbuilding stocks. Paper and cardboard shares were generally irregular and the industrial issues registered modest gains. Among the advances were Bell Telephone of Canada, 1½ points to 104¾; Draper Corp., 1¼ points to 60¼; Jersey Central Power & Light 6 pref., 1¼ points to 101; Nevada-Calif. Electric Corp. pref., 6¾ points to 25; Pepperell Mfg. Co., 1½ points to 70½; Pittsburgh Plate Glass, 2 points to 86¾, and Utah Power & Light pref., 1 point to 68½.

Trading on the curb market showed moderate improvement on Tuesday, and while the advances and losses were on about the same level, there was a small gain in the volume of transfers which climbed up to 38,825 shares. Oil issues were irregular, Creole advancing ⅞ to 12½, while Standard Oil of Ohio pref. dipped a point to 105. Paper and cardboard stocks were inactive and shipbuilding shares were unchanged. In the public utility group most of the changes were toward lower levels but there were a few modest gains in the industrial specialties including among others, Chicago Flexible Shaft, 1½ points to 66½, and Pepperell Mfg. Co., 1 point to 71½. Aircraft stocks moved within a narrow range, Beech advancing fractionally, while Vultee and Republic were unchanged. Aluminum issues were quiet.

Stocks moved briskly upward on Wednesday and a fairly large list of issues registered substantial gains. Public utility preferred shares were particularly active, Utah Power & Light pref. (\$7) moving close to a new top with a gain of 2¾ points to 71¼, while United Light & Power pref. advanced 1¼ points to 28¼. Industrial stocks were represented on the upside by Diamond Shoe, 3½ points to 26½; Mead Johnson, 5 points to 139, and Niles-Bement-Pond, 1 point to 62½. Oil shares were fractionally higher and aluminum issues were down, except Aluminium, Ltd., which advanced 3 points to 80. In the aircraft group prices were fractionally higher for Vultee, Beech, Bellanca and Brewster, but Fairchild Engine & Airplane turned downward. Shipbuilding and paper and cardboard stocks were irregular.

Higher prices prevailed during a goodly part of the session on Thursday, but utilities were superseded by industrials as market leaders as the session progressed. The gains were

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":

Table with columns: Company and Issue, Date, Page. Lists various bonds and preferred stocks with their respective redemption dates and page references.

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:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, Holders of Record. Lists companies and their dividend details for the current week.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Share, When Payable, Holders of Record. Lists companies and their dividend details, including various preferred stocks and bonds.

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 Aug. 28, 1940, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Table with 4 columns: Date (Aug. 28, 1940; Aug. 21, 1940; Aug. 30, 1939) and 3 columns for Assets, Liabilities, and Capital Accounts. Rows include Gold certificates, Bills discounted, Total reserves, Liabilities, and Capital Accounts.

† "Other cash" does not include Federal reserve notes or a bank's own Federal Reserve bank notes. x These are certificates given by the United States Treasury for the gold taken over from the Reserve banks when the dollar was, on Jan. 31, 1934, devalued from 100 cents to 59.06 cents, these certificates being worth less to the extent of the difference, the difference itself having been appropriated as profit by the Treasury under the provisions of the Gold Reserve Act of 1934.

Weekly Return of the New York City Clearing House

The weekly statement issued by the New York City Clearing House on Friday afternoon is given in full below:

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS THURSDAY, AUG. 29, 1940

Table with 5 columns: Clearing House Members, Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits, Net Demand Deposits, Average, Time Deposits, Average. Lists various banks like Bank of New York, Bank of Manhattan, etc.

* As per official reports: National, June 29, 1940; State, June 29, 1940; trust companies, June 29, 1940.

Includes deposits in foreign branches for latest available dates as follows: a \$280,227,000; b \$68,764,000; c (Aug. 29), \$2,236,000; d \$73,853,000; e (Aug. 21), \$23,173,000.

THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

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

Table with columns for days (Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.) and rows for various stocks like Boots Pure Druggs, British Amer Tobacco, etc.

Weekly Return of the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, giving the principal items of resources and liabilities of the reporting member banks in 101 leading cities from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. The comments of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System upon the figures for the latest week appear in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

Commencing with the statement of May 19, 1937, various changes were made in the breakdown of loans as reported in this statement, which were described in an announcement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York of April 20, 1937, as follows:

The changes in the report form are confined to the classification of loans and discounts. This classification has been changed primarily to show the amounts of (1) commercial, industrial and agricultural loans, and (2) loans (other than to brokers and dealers) for the purpose of purchasing or carrying securities. The revised form also eliminates the distinction between loans to brokers and dealers in securities located in New York City and those located outside New York City. Provision has been made also to include "acceptances of own bank purchased or discounted" with "acceptances and commercial paper bought in open market" under the revised caption "open market paper," instead of in "all other loans," as formerly.

Subsequent to the above announcement, it was made known that the new items "commercial, industrial and agricultural loans" and "other loans" would each be segregated as "on securities" and "otherwise secured and unsecured."

A more detailed explanation of the revisions was published in the May 29, 1937, issue of the "Chronicle," page 3590.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN 101 LEADING CITIES BY DISTRICTS ON AUG. 21, 1940 (In Millions of Dollars)

Large table with columns for Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. and rows for ASSETS (Loans and investments, Real estate loans, etc.) and LIABILITIES (Demand deposits, Time deposits, etc.).

Weekly Returns of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Concluded)

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS AUG. 28, 1940

Table with 13 columns for Federal Reserve Banks (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran) and rows for Assets (Gold certificates, Redemption fund, Other cash, Total reserves, Bills discounted, Industrial advances, U. S. Govt. securities, Notes, Total U. S. Govt. securities, Total bills and securities, Due from foreign banks, Fed. Res. notes of other banks, Uncollected items, Bank premises, Other assets, Total assets) and Liabilities (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Member bank reserve account, U. S. Treasurer-General account, Foreign banks, Other deposits, Total deposits, Deferred availability items, Other liabilities, incl. accrued divs, Total liabilities) and Capital Accounts (Capital paid in, Surplus (Section 7), Surplus (Section 13-b), Other capital accounts, Total liabilities and capital accounts, Commitments to make Indus. advs.).

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

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT

Table with 13 columns for Federal Reserve Banks (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran) and rows for Federal Reserve notes: Issued to F. R. Bank by F. R. Agent, Held by Federal Reserve Bank, In actual circulation, Collateral held by Agent as security for notes issued to banks, Gold certificates on hand and due from United States Treasury, Eligible paper, Total collateral.

United States Treasury Bills—Friday, Aug. 30

Rates quoted are for discount at purchase.

Table with columns for Bid and Asked rates for various dates from Sept. 4 1940 to Oct. 16 1940.

Quotations for United States Treasury Notes—Friday, Aug. 30

Figures after decimal point represent one or more 32ds of a point.

Table with columns for Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked for various dates from Dec. 15 1940 to Dec. 15 1942.

Stock and Bond Averages

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

Table with columns for Date, Stocks (30 Industrials, 20 Railroads, 15 Utilities, Total 65 Stocks), Bonds (10 Industrials, 10 First Grade Rails, 10 Second Grade Rails, 10 Utilities, Total 40 Bonds).

THE PARIS BOURSE

The Paris Bourse, due to war conditions, was closed from June 11 to July 30, on which latter date the Exchange was opened for limited trading.

THE BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE

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

Table with columns for dates (Aug. 24-30) and stock names (Allgemeine Elektrizitaets-Gesellschaft, Berliner Kraft u. Licht, Commers Bank, Deutsche Bank, Deutsche Reichsbahn, Dresdner Bank, Farbenindustrie I. G., Reichsbank, Sterns & Halseke, Vereinigte Stahlwerke) with closing prices.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with columns for dates (Sat., Aug. 24; Mon., Aug. 26; Tues., Aug. 27; Wed., Aug. 28; Thurs., Aug. 29; Fri., Aug. 30) and securities (Silver, Gold, Consols, British 2 1/2%, W. L., British 4%, 1960-90) with closing prices.

The price of silver per ounce (in cents) in the United States on the same days have been:

Table with columns for dates (Bar New York, U. S. Treasury) and prices.

United States Government Securities on the New York Stock Exchange—See following page. Transactions at the New York Stock Exchange. Daily, Weekly and Yearly—See page 1251.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Aug. 24 to Friday Aug. 30) and rows for various stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

Table with columns for Shares and Par, listing sales for various stocks.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks and their corresponding share prices.

Range Since Jan. 1 On Basis of 100-Share Lots

Table showing price ranges for various stocks since January 1st.

Range for Previous Year 1939

Table showing price ranges for various stocks for the previous year (1939).

* Bid and asked prices; no sale on this day. † In receivership. ‡ Def. delivery. § New stock. ¶ Cash sale. †† Ex-div. ††† Ex-rights. †††† Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Sales for the Week

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1 On Basis of 100-Share Lots

Range for Previous Year 1939

Main table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges. Includes sub-headers for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

* Bid and asked price; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. s Ex-div. y Ex-rights. y Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and price ranges per share. Includes sub-headers for 'Sales for the Week' and 'Range for Previous Year 1939'.

Main table listing various stocks (e.g., Firestone Tire & Rubber, General Motors, etc.) with columns for stock name, shares, price, and historical price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery. n New stock. * r Cash sale. z Ex-div. y Ex-rights. † Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices per share.

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' listing various companies and their stock prices. Includes columns for 'Range Since Jan. 1' and 'Range for Previous Year 1939'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receiptship. a Def. delivery. n New stock. r Cash sale. s Ex-div. y Ex-rights. † Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Sales for the Week

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Range Since Jan. 1 On Basis of 100-Share Lots

Range for Previous Year 1939

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Aug. 24 to Friday Aug. 30), share prices, sales, stock names, and price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. a Def. delivery n New stock. r Cash sale. s Ex-div. y Ex-rights. † Called for redemption.

LOW AND HIGH SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Aug. 24 to Friday Aug. 30) and rows of stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week

Table listing various stocks under 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Range Since Jan. 1 On Bases of 100-Share Lots' and 'Range for Previous Year 1939'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † In receivership. α Def. delivery. ‡ New stock. † Cash sale. ‡ Ex-div. † Ex-rights. ‡ Called for redemption.

Bond Record—New York Stock Exchange

FRIDAY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY

NOTICE—Prices are "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds. Cash and deferred delivery sales are disregarded in the week's range, unless they are the only transactions of the week, and when selling outside of the regular weekly range are shown in a footnote in the week in which they occur. No account is taken of such sales in computing the range for the year. The italic letters in the column headed "Interest Period" indicate in each case the month when the bonds mature.

Table with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked, Range Since Jan. 1, and various bond categories like United States Government, New York City, Foreign Govt. & Municipal, and others.

For footnotes see page 1251.

Table of N. Y. Stock Exchange Bonds, Week Ended Aug. 30. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Bank Rating, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Ask, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1.

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BONDS										BONDS												
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE												
Week Ended Aug. 30										Week Ended Aug. 30												
Interest	Period	Bank	Elig.	Rating	Friday	Week's		Range	Bonds	Range	Interest	Period	Bank	Elig.	Rating	Friday	Week's		Range	Bonds	Range	
						Last	Range										Since	Since				Last
Rate	Price	See A	Price	Bid	Ask	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 1	
Railroad & Indus. Cos. (Cont.) *Chicago & East Ill 1st 6s. 1934 *Chic & E Ill Ry gen 5s. 1951 *Certificates of deposit. Chicago & Erie 1st gold 5s. 1982 *Chicago Great West 1st 4s. 1959 *Chic Ind & Louis ref 6s. 1947 *Refunding 6s series B. 1947 *Refunding 4s series C. 1947 *1st & gen 6s series A. 1966 *1st & gen 6s ser B. May 1966 Chic Ind & Sou 5-year 4s. 1956 Chic Milwaukee & St Paul *Gen 4s series A. May 1 1989 *Gen 3 1/2s ser B. May 1 1989 *Gen 4 1/2s series C. May 1 1989 *Gen 4 1/2s series E. May 1 1989 *Gen 4 1/2s series F. May 1 1989 Chic Milw St Paul & Pac RR *Mtn & G 6s series A. 1975 *Conv adj 6s. Jan 1 2000 Chicago & North Western Ry *General 4s. 1987 *Gen 3 1/2s ser B. May 1 1989 *Gen 4 1/2s ser B. May 1 1989 *Gen 5 1/2s ser B. May 1 1989 *4 1/2s stamped. 1987 *Secured 6 1/2s. 1936 *1st ref 6s. May 1 2037 *1st & ref 4 1/2s stpd. May 1 2037 *1st & ref 4 1/2s C. May 1 2037 *Conv 4 1/2s series A. 1949 Chicago Railways 1st 5s stpd Feb 1940 25% part pd. 1927 *Chic R I & Pac Ry gen 4s. 1988 *Certificates of deposit. *Refunding gold 4s. 1934 *Certificates of deposit. *Secured 4 1/2s series A. 1952 *Certificates of deposit. *Conv 4 1/2s series A. 1950 Ch St L & New Orleans 5s. 1951 Gold 3 1/2s. June 15 1951 Memphis Div 1st 4s. 1951 Chic T H & So' eastern 1st 5s. 1960 Income guar 6s. Dec 1 1960 Chicago Union Station Guaranteed 4s. 1944 1st mtge 3 1/2s series E. 1963 3 1/2s guaranteed. 1951 1st mtge 3 1/2s series F. 1963 Chic & West Indiana con 4s. 1952 1st & ref M 4 1/2s series D. 1962 Childs Co deb 5s. 1943 *Chicotav Ok & Gulf con 5s. 1952 Cincinnati Gas & Elec 3 1/2s. 1967 1st mtge 3 1/2s. 1967 Cin Leb & Nor 1st con gu 4s. 1942 Cin Un Term 1st gu 3 1/2s D. 1971 1st mtge gu 3 1/2s ser E. 1969 Clearfield & Mah 1st gu 6s. 1943 Clevel Clin Chic & St Louis Ry General 4s. 1993 General 5s series B. 1993 Ref & Imp 4 1/2s series E. 1977 Cin Wab & M Div 1st 4s. 1991 St L Div 1st coll trg 4s. 1990 Spr & Col Div 1st 4s. 1940 Clevel & Pgh gen gu 4 1/2s B. 1942 Series B 3 1/2s guar. 1942 Series A 4 1/2s guar. 1948 Series C 3 1/2s guar. 1948 Series D 3 1/2s guar. 1950 Gen 4 1/2s series A. 1977 Gen & ref 4 1/2s series B. 1981 Clevel Short Line 1st gu 4 1/2s. 1961 Clevel Union Term gu 5 1/2s. 1972 1st s f 5s series B guar. 1973 1st s f 4 1/2s series C. 1977 Coal River Ry 1st gu 4s. 1945 Colo Fuel & Iron gen s f 6s. 1943 *6s income mtge. 1970 Colo & South 4 1/2s series A. 1980 Columbia G & E deb 5s. May 1952 Debenture 5s. Apr 15 1952 Debenture 5s. Jan 15 1961 Columbus & H V 1st ext g 4s. 1948 Columbus & Tol 1st ext 4s. 1955 Columbus Ry Pow & Lt 4s. 1965 *Commercial Mackay Corp Income deb w w. Apr 1 1969 Commonwealth Edison Co 1st mtge 3 1/2s series L. 1968 Conv deb 3 1/2s. 1958 Conn & Pasump Riv 1st 4s. 1943 Conn Ry & L 1st & ref 4 1/2s. 1951 Stamped guar 4 1/2s. 1948 Conn Riv Pow s f 3 1/2s A. 1961 Consol Edison of New York 3 1/2s debentures. 1946 3 1/2s debentures. 1948 3 1/2s debentures. 1956 3 1/2s debentures. 1958 *Consolidated Hydro-Elec Works of Upper Wuertemberg 7s. 1956 Consol Oil conv deb 3 1/2s. 1951 *Consol Ry non-conv deb 4s 1964 *Debenture 4s. 1955 *Debenture 4s. 1966 Consolidation Coal s f 6s. 1960 Consumers Power Co 1st mtge 3 1/2s. May 1 1965 1st mtge 3 1/2s. 1967 1st mtge 3 1/2s. 1970 1st mtge 3 1/2s. 1989 1st mtge 3 1/2s. 1989 Continental Oil conv 2 1/2s. 1948 Crane Co s f deb 3 1/2s. 1951 Crown Cork & Seal s f 4s. 1950 S f 4 1/2s debentures. 1948 Crucible Steel 4 1/2s deb. 1948 Cuba Nor Ry 1st 5 1/2s. 1942 Cuba RR 1st 6s. 1952 7 1/2s series A extended to 1946 6s series B extended to 1946 Dayton P & L 1st mtge 3s. 1970 Del & Hudson 1st & ref 4s. 1943																						

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Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Aug. 30. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Bank Rating, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Friday's Bid & Ask, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and High/Low prices.

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BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Aug. 30				BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Aug. 30							
Interest	Bank Elig. & Rating See A	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1	Interest	Bank Elig. & Rating See A	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range or Friday's Bid & Asked	Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1
			Low High	No.	Low High				Low High	No.	Low High
Railroad & Indus. Cos. (Cont.) N Y Connect 1st gu 4 1/2 A 1953 F A xaa 3 106 3/4 107 6 1st guar 5e series B 1953 F A xaa 3 108 47 3/4 107 1/2 N Y Dock 1st gold 4s 1951 F A yb 3 47 3/4 47 3/4 Conv 5e notes 1947 A O ycc 2 48 3/4 49 4 N Y Edison 3 1/2 ser D 1965 A O xaaa 4 109 108 1/2 109 1/2 1st lien & ref 3 1/2 ser E 1966 A O xaaa 4 109 109 1 N Y & Erie—See Erie RR N Y Gas El L H & Pow g 6s 1948 J D xaaa 4 124 1/2 124 1/2 Purchase money gold 4s 1949 F A xaaa 4 115 1/2 116 1/2 *N Y & Greenwood Lake 5e 1946 M N z cc 2 12 1/2 15 N Y & Harlem gold 3 1/2 2000 M N xaa 2 98 3/4 102 N Y Lack & West 4s ser A 1973 M N ybbb 2 52 3/4 53 1/2 4 1/2 series B 1973 M N z bbb 2 58 3/4 60 *N Y L E & W Coal & RR 5 1/2 42 M N xaa 2 65 60 *N Y L E & W Dk & Imp 6s 1943 J Y ybb 2 77 90 N Y & Long Branch gen 4s 1941 M S ybb 3 25 1/2 72 *N Y & N E (Bost Term) 4s '39 A O z b 4 80 *N Y New Hav & Hart RR— *Non conv deb 4s 1947 M S z ccc 1 13 1/2 16 *Non-conv debenture 3 1/2 1947 M S z ccc 1 12 1/2 19 *Non-conv deb 3 1/2 1954 A O z ccc 1 12 1/2 14 *Non-conv debenture 4s 1956 J J z ccc 1 14 14 *Non-conv debenture 4s 1956 M N z ccc 1 13 1/2 13 1/2 *Conv debenture 3 1/2 1956 J J z ccc 1 13 13 1/2 *Conv debenture 6s 1948 A O z ccc 1 17 16 17 *Collateral trust 6s 1940 A O z ccc 1 27 27 *Debenture 4s 1957 M N z cc 1 3 3/4 3 3/4 *1st & ref 4 1/2 ser of 1927 1967 J D z ccc 1 16 1/2 15 1/2 *Harlem R & Pt Ch 1st 4s 1954 M N z b 3 66 68 *N Y Ont & West ref g 4s 1952 M S z cc 2 4 1/2 4 1/2 *General 4s 1965 J D z c 2 2 2 *N Y Prov & Boston 4s 1942 A O y b 2 80 N Y & Putnam 1st con gu 4s 1993 A O y b 2 50 3/4 N Y Queens El Lt & Pow 3 1/2 65 M N xaaa 4 109 109 N Y Ry prior lien 6s stamp 1958 J J ybbb 3 105 105 1/2 N Y & Richm Gas 1st 6s A 1951 M N xbbb 3 105 105 1/2 N Y Steam Corp 1st 3 1/2 1963 J J xaa 4 106 106 1/2 *2d gold 4 1/2 1937 J J z cc 2 18 18 *General 4 1/2 1937 F A z c 2 4 1/2 9 1/2 *Terminal gold 5e 1940 F A z c 1 7 9 1/2 N Y Teleg 3 1/2 ser B 1943 M N z bb 1 50 52 N Y Trap Rock 1st 6s 1946 J J ybb 2 82 3/4 89 3/4 6s stamped 1946 J D ybb 2 82 3/4 89 3/4 *N Y West & Bost 1st 4 1/2 1946 J J ybb 2 3 3/4 Niagara Falls Power 3 1/2 1966 M S xaaa 3 109 109 1/2 Niag Lock & O Pow 1st 6s A 1954 A O xaa 4 108 108 1/2 Niagara Share (Mo) deb 5 1/2 1955 M N xaa 1 102 102 1/2 Norf South 1st & ref 5e 1961 F A z c 2 12 11 12 *Certificates of deposit— z c 2 12 12 12 *Norfolk & South 1st g 5s 1941 M N z ccc 2 67 3/4 67 3/4 North & W Ry 1st con g 4s 1996 O A xaaa 4 122 1/2 122 1/2 North Amer Co deb 3 1/2 1949 F A xaa 4 105 106 1/2 Debenture 3 1/2 1954 F A xaa 4 105 105 1/2 Debenture 4s 1959 F A xaa 4 105 106 1/2 North Cent gen & ref 5e 1974 M S xaa 2 115 119 1/2 Gen & ref 4 1/2 series A 1974 M S xaa 2 107 109 1/2 *Northern Ohio Ry— *1st gtd g 5s 1945 A O z ccc 3 64 68 *1st mtg 6s (stamped can- cellation of guarantee) 1945 A O z ccc 2 35 *Certificates of deposit— z c 2 35 49 North Pacific prior lien 4s 1997 J J ybbb 2 68 65 3/4 Gen lien ry & Id g 3s Jan 2047 J Y ybb 2 43 44 Ref & Imp 4 1/2 series A 2047 J Y ybb 2 49 48 3/4 Ref & Imp 6s series B 2047 J Y ybb 2 62 59 3/4 Ref & Imp 6s series C 2047 J Y ybb 2 54 53 Ref & Imp 6s series D 2047 J Y ybb 2 54 53 Northern States Power 3 1/2 1967 F A xaa 4 108 109 1/2 Northwestern Teleg 4 1/2 ext 1944 J J xbbb 3 95 95 *Og & L Cham 1st gu g 4s 1948 J J z c 2 6 6 1/2 Ohio Connecting Ry 1st 4s 1943 M N xaaa 3 107 107 1/2 Ohio Edison 1st mtg 4s 1965 M N xaa 4 109 109 1/2 1st mtg 4s 1967 M S xaa 4 109 109 1/2 1st mtg 3 1/2 1972 J J xaa 4 110 109 1/2 Oklahoma Gas & Elec 3 1/2 1968 J D xbbb 4 110 109 1/2 4s debentures 1946 F A xbbb 4 105 105 1/2 Ontario Power N F 1st g 5s 1943 F A xaaa 3 100 99 1/2 Ontario Transmission 1st 6s 1945 M N xaa 3 100 99 1/2 Oregon RR & Nav con g 4s 1946 J D xaa 2 110 109 1/2 Ore Short Line 1st con g 6s 1946 J J xaa 2 117 117 1/2 Guar stpd cons 5e 1946 J J xaa 2 115 117 Ore Wash RR & Nav 4s 1961 J J xaa 2 105 105 1/2 Ous Steel 1st mtg 4 1/2 1962 J J ybb 2 69 69 Pacific Coast Co 1st g 5s 1946 J D yb 3 57 70 Pacific Gas & El 4s series G 1964 J D xaa 2 112 112 1/2 1st & ref mtg 3 1/2 ser H 1961 J D xaa 2 111 111 1/2 1st & ref mtg 3 1/2 ser I 1966 J D xaa 2 110 110 1/2 *Pac RR of Mo 1st ext g 4s 1938 F A z b 2 75 75 *2d ext gold 5e 1938 F A z b 2 60 75 Pacific Tel & Tel 3 1/2 ser B 1966 A O xaaa 4 109 110 1/2 Ref mtg 3 1/2 series C 1966 J D xaaa 4 110 111 1/2 Paducah & Ill 1st ext g 4s 1955 J J xaa 2 101 104 1/2 Panhandle East Pipe L 4s 1952 M S xaa 4 104 104 1/2 Paramount Broadway Corp— 1st M f g 3e loan 6s 1955 F A y b 2 46 46 Paramount Pictures 3 1/2 deb 47 M S ybbb 3 88 86 Parmelee Trans deb 6s 1944 A O ycc 3 40 53 Pat & Passaic G & E cons 5e 1949 M S xaaa 3 122 122 *Pauline Ry 1st s f 7s 1942 M S z b 2 60 60 Penn Co gu 3 1/2 coll tr ser B 1941 F A xaa 3 100 100 Guar 3 1/2 trust cts 1942 J D xaa 3 105 105 1/2 Guar 4 1/2 trust cts 1944 J D xaa 3 104 106 28-year 4s ser E trust cts 1952 M N xaa 3 104 104 Pa Ohio & Det 1st & ref 4 1/2 A 77 A O xaa 3 102 101 1/2 4 1/2 series B 1981 F A xaa 4 109 101 Penna Pow & Lt 3 1/2 1974 F A xaa 4 108 108 1/2 4 1/2 debentures 1974 F A xbbb 4 108 107 1/2 Pennsylvania RR cons g 4s 1948 M N xaaa 2 107 107 1/2 Consol gold 4s 1943 M N xaaa 2 112 113 1/2 4s sterl stpd dollar May 1 1970 M N xaa 2 112 112 1/2 Gen mtg 3 1/2 series C 1948 A O xaa 3 90 89 1/2 Consol sinking fund 4 1/2 1960 F A xaaa 2 102 103 1/2 General 4 1/2 series A 1965 J D xaa 3 103 103 1/2 General 5e series B 1968 J D xaa 3 108 108 1/2 Debenture g 4 1/2 1970 A O xbbb 4 90 88 3/4 General 4 1/2 series D 1981 A O xaa 3 97 96 Gen mtg 4 1/2 series E 1984 J J xaa 3 97 96 Conv deb 3 1/2 1952 A O xbbb 4 85 84 3/4 Peoples Gas L & C cons 6s 1943 A O xaa 2 113 114 1/2 Refunding gold 5e 1947 M S xaa 2 116 117 1/2 *Peoria & East 1st 4s stmp 1940 A O z b 2 43 43 *Certificates of deposit— z b 2 43 43 *Income 4s 1949 Apr z cc 2 42 43 Peoria & Pekin Un 1st 5 1/2 1974 F A xaa 2 107 110 1/2											

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In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Aug. 24, 1940) and ending the present Friday (Aug. 30, 1940). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bond, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High), and a second set of columns for another group of stocks with similar headers. The table lists numerous securities including Aero Supply Mfg, Alabama Power Co, American Gas & Elec, and many others.

For footnotes see page 1257

STOCKS (Continued)	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1, 1940		STOCKS (Continued)	Friday Last Sale Price	Week's Range of Prices		Sales for Week Shares	Range Since Jan. 1, 1940										
		Low	High		Low	High			Low	High		Low	High									
Imperial Oil (Can) coup... Registered	7 1/2	6 3/4	7 3/4	3,000	5 1/2	June 12 1/2	Metropolitan Edison— \$6 preferred	103	103	30	103	Aug	108 1/2	Jan								
Imperial Tobacco of Can... Imperial Tobacco of Great Britain & Ireland	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 3/4	300	7 1/2	June 13 1/2	Michigan Bumper Corp... Class B v t c	11 1/2	5 1/2	11 1/2	300	1/2	May	3 1/2	June							
Indiana Pipe Line new 7 1/2 Indiana Service 6% pf. 100 7% preferred	100	14 1/2	14 1/2	50	10	Mar 22	Michigan Steel Tube...2.50 Preferred	6	25 1/2	6	150	4 1/2	May	8	Apr							
Indpls P & L 6 1/2 pf. 100 Indian Ter Illum Oil— Non-voting class A... Class B	100	111	111	20	102 1/2	May 113	Michigan Sugar Co... Preferred	10	3	3	300	1 1/2	May	1 1/2	Apr							
Industrial Finance— V t c common... 7% preferred	100	62	63	250	50 1/2	May 73 1/2	Micromat Hone Corp... Middle States Petroleum— Class A v t c	1	3	3	600	2 1/2	July	4 1/2	Jan							
Insurance Co of No Am... International Cigar Mach... Internat Hydro Elec— Pref \$3.50 series...50	100	7 1/2	7 3/4	200	5 1/2	May 15 1/2	Middle West Corp com... Midland Oil Corp... \$2 conv preferred	5	6	6	1,200	5	June	9 1/2	Jan							
Internat Industries Inc... Internat Metal Indus A... Internat Paper & Pow warr International Petroleum— Coupon shares	100	1	1 1/2	300	3 1/2	June 19 1/2	Midland Steel Products— \$2 non cum div shares... Midvale Co... Mid-West Abrasive...50c	3	15 1/2	15 1/2	100	12	May	19	Apr							
International Products... Internat Safety Razor B... International Utility— Class A... Class B	100	10 1/2	10 1/2	300	9 1/2	May 19 1/2	Midwest Oil Co... Midwest Piping & Sup... Mining Corp of Canada... Minnesota Min & Mfg... Minnesota P & L 7% pf 100	6	5 1/2	6	1,200	97	May	120 1/2	May							
International Vitam... Interstate Home Equip... Interstate Hosiery Mills... Interstate Power \$7 pref... Investors Royalty	100	8 1/2	8 1/2	400	6 1/2	June 10 1/2	Missouri Pub Serv com... Mock Jud Voehringer... Common	100	6	6 1/2	400	5	May	11 1/2	Jan							
Iron Fireman Mfg v t c... Irving Air Chute... Italian Superpower A... Jacob (F L) Co... Jeanette Glass Co... Jersey Central Pow & Lt— 5 1/2% preferred	100	15 1/2	14	500	12	May 17 1/2	Molybdenum Corp... Monarch Machine Tool... Monogram Pictures com... Monroe Loan Soc A... Montana Dakota Util... Montgomery Ward A... Montreal Lt Ht & Pow... Moody Investors part pf... Moore (Tom) Dist Stmp 1... Mtn Bank of Col Am shs... Mountain City Cop com...5c	100	109 1/2	109 1/2	40	107 1/2	June	117 1/2	Feb							
Julian & Kokenge com... Kansas G & E 7% pref 100 Keith (Geo E) 7% 1st pf 100 Kennedy's Inc... Ken-Rad Tube & Lamp A... Key Co common	100	22 1/2	21 1/2	700	18	June 27 1/2	Murray Ohio Mfg Co... Muskegon Piston Ring...2 1/2 Muskegon Co common... 6% preferred	100	131 1/2	131 1/2	20	125 1/2	July	142	May							
Kimberly-Clark 8% pf. 100 Kingsbury Breweries... Klines Co Lg 7% pf B... 5% preferred	100	86	86	10	81 1/2	June 95 1/2	Muskogee Co common... 6% preferred	100	11	11	100	6 1/2	May	9 1/2	Apr							
Kingston Products... Kirby Petroleum... Kirki'd Lake G M Co Ltd... Kellin (D Emil) Co com... Kielnert (I B) Rubber Co...10 Knott Corp common... Kobacher Stores Inc... Koppers Co 6% pref...100	100	106 1/2	105 1/2	50	97	May 109	Nachman-Springfield... Nat Bellas Heas com... National Breweries com... National Candy Co... National City Lines com... \$3 conv preferred	100	13	13 1/2	100	11 1/2	May	17 1/2	Apr							
Kress Dept Stores— 4% conv 1st pref...100 Kress (S H) special pref...100 Kreuger Brewing Co... Lackawanna RR (N J)...100 Lake Shore Mines Ltd... Lakay Foundry & Mach... Lane Bryant 7% pref...100 Lane Wells Co common... Langendorf Utd Bakeries— Class A... Class B	100	11 1/2	11 1/2	100	11 1/2	Aug 15	Nat Tunnel & Mines... Nat Union Radio...30c Navarro Oil Co... Nebel (Oscar) Co com... Nebraska Pow 7% pref...100 Nehi Corp 1st preferred... Nelson (Herman) Corp...5 Neptune Meter class A... Nestle Le Mur Co of A... Nevada Calif Elec new...10 New Eng... New Eng... New England Tel & Tel 100 New Haven Clock Co... New Idea Inc common... New Jersey Zinc...25 New Mex & Ariz Land...1 New Process Co... N Y Auction Co com... N Y City Omnibus— Warrants	100	83	83	90	75	May 90 1/2	Nat Y & Honduras Rosario 10 N Y Merchandise...10 N Y Pr & Lt 7% pref...100 \$6 preferred	100	18 1/2	18 1/2	100	15 1/2	Apr	15	Jan
Langendort Utd Bakeries— Class A... Class B... Leicourt Realty com... Conv preferred... Lehigh Coal & Nav... Leonard Oil Develop...25 Le Tourneau (R G) Inc...1 Line Material Co...5 Lipton (Thos J) Inc— 6% preferred	100	11 1/2	11 1/2	700	9 1/2	June 12 1/2	N Y Shipbuilding Corp... New York State El & Gas... 5 1/2% preferred...100 New York Transit Co...5 N Y Water Serv 6% pf. 100 Niagara Hudson Power— Common... 5 1/2% preferred...100 5% 2d preferred...100 Class A opt warrants... Class B opt warrants... Niagara Share— Class B common... Class A preferred...100 Niles-Bement-Pond...64 Nineteen Hundred Corp B... Nipissing Mines... Noma Electric... Nor Amer Lt & Power— Common... \$6 preferred...82 North Amer Rayon of A... 19 1/2	100	11 1/2	11 1/2	50	13	July 22 1/2	Nor Ind Pub Ser 6% pf. 100 7% preferred...100 Northern Pipe Line... Northern Sps Pow of A...25 Northwest Engineering... Ogden Corp com...3 Ohio Brass Co of B com... Ohio Edison \$8 pref... Ohio Oil 6% preferred...100 Ohio Power 6% pref...100	100	105	105	160	98	May	108	May
Lit Brothers common... Loblaw Groceries at A... Class B... Locke Steel Chain... Lone Star Gas Corp...5 Long Island Lighting— Common... 7% pref class A...100 6% pref class B...100 Loudon Packing... Louisiana Land & Explor...1 Louisiana P & L \$6 pref... Ludwig Bauman & Co com... Conv 7% 1st pref...100 Conv 7% 1st pf v t c...100 Lynch Corp common...5 Manati Sugar opt warr... Mangel Stores... \$5 conv preferred... Manshewits (The B) Co... Mapes Consol Mfg Co... Marconi Internat Marine Communications ord reg \$1 Margay Oil Corp... Marion Steam Shovel... Mass Util Assoc v t c...1 Massey Harris com... Master Electric Co...1 May Hosiery Mills Inc— \$4 preferred	100	13 1/2	13 1/2	150	10	May 18 1/2	Nor Amer Lt & Power— Common... \$6 preferred...82 North Amer Rayon of A... 19 1/2	100	114 1/2	115	50	103 1/2	May	118 1/2	Jan							
McCord Rad & A. Ig B... McWilliams Dredging... Mead Johnson & Co... Memphis Nat Gas com...5 Merchantile Stores com... Merchants & Mfg of A... Participating preferred... Merritt Chapman & Scott... Warrants... 6 1/2% A preferred...100 Mesabi Iron Co... Metal Textile Corp...25c Partic preferred...15	100	13 1/2	13 1/2	1,400	7 1/2	May 10 1/2	Nor Amer Lt & Power— Common... \$6 preferred...82 North Amer Rayon of A... 19 1/2	100	105	105	160	98	May	109	Jan							

* For notes see page 1257.

Other Stock Exchanges

Baltimore Stock Exchange

Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corp., Atlantic Coast L (Conn), Balt Transit Co com v t c.

Boston Stock Exchange

Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes entries like Amer Tel & Tel, Bigelow-San Carpet pfd 100, Boston & Albany.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes entries like Barlow & Seelig Mfg A cmb, Bastian-Blessing Co com, Belden Mfg Co com.

CHICAGO SECURITIES

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Chicago Stock Exchange

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Table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes entries like Abbott Laboratories com, Acome Steel Co com, Advanced Alum Castings 5.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes entries like Mickelberry's Food com, Middle West Corp cap, Midland United corp pf A.

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Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes stocks like Texas Corp, Thompson J R, etc.

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Cincinnati Stock Exchange table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes stocks like Burger Brewing, Cin Advertising Prod, etc.

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Cleveland Stock Exchange table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes stocks like c Addressograph-Mul em10, Airway Elec pref., etc.

Detroit Stock Exchange—See page 1263.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange

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Los Angeles Stock Exchange table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes stocks like Aircraft Accessories, Bandini Petroleum Co., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes stocks like Central Invest Corp, Chrysler Corp, Consolidated Steel Corp, etc.

Mining—Bl Mammoth Cons Mng. 10 7 1/2c 7 1/2c 7 1/2c 1,000 6 June 14 1/2 Jan 200 1 May 2 1/2 Jan

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes stocks like Unlisted—Amer Rad&Std San Corp, Amer Smelting & Refining, etc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange

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Philadelphia Stock Exchange table with columns: Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High). Includes stocks like American Stores, Bell Tel Co of Pa pref, etc.

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Table with columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1, 1940.

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Pittsburgh Stock Exchange

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Pittsburgh Stock Exchange table listing various stocks like Allegheny Ludlum, Byers (A M), Col Gas & Elec, etc.

St. Louis Stock Exchange

Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

St. Louis Stock Exchange table listing various stocks like American Inc, Burkart Mfg, Century Electric, etc.

Table listing various stocks like Marchant Calcil Mach, Menasco Mfg Co, National Auto Fibres, etc.

Table listing various stocks like Dominguez Oil Fields Co, Electric Bond & Share, General Electric Co, etc.

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San Francisco Stock Exchange

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San Francisco Stock Exchange table listing various stocks like Aircraft Accessories A, Alaska-Juneau Gold, Anglo Calif Natl Bank, etc.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Marking an expansion of activities in San Joaquin Valley territory, the investment banking firm of H. R. Baker & Co. is announcing the addition to its Fresno office personnel of Wm. H. Bryan Jr., for many years identified with the investment business in Fresno and environs. Mr. Bryan will be associated with Alex. Brown, who has long been a Baker executive. Simultaneously the firm announces the removal of its Fresno office to larger quarters on the fourth floor of the T. W. Patterson Building. —Chicago Mercantile Exchange memberships have been posted for transfer to Theodore G. Johnson, Secretary and Treasurer of Svenson & Co., Inc., Chicago, and Arthur J. Good, President of the Pickerington Creamery, Inc., Pickerington, Ohio.

Canadian Markets

LISTED AND UNLISTED

Provincial and Municipal Issues

Closing Bid and asked quotations, Friday, Aug. 30 (American Dollar Prices)

Table with columns for Province of Alberta, Province of Ontario, and Province of Quebec, listing bid and ask prices for various issues.

Railway Bonds

Closing Bid and asked quotations, Friday, Aug. 30 (American Dollar Prices)

Table listing bid and ask prices for Canadian Pacific Ry bonds, including perpetual debentures and specific issue dates.

Dominion Government Guaranteed Bonds

Closing Bid and asked quotations, Friday, Aug. 30 (American Dollar Prices)

Table listing bid and ask prices for Dominion Government Guaranteed Bonds, including Canadian National Ry and Canadian Northern Ry issues.

Montreal Stock Exchange

Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Large table listing Montreal Stock Exchange transactions with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1, 1940.

Montreal Stock Exchange

Table listing Montreal Stock Exchange transactions for various stocks with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1, 1940.

Montreal Curb Market

Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table listing Montreal Curb Market transactions for various stocks with columns for Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1, 1940.

* No par value. r Canadian market.

Canadian Markets—Listed and Unlisted

Toronto Stock Exchange

Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange listed stocks. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange

Aug. 24 to Aug. 30, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists

Table of Toronto Stock Exchange stocks (concluded). Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High).

Toronto Stock Exchange—Curb Section

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Table of Toronto Stock Exchange Curb Section stocks. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1, 1940 (Low, High).

* No par value.

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Aug. 30

New York City Bonds

Table of New York City Bonds with columns for maturity date, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'a2 1/4s July 15 1969' and 'a3s Jan 1 1977'.

New York State Bonds

Table of New York State Bonds with columns for maturity date, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like '3s 1974' and '3s 1981'.

Public Authority Bonds

Table of Public Authority Bonds with columns for issuer, maturity date, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'California Toll Bridge' and 'Holland Tunnel'.

United States Insular Bonds

Table of United States Insular Bonds with columns for issuer, maturity date, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'Philippine Government' and 'Hawaii'.

Federal Land Bank Bonds

Table of Federal Land Bank Bonds with columns for maturity date, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like '3s 1955 opt 1945' and '3s 1956 opt 1946'.

Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds

Table of Joint Stock Land Bank Bonds with columns for issuer, maturity date, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'Atlanta 1/4s, 1 1/4s' and 'Chicago 3 1/2s'.

Joint Stock Land Bank Stocks

Table of Joint Stock Land Bank Stocks with columns for issuer, par value, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'Atlanta' and 'Chicago'.

Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures

Table of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank Debentures with columns for maturity date, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like '3/4% due Sept 3 1940' and '3/4% due Jan 2 1941'.

Obligations of Governmental Agencies

Table of Obligations of Governmental Agencies with columns for issuer, maturity date, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'Commodity Credit Corp' and 'Home Owners' Loan Corp'.

* No par value. a Interchangeable. b Basis price. c Coupon. d Ex interest. f Flat price. n Nominal quotation. r In receiptship. Quotation shown is for all maturities. w When issued. w-s With stock. Ex-dividend. y Now listed on New York Stock Exchange. z Now selling on New York Curb Exchange. * Quotation not furnished by sponsor or issuer. † Quotation based on \$89.50 of principal amount. 5% was paid on July 2 and

Chicago & San Francisco Banks

Table of Chicago & San Francisco Banks with columns for bank name, par value, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'American National Bank' and 'Harris Trust & Savings'.

New York Bank Stocks

Table of New York Bank Stocks with columns for bank name, par value, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'Bank of Manhattan Co' and 'National City'.

New York Trust Companies

Table of New York Trust Companies with columns for company name, par value, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'Bank of New York' and 'Fulton'.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for company name, par value, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'Am Dist Teleg (N J) com' and 'New York Mutual Tel'.

Chain Store Stocks

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for company name, par value, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'B/G Foods Inc common' and 'Kress (S H) 6% pref'.

Sugar Securities

Table of Sugar Securities with columns for issuer, bid price, ask price, par value, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like 'Antilla Sugar Estates' and 'Baraqua Sugar Estates'.

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Railroad Equipment Bonds

Table of Railroad Equipment Bonds with columns for Bid and Asked prices for various equipment bonds.

Railroad Bonds

Table of Railroad Bonds with columns for Bid and Asked prices for various railroad bonds.

INSURANCE and INDUSTRIAL STOCKS

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Insurance Companies

Table of Insurance Companies with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and other financial details for various insurance firms.

Industrial Stocks and Bonds

Table of Industrial Stocks and Bonds with columns for Par, Bid, Ask, and other financial details for various industrial companies.

For footnotes see page 1264

Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Aug. 30—Continued

Public Utility Preferred Stocks

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Public Utility Stocks

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Public Utility Bonds

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask and company names like Amer Gas & Pow, etc.

Investing Companies

Table of Investing Companies with columns for Par, Bid, Ask and company names like Admin's Fund Inc, etc.

Water Bonds

Table of Water Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask and company names like Alabama Wat Serv, etc.

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Quotations on Over-the-Counter Securities—Friday Aug. 30—Concluded

If You Don't Find the Securities Quoted Here

In which you have interest, you will probably find them in our monthly Bank and Quotation Record. In this publication quotations are carried for all active over-the-counter stocks and bonds. The classes of securities covered are:

- Banks and Trust Companies—Domestic (New York and Out-of-Town) Canadian
Federal Land Bank Bonds
Foreign Government Bonds
Industrial Bonds
Industrial Stocks
Insurance Stocks
Investing Company Securities
Joint Stock Land Bank Securities
Mill Stocks
Mining Stocks
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Foreign Stocks, Bonds and Coupons Inactive Exchanges

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Foreign Unlisted Dollar Bonds

Due to the European situation some of the quotations shown below are nominal.

Table of foreign unlisted dollar bonds with columns for bond name, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like Anhalt 7s to 1946, Antioquia 8s to 1946, Bank of Colombia 7% 1947, etc.

Real Estate Bonds and Title Co. Mortgage Certificates

Table of real estate bonds and title company mortgage certificates with columns for bond name, bid price, and ask price. Includes entries like Alden Apt 1st mtge 3s 1957, Beach Hotel Inc 4s 1958, B'way Barclay Inc 2s 1956, etc.

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CURRENT NOTICES

—Irving J. Louis, who for the past 11 years has been associated with Messrs. E. J. Schwabach & Co., is severing his connections with that firm on Sept. 1, to join Messrs. L. F. Rothschild & Co. in their Commodity Department. Mr. Louis is a man with vast experience in the commodity field, particularly in metals. In this respect, he is an expert in both spot and futures market practices. The recognition accorded to his thorough acquaintance with the commodity futures business is well exemplified by the fact that for the past 30 years he has served continuously as a Director or Governor of several futures exchanges, such as the New York Metal Exchange, the National Metal Exchange and Commodity Exchange, Inc. Mr. Louis started his business career in the year 1908 by entering the metal and rubber brokerage business in New York. In 1910, only two years later, Mr. Louis went into business for himself and was soon elected a Governor of the former New York Metal Exchange. He was Vice-President of that Exchange. When it became re-organized under the name of the National Metal Exchange, Mr. Louis continued to serve on the Governing Board where he was instrumental in listing silver, copper, lead and zinc for trading purposes and in broadening and developing the metal futures markets in New York. It is safe to say that few individuals have exerted more successful effort to develop interest in trading in metal futures. The numerous contacts that Mr. Louis established with the metal trades and his great energy, have enabled him effectively to stress the advantages of a judicious use of futures trading facilities for hedging purposes. Since May, 1933, when the National Metal Exchange was merged with the N. Y. Hide Exchange, the Rubber Exchange of N. Y., and the National Raw Silk Exchange, to form the present Commodity Exchange, Inc., Mr. Louis has continued to serve as Governor of the newly-formed institution. Mr. Louis's record of achievement and years of association with trade interests and commodity exchanges, stamps him as one of the leaders in the commodity futures business in this country. —"Railroad Reorganization," a matter of lively concern to the 30% of the mileage of American railroads now in the hands of the courts, is the subject of a symposium of 13 articles which has just been published as the summer, 1940, issue of "Law and Contemporary Problems," the Duke Law School quarterly. A major topic of inquiry in this symposium is why no single Class I railroad has been reorganized since 1933 when Congress passed an amendment to the Bankruptcy Act specially designed to put insolvent, over-capitalized carriers quickly "through the wringer." Still further delays are likely, predicts C. M. Clay, Assistant General Counsel of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, unless a special railroad reorganization court is created. This move, for which provision is made in a bill already passed by the Senate, is criticized by Leslie Craven, New York attorney and former counsel to Federal Coordinator of Transportation Eastman, as endangering the reorganization work already accomplished by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The symposium includes articles discussing the problems of reorganization from the standpoint of railroad labor and transportation users as well as security holders. A. F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, asserts in an article that financially embarrassed roads try to operate at the expense of their employees and urges laws facilitating rigorous reorganizations. Armistead B. Rood of the Old Colony Commuters & Shippers League, active in the New Haven reorganization, urges the appointment of special counsel by the ICC to protect the "consumer" interest in railroad service.

Note payable six months after demand to American Smelting & Refining Co., trustee under employees' pension plan, \$1,250,000; minority interest in subsidiary companies included in consolidation, \$53,632; and other miscellaneous liabilities, \$730,096.

American Stores Co.—Sales— Period End, Aug. 31— 1940—5 Weeks—1939 1940—31 Weeks—1939 Sales—\$12,349,916 \$10,739,300 \$75,887,166 \$66,495,87

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Would Dissolve Sub-Company— Amer Tel. & Tel. Co. of Massachusetts, a Massachusetts corporation, has filed in the Suffolk Superior Court a petition for dissolution, which is returnable the first Monday of October.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Weekly Output— Output of electric energy of the electric properties of American Water Works & Electric Co. for the week ended Aug. 24, 1940, totaled 52,558,000 kilowatt hours, an increase of 14.8% over the output of 45,764,000 kilowatt hours for the corresponding week of 1939.

Table with columns: Week Ended, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937, 1936. Rows: Aug. 3, Aug. 10, Aug. 17, Aug. 24. Data for weekly output in kilowatt hours.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—50-Cent Dividend— Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 23 to holders of record Sept. 3.

Table with columns: July, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows: Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

Table with columns: Years End, June 30, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows: Net sales, Cost of sales, Depreciation, Balance, etc.

Table with columns: July, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows: Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

Atlanta Birmingham & Coast RR.—Earnings— July— 1940 1939 1938 1937 Gross from railway— \$299,136 \$280,992 \$300,650 \$309,791

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30. Assets: Oil mills, tank stations, cars, inventories, notes & accts. rec., U. S. Govt. duty, etc. Liabilities: 7% cum. pref. stk., common stock, notes payable, etc.

Associated Dry Goods Corp.—Earnings— 6 Mos. Ended— Aug. 3, '40 July 29, '39 July 29, '38 July 29, '37 Total net sales— \$25,805,834 \$25,291,659 \$24,106,343 \$26,054,666

Armstrong Cork Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings— [Including domestic subsidiaries and operating profits of foreign subs.] 6 Months Ended June 30— 1940 1939 1938

Art Metal Construction Co.—Earnings— Earnings for 6 Months Ended June 30, 1940 Net profit after depreciation reserves for taxes, &c.— \$400,918

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Earnings— Period End, July 31— 1940—Month—1939 1940—7 Mos.—1939 Average miles operated— 13,414 13,447 13,416 13,463

Atlanta Birmingham & Coast RR.—Earnings— July— 1940 1939 1938 1937 Gross from railway— \$299,136 \$280,992 \$300,650 \$309,791

Atlanta & West Point RR.—Earnings— July— 1940 1939 1938 1937 Gross from railway— \$151,394 \$146,960 \$148,439 \$141,220

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—To Sell \$8,150,000 of Cfs.— The company on Aug. 28 asked the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to issue and sell \$8,150,000 of equipment trust certificates, series G, the proceeds to be used in paying 90% of the price of new equipment costing \$9,068,234.

Earnings for July and Year to Date. Period End, July 31— 1940—Month—1939 1940—7 Mos.—1939 Operating revenues— \$3,140,984 \$2,926,147 \$2,917,316 \$2,904,505

Associated Dry Goods Corp.—Earnings— 6 Mos. Ended— Aug. 3, '40 July 29, '39 July 29, '38 July 29, '37 Total net sales— \$25,805,834 \$25,291,659 \$24,106,343 \$26,054,666

Atlantic Oil Investment Corp.—Earnings—

6 Months Ended June 30—	1940	1939
Net loss after all charges.....	\$4,815	prof\$5,474

—V. 151, p. 540.

Autocar Co.—Tenders—
The Chase National Bank, successor trustee, is inviting tenders for the sale to it, at prices not to exceed the unpaid balance of the principal and a premium of 7 1/2% plus accrued interest, of first mortgage sinking fund 7% convertible gold bonds in an amount sufficient to exhaust money in the sinking fund on Sept. 15, 1940. Tenders should be submitted before Sept. 15th at the corporate trust department of the bank, 11 Broad St., New York.—V. 150, p. 4117.

Babcock & Wilcox Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Profit on oper. after sell., admin. and gen. exps. incl. prov. for doubtful accounts & notes	\$2,269,990	x\$383,004	x\$1,496,477	\$803,281
Deprec. of bldgs., mach., equipment, &c.	285,391	289,001	300,247	257,848
Net profit on operations	\$1,984,599	x\$672,005	x\$1,796,724	\$545,433
Income from investm'ts	35,203	34,109	25,786	39,185
Interest and exchange	3,915	5,046	18,247	2,987
Total profit.....	\$2,023,717	x\$632,849	x\$1,752,691	\$587,605
Interest paid.....	1,812	3,771	5,658	7,550
Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes.....	547,000	-----	-----	85,536
Net profit.....	\$1,474,905	x\$636,620	x\$1,758,350	\$494,519

Company's proportion of the undistributed net earnings of cos. more than 50% owned (not incl. above)..... 328,915 110,762 250,510 289,522

x Loss.—V. 151, p. 98.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Earnings—

Period End. July 31—	1940—Month—	1939	1940—7 Mos.—	1939
Railway oper. revenues	\$15,263,428	\$13,250,849	\$98,423,257	\$83,052,016
Maint. of way & structs.	1,763,809	1,310,150	9,360,291	7,850,757
Maint. of equipment	3,585,323	2,653,894	22,291,417	18,148,500
Traffic	422,163	406,522	2,886,062	2,714,552
Transportation	5,140,533	4,629,030	35,430,123	31,479,579
Miscell. operations	141,739	151,799	886,702	838,641
General	583,935	447,339	3,768,365	3,350,052
Transp. for invest.—Cr.	3,211	77	5,898	4,805
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$3,629,137	\$3,652,192	\$23,806,195	\$18,674,740
Railway tax accruals	951,607	868,925	6,669,883	6,108,893
Equipment rents, net	301,886	361,625	1,570,949	1,607,759
Joint facility rents, net	166,512	153,804	980,069	982,029
Net ry. oper. income	\$2,209,132	\$2,267,838	\$14,585,294	\$9,976,059

Obituary—
Harry Oscar Hartzell, 65, Executive Assistant to the Vice-President in Charge of Freight Traffic died on Aug. 21.—V. 151, p. 689.

Basic Dolomite, Inc.—Earnings—

6 Months Ended June 30—	1940	1939
Net profit after deprec., depl., int., Fed. inc. taxes, &c.	\$162,193	\$65,554
Earnings per share on common stock	\$0.46	\$0.19

—V. 150, p. 1590.

Beacon Participations, Inc.—Earnings—

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Income on int. and divs.	\$3,551	\$2,616	\$8,544	\$7,716
General expense	413	723	3,028	1,570
Taxes	195	197	4,190	15,317
Interest paid	85	45	838	1,113
Transfer fees and bank services	642	630	695	800
Other expenses	1,370	3,924	3,242	2,494
Loss on sale of secur.	1,174	4,476	prof\$30,204	prof\$99,610
Net loss for the period	\$327	\$7,380	prof\$26,754	prof\$86,032

Comparative Balance Sheet June 30

Assets—	1940	1939	Liabilities—	1940	1939
Stocks and bonds	\$710,416	\$607,268	Res. for taxes, &c.	\$1,202	\$8,302
Cash	1,660	499	Res. for conting.	3,340	3,500
Cash held under trustee writ	2,430	2,430	Notes & accts. pay	7,155	5,279
Accts. & notes rec	52,344	52,344	y Cl. A partic. pref.	580,393	580,393
Loan receivable	500	500	y Cl. B partic. pref.	499,000	499,000
Other securities	37,100	96,680	z Common.....	1,000	1,000
Furniture and fixtures	49	49	Deficit.....	339,985	338,203
Total	\$752,106	\$759,270	Total	\$752,106	\$759,270

x Represented by 30,547 shares no par class A participating preferred stock. y Represented by 25,000 shs. no par class B participating preferred stock. z Represented by 25,000 no par shares of common stock.—V. 150, p. 3194.

Beaumont Sour Lake & Western Ry.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$166,616	\$178,663	\$165,623	\$184,102
Net from railway	38,464	53,039	44,141	48,768
Net ry. oper. income	def\$5,597	5,701	971	14,220
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,669,595	1,670,408	1,732,556	1,929,320
Net from railway	718,561	702,038	746,056	902,906
Net ry. oper. income	335,917	314,598	376,134	459,156

—V. 151, p. 689.

Beech Aircraft Corp.—Earnings—

Period End June 30—	1940—3 Mos.—	1939	1940—9 Mos.—	1939
Net income	\$67,036	\$3,525	loss\$25,458	loss\$54,986
Earns. per share	\$0.17	\$0.01	Nil	Nil

x On common stock. y After all charges.—V. 151, p. 1135.

Bendix Aviation Corp.—Expansion Program—
Backed by a Government commitment for a huge loan, corporation is making plans to quadruple its facilities for the production of aviation parts and equipment. The company is already the country's leading source of supply on many aviation items.

All of its existing aviation parts plants will be expanded somewhat and in addition at least one, and possibly three, entirely new plants in new locations will be erected. Exact details of the program have not yet been worked out. For defense purposes the program will also embrace a realignment of manufacturing facilities so that the entire production of one item, such as magnetos or carburetors, will no longer be centered at one point. Heretofore, for purposes of economy, the company has always produced all of a given item at one plant.

Bendix Aviation has procured a commitment from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation that it will make available up to \$18,500,000 for additional plant construction. This will cover only the additional plant and such facilities as machinery and tools. The company plans to handle its own working capital requirements, either through advance payments on contracts received or private credits, and possibly a combination of both.

At the main plant in South Bend, Ind., aviation parts capacity will be increased probably 25 or 30%. This plant now makes airplane wheels, brakes, pneudraulic shock struts, and aircraft carburetors in addition to numerous automobile parts.—V. 151, p. 1135.

Beneficial Industrial Loan Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Operating income	\$10,935,224	\$10,560,130	\$10,545,511	\$10,577,374
Operating expenses (incl. provision for doubtful notes)	6,409,632	6,329,532	6,321,523	5,783,640
Net oper. income	\$4,525,592	\$4,230,599	\$4,223,988	\$4,793,734
Income credits	5,309	2,090	3,808	4,116
Gross income	\$4,530,902	\$4,232,689	\$4,227,796	\$4,797,850
Interest	210,826	185,629	161,542	146,283
Other interest	156,983	147,299	154,066	166,998
Prov. for Fed. inc. & cap. stk. taxes (curr. period)	1,073,501	768,483	810,830	x972,779
Other charges	z18,338	-----	-----	-----
Net income	\$3,071,254	\$3,131,277	\$3,101,358	\$3,511,789
Earned surplus Jan. 1	11,437,683	9,718,217	8,031,703	6,631,901
Total	\$14,508,937	\$12,849,494	\$11,133,063	\$10,143,691
Surplus credits (net)	17,620	9,640	22,655	Dr\$77,882

Earned surplus avail. for divs. on capital stocks of the corp.—\$14,526,557 \$12,859,135 \$11,155,718 \$10,065,809

Surplus charge..... 128,729 58,779 10,470

Prof. stk., ser. A divs..... 187,506 y181,470 376,980 376,988

Common stock divs..... 2,083,490 2,083,490 1,967,741 2,199,240

Earned surp. June 30 \$12,126,832 \$10,535,395 \$8,800,528 \$7,489,582

Shares common stock outstanding 2,314,989 2,314,989 2,314,989 2,314,989

Earnings per share \$1.24 \$1.27 \$1.17 \$1.35

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

	1940	1939		1940	1939
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Cash	7,090,529	6,196,189	Notes & accts. pay a29,577,886	23,292,092	23,292,092
x Install. notes re- ceivable (net)	67,989,372	61,204,239	Empl. thrift accts.	3,708,997	3,255,470
Miscell. notes and accts. receivable	5,795	30,994	Reserve for taxes	-----	-----
Invest. (at cost)	13,142	13,176	Insurance, &c.	423,023	532,817
Real est. (at cost)	27,176	27,576	Unearned discount	423,023	446,301
y Furn. & fixtures	804,771	677,629	Outside int. in cap.	-----	-----
z (after deprec.)	113,740	151,090	stocks of subs.	12,614	12,500
Deferred charges	57,814	56,667	x Prior pref. stock	7,500,000	7,500,000
Other assets	-----	-----	b Common stock	16,585,168	16,585,168
Total	76,102,339	68,357,561	paid-in surplus	6,167,819	6,167,819
			Earned surplus	12,126,832	10,535,395

a Includes note payable, due 1943 in the amount of \$5,000,000. b Represented by 2,314,989 no par shares. x Less reserve for doubtful accounts of \$4,833,249 in 1940 and \$4,519,699 in 1939. y After reserve for depreciation of \$500,787 in 1940 and \$487,186 in 1939. z Represented by 150,000 no par shares.—V. 151, p. 980.

Bessemer & Lake Erie RR.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$2,100,632	\$1,578,718	\$855,257	\$2,328,090
Net from railway	1,351,491	927,788	324,555	1,561,097
Net ry. oper. income	1,053,819	747,070	251,908	1,252,907
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	8,776,624	5,649,552	3,440,238	10,706,202
Net from railway	4,081,263	1,607,612	258,140	5,622,181
Net ry. oper. income	3,206,189	1,269,585	def\$18,798	4,840,078

—V. 151, p. 689.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Minimum Wage Raised—
Company announced on Aug. 21 that it would guarantee minimum earnings of 62 1/2 cents an hour to employees in all its steel plants effective on and after Sept. 1, 1940, in accordance with the requirements of the Walsh-Healey Act, and that this would apply to all types of business handled by the corporation, whether commercial or under government contracts.

The official announcement issued by the company follows: "Bethlehem Steel Co. announced today (Aug. 21) that, in view of the requirement of the Walsh-Healey Act that any company producing products of the iron and steel industry for the Government must comply with the minimum wage determination for that industry made by the Secretary of Labor and in order to make its facilities fully available to help satisfy the anticipated heavy demands of the Government for steel products for the national defense program, the company will guarantee that the minimum earnings of employees in its steel plants will average 62 1/2 cents per hour.

"This guarantee will be effective from and after Sept. 1, 1940, and will apply to employees in those plants receiving the common labor rates or more, including those employed on commercial as well as on Government work."

Awards Coke Ovens Contract—
Corporation announced on Aug. 26 that it has awarded a contract to the Wilputte Coke Oven Corp., subsidiary of Semet-Solvay Co., division of Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., for a battery of coke ovens for its Lackawanna, New York steel plant.

The battery of ovens will consist of 76 under jet combination ovens having a coking capacity of 560,000 tons of coal per year, which is equivalent to approximately 32,000 tons of coke per month.

This is the first contract awarded since Semet-Solvay and Wilputte have joined forces in the coke oven construction field and it is expected that the design of the ovens and accessory equipment will represent definite improvements that will make the installation the most modern and efficient yet constructed in this country. Engineering details are now being worked out and it is expected that the ovens will be in operation by next spring.—V. 151, p. 1135.

Boston Elevated Ry.—Earnings—

Month of July—	1940	1939
Total receipts	\$1,912,605	\$1,849,976
Total operating expenses	1,579,718	1,516,859
Federal, State & municipal tax accruals	139,955	134,989
Rent for leased roads	3,972	3,761
Subway, tunnel & rapid transit line rentals	235,956	235,873
Interest on bonds	329,374	329,374
Dividends	99,498	99,498
Miscellaneous items	7,651	7,877
Excess of cost of service over receipts	\$483,518	\$478,253

—V. 151, p. 689.

Boston & Maine RR.—Acquisitions Approved—
The Interstate Commerce Commission on Aug. 15 authorized the acquisition by the company of control of Peterborough RR., Wilton RR. and Concord & Portsmouth RR. by purchase of the capital stock of the roads. These companies are now operated under lease by the Boston & Maine.

Earnings for July and Year to Date

Period End. July 31—	1940—Month—	1939	1940—7 Mos.—	1939
Operating revenues	\$3,962,828	\$3,596,893	\$26,925,229	\$25,815,725
Operating expenses	2,891,432	2,547,784	19,853,302	19,056,980
Net operating revenue	\$1,071,396	\$1,049,109	\$7,071,927	\$6,758,745
Taxes	324,192	308,897	2,103,472	2,143,903
Equipment rents—Dr.	219,438	192,475	1,484,747	1,489,201
Joint facil. rents—Dr.	9,949	13,910	81,637	118,941
Net ry. oper. income	\$517,817	\$533,827	\$3,397,071	\$3,006,700
Other income	113,081	113,924	695,042	701,044
Total income	\$630,898	\$647,751	\$4,092,113	\$3,707,744
Total deducts. (rentals, interest, &c.)	414,030	620,167	3,973,827	4,327,513
Net income	\$216,868	\$27,584	\$118,286	def\$619,769

—V. 151, p. 837.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939

Assets—Cash, \$251,144; accounts receivable, \$202,242; inventories, \$647,748; investments, \$320,000; land, \$361,854; buildings, machinery and equipment (less reserve for depreciation of \$658,651), \$1,779,684; assets in process of realization, \$60,000; deferred items, \$63,546; total, \$4,026,578.

Liabilities—Notes payable to bank, \$25,000; accounts payable, trade and other creditors, \$56,102; accrued expenses, payrolls, interest and taxes, \$56,071; scrip certificates due Jan. 1, 1940, \$79,380; 1st mtge. bonds due July 1, 1940, \$63,500; special term bank loans, \$1,044,620; bonded debt, \$566,000; deferred profit, \$8,141; capital stock, \$3,250,000; deficit, \$1,461,594; total, \$3,687,220.—V. 147, p. 1918.

California-Engels Mining Co.—Annual Report—

Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939	
Total operating revenues	\$2,259
Total operating expenses	8,798
Net loss from operations	\$6,539
Other income	366
Loss	\$6,173
Income deductions	2,942
Net loss for the year	\$9,115
Balance (deficit) Jan. 1, 1939	2,779,267
Balance (deficit) Dec. 31, 1939	\$2,788,382

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939

Assets—Cash, \$1,565; notes and accounts receivable, trade, \$2,818; due from officers, directors and stockholders, \$2,200; investments, \$15,343; mineral land, real estate, improvements, machinery, equipment and supplied (less depreciation reserve of \$1,200,406), \$79,860; intangible assets, \$79,875; deferred charges, \$88,593; total, \$270,255.

Liabilities—Accounts payable, trade, \$6,975; accrued liabilities, \$2,466; due officers, directors and employees, \$800; capital stock (outstanding): (California-Engels Mining Co., 971,561 shares at 25c. par value, \$242,890.25; California Copper Corp., 24,566.8 shares at 25c. par value, \$6,141.70; and Engels Copper Mining Co., 588.2 shares at 25c. par value, \$147.05), \$249,179; reduction surplus (arising out of the reduction in stated capital), \$2,799,217; earned surplus (deficit), \$2,788,382; total, \$270,255.—V. 149, p. 2074.

California Ice & Cold Storage Co.—Annual Report—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939	
Direct operating revenue	\$1,851,089
Direct operating expense	1,706,383
Gross operating profit	\$144,706
Administrative expense and taxes	47,423
Interest and amortization	17,910
Depreciation	23,345
Net profit for period	\$56,027

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939

Assets—Cash, \$6,902; accounts receivable, \$132,357; notes receivable, \$10,304; inventories, liquor, \$116,586; inventories: All others, \$9,374; land, plant and equipment (less depreciation of \$311,943), \$593,833; other assets, \$68,121; prepaid accounts, \$14,594; unamortized bond discount and expense, \$4,957; total, \$956,829.

Liabilities—Accounts payable, \$151,006; notes payable, \$41,500; accrued accounts payable, \$3,020; first mortgage bonds, \$229,500; capital stock, \$343,500; surplus, \$199,303; dividends paid, \$r\$16,000; total, \$956,829.—V. 144, p. 99.

Cambria & Indiana RR.—Earnings—

Earnings—				
July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$116,404	\$118,398	\$83,961	\$81,322
Net from railway	29,862	54,078	22,088	13,047
Net ry. oper. income	63,545	93,082	57,598	61,529
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	858,830	724,211	627,331	739,861
Net from railway	307,384	279,203	114,526	277,300
Net ry. oper. income	542,859	495,848	397,832	554,374

—V. 151, p. 838.

Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd.—23-Cent Com. Div.

Directors on Aug. 27 declared a dividend of 23 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 25 to holders of record Sept. 30. Previously regular quarterly dividends of 30 cents per share were distributed.—V. 151, p. 240.

Canada Wire & Cable Co., Ltd. (& Subs.)—Report—

Consolidated Statement Income for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939	
Profit from operations	\$1,174,580
Income from investments	8,611
Total income	\$1,183,191
Provision for depreciation	229,437
Executive remuneration and legal fees	72,649
Directors' fees	2,299
Provision for Dominion and provincial income taxes	187,000
Net profit for year	\$690,806
Earned surplus Dec. 31, 1938	741,725
Total surplus	\$1,432,531
Prior year operating adjustments, net	15,616
Loss on disposal of plant and machinery	1,584
Dividends declared and paid: Preferred, 6 1/2% cumulative	186,817
Common, class A	118,676
Common, class B	75,331
Earned surplus, Dec. 31, 1939	\$1,034,507

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939

Assets—Cash, \$754,997; call loan (guaranteed), \$200,000; marketable securities at cost, less reserve (market value \$342,446), \$257,176; accounts receivable, after making provision for doubtful accounts, \$750,016; inventories, \$1,855,476; land, building, plant and equipment (less depreciation reserves of \$1,683,849), \$2,015,950; prepaid expenses and deferred charges, \$88,758; goodwill and accrued charges, \$158,165; sales tax payable, \$2,276; provision for income and corporation taxes, \$203,327; reserve for reels in hands of customers, \$75,000; 6 1/2% preferred stock, \$2,874,100; common stock, \$1,575,000; earned surplus, \$1,034,507; total, \$5,922,376.—V. 151, p. 1137.

Canadian Celanese, Ltd.—Extra Dividend—

Directors on Aug. 26 ordered an extra dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock, together with the regular third quarter payment of 25 cents. Both dividends are payable on Sept. 30 to stockholders of record Sept. 16.—V. 150, p. 1130.

Canadian Dredge & Dock Co., Ltd.—Annual Report—

Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939	
Operating profit for the year	\$283,400
Other income	19,849
Total income	\$303,249
Provided for 1939 income taxes	4,066
Provided for depreciation	90,000
Remuneration, for management, to directors & executive officers	22,200
Directors' fees	5,000
Net income	\$145,083
Surplus brought forward from Dec. 31, 1938	815,943
Income taxes applicable to prior periods	Dr2,612
Additional depreciation provided applicable to the years ended Jan. 31, 1935 and 1936	Dr16,498
Total surplus	\$941,915
Dividends on common shares	142,162
Balance as at Dec. 31, 1939	\$799,753

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939

Assets—Bonds, \$297,023; cash, \$77,827; call loans, \$300,000; accounts receivable, \$7,447; amounts due for work done on contracts, \$38,795; retentions on contracts, \$86,164; inventories, \$22,563; capital assets (less reserve for depreciation of \$1,800,504), \$1,535,796; deferred charges, \$23,137; total, \$2,388,753.

Liabilities—Provision for income taxes, \$39,000; common stock, \$1,542,500; capital surplus on redemption of preferred shares, \$7,500; operating surplus, \$799,753; total, \$2,388,753.—V. 149, p. 4021.

Canadian National Lines in New England—Earnings—

Earnings—				
July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$126,904	\$127,184	\$141,023	\$126,915
Net from railway	def42,614	2,901	14,616	def17,904
Net ry. oper. income	def96,809	def45,175	def21,890	def61,170
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	970,385	767,535	747,363	869,126
Net from railway	def42,924	def88,138	def80,298	def10,531
Net ry. oper. income	def437,800	def398,909	def367,564	def323,886

—V. 151, p. 690.

Canadian National Rys.—Earnings—

Earnings of the System for the Week Ended Aug. 21			
	1940	1939	Increase
Gross revenue	\$4,737,566	\$3,574,723	\$1,162,843

—V. 151, p. 1137.

Canadian Oil Companies, Ltd.—Annual Report—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939	
Operating profit for year	\$1,060,889
Depreciation on buildings, plant and equipment	491,090
Provision for Federal and Provincial income taxes	117,000
Net profit for year	\$452,298
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1938	955,485
Total surplus	\$1,407,784
Dividends on preference stock 8%	160,000
Dividends on common stock \$1	143,764
Surplus, Dec. 31, 1939	\$1,104,020

Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939

Assets—Cash, \$278,718; accounts and bills receivable, \$822,081; inventory, \$187,279; deferred accounts receivable, mortgages and sundry investments, \$126,383; investment in and advances to subsidiary companies, \$11,281; deferred charges to operations, \$58,864; real estate, buildings, plant and equipment, \$9,975,602; goodwill, \$1; total, \$13,090,210.

Liabilities—Bank advances, \$295,000; accounts payable and accrued charges, \$1,320,170; provision for Federal and Provincial income and corporation taxes, \$122,359; dividend payable Jan. 2, 1940, \$40,000; deferred liabilities, \$229,400; reserve for depreciation on capital assets, \$4,803,049; preference stock, \$2,000,000; common stock, \$3,176,212; surplus, \$1,104,019; total, \$13,090,210.

Note—Issue of debentures, not to exceed \$2,500,000, was authorized on Dec. 14, 1939, of which \$1,250,000 of 4 1/2% 15-year sinking fund debentures were underwritten by Newsbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd., and taken up after Jan. 1, 1940. None of the proceeds from the sale of these debentures appears in this statement.—V. 151, p. 240.

Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine—Earnings—

Earnings—				
July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$152,045	\$123,906	\$106,760	\$132,782
Net from railway	13,096	def14,663	def21,557	def23,986
Net ry. oper. income	def20,923	def48,567	def44,137	def47,178
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,929,302	1,453,641	1,525,872	1,576,288
Net from railway	655,423	300,610	245,776	305,534
Net ry. oper. income	426,183	90,955	11,059	80,856

—V. 151, p. 690.

Canadian Pacific Lines in Vermont—Earnings—

Earnings—				
July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$105,167	\$83,630	\$66,871	\$90,409
Net from railway	def647	def20,677	def33,979	def8,671
Net ry. oper. income	def31,323	def45,825	def60,402	def37,268
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	703,783	558,504	458,506	695,883
Net from railway	def80,596	def176,826	def292,328	def86,083
Net ry. oper. income	def276,892	def354,503	def475,072	—378,079

—V. 151, p. 690.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Earnings—

Earnings for the Week Ended Aug. 21			
	1940	1939	Increase
Traffic earnings	\$3,311,000	\$2,636,000	\$675,000

—V. 151, p. 1137.

Canadian Wirebound Boxes, Ltd.—Accumulated Div.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on account of accumulations on the \$1.50 cumul. class A partic. stock, no par value, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 16. A like amount was paid in each of the 12 preceding quarters. Accruals after the current payment will amount to \$2.25 per share.—V. 151, p. 543.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp.—Prices Reaffirmed—

Corporation announced on Aug. 27 reaffirmation of its present base prices on hot rolled carbon steel semi-finished material, bars, structural shapes, plates, steel sheet piling, hot and cold rolled sheets, hot rolled strip and standard rails, as well as all hot rolled alloy steel items excepting alloy plates, on which they have announced base prices of \$3.275 per 100 lbs. delivered Pittsburgh, and \$3.28 per 100 lbs. delivered Chicago, all for shipment to and including Dec. 31, 1940, for delivery and consumption in the United States.

In this announcement, it is stated that prices will apply only on such shipments as are made up to and including Dec. 31, 1940, and that any shipments after that date will be billed at prices then in effect.—V. 143, p. 2829.

Carpel Corp. (& Subs.)—Annual Report—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31, 1939	
Gross sales	\$3,420,216
Commissions	7,899
Dividends received	209
Gross income	\$3,428,324
Costs of sales, expenses and taxes	3,349,009
Loss on sale of real estate	8,677
Net profit	\$70,638
Earnings per share	\$3.31

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 1939

Assets—Cash, \$17,147; accounts receivable, \$146,596; notes receivable, \$28,595; inventories, \$36,756; prepaid expenses, \$5,858; cash value—officers insurance policy, \$5,239; deposits in closed banks, \$697; investments, \$5,624; real estate, \$256,742; automobiles, \$62,862; equipment, \$26,259; total, \$892,378.

Liabilities—Accounts payable, \$298,121; notes payable, \$101,000; employees' bond fund, \$10,067; accrued expenses and taxes, \$37,764; mortgage payable, \$15,000; capital stock, \$133,775; surplus, \$296,649; total, \$892,378.—V. 147, p. 106.

Carpenter Steel Co.—To Pay 50-Cent Dividend—

The directors on Aug. 27 declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, par \$5, payable Sept. 20 to holders of record Sept. 10. This compares with \$1.25 paid on June 20, last; 50 cents paid on March 20, last; 60 cents on Dec. 20, 1939; 15 cents on Sept. 20, 1939; 40 cents on June 20, 1939; 15 cents on March 20, 1939; and dividends of 10 cents paid on Dec. 20, Sept. 20, June 20 and on March 21, 1938.—V. 150, p. 3503.

Cedar-William Street Corp.—Certificates Called—

All of the outstanding first mortgage 6% sinking fund gold loan certificates have been called for redemption on Oct. 1 at 101 and accrued interest. Payment will be made at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., N. Y. City.

Central of Georgia Ry.—Appointments Ratified—

Table showing appointments ratified by the Interstate Commerce Commission for Central of Georgia Ry. Includes names of trustees and earnings for July and year to date.

Celanese Corp. of America—Debentures Offered—Financing for the corporation was carried out Aug. 28 with the offering of \$25,000,000 3% debentures, due Aug. 1, 1955...

Debentures—The 3% debentures are not to be secured by any lien (except under certain circumstances) and are to be issued under an indenture, dated Aug. 1, 1940, between the corporation and City Bank Farmers Trust Co. as trustee.

Sinking Fund and Redemption—Corporation is to covenant that (subject to the credit referred to) it will, semi-annually from Aug. 1, 1941 to Feb. 1, 1955, retire debentures through the sinking fund in the following principal amounts:

Capitalization—Outstanding at June 30, 1940 and to be outstanding upon the issuance of the 3% debentures and the consummation of the transactions referred to:

Manufacturing plants of the corporation are located near Cumberland, Md. and Pearlsburg, Va.; wholly-owned subsidiaries have weaving plants at Williamsport, Pa. and New London, Conn.; and Celluloid Corp. (a subsidiary, 51% of the common stock of which is owned by the corporation) has plants in Newark, N. J., for the manufacture of plastic products.

3% debentures, due Aug. 1, 1955. To Be Outstanding \$25,000,000

a 1 3/4% bank loans (maturing serially 1941 to 1945, inclusive) \$10,000,000

a 3 2-3% debentures, due Sept. 1, 1948, 5,000,000

b Notes payable to banks 6,080,000

7% cum. series prior pref. stock (par \$100) 16,481,800

7% cum. 1st partic. pref. stock (par \$100) 14,817,900

Common stock (no par) 1,050,625

a Upon the issuance of the 3% debentures, the corporation will (1) deposit in trust, funds sufficient to redeem the outstanding 3 2-3% debentures (upon which interest was reduced from 4 1/4% on March 25, 1940); (2) obtain bank loans aggregating \$5,000,000, and (3) apply the proceeds of such bank loans, together with other funds, to the payment of the \$6,080,000 of outstanding bank loans.

b Of these notes, \$5,000,000 bear interest at the rate of 2 1/4% per annum (reduced from 3 1/2% on March 25, 1940), and mature serially, 1940-1943, inclusive; the remaining \$1,080,000 bear interest at the rate of 3 1/4% per annum, and mature serially, 1941-1945, inclusive.

c 26,266 shares of common stock were issued on Aug. 15, 1940 in payment of a stock dividend on the common stock.

Purpose—Net proceeds from the sale of the 3% debentures are estimated at \$23,768,755, exclusive of accrued interest and after deducting estimated expenses. Of such net proceeds, \$10,550,000 is to be applied to the redemption, on or about the thirtieth day after the issuance of these debentures, of the outstanding debentures of the corporation. The balance of the net proceeds is to become a part of the general funds of the corporation.

Comparative Statement of Earnings

Table showing comparative statement of earnings for 6 mos. ended June 30, 1940, and years ended Dec. 31, 1939, 1938, and 1937.

Bank Loans—Corporation has entered into an agreement dated Aug. 21, 1940 with The First National Bank, Boston; Bank of the Manhattan Co., and Bank of New York, wherein the corporation has agreed to borrow, provided that the debentures offered are issued on or before Oct. 1, 1940, and the banks have agreed to make loans aggregating \$5,000,000, to be evidenced by unsecured serial promissory notes bearing 1 1/4% interest per annum.

Principal Underwriters—The names of the principal underwriters and the principal amount of debentures severally to be purchased by each, are as follows:

Table listing names of underwriters and their respective principal amounts for the Central of Georgia Ry. debenture offering.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30, 1940. Assets: Cash, Trade debtors, Other accounts, Inventories, Due from Celluloid Corp., Common stock, Other security investments, Fixed assets, Prepaid expenses, Patents & trademarks. Liabilities: Notes payable to banks, Trade accounts payable, Other accounts payable, Accrued liabilities, Dividends payable, Notes payable to banks (1941-45), Reserves for contingencies, Deferred credits reserves, Prior pref. credits, Cumul. 1st partic. pref. stock, Common stock, Capital surplus, Earned surplus.

Total \$69,076,202. a After depreciation and amortization of \$13,059,018. b Represented by 1,050,625 shares, no par value.—V. 151, p. 981.

Centlivre Brewing Corp.—10-Cent Dividend—Directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 6 to holders of record Aug. 27.

Central New York Power Corp.—New Bonds—Requests for a hearing on the application (File 70-140) of the corporation to the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding the issuance and sale of \$6,000,000 of 3 1/4% general mortgage bonds, due 1965, and 105,263 shares of common stock, (no par), may be made in writing not later than Sept. 6.

Central Ohio Steel Products Co.—Bonds Called—All of the outstanding first mortgage 6% bonds due March 1, 1943 have been called for redemption on Sept. 1, at 105.—V. 150, p. 684. V. 149, p. 3255.

Central Paper Co., Inc.—Common Dividends—Directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 3 to holders of record Aug. 20 and a quarterly dividend of 15 cents payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 20.—V. 150, p. 3196.

Central Patricia Gold Mines, Ltd.—Extra Dividend—Directors have declared an extra dividend of one cent per share in addition to a quarterly dividend of four cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 28 to holders of record Sept. 14. Extras of two cents were paid on June 28, March 29 and Jan. 2, last; extras of one cent were paid on Sept. 30, June 30 and April 1, 1939, and extras of two cents were paid on Jan. 3, 1939, and Sept. 30, 1938.—V. 151, p. 100.

Central RR. of New Jersey—Earnings—Table showing earnings for July, 1940, and years ended 1939, 1938, and 1937.

Central & South West Utilities Co.—Hearing Postponed—The Securities and Exchange Commission announced Aug. 24 that the public hearing on the proposed plan of consolidation of Central & South West Utilities Co. and American Public Service Co. had been postponed from Sept. 3 to Sept. 17.

The place of hearing has been transferred to the Commission's Chicago Regional Office since numerous holders of the securities of both of the companies live in that vicinity.

American Public Service Co. is a subsidiary of Central & South West Utilities Co., which in turn is a subsidiary of the Middle West Corp. It is proposed to consolidate the two companies into a new corporation to be known as Central & South West Corp.

The plan proposes the issuance by the new corporation of 188,709 shares of 5 1/2% preferred stock (\$100 par) and 1,041,274 shares of common stock (\$15 par). These securities are to be offered in exchange to the security holders of Central & South West Utilities Co. and American Public Service Co. [The basis of the Exchange was given in V. 151, p. 839].—V. 151, p. 1138.

Central West Utility Co. of Kansas—Bonds Called—A total of \$40,000 6% bonds have been called for redemption on Sept. 15 at 100.—V. 136, p. 2972.

Central Zone Property Corp.—Annual Report—Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31

Table showing annual report earnings for Central Zone Property Corp. for year ended Dec. 31, 1939 and 1938. Includes categories like Rentals, All other income, Total operating receipts, Operating disbursements, General and administrative expenses, Property taxes, Depreciation and obsolescence, Interest paid on 6% cumulative income bonds, Refund on property taxes (net), and Deficit.

to holders of record Aug. 24. Like amount was paid on June 1, last, and dividend of \$1.50 was paid on Dec. 1, 1939.—V. 150, p. 3350.

Columbus & Greenville Ry.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$81,647	\$112,872	\$93,139	\$102,766
Net from railway	7,037	21,340	13,635	4,290
Net ry. oper. income	3,079	12,898	7,388	def7,013
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	660,736	801,789	654,435	742,478
Net from railway	81,513	186,048	78,457	105,682
Net ry. oper. income	12,353	114,288	34,030	18,674

—V. 151, p. 545.

Commercial Mackay Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Consolidated Income Account for the Six Months Ended June 30, 1940

Operating revenues: Cable, \$1,816,831; radiotelegraph, \$1,290,465; gross profit on sales (after deducting depreciation of \$13,939 charged to costs), \$131,446; miscellaneous (rents, &c.), \$262,557; total operating revenues	\$3,501,299
Expenses of operation, \$1,779,704; maintenance and repairs, \$488,659; general and miscellaneous expenses, \$402,836; provision for U. S. Federal income tax, \$6,000; other taxes, \$126,299; provision for depreciation (other than depreciation of \$13,939 charged to costs, as above), \$452,934	3,256,432
Net income from operations before loss on foreign exchange	\$244,867
Loss on foreign exchange	36,502
Net income from operations	\$208,365
Non-operating income	44,025
Net income before interest charges, &c., of sub. companies	\$252,390
Interest charges, &c., of subsidiary companies	14,333
Interest on income debentures	149,182
Net income for the period	\$88,875

Corporation acquired its assets and commenced business Jan. 31, 1940 and therefore consolidated net income for the month of Jan., 1940, in the amount of \$76,275 is included in this statement on a pro forma basis in accordance with the provisions of the indenture of the corporation. This interim statement is based upon estimates, in certain respects and is subject to year end adjustments and independent audit at the close of the year.—V. 150, p. 3969.

Commonwealth Edison Co.—Weekly Output—

The electricity output of the Commonwealth Edison Co. group (inter-company sales deducted) for the week ended Aug. 24, 1940 was 147,171,000 kilowatt hours compared with 138,241,000 kilowatt hours in the corresponding period last year, an increase of 6.5%.

The following are the output and percentage comparisons for the last four weeks and the corresponding periods last year:

Week Ended—	—Kilowatt Hour Output—		Increase
	1940	1939	
Aug. 24	147,171,000	138,241,000	6.5%
Aug. 17	159,049,000	143,016,000	11.2%
Aug. 10	156,806,000	140,409,000	11.7%
Aug. 3	160,649,000	140,688,000	14.2%

—V. 151, p. 1140.

Commonwealth & Southern Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Period End. July 31—	1940—Month—	1939	1940—12 Mos.—	1939
Gross revenue	\$11,656,464	\$10,918,343	\$14,764,288	\$13,599,992
Oper. exps. and taxes	6,455,108	5,947,318	80,189,548	70,581,168
Prov. for depr. & Amort.	1,508,542	1,365,578	17,532,108	15,885,926
Gross income	\$3,692,814	\$3,605,447	\$4,924,631	\$49,492,899
Int. and other deduc.	2,989,287	3,017,092	36,366,161	36,382,442
Net income	\$703,527	\$588,355	\$13,558,470	\$13,110,457
a Divs. on pref. stock	749,812	749,798	8,997,683	8,997,515

Balance. def\$46,285 def\$161,443 \$4,560,787 \$4,112,943
a Reflects deduction for full preferred stock dividend requirement at the rate of \$6 per share per annum. Divs. were paid in full to Jan. 1, 1935 and at the rate of \$3 per share per annum since that date.

Note—The electric properties of the Tennessee Electric Power Co. and Southern Tennessee Power Co. were conveyed on Aug. 15, 1939 to the Tennessee Valley Authority and other public agencies, and those companies have been dissolved and are in process of liquidation which will involve a substantial loss. Accordingly, the income accounts of said companies, and all interest and dividends received from them by the Commonwealth & Southern Corp. have been eliminated for all periods from this statement of consolidated income. With respect to the companies included herein, this statement reflects the usual accounting practices of the corporation and its subsidiaries on the basis of interim figures and is subject to audit and end-of-year adjustments.

Accumulated Dividends—

The directors on Aug. 27 declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the preferred stock, \$6 series, payable Oct. 1 to holder of record Sept. 13. A payment of like amount (which is one-half of the regular rate) was made in each of the preceding 21 quarters.

Weekly Output—

The weekly kilowatt hour output of electrical energy of subsidiaries of the Commonwealth & Southern Corp., adjusted to show general business conditions of territory served, for the week ended Aug. 22, 1940, amounted to 160,295,438 as compared with 142,129,834 for the corresponding week in 1939, an increase of 18,165,604 or 12.78%.—V. 151, p. 1140.

Compressed Industrial Gases, Inc.—Merger Voted—

See National Cylinder Gas Co. below.—V. 151, p. 692.

Connecticut Power Co.—To Finance Plant Extension Through Bond Issue—Will Offer Bonds—

According to press dispatches from Hartford, Conn., company will undertake immediately the financing of new plant construction through a new bond issue, to which stockholders will have the first opportunity to subscribe.

The company, it is said, will install a new 25,000 kilowatt steam turbine, at Stamford, which, with all corollary facilities, will cost about \$4,000,000. Stockholders will be offered rights to subscribe for the new bonds on the basis of one \$500 bond for each 83 shares held.—V. 150, p. 900.

Consolidated Coppermines Corp.—Earnings—

Period End. June 30—	1940—3 Mos.—	1939	1940—6 Mos.—	1939
x Net income for period	\$217,436	\$407,371	\$548,544	\$690,555
Exp. & devel. charges for the period	39,529	85,728	70,894	137,438
y Amort. of mine devel.	120,780	63,551	249,899	140,843
z Depreciation	35,766	34,769	71,461	69,473
x Net income	\$21,362	\$223,323	\$156,289	\$342,801

x Before charges shown separately below. y Net of current period's charges shown above. z Before depletion and Federal income tax.—V. 150, p. 3970.

Consolidated Edison Co. of New York, Inc.—Weekly Output—

Consolidated Edison Co. of New York announced production of the electric plants of its system for the week ended Aug. 25, 1940, amounting to 133,300,000 kilowatt hours, compared with 141,200,000 kilowatt hours for the corresponding week of 1939, a decrease of 5.6%.—V. 151, p. 1140.

Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore—Dividends—

Directors on Aug. 22 declared dividends for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1940 of 90 cents per share on the common stock \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per share on the 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % series B preferred stock and \$1 per share on the 4% series C preferred stock. all payable Oct. 1, 1940 to shareholders of record Sept. 14, 1940.

The dividend of \$1 for the quarter on the 4% series C preferred is the first dividend on the issue of 68,928 shares which were recently sold to the public. The price at which the 4% preferred stock was sold by the company included accrued dividend from July 1, 1940 through Aug. 15.—V. 151, p. 1140.

Consolidated Ice Co.—Delisting—

The Securities and Exchange Commission has granted the company's application to withdraw from listing and registration on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange its common stock (no par) and its preferred stock (no par), \$1 cumulative, provided that the delisting shall not be effective until 30 days after the date of this order. It is ordered that the application be granted, effective at the close of business on Sept. 19.—V. 136, p. 4275.

Consolidated Title Corp.—Bonds Called—

A total of \$14,000 collateral trust sinking fund 6% bonds due 1951 has been called for redemption on Sept. 1 at 100.—V. 151, p. 1140.

Consumers Power Co.—Earnings—

Period End. July 31—	1940—Month—	1939	1940—12 Mos.—	1939
Gross revenue	\$3,368,285	\$3,045,956	\$43,280,406	\$38,901,971
Oper. exps. & taxes	1,534,771	1,665,191	22,777,246	20,498,335
Prov. for depreciation	430,000	390,000	4,960,000	4,407,500
Gross income	\$1,103,514	\$990,765	\$15,543,160	\$13,996,136
Int. & other deductions	381,189	388,210	4,787,593	4,726,867
Net income	\$722,325	\$602,554	\$10,755,567	\$9,269,269
Divs. on pref. stock	285,389	285,389	3,424,820	3,424,822
Amort. of pref. stock exp	65,278	65,278	783,339	783,339
Balance	\$371,658	\$251,887	\$6,547,407	\$5,061,108

—V. 151, p. 409.

Convent of the Good Shepherd, St. Louis, Mo.—Notes Called—

A total of \$24,000 first mortgage 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % serial R. E. notes, due July 10, 1935 has been called for redemption on Sept. 1 at 100.

Copper District Power Co.—To Sell Bonds Privately—

The Securities and Exchange Commission has issued an order granting the application of the company to issue and sell to Modern Woodmen of America, Central Life Insurance Co. of Ill., National Guardian Life Insurance Co., and Price Brothers Co., \$250,000 first mortgage bonds, series A, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %, due June 1, 1956 at 99.

The issue and sale of the securities have been authorized by the P. S. Commission of Michigan.

The proceeds will be applied to the payment of six unsecured 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % notes due Aug. 11, 1940, aggregating \$78,750, and a \$100,000 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % promissory note due July 1, 1940. The balance of the proceeds will be applied to the cost of additions to the company's property, plant and equipment, or to reimburse the company for such expenditures.—V. 151, p. 694.

Coty International Corp.—No Interim Report—

Owing to the situation abroad it is impossible for the corporation to obtain sufficient and complete information to enable it to publish an interim six months report. Benjamin E. Levy, President of the company says: "If the necessary figures can be secured within the near future, we shall compile a tentative report at that time." Mr. Levy says, adding that it is hoped that a report covering operations for 1940 can be published on or about May 1, 1941.—V. 148, p. 2264; V. 149, p. 1911; V. 150, p. 3971.

Crown Cork & Seal Co., Inc.—Bonds Called—

Bankers Trust Co., as trustee, has selected by lot for redemption on Oct. 1, 1940, through operation of the sinking fund, \$360,000 principal amount of 10-year 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % sinking fund debentures, due 1948. Payment will be made on and after Oct. 1 at the Corporate Trust Department of Bankers Trust Co., New York.—V. 151, p. 1141.

Curtis Publishing Co.—Listing—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$7,224,200 15-year 3% debentures due Oct. 1, 1955; 722,420 shares of prior preferred stock (no par), with a cumulative dividend of \$3 per annum and an additional dividend of \$1 per annum payable and cumulative to the extent earned, and 1,806,050 additional shares of common stock (no par), making a total of 3,606,050 shares authorized for listing, all to be issued in exchange for the outstanding 722,420 shares of present preferred stock, on a voluntary exchange basis with stockholders, as follows: Each share of the preferred stock may be exchanged for: \$10 15-year 3% debenture, 1 share prior preferred stock and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ shares common stock.

Directors at a meeting held April 19 adopted resolutions approving a plan of reorganization and recapitalization, advising amendment of the articles of incorporation to give effect thereto, and calling a special meeting of the stockholders to be held July 2 to consider and act upon the plan and amendment. At the stockholders' meeting held July 2, the plan and amendment were approved (by more than two-thirds of the outstanding preferred stock and more than a majority of the outstanding common stock, voting by classes) and articles of amendment to the articles of incorporation effecting the amendment as adopted by the stockholders were filed with the department of State of Pennsylvania on July 8, 1940 and a certificate of amendment was issued by that Department on July 17, 1940.

The plan and amendment provide for the cancellation of the 177,580 shares of preferred stock and 66,959 shares of common stock held by the company, directly or indirectly. The authorized capital stock of the company is restated to consist of 722,420 shares of preferred stock and 3,539,091 shares of common stock, all without par value. The preferred stock authorized by the amendment consists of two classes, to be known respectively as prior preferred stock (a new class) and \$7 dividend preferred stock (the existing class). Company has authority to issue up to but not exceeding 722,420 shares of prior preferred stock (no par, with a cumulative dividend of \$3 per annum, and an additional dividend of \$1 per annum payable and cumulative to the extent earned) as part of the exchange authorized by the plan upon condition that the issue of prior preferred stock shall automatically reduce the authorized number of shares of preferred stock so that the total authorized shares of both classes of preferred stock of the company shall not exceed 722,420 shares.

An issue of \$7,224,200 of 15-year 3% debentures is also authorized by the amendment.

The cancellation of company-held preferred and common stock under the amendment resulted in a charge to the contingent reserve and undivided profits account of \$11,366,763 (the amount at which this stock was carried on the books), reducing this account (using the Dec. 31, 1939 balance sheet figure) from \$20,251,304 to \$8,884,540. In addition, the amendment provided for the reduction from \$30,000,000 to \$22,775,800 of the stated capital applicable to all the authorized stock of the company, consisting of the above mentioned preferred stock (both classes) and 3,539,091 shares of common stock. This reduction created a capital surplus of \$7,224,200, against which the debentures will be charged as issued.

The board of directors is authorized to offer in exchange for each share of preferred stock now outstanding: \$10 principal amount 15-year 3% debentures, one share of prior preferred stock and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ shares of common stock. Scrip will be issued for one-half shares of common stock. Scrip will be exchangeable in combination for whole shares with all dividends theretofore paid or payable thereon, but prior to such exchange scrip carries no voting dividend or other rights of a stockholder, and will be void if not surrendered in exchange for whole shares within five years from the exchange date. All accumulated and unpaid dividends on preferred stock surrendered in exchange will be eliminated.

The annual dividend requirement on the 722,420 shares of present \$7 dividend preferred stock publicly held is \$5,056,940, and as of July 1, 1940 the dividend arrearages were \$20.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per share, or a total of \$14,538,702.

The board of directors at a meeting held Aug. 15, 1940 declared the plan operative, fixed Oct. 1, 1940 as the exchange date, and called for deposits of stock for exchange up to Sept. 30, 1940.

Holders of preferred stock who do not wish to exchange their shares will continue to hold their shares, subject to the priority of the 15-year 3% debentures and the prior preferred stock issuable under the plan.

As the exchange offer is a voluntary one, it is impossible to state the number of shares of prior preferred stock that will be issued pursuant to the plan, or the extent of the reduction in the authorized preferred stock under the plan. Assuming that all the present preferred stock is exchanged, the company will have authorized and outstanding the following securities:

15-year 3% debentures.....	\$7,224,200
Prior preferred stock.....	722,420 shs.
Common stock.....	3,539,091 shs.
<i>Income Account for the Six Months Ended June 30, 1940</i>	
Revenue from advertising, circulation, &c., \$24,873,344; miscellaneous revenue, \$199,674.....	\$25,072,992
Expense—Operating: Production and delivery, \$11,643,426; selling, \$4,819,259; commissions, advertising and circulation, \$5,137,408; administration, \$228,050; general and miscellaneous, \$170,107.....	21,998,249
Depreciation on plant, fixtures, buildings and patents.....	273,120
Balance of income after subtracting depreciation.....	\$2,801,624
Other income—Income from investments, \$435,456; gain on sale and maturity of investments, \$151,650; adjustment, taxes of prior years, \$50,699.....	637,805
Total income after adding above items.....	\$3,439,429
Other charges.....	50,976
Social security taxes, \$206,909; other taxes, \$958,364.....	1,165,273
Total earnings after provision for taxes.....	\$2,223,180

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.—May Establish American Trading Company—

Sir Ernest Oppenheimer, Chairman of the Board of this company and of the Diamond Corp. of London, which represent the producers of 95% of the world's diamonds, released the following statement on Aug. 27 following his departure from the United States after a short visit:

"In view of the special war problems which face the diamond industry, I came to the United States at the request of my colleagues to investigate the advisability of opening a diamond trading company in this country. Now, pressure of other work demands my immediate return without any decision having been made.

"As Chairman of De Beers, I feel that I have a special responsibility for the welfare of our industry throughout the world. The trade in rough diamonds has been centered in London ever since the discovery of the South African mines. We hope it will remain centered there.

"Representations have been made to us, however, that it would facilitate the smooth working of the diamond business if we established a company in America. In this manner supplies of rough diamonds would be made more readily available to the American cutting industry.

"The establishment of such a company would probably lead to an expansion of the cutting industry in this country, and such expansion deserves every encouragement. On the other hand, it is probable, once Belgium and Holland independence is restored that Antwerp and Amsterdam will resume their historic role as the principal cutting centers.

"In any event, any action taken toward establishing a trading company here would have to be regarded as a war measure. We would have to learn from experience whether or not such a company in New York would be of permanent value to the American trade.

"There would, of course, be no possibility of this company functioning as a retailing, cutting, or polishing organization. Nothing is further from our minds than to interfere with the established firms in these fields. Our sole interest would be to make supplies of rough stones more readily available.

"Negotiations and investigations will be continued by our representatives after my departure. There are many problems involved, which I will discuss with my colleagues. All I can say now is that a trading company will be opened here if all considerations show such procedure to be both practical and in the best interests of the American trade."—V. 150, p. 3658.

Delaware Electric Power Co.—Debentures Called—

A total of \$200,000 gold debentures 5½% series due 1959 has been called for redemption on Oct. 1 at 102 and accrued interest. Payment will be made at the Chase National Bank of the City of New York.—V. 151, p. 242.

Delaware & Hudson RR.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway.....	\$2,343,971	\$1,890,035	\$1,567,408	\$1,961,742
Net from railway.....	750,268	506,722	271,034	272,290
Net ry. oper. income.....	556,410	323,202	125,826	177,260
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway.....	15,167,263	13,717,179	11,737,269	15,364,076
Net from railway.....	4,263,037	3,931,071	2,314,297	3,311,911
Net ry. oper. income.....	2,993,580	2,661,576	1,226,204	2,282,258

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway.....	\$4,134,081	\$3,711,549	\$3,350,563	\$3,948,768
Net from railway.....	778,869	603,708	302,165	725,731
Net ry. oper. income.....	312,145	109,438	def169,852	273,957
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway.....	29,886,500	28,045,068	24,950,661	30,269,476
Net from railway.....	6,579,930	6,043,298	4,227,387	7,350,369
Net ry. oper. income.....	3,168,386	2,516,111	933,824	4,153,367

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway.....	\$2,075,128	\$1,938,570	\$1,770,727	\$2,146,479
Net from railway.....	340,348	225,230	63,536	def19,495
Net ry. oper. income.....	46,237	def21,513	def210,054	def300,198
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway.....	13,344,005	12,550,658	11,597,498	14,350,397
Net from railway.....	1,780,803	1,241,032	619,570	461,148
Net ry. oper. income.....	def77,411	def504,608	def1329,599	def517,518

Denver & Salt Lake Ry.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway.....	\$93,686	\$104,487	\$108,462	\$127,481
Net from railway.....	def30,364	def21,138	def2,980	def31,278
Net ry. oper. income.....	def3,510	6,796	16,270	def13,189
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway.....	1,122,932	1,046,636	970,946	1,391,483
Net from railway.....	189,613	61,220	122,023	295,435
Net ry. oper. income.....	349,137	187,362	245,029	399,404

Detroit Edison Co.—Challenges SEC's Right to Extend Jurisdiction Over Intrastate Utilities—Calls Order "Arbitrary"—Disputes Decision that It Is Subsidiary of North American Co.

Challenging the right of the Securities and Exchange Commission to extend its jurisdiction over intrastate public utilities and disputing a recent order of the SEC, declaring it to be a subsidiary of the North American Co., Detroit Edison Co. has brought court action against the Commission in an effort to avoid being made subject to the provisions of the Public Utility Holding Company Act. Detroit Edison, it was learned, filed its action against the SEC in the U. S. Circuit Court in Cincinnati on Aug. 22.

On Aug. 5 the SEC handed down a decision declaring that the Detroit Edison Co. was a subsidiary of the North American Co. and subject to "controlling influence" by the North American management. North American owns 19.28% of Detroit Edison's outstanding capital stock, but the Detroit utility maintained in an application for exemption from the provisions of the Holding Company Act that it was not part of the North American system, was completely independent of parent concern management, and, therefore, should not be considered a subsidiary of a registered holding company within the meaning of the Act.

The SEC was scheduled to appear in Court Aug. 30, having been ordered to show cause why Detroit Edison should not be granted relief from the Aug. 5 decision.

In its petition for an adjudication of the issues involved, Detroit Edison asserted that the SEC order is "arbitrary, capricious and not supported by any substantial evidence or by any facts found by the Commission" in the hearings on the utility's application for exemption. It is also charged that the SEC "erred in failing to find that the management and policies of petitioner (Detroit Edison) are not subject to a controlling influence by the North American Co."—V. 151, p. 1141.

Detroit & Mackinac Ry.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway.....	\$87,679	\$77,426	\$70,889	\$80,367
Net from railway.....	34,759	15,487	13,046	12,818
Net ry. oper. income.....	25,133	7,606	5,389	3,969
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway.....	425,039	439,185	424,755	501,045
Net from railway.....	72,515	71,356	59,469	99,684
Net ry. oper. income.....	24,505	16,406	14,963	44,152

Detroit Steel Co.—50-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 25 to holders of record Sept. 14. Previously regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were distributed.

Directors voted to consider future dividend action on basis of then-current conditions and prospects rather than to make regular quarterly payments.—V. 151, p. 647.

Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway.....	\$432,311	\$462,203	\$346,568	\$500,454
Net from railway.....	138,563	182,146	103,110	186,946
Net ry. oper. income.....	73,882	118,921	71,284	118,697
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway.....	4,388,799	3,665,229	2,792,611	4,813,375
Net from railway.....	2,077,796	1,573,319	905,234	2,450,918
Net ry. oper. income.....	1,393,854	1,047,815	540,008	1,578,773

Detroit & Toledo Shore Line RR.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway.....	\$230,346	\$197,593	\$139,018	\$255,872
Net from railway.....	94,684	80,748	39,575	124,144
Net ry. oper. income.....	26,458	16,916	def11,435	57,703
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway.....	2,162,919	1,732,769	1,323,950	2,305,084
Net from railway.....	1,133,531	724,852	513,200	1,293,817
Net ry. oper. income.....	499,810	207,548	102,807	681,106

Dewey & Almy Chemical Co.—25-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the common and common B shares payable Sept. 16 to holders of record Aug. 31. Dividends of 50 cents per share were paid on these issues on June 15, last, and 25 cents paid on Dec. 23, 1939, and Dec. 15, 1939.—V. 150, p. 3506.

Divco-Twin Truck Co. (& Sub.)—Earnings—

9 Months Ended July 31—	1940	1939
Net sales.....	\$1,945,867	\$1,397,525
Cost of sales.....	1,380,558	980,477
Gross profit.....	\$565,309	\$417,048
Miscellaneous income.....	10,118	11,205
Total income.....	\$575,427	\$428,253
Administrative, selling, advertising, service and general expense.....	258,999	227,806
Provision for Federal income tax.....	58,836	39,000
Net profit.....	\$257,592	\$161,448
Earnings per share on common stock.....	\$1.14	\$0.72

Note—Depreciation and amortization have been charged to cost of sales and expense.

Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31, 1940

Assets—Cash in banks and on hand, \$111,315; notes and accounts receivable (less reserve of \$1,000), \$228,250; inventories, \$466,858; land and buildings, machinery and equipment (less reserve for depreciation of \$51,292), \$464,788; dies, tools and patterns, \$12,780; prepaid taxes, insurances and other items, \$15,188; patents, at nominal value, \$1; total, \$1,299,180.

Liabilities—Accounts payable, trade, \$52,152; accrued wages, taxes and other expenses, \$12,171; Federal, State and general taxes, \$90,230; mortgage payable, payments due within one year, \$36,000; long-term obligation, mortgage payable, \$189,000; deferred income, royalties, \$15,000; reserve for contingencies, \$28,099; common stock (par \$1), \$225,000; capital surplus, \$141,199; earned surplus, \$510,330; total, \$1,299,180.—V. 150, p. 3355.

Dow Chemical Co.—Registers with SEC—

Company on Aug. 28 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement (No. 2-490, Form A-2), under the Securities Act of 1933, covering \$15,000,000 10-year debentures, due Sept. 1, 1950, and 103,199 shares of common stock (no par). Interest rate on the debentures is to be furnished by amendment.

The debentures are to be offered publicly through underwriters. Smith, Barney & Co., of New York City, will head the underwriting group.

The common stock is to be offered, at \$100 a share, to the company's common stockholders of record Sept. 20, 1940, on the basis of one share for each 10 shares held. Transferable subscription warrants expiring Oct. 11, 1940, are to be issued to the common stockholders. The company stated that any of the stock not subscribed for may be sold by order of the board of directors, at not less than \$100 a share, without the necessity of reoffering such shares to holders of the common stock.

According to the registration statement, \$5,125,000 of the net proceeds will be applied to the redemption, at 102½%, of \$5,000,000 principal amount of 3% 15-year debentures. The balance of the proceeds will be added to the company's cash funds which will be called upon for expenditures for capital additions, replacements and improvements to plants, processes and facilities for the manufacture of new products and to meet increased demands for old products. The company stated that expenditures for such purposes during the past three fiscal years totaled approximately \$12,750,000. The company has a new plant under construction near Freeport, Texas and at the present time authorized expenditures for this plant at approximately \$15,000,000.

The prospectus states that to facilitate the offering, it is intended to stabilize the price of the debentures. This is not an assurance, it states, that the price of the debentures will be stabilized, or that the stabilizing, if commenced, may not be discontinued at any time.

The price at which the debentures are to be offered to the public, the names of other underwriters, the underwriting discounts or commissions, and the redemption provisions are to be furnished by amendment to the registration statement.

The registration statement is the first to be filed, since the recent amendment to the Securities Act permitting a shortening of the 20 day registration period at the discretion of the Securities and Exchange Commission. It is presently expected that the registration statement will become effective about Sept. 10.

New Developments—As one of the largest producers in the world and the only commercial producer in this country of magnesium metal, Dow has found it necessary to expand some \$15,000,000 in the expansion of its magnesium production facilities. Dow uses the metal in the manufacture of magnesium base alloys, known as Dowmetal and sells it for use in the manufacture of other alloys, particularly of aluminum. Dowmetal, employed wherever lightness of weight is desired, has many applications in the aircraft, automotive and machinery fields. Up to now the company has carried on fabricating operations principally as a means of encouraging the use of magnesium metal. Greatly expanding sales, however, particularly during the present year have necessitated the construction of new plants at Freeport, Texas, to increase production facilities to 25,000,000 pounds annually beginning with December, 1940 and the erection of a large additional rolling mill for sheet production and the enlarging of foundry capacity.

In addition to the development of magnesium metal the company has drawn upon the results of research to expand the manufacture of plastics, the most important of which have been ethyl cellulose, used in lacquers, molding compounds, foil and filament and Styron (polystyrene) used in injection molding. Also as the result of research and experimentation Dow has developed processes for the manufacture of many basic materials used in the so-called Buna-type rubbers. It has also greatly expanded its line of insect sprays, fungicides and disinfectants and the Ethyl-Dow Co. has materially increased production of ethylene dibromide at its sea water plant near Wilmington, N. C.—V. 151, p. 696.

Duluth Missabe & Iron Range Ry.—Bonds Called—

J. P. Morgan & Co., Inc., as sinking fund agent, has drawn by lot for redemption on Oct. 1, 1940, at 105, \$600,000 principal amount of this company's first mortgage 3½% bonds, due 1962. Payment will be made on and after Oct. 1 at the New York office of J. P. Morgan & Co., Inc.

Earnings for July and Year to Date

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$4,254,985	\$2,713,598	\$1,412,518	\$4,728,384
Net from railway	3,196,565	1,924,816	808,974	3,674,459
Net ry. oper. income	2,706,316	1,655,275	703,715	3,128,083
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	12,066,790	7,637,279	4,265,573	16,078,132
Net from railway	6,894,841	3,019,792	292,449	10,130,971
Net ry. oper. income	4,462,325	1,727,359	def113,363	8,214,915

Duluth South Shore & Atlantic Ry.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$294,296	\$201,515	\$185,688	\$313,407
Net from railway	76,186	30,037	40,114	124,068
Net ry. oper. income	56,365	8,938	23,034	99,076
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	1,425,362	1,142,053	1,027,581	1,733,152
Net from railway	270,951	16,722	def4,511	471,880
Net ry. oper. income	152,033	def119,839	def129,017	350,299

Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific Ry.—Earnings—

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$110,446	\$106,176	\$88,721	\$105,109
Net from railway	12,352	17,840	def13,642	8,360
Net ry. oper. income	def9,099	642	def30,817	def6,828
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	824,713	720,833	644,273	838,182
Net from railway	154,406	70,213	def36,830	171,810
Net ry. oper. income	def18,419	def81,065	def190,074	7,173

Duquesne Light Co.—Earnings—

Years Ended June 30—	1940	1939
Operating revenues	\$33,677,173	\$30,620,622
Operation	10,355,147	9,468,259
Maintenance and repairs	2,123,711	2,062,957
Appropriation for retirement reserve	3,194,174	2,949,650
Amortization of leaseholds, &c	557	911
Taxes (other than income taxes)	2,311,544	2,259,001
Provision for Federal and State income taxes	2,583,000	1,653,400
Net operating revenue	\$13,109,041	\$12,226,444
Other income	403,146	431,190
Gross income	\$13,512,187	\$12,657,634
Interest on funded debt	2,450,000	2,450,000
Amortization of debt discount and expense	315,932	315,941
Interest on Federal income tax settlement	67,600	147,922
Other interest	9,444	5,469
Interest charged to construction	Cr32,831	Cr100,748
Taxes assumed on bond interest	69,300	69,300
Miscellaneous deductions	58,891	63,069
Net income	\$10,573,850	\$9,706,681

Note—In the above statement of income the previous year figures have been adjusted to reflect interest applicable to that period on the Federal income tax settlement made in January, 1939, as an income deduction and the direct charges to surplus reduced a like amount.—V. 151, p. 548.

Eagle Lock Co.—To Continue Operations—

Stockholders of the company voted on Aug. 29 at their annual meeting to continue manufacturing operations, despite the opposition of a minority bloc which favored liquidation. It was announced at the meeting that holders of 42,399 shares favored the company's remaining operative, while holders of 25,960 shares wished for a liquidation of assets and cessation of business.

The stockholders also voted into office a nine-man board of directors, only three of whom are on the present five-man board.—V. 151, p. 1141.

Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates—Preferred Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$2.25 per share on the 4½% prior preference stock, par \$100, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 16. Dividends at half this amount were paid on July 1 and on April 1, last. Dividend of \$4.50 was paid on Dec. 28, 1939. After payment of current dividend arrears will amount to \$1.12½ per share.—V. 151, p. 1141.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Earnings—

Period End. July 31—	1940—Month	1939	1940—7 Mos.	1939
Railway oper. revenues	\$552,742	\$537,698	\$4,218,676	\$4,134,938
Railway oper. expenses	364,126	362,507	2,697,824	2,550,053
Net ry. oper. revenues	\$188,616	\$175,191	\$1,520,852	\$1,584,885
Taxes	61,763	54,195	413,906	391,227
Net after taxes	\$126,853	\$120,996	\$1,106,946	\$1,193,658
Other income	5,432	5,588	35,076	35,929
Gross corp. income	\$132,285	\$126,584	\$1,142,022	\$1,229,587
Int. on fund. debt, rents, &c.	41,881	45,701	302,827	322,045
Depreciation	84,957	96,184	594,331	669,634
Net inc. before provision for retirement losses	\$5,447	loss\$15,301	\$244,864	\$237,908

Ebasco Services, Inc.—Company Must Obey Interlocking Rule—SEC Postpones Approval as Subsidiary Service Concern Until This Is Remedied—International Division of the Company Wins Exemptions from Holding Act—

The Securities and Exchange Commission deferred Aug. 27, for 60 days a request of Ebasco Services, Inc., for approval as a subsidiary service company under the Holding Company Act, raising objection to interlocking directors of it and its parent, the Electric Bond & Share Corp., being paid by both companies. The Commission holding that this fact made effective regulation impossible, offered alternative suggestions for remedying the situation.

At the same time, the Commission exempted from the provisions of the Holding Company Act the performance of sales or construction contracts by the international division of Ebasco for foreign companies, if certain conditions are met.

The findings and opinion of the SEC states in part:

When Ebasco was organized, six directors and principal executive officers of Bond & Share were placed in identical positions in the service company, without altering their status in the holding company. Their duties, activities, and compensation remained substantially the same as before the organization of Ebasco, although those activities are now performed on behalf of two companies instead of one, and payment of their compensation is divided between the two companies. The entire servicing organization is coordinated and controlled through these six men.

It was testified that the basis of allocation of salaries of the interlocking officers was suggested or approved in each case by the particular individual involved. Among the factors said to be considered in distributing these salaries were: the time spent on the affairs of each company; the number of problems arising in connection with the companies served; and the duties normally attached to the position. One of declarant's witnesses stated, however, that the allocations were "somewhat arbitrary" and that it was difficult to get any fixed accurate division. Under this arrangement, a total of \$305,750 was paid to these six individuals and their assistants by Bond & Share, Ebasco, and its subsidiary, Two Rector Street Corp., in the following proportions:

Bond & Share	Amt. Paid	%	
Ebasco—United States Division	\$101,115	\$133,795	43.76
International Division	68,440	169,555	55.46
Two Rector Street Corp.		2,400	0.78
Total		\$305,750	100.00

Counsel for the Public Utilities Division contend that the interlocking officer relationship of Bond & Share and Ebasco violates Section 13 (a) of the Act, and that that situation precludes compliance with Section 13 (b).

It is contended that the separation between Bond & Share and Ebasco is merely a paper separation, both companies being fused into a single organization exactly as before enactment of Section 13. Accordingly, it is urged, Bond & Share is actually engaged in the servicing business in violation of Section 13 (a). The further argument is made that allocations of salary expenses of interlocking officers are necessarily "arbitrary" and, hence, that it is impossible for Ebasco to meet the cost standards prescribed by Section 13 (b). Both of these contentions are disputed by declarant.

The Act does not deal specifically with the problem of common personnel between the registered holding company and the service company. It is clear, however, that if such interlocking relations operate to defeat the purposes of Section 13, the Commission must regulate or prohibit those relations. Obviously, the express mention of interlocking relations in other parts of this statute and in other statutes cannot be construed as implicitly prohibiting this Commission from administering Section 13 in the light of its purposes.

Section 13 (a) plainly evidences a Congressional intent to prohibit intrasystem servicing by registered holding companies. One of the principal reasons for compelling a divorcement of holding company business from servicing business was to remove the barrier to ascertaining the cost of services which necessarily existed where holding company functions were commingled with servicing activities. This reason is set forth in the Senate report which accompanied S-2796, one of the bills which preceded the final Act.

The pertinent portion of the bill, to which reference is made in the above report, is similar to that of the final Act.

The language in the above report is particularly apposite. The amounts of salary of the common officers and employees allocated to Ebasco become part of its operating expenses and, therefore, enter into the "cost" of performing services for the client associate companies. But the functions of the principal officers of Ebasco are "commingled" with their functions as officers of Bond & Share, and it is an "almost impossible and wasteful task" to ascertain what segment of each of the services of the common officers is for Ebasco, and hence properly included in the "cost" to serviced companies, and what part for Bond & Share, and therefore chargeable only to it. Each of the officers in question occupies at least two positions: he is an officer of Bond & Share and an officer of Ebasco. Where his duties as an officer of Bond & Share end, cannot be determined. That difficulty is inherent in the situation. Bond & Share as the parent of each of the companies serviced by Ebasco, has an abiding interest in matters pertaining to those companies. In every transaction by Ebasco in which Bond & Share is somehow interested, the officers will be acting in dual capacities—as officers of Bond & Share and as officers of Ebasco. It is unreal to assume that the value of their services to each company can be determined with any degree of accuracy. The same is equally true of the services of any employee whose work entails a commingling of holding company and service company functions.

It is evident that effective regulation pursuant to Section 13 (b) is rendered impossible so long as interlocking officers and employees are paid by both the registered holding company and the subsidiary service company. This condition can be remedied in either of two ways: (1) The officers and employees who now hold positions in both companies can sever their relations with either company; (2) Bond & Share might undertake to pay the entire compensation of the common officers and employees. In either case, there would be no problem of equitably allocating the cost between Bond & Share and Ebasco. We regard the second alternative as step toward more effective, we shall have to decide whether complete segregation of directors, officers and employees between the registered holding company and subsidiary service company may not be necessary to insure economical and efficient servicing for the benefit of associate companies at cost under the Act.

We have, in the past, permitted interlocking officers of the holding company and subsidiary service company in a number of instances where cost allocation was affected thereby. We believe, however, that we were in error in permitting those situations to continue, and will be should not follow those precedents. Hence, we shall require that the interlocking officer and employee relationships of Bond & Share and Ebasco be remedied in accordance with the provisions of our opinion within 60 days from the date of the filing of this opinion.

Conclusions of Law

We are called upon to decide whether the United States Division (including the Design and Appraisal Division) of declarant is so organized and conducted, or to be conducted, as to meet the requirements of Section 13 (b) of the Act with respect to reasonable assurance of efficient and economical performance of service, sales, or construction contracts for the benefit of associate companies at cost, fairly and equitably allocated among such companies. We have indicated in our opinion that there are a number of situations which prevent compliance with the requirements of the Act and exist, we are so and under the second alternative as step toward more effective, we shall have to decide whether complete segregation of directors, officers and employees between the registered holding company and subsidiary service company may not be necessary to insure economical and efficient servicing for the benefit of associate companies at cost under the Act.

In the event that declarant complies with the provisions of our opinion within 60 days from the date of the filing of this opinion, the question will recur whether we can then make an overall finding that declarant complies with the requirements of Section 13 (b) of the Act. We have examined the record carefully in this proceeding and find that the evidence relating to the efficiency and economy of the servicing activities of declarant consists on the whole of self-serving statements made by declarant's witnesses. Moreover, the issue of efficiency and economy was not touched upon in the briefs or at the oral argument. That this was due to confining the issues to five points with the approval of the Commission does not alter the fact.

While the Commission at this time makes no adverse findings on this subject under Section 13 (b), we find that the record is insufficient for the purpose of deciding whether there is reasonable assurance that Ebasco's service, sales, or construction contracts with associate companies will be performed economically and efficiently for the benefit of such associate companies at cost, fairly and equitably allocated among such companies.

In finding that the record is inadequate we do not intend any advance implication that Ebasco is not complying with the standards of efficiency and economy set forth in the Act. Should declarant comply with the other provisions of our opinion, therefore, we shall order that this proceeding be reopened at a date to be fixed and hearings upon the matters of efficiency and economy of servicing activities be continued.

In that event, pursuant to Rule U-13-3 (b) declarant may, to the extent set forth in its declaration, continue to perform service, sales, or construction contracts for associate companies pending final action by the Commission on the declaration. This temporary exemption, however, is conditioned by Rule U-13-3 (c) that declarant will be required to comply with all applicable provisions of the Act and rules and regulations thereunder as if the Commission had approved such declaration. Pending final determination of the declaration, therefore, we conclude that Ebasco's United States Division (including the Design and Appraisal Division) will be entitled to continue its intrasystem servicing business, provided that it complies with the Act and rules and regulations thereunder, and the matters set forth in our findings and opinion and order. In this connection we might emphasize that the proposed method of allocating cost for the United States Division should be instituted at once.

The Commission concludes that the International Division of applicant performs service, sales, or construction contracts for associate companies which do not derive, directly or indirectly, any material part of their income from sources within the United States and which are not public utility companies operating within the United States and that its exemption from the standards of Section 13 (b) of the Act, subject to the conditions hereinafter recited, is appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors. We are not convinced, however, that incorporation of the Inter-

Gulf Public Service Co.—Issuance of Securities—

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Aug. 23 approved the joint applications and declarations filed by Gulf Public Service Co. and its parent, General Public Utilities, Inc., in connection with the following proposed transactions: (1) The issue and sale by Gulf of \$2,118,500 first mortgage bonds, part of which are to be sold privately to the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States and the remainder of which are to be exchanged for Gulf's presently outstanding first mortgage 6 1/2% bonds now held by General; and (2) the recapitalization of Gulf for the purpose of eliminating a substantial portion of its unsecured debt.

Gulf, a corporation organized in Delaware, owns and operates facilities for the production and distribution of electricity, gas and water in the States of Louisiana and Texas. Its parent, General, is both a holding and a public utility operating company. General owns all of the voting securities of Gulf and of several other electric and gas utility companies. General directly owns and operates facilities for the production and sale of electricity in South Dakota and Texas and for the distribution of ice and water in Florida.

Proposed Issue of Bonds—Gulf has presently outstanding \$2,119,200 first mortgage 6 1/2% bonds, series A, due Oct. 1, 1945. Of these bonds, \$1,320,700 are presently held by the public and the remainder, \$798,500 are held by General and by it pledged as security for its first mortgage & collateral trust 6 1/2% bonds. Gulf now proposes to issue and sell privately, at a price of 99 1/2% to the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, \$1,320,000 first mortgage bonds, which are to bear interest at the rate of 3 3/4% per annum and are to have serial maturities over a 25-year period. [The new bonds to be sold to Equitable are to mature serially at the rate of \$15,000 per annum for the first five years; \$42,000 per annum for the second five years; \$60,000 per annum for the third five years; \$72,000 per annum for the fourth five years; and \$75,000 per annum for the last five years. The new bonds will be dated July 1, 1940 and the first maturity will be Oct. 1, 1941.] The proceeds received from the sale of the new bonds, together with other funds, will be used by Gulf to redeem at 102 the \$1,320,700 of its presently outstanding first mortgage bonds now held by the public.

The old bonds of Gulf which are held by General are to be exchanged for \$798,500 of new bonds. The new bonds which General is to receive, while issued under the same indenture as the new bonds to be sold to the Equitable, are to bear interest at the rate of 4% per annum and are to mature on Oct. 1, 1966. The new bonds will be pledged by General under the indenture securing its first mortgage & collateral trust 6 1/2% bonds.

Proposed Recapitalization—In connection with the proposed issue of new bonds it is also proposed to recapitalize Gulf by eliminating a substantial portion of the unsecured debt held by General. The effective date of the recapitalization will be Aug. 1, 1940. This unsecured debt as of June 30, 1940, including notes and open account indebtedness, amounted to \$6,461,784 as follows: 6% demand notes, \$353,000; 3% fixed and 3% cumulative income notes, due April 1, 1956, \$1,500,000; 3% fixed and 4% cumulative income notes, due April 1, 1956, \$3,660,000; open account indebtedness at June 30, 1940 (to be adjusted to reflect operations from July 1, 1940 to July 31, 1940), \$948,784. In exchange for this unsecured debt Gulf proposes to issue to General \$1,500,000 of 5% unsecured notes, due Oct. 1, 1966, and 1,770 shares of common stock. The present authorized common stock of Gulf will be changed from 3,000 shares (no par) to 3,000 shares (par \$100), all owned by General, will be exchanged for 30 shares of common stock (par \$100), aggregating \$3,000 in par value. The balance (\$4,784,784 as of June 30, 1940) will be appropriated to Gulf's capital surplus, of which an amount thereof sufficient to extinguish the earned surplus deficit (\$1,444,643 as of June 30, 1940) will be concurrently appropriated for that purpose.

In order to enable Gulf to pay interest in advance in connection with the redemption of the old bonds and to defray the expenses of the refunding General also proposes to purchase 1,200 additional shares of Gulf's common stock, of the par value of \$100 each, for the aggregate sum of \$120,000.

Capitalization—As at June 30, 1940, the capitalization of Gulf, actual, and giving effect to the proposed refunding and recapitalization, and the resulting ratios, are shown in the following table:

Table showing capitalization details for Gulf Public Service Co. as of June 30, 1940. Columns include 'As at June 30, 1940' (Actual and Pro Forma) and 'Total long-term debt', 'Unsecured 6% demand notes (parent)', 'Open account (parent)', 'Common stock (no par)', 'Common stock (3,000 shs. \$100 par)', 'Capital surplus', and 'Earned surplus (deficit)'. Includes sub-totals for total capitalization and long-term debt.

Total capitalization—\$7,147,960 100.00% vs \$7,267,261 100.00%. a Pledged or to be pledged by General under indenture securing first mortgage & collateral 6 1/2% due 1955 and 1956 b \$750,000 pledged by General under indenture securing first mortgage & collateral 6 1/2% due 1955 and 1956. c The effective date of the recapitalization is Aug. 1, 1940. Therefore the earned deficit as at that date will be eliminated against capital surplus created by recapitalization. Earned surplus accrued after July 31, 1940 will be designated "Earned surplus since July 31, 1940" on all subsequent balance sheets.

Earnings—The present annual interest requirement for the old bonds of Gulf is \$127,152. After the consummation of the proposed financing, the annual interest requirement for the new bonds will be \$81,440, a decrease of \$45,712 per annum. Of this saving \$29,742 is on the publicly held bonds. The interest requirement on the old bonds was covered 4.08 times by earnings for the 12 months ended June 30, 1940, while the interest requirement on the new bonds, on a pro forma basis, will be covered 5.75 times.

Redemption of New Bonds—The new bonds are subject to redemption at 104 1/2 for the first 5 1/2 years after their issuance and, after that time, are redeemable at gradually decreasing prices until within six months of maturity they are redeemable at 100%. The new bonds may also be redeemed, within a five-year period, at a premium of 1/2 of 1% providing Gulf shall have, within that time, made a conveyance of its properties to or merged with General.—V. 151, p. 702.

Gulf & Ship Island RR.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Gulf & Ship Island RR. for July through June 1937. Columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Net profit for period.

Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd. for Years Ended May 31—1940 and 1939. Rows include Gross sales less allowances, Cost of sales, Gross profit from sales, Net operating profit, Other income, Gross income, Income charges, Income and excise taxes (estimated), Net profit for period, Common dividends.

Comparative Balance Sheet May 31

Comparative Balance Sheet May 31 for Hecker Products Corp. & Subs. Columns for 1940 and 1939. Assets: Cash on hand and banks, Special dep. with banks, Accts and other receivables, Inventories, Growing crops, Deferred assets, Investments, Plant & property, Goodwill, pat. rts, trademarks and contracts. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Accrued liabilities, Accrued income & excise taxes, Reserves, Def. income credit, Common stock, Paid-in surplus, Earned surplus.

Hecker Products Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table showing consolidated income account for Hecker Products Corp. & Subs. for Years End. June 30—1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Sales, less returns, allowances, discounts and outward freight, Cost of goods sold (before prov. for depreciation), Gross profit, Selling, distributing, advertising, administrative & gen'l expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Prov. for depreciation, Prov. for Fed. and Canadian income taxes, Prov. for Federal undistributed profits taxes, Interest paid, Prov. for extraordinary charges, Profit for the year, Com. stock dividends, Earnings per share.

Consists of \$21,680 provision for unrealized loss on foreign exchange and \$294,192 expenditures (less income) in connection with introduction and promotion of Vanti Pa-Pi-A.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30 for Hecker Products Corp. & Subs. Columns for 1940 and 1939. Assets: Land, buildings, equipment, &c., Goodwill, &c., Govt. & municipal bonds, Investment in Best Foods, Inc., Stks. of other cos., Cash, Accts. & notes receivable, Advts. to employees and working fds., Inventories, Deferred charges. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Fed'l taxes, &c., Processing taxes, Reserves, Dividends payable, Surplus (earned), Capital surplus, Treasury stock.

a Represented by 1,613,102 (1,802,802 in 1939) shs. of \$1 par common stock. b After deducting \$6,044,641 for depreciation and adjustment of plant value in 1940 and \$6,664,741 in 1939. c Consists of 66,602 (173,100 in 1939) shares of common stock purchased for retirement.—V. 150, p. 3360.

Hercules Powder Co.—Government Contract—

The War Department announced the award of a \$16,075,000 contract to this company for powder and another award of a \$226,780 contract for smokeless powder.—V. 151, p. 702.

Houston Gulf Gas Co.—Bonds Called—

All of the outstanding 6 1/2% sinking fund gold debentures due April 1, 1943 have been called for redemption on Oct. 1 at 101 and accrued interest. Payment will be made at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. All of the outstanding first mortgage and collateral 6% gold bonds series A, due April 1, 1943 have been called for redemption on Oct. 1 at 101 and accrued interest. Payment will be made at the Manufacturers Trust Co., New York City.—V. 151, p. 553.

Hummel-Ross Fibre Corp.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Hummel-Ross Fibre Corp. for 6 Months Ended June 30—1940 and 1939. Rows include Net sales, Net earnings after all charges incl. prov. for Federal & State income taxes and preferred dividends, Earnings per share on common stock.

Hydrocarbon Chemical & Rubber Co.—Personnel—

Officers of this recently-formed company have been elected following the first meeting of the firm's board of directors, it was announced on Aug. 27. President and General Manager of the new concern, formed jointly by the B. F. Goodrich Co. and the Phillips Petroleum Co., is Ross W. Thomas, General Manager of Phillips' Philgas Division. Dr. W. A. L. Semon, creator of Goodrich's two synthetic materials, Ameripol and Koroseal, was named Vice-President and director of research for the company which opened offices in Akron this week. Herman P. Gangwer, a member of Goodrich's accounting department, was named Treasurer of the new concern and Hy Byrd, Asst. Sec. of the Phillips company, was appointed Sec. W. F. Avery, Asst. Sec. of Goodrich, and B. F. Stradley, Sec. of the Phillips company were elected Asst. Secs. of Hydrocarbon while Harry N. Stevens, former member of Goodrich's legal staff, was named patent attorney. The board further announced the appointment of Frank M. Andrews, formerly of Philgas, as General Sales Manager and W. D. Parrish, of raw materials control at Goodrich as technical service engineer. The company, formed for the purpose of manufacturing the principal ingredients of synthetic rubber from various natural raw materials, and the synthesis of such rubbers, will wholesale synthetic rubbers in sheeted form to Goodrich and other firms in the rubber industry, it was announced. Directors of the Hydrocarbon company are Frank Phillips, Chairman of Phillips Petroleum; K. S. Adams, Pres. and G. G. Oberfell, V.-P. in Charge of Research. Representing the Goodrich company are David M. Goodrich, Chairman of B. F. Goodrich; John L. Collyer, Pres. and T. G. Graham, V.-P. in Charge of Production; it was announced. (For details of formation of this company see item under B. F. Goodrich Co. in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 3, page 701.—Ed.)

Illinois Central RR.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Illinois Central RR. for July—1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Net profit for period.

Earnings of Company Only

Table with 4 columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway.

Illinois Terminal RR.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway.

Imperial Paper & Color Corp.—75-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, par \$25, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20.

Imperial Tobacco Co. (Great Britain & Ireland) Ltd.—Dividend—

Directors have declared an interim dividend of 10 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 6.

Industrial Brownhoist Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns for periods 1940-3 Mos., 1939, 1940-6 Mos., and 1939. Rows include Profit from oper., Provision for deprecia'n and idle plant expense, Prov. for bond interest, and Profit avail. for bond interest.

Inland Telephone Co.—Bonds Called—

All of the outstanding first lien 6% gold bonds series A due Oct. 1, 1948 have been called for redemption on Oct. 1 at 102 and accrued interest.

Inter-Mountain Telephone Co.—Registers with SEC—

See list given on first page of this department.—V. 127, p. 545.

International Great Northern RR.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway.

International Mining Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns for periods 6 Mos. End. June 30, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Total income, Deductions, Prov. for Fed. normal income tax, and Net Income.

Balance Sheet June 30

Table with 4 columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Assets (Cash in banks and on hand, Receivables, Invest. & advances, Prepaid N. Y. St. franchise tax) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Note pay. to bank, Prov. for taxes, Liab. for pay. under contracts, Com. stk. (\$1 par), Capital surplus, Income surplus, Inv. transac. surp., Treasury stock).

International Silver Co.—Accumulated Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 per share on account of accumulations on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 16.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Gain in Phones—

Telephone operating subsidiaries in nine foreign countries report net gains aggregating 31,258 telephones for the first seven months of 1940.

Iowa Electric Light & Power Co.—Bonds Called—

Holders of first mortgage 10-year 7% gold bonds, series C, dated Aug. 1, 1932, due Aug. 1, 1942; first mortgage 20-year 4 1/4% bonds, series D, dated May 1, 1935, due May 1, 1955, and first mortgage bonds, series E, 4%, dated Dec. 1, 1935, due Dec. 1, 1955, all issued under indenture of mortgage executed by this company under its former name of Iowa Railway & Light Corp., and by Iowa Railway & Light Co. to Harris Trust & Savings Bank & Murdoch H. MacLean, as trustees, dated as of Sept. 30, 1925, are being notified that all of the outstanding bonds of the aforementioned issues have been called for redemption, such redemption of bonds of series C to be effected on Sept. 1, 1941, such redemption of bonds of series D to be effected on Oct. 28, 1940, and such redemption of bonds of series E to be effected on Dec. 1, 1940.

Three has been irrevocably deposited by the company with Harris Trust & Savings Bank, trustee under said indenture of mortgage, at its office at 115 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Ill., for payment to the holders of said bonds the amount necessary to pay and redeem the same, together with all proper charges and expenses of the trustee, and as provided in said indenture of mortgage cash deposited for the payment of said bonds and interest thereon will be held by said trustee as a special trust fund for the

account of the holder or holders of said bonds and coupons thereon pertaining, and be applied to the payment of said bonds and coupons upon presentation and surrender thereof.

Holders of the above described bonds may present and surrender said bonds, together with all unmatured coupons pertaining thereto, at the office of trustee on or after Aug. 28, 1940, and said bonds will thereafter be paid at the redemption prices specified in the notice of redemption, including accrued interest to the respective dates of redemption.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales—

Company reports that its sales for the four weeks ended Aug. 10, 1940, were \$2,204,339 as compared with \$1,840,314 for parallel weeks in 1939, an increase of 19.78%.

(Mead) Johnson & Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross profit from ops., Shipping & selling exp., Advertising, Admin. & gen. expense, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Other deductions, Prov. for U. S. and Can. income taxes, Loss of unconsolidated subsidiary, &c., Special charges, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, and Earns. per sh. on 165,000 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Note—Provision for depreciation of property, plant and equipment included in the above statement for 1940 amounted to \$94,562.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table with 4 columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Assets (Land, b'lg's & eq., Cash, Marketable secur., Invest. in sub. not consolidated, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Cash val. of life ins., Other assets, Goodwill, Trade marks, patents & formulae, Deferred assets) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Accts. pay. & accr. expenses, Dividends payable, Unpaid instal. of Federal tax., Reserve for income taxes, Res. for conting., Surplus).

Total \$9,396,821 for 1940 and \$8,718,031 for 1939. Represented by 165,000 no par shares.—V. 151, p. 1147.

Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway.

Kansas Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns for periods Period End. June 30, 1940-3 Mos., 1939, 1940-12 Mos., and 1939. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. expenses & taxes, Net operating income, Other income (net), Gross income, Int. & other deductions, Net income, Preferred stock divs., Balance, and Total.

(Julius) Kayser & Co.—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales—selling and administrative expense, Income from operation, Other income, Total income, Foreign exchange loss, Interest, N. Y. State Branch tax, Depreciation, Miscell. deductions, Prov. for Fed. & Can. income taxes, Net income, Empl. pref. stock, Divs. on com. stock, Balance deficit, Shs. common outstanding (par \$5), and Earns. per share on com.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table with 4 columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Assets (Land, bldgs., machinery & equip., Pats., trademarks and goodwill, Investments, Cash, Notes & accts. rec. (less reserve), Dep. with mutual insurance cos., Ctf. of deposit, Adv. to Australian subsidiary, Sundry debtors, Inventories, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Employees' pref., Com. stk. (par \$5), Accounts payable, Res. for Federal & Can. inc. taxes current year, Acct. wages, tss. & other liab., Taxes prior years, Res. for poss. duty on for'n purch., Earned surplus, Capital surplus).

Total \$9,571,986 for 1940 and \$10,309,507 for 1939. After depreciation of \$6,476,125 in 1940 and \$6,544,070 in 1939.—V. 150, p. 2730.

Magor Car Corp.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 17. See also V. 150, p. 3831.

Maud Muller Candy Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended June 30, 1940, and 1939. Rows include Gross profit, Expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total, and Net profit for year (before Federal income tax).

by the Merchants National Bank, Mobile, as trustee, and sold at 100.099 and accrued dividends in connection with the procurement of certain equipment.—V. 151, p. 706.

Mississippi Central RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Net ry. oper. income from Jan. 1.

Missouri & Arkansas Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Net ry. oper. income from Jan. 1.

Missouri Gas & Electric Service Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns for Period End, June 30, 1940—3 Mos.—1939, 1940—12 Mos.—1939. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating exp. & taxes, Net operating income, Interest deductions, and Net income.

Missouri Illinois Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Net ry. oper. income from Jan. 1.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net railway oper. income, and Gross from railway from Jan. 1.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway from Jan. 1.

Merrimack Hat Corp.—12 1/2-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 12 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 2 to holders of record Aug. 26. Dividends of 25 cents were paid in two preceding quarters. 35 cents was paid on Dec. 1, 1939, and previously regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were distributed.—V. 150, p. 1443.

Michigan Sugar Co.—New Chairman—

Edward C. Bostock, former President, was elected Chairman of the Board of this company after the annual meeting of stockholders in Detroit on Aug. 27. Geoffrey S. Childs, Executive Vice-President, was elected President and Treasurer.—V. 151, p. 851.

Middle West Corp.—Hearing Postponed—

The public hearing in the proceedings (File 59-5) under Section 11 (b) (1) of the Holding Company Act with regard to the Middle West Corp. and its subsidiary companies, scheduled for Aug. 26, has been adjourned, at the request of the companies, until Sept. 3.—V. 151, p. 1149.

Midland Valley RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway from Jan. 1.

Miller & Hart, Inc.—New Set-Up Planned—

Stockholders have been asked to approve a recapitalization plan by which each share of convertible preference stock would be exchanged for two shares of new preference stock and four shares of new \$1 par common stock. The new preference shares would be of \$10 par value and entitled to \$1 a share a year in dividends. There are dividend accumulations of \$30.47 a share on the convertible preference stock.

Holders of the present no par common stock, of which the management owns about 77,000 of 85,625 shares outstanding, would receive one share of the new common stock for each share of the present stock. The plan also provides for extension of the maturity date on debenture bonds from 1943 to 1950.—V. 150, p. 3520.

Milnor, Inc.—To Pay 10-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the capital stock, payable Sept. 3 to holders of record Aug. 20. This compares with 15 cents paid on May 31, last; 10 cents on March 15, last; 15 cents on Jan. 2, last; 10 cents on Sept. 1, 1939; 15 cents paid on May 31, 1939; 10 cents on March 10, 1939; 15 cents on Jan. 3, 1939; 10 cents on Sept. 1, 1938; 35 cents on May 31, 1938, and 10 cents on March 1, 1938.—V. 151, p. 992.

Minneapolis & St. Louis RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway from Jan. 1.

Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.—Earnings

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway from Jan. 1.

Earnings of Company Only

Table with columns for Period End, July 31—1940—Month—1939, 1940—7 Mos.—1939. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, All other revenue, Total revenues, Maintenance of way & structure expense, Maint. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Net railway revenues, Taxes, Net after taxes, Hire of equipment, Rental of terminals, Net after rents, Other income (net), Inc. before interest, Int. being acc'd & paid, Balance before interest on bonds, &c., and x Loss.

Modine Mfg. Co.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Sept. 20 to holders of record Sept. 10. Like amounts paid on June 20, last. Dividend of 50 cents was paid on March 20, last; 75 cents on Dec. 20, 1939; and previously regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were distributed.—V. 150, p. 3520.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Inc.—Official Resigns—

Louis C. Lustenberger, Vice-President in Charge of Personnel and a director of this company has resigned. He will join the W. T. Grant Co. as Vice-President and Assistant to R. H. Fogler, President. Frank C. Heidenger, former Assistant Regional Manager of the Oakland, Calif., district for Montgomery Ward, has been appointed his successor.—V. 151, p. 993.

Monongahela Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway from Jan. 1.

Montour RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, and 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and Gross from railway from Jan. 1.

Motor Products Corp.—50-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 16. Like amount was paid on June 10, last and previous payment was the \$1.50 distribution made on Dec. 8, 1937.—V. 150, p. 3521.

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings.

Table with columns for Period End, July 31—1940—Month—1939, 1940—7 Mos.—1939. Rows include Operating revenues, Uncollectible oper. rev., Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net oper. revenues, Operating taxes, Net operating income, and Net income.

Mullins Mfg. Corp.—Bank Loan—

The corporation has informed the Securities and Exchange Commission that on June 15 it obtained a 3 1/2% \$1,150,000 loan from the Bank of the Manhattan Co. of which \$750,000 was for debt retirement, \$100,000 for working capital, \$50,000 for sales promotion and the balance for additions and improvements to property.—V. 151, p. 420.

Mutual Fund of Calif.—Registers with SEC—

See list given on first page of this department.

Nash-Kelvinator Corp.—To Manufacture Low-Price Car

A new automobile, which will compete in the low-price field and which embodies features of engineering used in this country for the first time in any price class, was shown on Aug. 22 to automobile editors and special

Mobile & Ohio RR.—Equipment Trust Certificates— The Interstate Commerce Commission on Aug. 15 authorized the company to assume obligation and liability, as lessee and guarantor, in respect of not exceeding \$2,700,000 equipment-trust certificates of 1940, to be issued

writers at the annual preview of the Nash Motors Division of the Nash-Kelvinator Corp.

It will be mid-September before its details are made public, but it may be said that, with a torpedo type body, the car combines a saving of about 500 pounds of weight with a new type of spring suspension and body chassis design.

Gasoline mileages of 25 to 30 miles to the gallon in the hands of the average user will be stressed in the largest campaign of newspaper advertising in the company's history.

Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

National Cylinder Gas Co.—Listing—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 387,201 additional shares of common stock (par \$1), upon official notice of issuance.

A majority of the directors at a meeting on July 12, 1940 voted to recommend to the stockholders that they adopt an agreement of merger with Compressed Industrial Gases, Inc.

If the agreement of merger is adopted, company, which will be the surviving corporation, will issue 1.45 shares of its common stock (par \$1), in exchange for each outstanding share of the common stock (par \$5), of Compressed Industrial Gases, Inc.

Consolidated Income Account for Six Months Ended June 30, 1940

Table with columns A and B, and rows for Gross sales, Gross profit from operations, Net profit from operations, etc.

A National Cylinder Gas Co. and subsidiaries. B Compressed Industrial Gas, Inc. and wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries.

Merger Voted—

Stockholders of this company and of the Compressed Industrial Gases, Inc., at special meetings held Aug. 27, ratified and confirmed the agreement of merger which was signed by their respective boards of directors on July 12.

National Cylinder Gas Co. will be the continuing corporation. 1.45 shares of National Cylinder Gas Co. will be issued for each share of Compressed Industrial Gases.

National Oil Products Co., Inc.—Common Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 35 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 26 to holders of record Sept. 15.

National Pole & Treating Co.—Tenders—

Halsey Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago, Ill., will until 3 p. m. Sept. 13 receive bids for the sale to it of sufficient 5-year 6% secured gold notes, due, as extended, Dec. 1, 1941.

Nevada-California Electric Co.—May Call Debentures—

A. B. West, President of the company has advised holders of the 6% debentures, due July 1, 1941, that it is the present intention of the board to call a substantial amount of debentures at par on the next interest date.

"As a matter of accommodation to the holders of the debentures, the corporation proposes to set aside the amount of \$253,750 as of Sept. 1, 1940 to be used for the purchase, for retirement, at the price of par and accrued interest to Oct. 1, 1940.

Nevada Northern Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns for 1940-Month-1939 and 1940-7 Mos.-1939, and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

New England Gas & Electric Association—System Output—

For the week ended Aug. 23, New England Gas & Electric Association reports electric output of 9,177,714 kwh. This is an increase of 297,730 kwh., or 3.35% above production of 8,879,984 kwh. for the corresponding week a year ago.

Gas output is reported at 79,716,000 cubic feet, an increase of 8,534,000 cubic feet, or 11.98% above production of 71,234,000 cubic feet in the corresponding week a year ago.

New Mexico Gas Co.—Bonds Called—

A total of \$45,000 first mortgage sinking fund convertible A 5% bonds, due May 15, 1951 has been called for redemption on Sept. 15 at 101 1/2.—V. 150, p. 3833.

New Orleans & Northeastern RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

New York Central RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

New York Connecting RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for 1940-Month-1939 and 1940-7 Mos.-1939, and rows for Total oper. revenue, Net railway oper. inc., etc.

a These leases of the following companies were rejected on dates stated below, but net railway operating income includes the results of operations of these properties: Old Colony RR., June 2, 1936. Hartford & Connecticut Western RR., July 31, 1936. Providence Warren & Bristol RR., Feb. 11, 1937. Boston & Providence RR. Corp., July 19, 1935.

New York Ontario & Western Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

New York State Electric & Gas Corp.—Earnings—

Table with columns for 1940 and 1939, and rows for 12 Months Ended June 30— Total operating revenues, Operating expenses, etc.

Table with columns for 1940 and 1939, and rows for Operating income, Other income (net), Gross income, Interest on long-term debt, etc.

New York Susquehanna & Western RR.—Earnings—

Table with columns for years 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

Nicholson File Co.—Plant Sold—

Company has sold at auction its Paterson, N. J. factory for \$9,250. The company had sold part of the plant in 1937.—V. 149, p. 4182.

Norfolk Southern RR.—Listing, &c.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit issued or to be issued by the reorganization manager for the following bonds, deposited under the plan of reorganization dated as of June 15, 1940.

A plan and agreement for the reorganization of the company has now been approved and adopted. Company has been in receivership in the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia since July 28, 1932.

less than 100 shares of such stock and to holders of more than 100 shares of such stock with respect to the excess over the largest multiple of 100 shares represented by their holdings.

Northern Illinois Finance Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Rows include Operating income, Operating expenses, Provision for losses, Total gross income, Interest on notes, Provision for Federal income tax, Net income, Earned surplus, Total, \$1.50 cumulative convertible preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance, earned surplus, June 30, 1940.

Assets—Cash, on hand and in banks, \$807,316; notes, accounts, and contracts receivable, \$6,248,032; sundry receivables, \$22,762; cash surrender value of insurance policies on life of officer, \$13,614; repossessions, \$13,169; equity in farm property, live stock and farm equipment, \$76,584; fixed assets (less, reserves for depreciation of \$19,266), \$74,113; deferred charges, \$44,213; total, \$7,299,803.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, From Jan. 1—Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Northern States Power Co. (Del.)—Weekly Output—

Electric output of the Northern States Power Co. system for the week ended Aug. 24, 1940, totaled 28,562,904 kwh., as compared with 27,421,664 kwh. for the corresponding week last year, an increase of 4.2%.

Northwestern Pacific RR.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, From Jan. 1—Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Northwestern Public Service Co.—Bonds Called—

Company is calling for redemption on Jan. 1, 1941, all of its outstanding first mortgage gold bonds, series A 5%, due Jan. 1, 1937, at par and accrued interest plus a premium of 4%.

The Securities and Exchange Commission made effective Aug. 22 a declaration by the company covering the issue and sale of \$6,000,000 of 4% first mortgage bonds of 1970 and \$500,000 of 2½% serial notes.

Ohio Edison Co.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1940—Month—1939, 1940—12 Mos.—1939. Rows include Gross revenue, Oper. exps. & taxes, Prov. for depreciation, Gross income, Int. & other deductions, Net income, Divs. on pref. stock, Balance.

Ohio Water Service Co.—To Pay \$1 Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the class A common stock, no par value, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 14.

Oklahoma City-Ada-Atoka Ry.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, From Jan. 1—Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Oklahoma Power & Water Co.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1940—3 Mos.—1939, 1940—12 Mos.—1939. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating exps. & taxes, Net oper. income, Other income (net), Gross income, Int. & other deductions, Net income.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Power Rates Reduced—

The State Railroad Commission of California announced on Aug. 21 a \$5,000,000 a year gas and electric rate reduction for northern California.

Commissioner Ray C. Wakefield said the reduction would become effective in October and "is the largest single reduction in rates ever made in the 28 years of the Railroad Commission."

Parr Shoals Power Co.—Bonds Called—

A total of \$13,000 first mortgage 5% s. f. gold bonds, due April 1, 1952, has been called for redemption on Oct. 1 at 105 and accrued interest.

Paulista Ry. Co.—Interest Payment—

Ladenburg, Thalman & Co., as fiscal agents are notifying holders of first and refunding 7% bonds that they have received funds for the payment of the March 15, 1940, interest.

Pennsylvania-Central Airlines Corp.—Earnings—

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1940, 1939. Rows include Revenue miles flown, Total miles flown, Revenue passengers carried, Revenue passenger miles flown, Mail pounds carried, Express and other revenue pounds carried, Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Allowances for depreciation, Operating income, Other income, Gross income, Interest expense, Miscellaneous deductions, Provision for Federal and State income taxes, Net income.

Assets—Cash on hand and demand deposits, \$294,975; accounts receivable, \$326,328; inventories, \$102,264; cash from sale of Boeing airplanes released from indenture; pledged with mortgage in substitution therefor, \$45,000; property and equipment, at cost (less, allowances for depreciation of \$416,223), \$1,335,789; ground equipment and improvements on leased premises (less, allowances for depreciation of \$112,903), \$98,748; construction in progress, \$14,582; sundry investments at cost, \$285; prepaid expenses and deferred charges, \$146,385; going concern value of predecessor companies, reflected to the extent of the excess of liabilities assumed and the aggregate par value of stock issued, over tangible assets taken over as at Nov. 1, 1936, \$238,873; total, \$2,603,229.

Liabilities—Notes payable, \$295,333; accounts payable, \$118,071; accrued liabilities, \$136,140; provision for engine overhaul, \$26,651; deposits on air travel card accounts, \$38,777; notes payable to bank, due in installments from Sept. 1, 1940 to Dec. 31, 1943 (\$1,150,000), \$867,600; reserve for possible liabilities of predecessor companies, \$5,820; capital stock (par \$1), \$271,739; capital surplus, \$871,666; operating deficit, \$28,568; total, \$2,603,229.

Pennsylvania RR. Regional System—Earnings—

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1940—Month—1939, 1940—7 Mos.—1939. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway taxes, Unemploy. ins'ur't taxes, Railroad retirement taxes, Equip. rents—Dr. bal., Jt. facil. rents—Dr. bal., Net ry. oper. income.

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, From Jan. 1—Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Pennsylvania-Reading Seashore Lines—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, From Jan. 1—Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Pere Marquette Ry.—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1940—Month—1939, 1940—7 Mos.—1939. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net oper. revenue, Railway tax accruals, Operating income, Equipment rents (net), Joint facil. rents (net), Net ry. oper. income, Other income, Total income, Miscell. income deduc's, Rent for lease of roads & equipment, Interest on debt, Net deficit, Inc. applied to sinking & other reserve funds, Deficit transferable to profit and loss.

Pinellas Water Co.—Bonds Called—

A total of \$27,000 first mortgage 5½% sinking fund bonds, series A, due Sept. 1, 1959 has been called for redemption on Oct. 16 at 102 and accrued interest.

Pet Milk Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with 5 columns: Item, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Net sales, Costs and expenses, Depreciation, Profit, Other income, Total income, Interest, Federal income tax, &c., Minority interest, Net profit, Common dividends, Surplus, Earnings per share on 41-354 shs. com. stock (no par), Federal taxes have been provided for on basis of tax laws now in effect.

Consolidated Balance Sheet

Table with columns for June 30 '40, Dec. 31, '39, June 30 '40, Dec. 31, '39. Rows include Assets (Cash in banks and on hand, Customers' assets, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Accrued taxes, etc.).

x After reserve for doubtful debts and discounts of \$127,049 in 1940 and \$117,396 in 1939. y After reserve for depreciation of \$7,179,428 in 1939 and \$6,763,193 in 1938. z Represented by 441,354 no par shares. a \$900,000 current and \$200,000 net current. b Includes accrued int. c \$2,200,000 current and \$200,000 net current.—V. 150, p. 3370.

Philadelphia Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Philadelphia Co. (& Subs.) from 1930 to 1939. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation, Maintenance and repairs, etc.

Net income less non-oper. rev. deductions \$347,384. Gross income \$15,528,106. Interest on funded debt \$5,463,220.

Consolidated net income \$7,031,757. To reserve for payments (made to others) on obligations of street railway companies guaranteed by Philadelphia Co.

Notes (1) This statement excludes Pittsburgh Rys. and its subsidiaries, street railway subsidiaries of Philadelphia Co., and Beaver Valley Traction Co., and its subsidiary.

(2) In the above statement of income the previous year figures have been adjusted to reflect changes in the classification of certain items and to certain items applicable to the period charged directly to surplus during 1939.—V. 151, p. 563.

Pines Winterfront Co.—Stock Delisted—

The Securities and Exchange Commission, Aug. 21, announced that it had granted the application of the Chicago Stock Exchange to strike from listing and registration the common (\$1 par) of the company. The application stated, among other things, that the security was suspended from trading on the Exchange on May 22, 1940, and that on June 19, 1940, the company notified the Exchange of the discontinuance of its transfer agent and registrar.

Pittsburgh Coal Co.—New President—

J. B. Morrow of suburban Mount Lebanon was on Aug. 28 elected President of the company. He succeeds J. D. A. Morrow, no relation, who resigned earlier this month to become President of the Joy Manufacturing Co. of Franklin, Pa., builders of mechanical mining equipment.—V. 151, page 999.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR. for July 1940 and 1939. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

From Jan. 1—Gross from railway 12,792,797. Net from railway 2,520,101. Net ry. oper. income 2,662,826.—V. 151, p. 999.

Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern RR.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern RR. for July 1940 and 1939. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

From Jan. 1—Gross from railway 692,373. Net from railway 204,220. Net ry. oper. income 106,013.—V. 151, p. 711.

Pittsburgh & Shawmut RR.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Pittsburgh & Shawmut RR. for July 1940 and 1939. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

From Jan. 1—Gross from railway 728,679. Net from railway 264,337. Net ry. oper. income 179,456.—V. 151, p. 711.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. for July 1940 and 1939. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

From Jan. 1—Gross from railway 2,373,562. Net from railway 623,009. Net ry. oper. income 493,013.—V. 151, p. 1154.

Plattsouth Bridge Co.—Bonds Called—

All of the outstanding 6% bonds due March 1, 1944 have been called for redemption on Sept. 1 at 102.

Potash Co. of America—40-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 40 cents per share on the common stock, par \$5, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 14. Previously regular quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share were distributed.

Puget Sound Pulp & Timber Co.—To Vote on New Plant

Company has called a special meeting of stockholders for Sept. 9 to vote on construction of a new plant addition which would increase the company's capacity to produce unbleached sulphite pulp from 100 to 150,000 tons a year.

Cost of the addition is set at \$1,500,000, which the company proposes to acquire on an unsecured bank loan, maturing 1941-1945, at interest rates

of from 3% to 4 1/2%. Company officials estimate plant would be in operation for 10 months next year, and would earn net profit of \$1,200,000 on capacity output in that time, all of which would be applied to repayment of loan.—V. 151, p. 564.

Provincial Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called

A total of \$67,000 first mortgage 5% bonds due Sept. 1, 1946 has been called for redemption on Sept. 1 at 105.—V. 147, p. 1351.

Public Service Co. of Indiana—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Public Service Co. of Indiana for July 31 1940 and 1939. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. exps. and taxes, Net operating income, Other income, Gross income, Int. & other deductions, Net income.

Quebec Power Co.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Quebec Power Co. for 6 Mos. Ended June 30—1940 and 1939. Rows include Gross revenue, Operation, taxes and other expenses, Fixed charges, Provision for depreciation, Provision for income taxes, Surplus for half year.

Quincy Market Cold Storage & Warehouse Co.—Bonds Called—

All of the outstanding T Wharf loan first mortgage 20-year 5 1/2% gold bonds due May 1, 1946 have been called for redemption on Nov. 1 at 102 and accrued interest. Payment will be made at the New York, Boston and Philadelphia offices of Brown Brothers, Harriman & Co.—V. 151, p. 564.

Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. (& Subs.) for 3 Mos. Ended July 31—1940 and 1939. Rows include Profit from operations, Depreciation and taxes, Provision for dividends accrued during the period on preferred stock of a subsidiary, Net profit after all charges.

Rayonier, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Rayonier, Inc. (& Subs.) for 3 Mos. Ended July 31—1940 and 1939. Rows include Profit from operations, Prov. for depreciation and depletion, Profit from operations, Int. & other exps. net of other income, Provision for Federal income taxes, Net profit.

Reading Co.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Reading Co. for July 1940 and 1939. Rows include Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Reynolds Spring Co.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Reynolds Spring Co. for 6 Mos. Ended June 30—1940 and 1939. Rows include Sales, Cost of sales, Profit on sales, Expenses, Idle plant expense (net), Depreciation, Interest, Federal taxes, Net profit.

Dividends \$145,000. Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$1) 290,000. Earned per share \$2.04. y \$90,095 real and personal property, social security, franchise and capital stock taxes and \$156,392 provision for Federal income taxes. z Before surtax on undistributed profits.

Balance Sheet June 30

Table showing balance sheet for June 30, 1940 and 1939. Rows include Assets (Fixed assets, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Common stock and surplus, Funded debt, etc.).

Total \$3,001,518. a Represented by 290,000 shares, \$1 par value; paid-in surplus (subject to restriction of \$7,132 in respect of treasury stock), \$965,939, and earned surplus of \$591,895. b Includes \$60,000 instalment due within one year.

x Represented by 290,000 shares, \$1 par, valued at \$1,349,113, after deducting 7,132 shares held in treasury valued at \$33,179. Paid-in surplus, \$327,591, and earned surplus, \$42,319. y Less reserve for doubtful accounts. z Includes \$100,000 instalment due within one year.—V. 151, p. 1156; V. 150, p. 3214, 1786, 1294, 1145; V. 149, p. 4040.

Richfield Oil Corp.—Earnings—

Table showing earnings for Richfield Oil Corp. for 6 Months Ended June 30—1940 and 1939. Rows include Sales, excluding State and Federal gasoline and oil taxes, Other operating revenue, Total operating income, Cost of sales and services, Selling, general & admin. expenses, Deprec., depletion & amortization, Dry hole losses and abandonments, Net non-operating income, Interest on debentures, Amortization of debenture discount, Estimated prov. for Fed. income taxes, Net profit.

Earnings per share on 4,010,000 shs. common stock \$0.52. Total \$2,112,479. Total \$3,001,518. Total \$3,356,104. Total \$2,112,479. Total \$1,196,128. Total \$1,005,383.—V. 151, p. 1004.

Selby Shoe Co.—12 1/2-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 12 1/2 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 5 to holders of record Aug. 29. Dividends of 25 cents was paid on June 29, last; and dividends of 12 1/2 cents were paid on June 5 and on March 5, last.—V. 151, p. 860.

Table with columns: 6 Mos. End June 30—, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Interest and dividends, Net profit on securities sold, Total profit, Exp., int. & reservation for partic. payments, Fed. inc. & cap. stk. tax, Taxes on foreign divs, Net profit, Dividends declared, Surplus.

Condensed Balance Sheet June 30, 1940

Assets—Securities, at quoted market prices, \$3,982,041; shares of capital stock of seven suburban banks, \$1,676,142; notes and accrued interest receivable, \$33,599; accounts receivable—sale of securities, \$19,994; cash, \$501,985; total, \$6,213,761. Liabilities—Accounts payable—purchase of securities, \$26,140; reserve for taxes \$24,470 and management participation in earnings, \$5,700, \$30,170; common shares of no par value, \$5,000,000; capital surplus, \$2,289,216; unrealized depreciation (excess of cost over quoted market) of securities, other than bank stocks, Dr \$1,131,765; total, \$6,213,761.—V. 150, p. 3216.

Shepard-Niles Crane & Hoist Co.—\$1.50 Dividend—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 3 to holders of record Aug. 23. This compares with 50 cents paid on June 1 and March 1, last; \$1.50 paid on Dec. 1, 1939; 25 cents paid in each of the five preceding quarters, 50 cents paid on June 1 and on March 1, 1938, and a dividend of \$1.50 paid on Dec. 1, 1937.—V. 150, p. 3987.

Sierra Pacific Power Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End, July 31—, 1940—Month—, 1939, 1940—12 Mos.—, 1939. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net oper. income, Other income, net, Gross income, Retire. reserve accruals, Int. on long-term debt, Amort. of debt disc. and expense, Other income charges, Net income.

Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron Co.—\$1.50 Common Div.—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 29 to holders of record Sept. 9. This compares with 75 cents paid on June 21 and on March 21, last; \$2 paid on Dec. 21, 1939; 50 cents on Sept. 21 and on March 21, 1939; \$1 on June 21, 1938, and \$1.50 paid on Dec. 21, 1937, this latter being the first dividend to be paid on the common shares since March 20, 1929, when a quarterly payment of \$1.50 per share was made.—V. 151, p. 429.

South Penn Oil Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns: 6 Mos. End, June 30—, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows include Net sales, Costs, expenses, deprec., depletion, Federal income taxes, &c., Profit, Other income (less other expenses), Net income, Fed. & State inc. taxes, Net profit, Dividends, Surplus, Shs. cap. stk. outst'd'g., Earnings per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30

Table with columns: 1940, 1939. Rows include Assets (Props. & equip., Stocks in other cos., Market, securs., Material, mnde. & stock oil, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Due from affil. cos., Other receivables, Misc. stks. owned, Cash, Time deposits, Deferred charges), Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, Tax liability, Annuities payable, Workmen's comp. claims payable, Due to contr. for Dec. 31, Deposits & accrued interest, Other acrd. accts., Misc. curr. liabilities, Annuities pay. aft. Dec. 31, Workmen's comp. claims pay. after Dec. 31, Due on deed for contr. aft. Dec. 31, Reserves, Surplus).

Total.....\$7,649,577 \$9,414,995 x After reserve for depreciation and depletion of \$92,622,292 in 1940 \$98,850,309 in 1939.—V. 150, p. 1614.

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—Extra Dividend—

Directors have declared an extra dividend of 95 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents on the common stock, both payable Sept. 26 to holders of record Sept. 10. Extra of 35 cents was paid on July 1, last, and an extra of 25 cents was paid on Sept. 21, 1939.—V. 150, p. 3677.

Southeastern Gas & Water Co.—Voluntary Plan of Exchange of Securities Proposed—

Under date of May 17, 1940, directors addressed a communication to the bondholders calling attention to the serious financial problems confronting the company. They were then advised that a plan of voluntary reorganization might soon be presented to them for their consideration. On May 29, and again on July 24, additional communications advised them of the progress being made in the preparation of a plan.

Company is now able to present its program and firmly believes that if this plan is adopted by the bondholders, company will be able to solve its present difficulties with a minimum of expense and with as little disturbance to the bondholders' rights and interests as is possible under the circumstances.

The directors in a letter dated Aug. 15 further states: "The combination of reduced income, excessive fixed charges, and depressed business conditions has weakened company's financial structure to the point where it appears that it will be impossible to refund in normal fashion the maturity of first lien bonds due June 1, 1941 in the amount of \$1,115,500. Company defaulted on June 1, 1940 in meeting the sinking fund on the first lien bonds, and in paying the June 1 interest on the general lien bonds. The trustee under the first lien indenture has taken steps to assure the payment to it of all current income on the collateral. If this situation continues without waiver of the existing default by the holders of at least 60% of the first lien bonds, it may be impossible for company to continue making regular interest payments on those bonds. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary that some immediate action be taken.

"As we see it, there are just two alternatives: (1) A voluntary reorganization with an immediate waiver of the existing defaults; (2) A reorganization in the courts.

"A court reorganization would probably result in forcing the general lien bondholders into an equity position as stockholders. Under certain circumstances this might seem to be an advisable procedure. But having before us the example of other reorganizations, probably less complicated than this would be, we cannot conscientiously recommend this procedure, except as a last resort. Court reorganizations are usually expensive and time-consuming and, in addition, there would be an inevitable deterioration of your properties during the reorganization period, particularly harmful to a natural gas company.

"In our opinion, the plan, makes an honest effort to save this business through a voluntary reorganization of its funded debt on a basis which will assure to the first lien bondholders continued interest payments at the present rate, and to the general lien bondholders the maximum distribution of earnings consistent with sound operations. In this connection we are making every effort to reduce expenses and have within the past several months negotiated new management contracts with Loeb & Rames, Inc., under the terms of which the basic fee has been reduced from \$24,000 to \$15,000 per annum. Although this plan does not disturb the present rights of the equity except insofar as a restriction on dividends is concerned, the financial position of your company and its earning capacity are such that we do not believe it possible for stockholders to obtain any undue advantage by virtue of the plan.

"Under the plan existing defaults will be waived. Bondholders will exchange their present securities for new bonds par for par. The new first lien collateral trust bonds will mature in 1951, bear interest at 6% per annum, and will have a cash sinking fund of at least \$25,000 each year. New general lien collateral trust income bonds will mature in 1954 and will bear interest cumulative at 6% per annum. Interest and a sinking fund on these bonds will be payable if earned, in accordance with a specific formula. Stockholders will not participate in any profits until all accumulations of interest on the new general lien collateral trust income bonds have been paid.

"It is to your interest to have the existing defaults waived and the plan declared effective, since in this way you can be best assured of the uninterrupted operation of your properties. So long as there is a question as to the future of this company, the market prices of your securities will reflect this uncertainty. Once the plan is adopted we are confident that market prices will be more in line with intrinsic values.

"Since we are convinced that acceptance of this plan by the bondholders is preferable to bankruptcy, we urge you to accept promptly. It cannot be declared effective until substantially all of the holders of the bonds of both issues have deposited their bonds."

Voluntary Plan of Exchange of Securities

Securities to Be dealt with—Company presently has outstanding with the public the following bonds: \$1,115,500 first lien (sinking fund) gold bonds, 6% series, due 1941; \$112,500 first lien gold bonds, 6% series, due 1951; \$1,739,500 general lien 6% gold bonds, due June 1, 1944; \$5,000 Inland Utilities, Inc. convertible 6% gold debentures, due June 1, 1934.

Exchange of Securities—First lien bonds of both 1941 and 1951 series will be exchanged par for par for new first lien collateral trust bonds.

General lien bonds and Inland debentures will be exchanged par for par for new general lien collateral trust income bonds.

Description of First Lien Collateral Trust Bonds—Dated June 1, 1940, due June 1, 1951. Intially payable semi-annually at rate of 6% per annum. Secured by an equal principal amount of deposited first lien bonds. Bondholders' Federal income and State or local personal property and income taxes will not be paid or refunded. On or before June 1 of each year, beginning with 1941, there will be devoted to the purchase of first lien collateral trust bonds or first lien bonds, in the open market at the lowest prices obtainable or to the redemption of such bonds, at least the sum of \$25,000 plus a sum equivalent to the amount, if any, by which the sum of the accruals for depreciation and depletion (excluding any amortization of the excess of the book value of fixed assets over the "original cost" thereof) shown on the books of the company's subsidiary, Southeastern Gas Co., during the preceding calendar year exceeds the expenditures by Southeastern Gas Co. during said year for well drilling, replacements and additions to its fixed property. All bonds so purchased or redeemed will be canceled. When first lien collateral trust bonds are canceled, a like amount of pledged first lien bonds will be canceled simultaneously. This issue will be limited to \$1,228,000.

Company may, at its option, redeem this issue in whole, or in part by lot, at par plus accrued interest on 30 days' published notice. Bonds will be issued in coupon form, but bonds in the denom. of \$1,000 may be registered as to principal. Colonial Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Description of General Lien Collateral Trust Income Bonds—Dated Dec. 1, 1939; due June 1, 1954. All bonds will be registered as to principal and interest. Interest rate will be 6% per annum. Interest will be payable on June 1, 1941 and annually on June 1 of each subsequent year to the extent of 50% of "available income" for the preceding calendar year, plus any excess of "available income" after provision for sinking fund. Interest will be cumulative. Unpaid accumulations will be payable as earned and in any event at maturity or upon redemption of these bonds. Secured by an equal principal amount of deposited general lien bonds. Bondholders' Federal income and State or local personal property and income taxes will not be paid or refunded.

On or before June 1 of each year beginning with 1941, there will be devoted to the purchase of general lien collateral trust income bonds, or general lien bonds in the open market at the lowest prices obtainable, or to the redemption of such bonds, 50% of "available income" for the preceding calendar year, but not in excess of \$50,000 in any one year. All bonds purchased or redeemed will be canceled. When general lien collateral trust income bonds are canceled, a like principal amount of general lien bonds will be canceled simultaneously. This issue will be limited to \$1,857,000 principal amount.

Company may at its option redeem this issue in whole, or in part by lot, at par plus accumulated unpaid interest on 30 days' published notice. Underwriters Trust Co., New York, trustee. No dividend will be paid on the class A or common stocks of the company until all accumulated interest on general lien collateral trust income bonds to and including the last preceding interest payment date has been paid, and until funds have been set aside sufficient to pay interest at the rate of 6% on the next succeeding interest payment date.—V. 151, p. 1005.

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Earnings

Table with columns: Income Statement for 12 Months Ended July 31, 1940. Rows include Telephone operating income, Uncollectible operating revenues, Total operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Net operating revenues, Federal income taxes, State income taxes, Social security taxes, Other taxes, Net operating income, Other income, Total income, Interest on funded debt, Other interest deductions, Amortization of debt discount and expense—net, Net income.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Accumulated Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on account of accumulations on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Sept. 14 to holders of record Aug. 31. Similar amount was paid in preceding quarters.—V. 151, p. 1005.

Southern Pacific Co.—Equipment Trusts Offered—Hal-

sey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and associates offered Aug. 29 \$11,820,000 2 1/4% equipment trust certificates, series Q, to be dated Oct. 1, 1940 and to mature serially, \$788,000 each Oct. 1, 1941-55, inclusive, at prices to yield 0.50 to 3%, according to maturity. The certificates, issued under the Philadelphia plan, are offered subject to Interstate Commerce Commission approval. The other associates in the purchase, which was made on a bid of 96.777, are: Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; Blair & Co., Inc.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.; Hemphill, Noyes & Co.; Otis & Co.; Newton, Abbe & Co.; Gregory & Son, Inc.; First of Michigan Corp.; Equitable Securities Corp.; Edward Lowber Stokes & Co.; and Moore, Leonard & Lynch.

A bid of 96.38 for the issue was also made by The First Boston Corp. and associates.

The certificates, guaranteed unconditionally as to principal and dividends by the company, are to be secured by the following new equipment to cost in the aggregate not less than \$13,134,000: 20 4-8-4 oil-burning locomotives, 51 light-weight steel passenger cars, 1,500 steel sheathed, wood-lined box cars, and 500 steel sheathed, wood-lined automobile cars. The principal amount of the certificates is to be not more than 90% of the cost of the equipment subjected to this trust.

Earnings for July and Year to Date

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and From Jan. 1- Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Southern Pacific SS. Lines—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and From Jan. 1- Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Southern Ry. Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net railway operating income, and From Jan. 1- Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net railway operating income.

Spencer Trask Fund, Inc.—12-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 12 cents per share on the common stock, par \$1, payable Sept. 16 to holders of record Sept. 5. Dividends of 15 cents were paid on June 15 and March 15, last, and on Dec. 15, 1939; dividends of 10 cents were paid in each of the four preceding quarters, 5 cents paid on Sept. 15 and on June 15, 1938, and 10 cents paid on March 15, 1938.—V. 151, p. 567.

Spokane International Ry. Co.—Reorganization—Man-

agers Named— Justice Lloyd L. Black of the Eastern District Court in Washington has named the following to be reorganization managers of this company:

Frederick W. Ecker, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; Russel M. Van Kirk, Treasurer, J. S. Farlee & Co., and F. G. Herbst, Vice-President, Irving Trust Co.

Earnings for July and Year to Date

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and From Jan. 1- Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Spokane Portland & Seattle Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns for July, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937 and rows for Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, and From Jan. 1- Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income.

Standard Aircraft Products, Inc.—Registers with SEC—

The corporation has obtained exclusive rights to the manufacture and sale in this country and Canada of the British thermostat control from the British Thermostat Co., Inc. of Sunbury-on-Thames, England. R. N. Webster, president, explained that the proceeds from the proposed financing will be used to expand his company's business to include mass production of this device. The company also has exclusive sales rights for the distribution of aircraft radiators manufactured by the Fedders Manufacturing Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., one of the largest automobile radiator manufacturers in the United States.

Mr. Webster pointed out that, since the release by Great Britain of the Rolls-Royce Merlin motor for manufacture in this country and the negotiations with Packard Motor Co. to make 9,000 of these motors here for the U. S. and British governments, a demand has been created for the British thermostat control, which is used as standard equipment in conjunction with the British liquid-cooled motor. He also stated that the British device has been revised and adapted by his company for tests in conjunction with the American Allison liquid-cooled motor.

"The liquid-cooled type motor is in the greatest demand by the U. S. Army Air Corps, yet has heretofore been the least available," Mr. Webster said in connection with his announcement. "The Air Corps desires it for the primary reason that it permits a design of the frontal areas of planes resulting in more speed per horsepower than is possible with radial air-cooled motors. Through the thermostatic control which we are manufacturing, 'engine freezing' at high speed and in dive bombing has been reduced to a minimum, and the efficiency of the liquid-cooled type motor has been greatly enhanced, so that this type may be expected to supersede the air-cooled engine of the past."

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Plan of Exchange—Note and Debenture Holders Offered San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co. Stock—

Company submits the following plan for the exchange by holders of notes or debentures of Standard Gas & Electric Co. of their notes or debentures for shares of common stock of San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.

The Plan—Standard has outstanding \$14,183,800 20-year 6% gold notes, due May 1, 1948; \$9,429,500 6% convertible gold notes, due May 1, 1948; \$14,542,000 6% gold debentures, series A, due Feb. 1, 1951; \$9,742,000 6% gold debentures, series B, due Dec. 1, 1966; \$2,577,600 6% debentures, due Feb. 1, 1957; and \$20,049,000 of Standard Power & Light Corp. 6% debentures (assumed by Standard), due Feb. 1, 1957.

Among the present holdings of Standard are 99,387 shares (par \$100) of common stock of San Diego, constituting 99.07% of the outstanding stock of that class and 60.88% of the voting securities of San Diego issued and outstanding. San Diego will reclassify each share of its common stock (par \$100) into 10 shares of common stock, par \$10 each. As a result of this reclassification Standard's holdings of common stock of San Diego would consist of 993,870 shares (par \$10).

Standard offers to each holder of its notes or debentures the right and privilege of exchanging notes or debentures, as the case may be, of Standard for shares of common stock of San Diego on the following basis:

58 shares (par \$10) of common stock of San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co. for \$1,000 principal amount of notes or debentures of Standard Gas & Electric Co.

In the case of holdings of less than \$1,000 principal amount of notes or debentures, exchanges may be made upon the same proportionate basis.

The offer will expire when \$17,135,500 of notes and debentures of Standard have been deposited with the depositaries or on Sept. 30, 1940 (which date may be extended from time to time at the option of Standard) whichever is earlier.

The exchange shall not become effective until the common stock of San Diego has been reclassified and until the holders of at least \$14,321,500 of notes and debentures of Standard shall have deposited their notes and debentures with the depositaries; provided, however, that Standard may at its election, declare the plan effective if the holders of at least \$8,567,750 of the notes and debentures of Standard shall have deposited their notes and debentures.

Deposits of notes or debentures for exchange under the plan may be made by delivery of notes or debentures, accompanied by all unmaturing interest coupons, to one or more of the following depositaries:

Manufacturers Trust Co., 55 Broad St., New York. Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust Co., 231 South La Salle St., Chicago.

Anglo California National Bank, 1 Sanson St., San Francisco.

The depositaries shall hold the notes and debentures until such time as the exchange shall become effective (unless the plan be abandoned); whereupon, after the receipt thereof from Standard, they shall deliver certificates for the proper number of shares of common stock of San Diego and checks for amounts of money equal to the unpaid accrued interest on deposited notes and debentures to the date the exchange became effective, to the respective registered owners of the certificates of deposit for the notes and debentures and deliver the notes and debentures to Standard for cancellation.

No fractional shares of common stock will be issued in such exchanges or any adjustment made therefor. Any interest coupons becoming due and payable on any of the notes and debentures while on deposit will be mailed by the respective depositaries, on or as soon as practicable after the day following the date of the maturity thereof, to the registered owners of certificates of deposit for the respective notes and debentures to which such coupons pertain, of record at the close of business on the maturity date.

Standard will use its best efforts to cause the common stock of San Diego to be listed upon one or more National Securities Exchanges simultaneously with the final delivery of securities pursuant to the plan or as soon thereafter as in its judgment is feasible.

If Standard shall declare the plan operative, and thus the exchange become effective, upon the exchange of less than \$14,321,500 of notes and debentures and the aggregate number of shares of common stock of San Diego delivered in exchange for notes and debentures of Standard shall not be sufficient to reduce the holdings of Standard in San Diego to less than 10% of the voting securities thereof, then Standard will properly file a supplement to this plan providing for the disposal of additional shares of stock of San Diego in an amount sufficient to reduce its holdings therein to less than 10% to the voting securities of San Diego. Any remaining shares of common stock of San Diego will be disposed of by Standard as expeditiously as conditions permit.

Effect of Plan—Upon the final consummation of the plan, San Diego will no longer be a subsidiary company of Standard under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 and thus a material step in the integration of the system of Standard in compliance with the provision of Section 11 (b) (1) of that Act will have been accomplished. The funded debt and fixed charges of Standard will be materially reduced, thereby improving its financial structure.

Upon consummation of the plan, San Diego will have secured a wide distribution of its common stock, which should create an active market therefor and make possible the obtaining of capital for a part of its future financial requirements through the sale of additional shares of common stock.

The holders of notes and debentures of Standard who elect to make the exchange will benefit by becoming direct owners of common stock of an operating utility company which should have an active market and such holders will be placed in a position to participate directly in any increase in earnings distributed on such stock by that company rather than being holders of funded debt having a fixed rate of interest of a holding company owning such stock. The remaining holders of notes and debentures of Standard and its other security owners will benefit by the reduced funded debt and fixed charges of Standard.

Market Prices—Since Dec. 31, 1928, the market prices for the notes and debentures have ranged from approximately \$23.25 to approximately \$103.75 for each \$100 principal amount thereof, and thus far this year they have ranged from approximately \$48 to approximately \$74.50 for each \$100 principal amount thereof.

As more than 99% of the common stock of San Diego is presently owned by Standard there has been but very limited trading in this stock and therefore no quotations for it are given.

The San Diego has contracted for the sale of a new issue of its first mortgage bonds (\$16,000,000 of 3% bonds) from the proceeds of which its outstanding bonds are to be retired, and is negotiating for the sale or exchange of preferred stock to retire its preferred stock now outstanding. It is estimated that these transactions will result in a reduction of at least \$150,000, and probably about \$200,000, in the aggregate annual interest charges and preferred stock dividend requirements of that company. It is expected that when these transactions have been completed and the reclassification of the common stock has been effected, the board of directors of the company will be able to initiate dividends on the new shares of common stock (par \$10) at the rate of 90c. per share per annum. At the latter rate the annual income on the stock to be received in exchange for a \$1,000 note or debenture would be \$52.20 as compared with a present annual income of \$60 from such note or debenture. The present rate of dividends is equivalent to 80c. per share on such common stock (par \$10), or an annual income of \$46.40 on the stock to be so received in exchange.

If such reduction in interest charges and dividend requirements is effected and applied to the earnings of the San Diego for the 12 months' period ended June 30, 1940, the earnings for such common stock, on the basis of a reduction of \$150,000 per annum, would be \$1.19 per share and, on the basis of a reduction of \$200,000 per annum, would be \$1.24 per share.

Status of San Diego—The aggregate book value of the common stock of San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co., based upon the balance sheet of that company as of June 30, 1940 (see that company) is \$12,714,605 and the capitalization of the company is a conservative one, comprising 44.92% funded debt, 18.24% preferred stock, and 36.84% common stock and surplus. As shown by balance sheet, the funded debt represented 35.30% of the utility plant account including a small amount of intangibles, and 46.13% of the net utility plant account; the depreciation reserve amounted to 23.49% of the utility plant account.

The management has pursued a liberal policy with respect to depreciation appropriations from earnings. During the 12 months' period ended June 30, 1940 the sum of expenditures for maintenance and appropriations for depreciation was equivalent to 23.43% of operating revenues; the depreciation appropriation alone was equivalent to 15.60% of operating revenues, and 3.14% of the utility plant account as of June 30, 1940 including intangibles.

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under the trust than received by holders of The United Illuminating Co. stock not so deposited; after the plan is consummated, such differences in dividends will necessarily be eliminated in the future. The class A stockholders of The Illuminating Shares Co. will receive stock with no less value than that to be given in exchange therefor.

As before stated, the Commission has approved the plan by reason of the fact that the continued existence of The United Illuminating Trust and The Illuminating Shares Co. does unduly and unnecessarily complicate the structure of the system, and does unfairly or inequitably distribute voting power among security holders; the Commission has also found that the plan is fair and equitable to the persons affected thereby.—V. 150, p. 3994.

United Public Service Corp.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End, June 30, 1940-3 Mos., 1939, 1940-6 Mos., 1939. Rows: Operating revenues, Oper. expenses & taxes, Net operating income, Other income, Gross income, Int. & other deductions, Net income.

United Public Utilities Corp.—Hearing on Merger—

The Securities and Exchange Commission has ordered a hearing for Sept. 24 at the Commission's Washington offices for the declarations and applications (File 70-124) for approval of the merger of six wholly-owned subsidiaries of United Public Utilities Corp.

The companies to be merged are: Bradford & Gettysburg Electric Light & Power Co., Brookville & Lewisburg Lighting Co., Buckeye Light & Power Co., Eaton Lighting Co., New Madison Lighting Co. and Western Ohio Public Service Co., all of which operate in western Ohio.

The companies will be merged into The Greenville Electric Light & Power Co. and it is proposed to change the name of that company to Western Ohio Public Service Co. The Greenville Electric Light & Power Co. is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of United Public Utilities Corp.

Upon consummation of the proposed merger, Western Ohio Public Service Co. will have 92,220 shares of common stock (\$10 par) and \$1,688,360 of 6% 10-year non-cum. income notes outstanding, all of which will be held by the parent company.

Among the matters to be considered at the hearing are the following: The effect and consequences of that part of the transaction by which earned surplus of the merging companies is to be converted into funded debt; the effect of the proposed merger upon investors and consumers and upon the holding company system in regard to carrying out the provisions of Section 11 of the Act.—V. 151, p. 865.

United States Graphite Co.—20-Cent Dividend—

Directors have declared a dividend of 20 cents per share on the \$5 par common shares payable Sept. 16 to holders of record Sept. 3. Dividends of 15 cents were paid on June 15 and on March 15, last, and an initial dividend of 25 cents was paid on Dec. 11, 1939; dividends of 25 cents were paid on Sept. 15 and on April 15, 1939 on the old \$10 par stock previously outstanding.—V. 150, p. 2275.

United States Guarantee Co.—Balance Sheet June 30—

Table with columns: Assets (U.S. Govt. bonds, State & munic. bds, etc.), Liabilities (Res. for unearned premiums, Res. for losses, etc.), 1940, 1939.

United States Plywood Corp.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Gross sales, Discounts, returns and allowances, Net sales, Cost of sales & expenses, Other income, Total income, Int. on funded debt, etc., 1940, 1939.

The provision for Federal income taxes for the eight months ended Dec. 31, 1937, includes approximately \$10,000 in excess of the estimated normal Federal income tax, but no specific provision has been made for surtax on undistributed profits, the amount of which cannot be determined until the close of the company's fiscal year on April 30, 1938.

Table with columns: Net sales, Net profit, Earnings per share, 1940, 1939.

Balance Sheet April 30

Table with columns: Assets (Cash, Notes and accts. receivable, etc.), Liabilities (Notes payable, Contracts payable, etc.), 1940, 1939.

After reserves for uncollectible accounts, discounts and freight allowances of \$97,758 in 1940 and \$93,480 in 1939. y After reserves for deprecia-

tion and amortization of \$404,797 in 1940 and \$322,831 in 1939. z 17,672 (11,720 in 1939) shares \$1.50 cumulative convertible preferred stock and 18,656 shares of common stock.

Registers with SEC—

See list given on first page of this department.—V. 151, p. 1158.

United States Sugar Corp.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Net proceeds—Sale of sugar f. o. b. sugar house, Cost of sugar sold, Net profit on oper., etc., 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937.

Table with columns: Assets (Cash, Receivables, etc.), Liabilities (Notes payable due within one year, etc.), 1940, 1939.

Total—\$9,529,501 1940, \$8,688,223 1939. Total—\$9,529,501 1940, \$8,688,223 1939. x Depreciation reserve deducted in determining net amount of buildings, machinery and equipment as above, \$3,264,667 in 1940 and \$2,960,097 in 1939. y Represented by shares of \$1 par.—V. 150, p. 1300.

Utah Light & Traction Co.—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End, July 31, 1940—Month—1939, 1940—12 Mos.—1939. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Direct taxes, Net oper. revenues, etc.

Note—No provision has been made in the above statement for unpaid interest on the 6% income demand note, payable if, as, and when earned, amounting to \$1,963,199 for the period from Jan. 1, 1934, to Dec. 31, 1939.—V. 151, p. 570.

Utah Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings—

Table with columns: Period End, July 31, 1940—Month—1939, 1940—12 Mos.—1939. Rows: Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Direct taxes, Property retirement reserve appropriations, etc.

Balance deficit—\$35,987 1940, \$102,888 1939. x Dividends accumulated and unpaid to July 31, 1940, amounted to \$7,955,557. Latest dividends, amounting to \$1.16 2-3 a share on \$7 pref. stock and \$1 a share on \$6 pref. stock, were paid on July 1, 1940. Dividends on these stocks are cumulative.

Directors have declared a dividend of \$1.75 per share on the \$7 cum. pref. stock and a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 cum. pref. stock, both payable on account of accumulations on Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 3.—V. 151, p. 570.

Utah Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns: July, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows: Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

Virginian Ry.—Earnings—

Table with columns: July, 1940, 1939, 1938, 1937. Rows: Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net ry. oper. income, etc.

(The) Warner & Swasey Co.—Stock Offered—Public offering of 276,580 shares of common stock (no par) was announced Aug. 28 through a group of 41 underwriting houses headed by Smith, Barney & Co. The stock, offered at \$23 per share, has been oversubscribed. Of the total, 241,580 shares are being sold for the account of certain stockholders, largely Warner and Swasey heirs or relatives, who, in the aggregate, are selling less than half of their holdings. The

remaining 35,000 shares are being sold by the company itself. Other bankers making the offering include: Dominick & Dominick; Lee Higginson Corp.; Blyth & Co.; Hayden, Stone & Co., and Kidder, Peabody & Co.

The offering of this stock to the public marks the culmination of recently announced plans of the company looking toward wider distribution to provide a public market for its securities, which until now have been closely held. On Aug. 20, stockholders approved a plan of recapitalization increasing the company's authorized common stock from 300,000 (\$5 par) shares to 1,000,000 shares (no par) and changing each \$5 par share into three new no par shares.

Shortly after the public offering by the underwriters the company proposes to offer 58,704 shares of common stock in exchange for the outstanding 13,502 shares of its preferred stock upon the basis of offering to each holder of preferred stock a number of shares of common stock having an aggregate value (computed at the price to the public) equal to the par value (\$100 per share) of his shares of preferred stock. The pref. stock is redeemable at \$100 per share plus accrued dividends. There is no commitment or agreement to sell or to purchase any of the shares so to be offered in exchange. Cash payment or adjustment will be made in lieu of issuing fractional shares of common stock in such exchange and for accrued dividends on shares of preferred stock surrendered in exchange.

History and Business—Company was incorp. in Ohio on May 26, 1928, at which time it acquired all of the assets and assumed all of the liabilities of a predecessor company of the same name. This predecessor company was incorp. on Jan. 18, 1900, at which time it succeeded to the partnership formed on May 5, 1880, by Worcester R. Warner and Ambrose Swasey, the founders of the company's present business.

Company is engaged in the manufacture and sale of machine tools. Its principal products have been and are horizontal turret lathes (a specialized machine tool for precision turning for both standard and high production purposes), comprising at present five sizes of the ram type and five sizes of the saddle type, having maximum bar capacities ranging from 3/8-inch diameter for the smallest size to 12 1/2-inches diameter for the largest size, and a line of turret lathe tools comprising some 600 different items. It is estimated that approximately 96% of the total dollar value of the shipments made by the company during the five year period from 1935 to 1939, inclusive, consisted of turret lathes, turret lathe tools and repair parts for such lathes and tools. Company also manufactures and sells on special order astronomical instruments, other precision instruments and some special machinery.

Company's products are sold in the United States and in many foreign countries to a variety of industries in which metal turning is involved. The principal customers of the company in the United States and Canada include manufacturers of aircraft; aircraft engines, accessories and parts; machine tools; construction, mining and oil well equipment; motor vehicles, bodies, parts, accessories, and garage equipment; industrial electrical equipment; conveying and transmission equipment; engines, turbines and water wheels; food machinery, including canning and bottling machinery; pumps, fans and compressors; railroad equipment, locomotives and cars; and agricultural implements, tractors and road machinery. During the past two years, the demand of the aviation industry has been such that a substantial increase in the volume of sales of the company's products to manufacturers of aircraft, aircraft engines, accessories and parts and to manufacturers of machine tools for use in that industry has resulted. Company's products are also sold to the Federal Government, to State and municipal governments and to governmental agencies for use in, among other things, arsenals, navy yards and institutions.

A substantial portion of the company's shipments has been made to foreign customers. It has, however, been the policy of the company to subordinate its sales efforts outside of the United States and Canada so that the company could be in a better position to supply the requirements of customers those two countries. It is estimated that during the five year period from 1935 to 1939, inclusive, and the first six months of 1940, approximately the following percentages of the total dollar value of the shipments made by the company were for export to customers outside of the United States and Canada: 1935—17%, 1936—18%, 1937—27%, 1938—58%, 1939—42%, and the first six months of 1940—31%.

The Sterling Foundry Co., a partially owned subsidiary is engaged in the business of operating an iron foundry at Wellington, Ohio. The principal products of this subsidiary are special alloy iron castings. It is estimated that during 1939 approximately 94% of the total dollar sales of this subsidiary consisted of products sold to the company and approximately 99% of the total cast iron requirements of the company were purchased by it from this subsidiary.

The Warner & Swasey Sales Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, is engaged in the sale and distribution of machine tools, consisting principally of the company's products, primarily in the southwestern portion of the United States.

In connection with the sale and distribution of its products, company maintains warehouses at Chicago and Los Angeles, Calif., and the Warner & Swasey Sales Co. maintains a warehouse and a sales office at Houston, Texas. Company has sales offices or direct district sales representation in Los Angeles, Chicago, Indianapolis, Boston, Detroit, Newark, Buffalo, Syracuse, Dayton, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Milwaukee, and has independent dealer representation in a number of other manufacturing areas in the United States. Sales to foreign customers are made principally to or through independent dealers, although recently substantial sales have been made to foreign purchasing commissions.

Capitalization—On Aug. 20, 1940, shareholders adopted an amendment to its articles of incorporation. This amendment, among other things, (a) increased the number of shares of common stock which the company is authorized to have outstanding from 300,000 shares (par \$5), to 1,000,000 shares (no par); (b) changed each of the then issued and unissued shares of common stock, into three shares of common stock; and (c) reserves for sale to officers and employees of the company, upon such terms and conditions as the board of directors of the company may determine, 82,920 of the unissued shares of common stock (in addition to the shares of common stock then under option for sale to officers and employees of the company) and all shares of common stock which may be reacquired by the company pursuant to rights thereto or thereafter granted to the company or a purchaser designated by it, or to the president of the company or his nominee, to purchase such shares within a specified period after the happening of certain specified events.

Based upon the capitalization of the company as of June 30, 1940, and after giving effect only to (i) the recapitalization described above; (ii) the sale by the company of 35,000 shares of common stock and (iii) the issuance subsequent to June 30, 1940, of 1,685 shares of common stock, par \$5 (equivalent to 5,055 shares of common stock no par) pursuant to the exercise of certain stock option agreements, the capitalization of the company would be as follows:

	Authorized	Outstanding
Preferred stock (par \$100)	14,000 shs.	13,502 shs.
Common stock (no par)	1,000,000 shs.	781,085 shs.

a Does not include 498 shares held in treasury. b At date of prospectus, 70,995 shares of unissued common stock (no par) were subject to the stock option agreements which provide in effect that the shares of common stock covered thereby may be purchased at \$4.50 per share, and grant to the company, or a purchaser designated by it, the right, within a specified period after the happening of certain specified events, to repurchase at the then book value any shares so purchased. An aggregate of 82,920 additional shares of unissued common stock are reserved under the amended articles of incorporation for issuance to officers and employees. c An aggregate of 87,465 of these shares of common stock is subject to agreements, some of which grant to the company or purchaser designated by it, and others grant to the president of the company or his nominee, the right to purchase some of such shares at the then book value and the others at a price somewhat in excess of the then book value within a specified period after the happening of certain specified events. An additional 106,560 of these shares of common stock now held in trust, are subject to certain provisions granting to the company, or a purchaser designated by it, the right to purchase such shares in certain specified circumstances at a price somewhat in excess of the then book value.

Note—Company proposes to offer, after the public offering by the underwriters, certain shares of common stock in exchange for the outstanding 13,502 shares of its preferred stock. Shares of preferred stock not surrendered upon such exchange will be redeemed or otherwise acquired during 1940.

Underwriters—The names of the several underwriters and the respective amount of shares to be purchased by each are as follows:

Shares	Shares
Smith, Barney & Co.	50,000
Dominick & Dominick	20,000
Lee Higginson Corp.	20,000
Blyth & Co., Inc.	10,000
Field, Richards & Co.	10,000
Hayden, Stone & Co.	10,000
Kidder, Peabody & Co.	10,000
Curtiss, House & Co.	7,000
The First Cleveland Corp.	7,000
Hawley, Huller & Co.	7,000
Hayden, Miller & Co.	7,000
McDonald-Coolidge & Co.	7,000
Merrill, Turben & Co.	7,000
Maynard H. Murch & Co.	7,000
Otis & Co.	7,000
Hornblower & Weeks.	6,000
Lazard Freres & Co.	6,000
Clark, Dodge & Co.	5,000
Eastman, Dillon & Co.	5,000
Emanuel & Co.	5,000
W. E. Hutton & Co.	5,000
Jackson & Curtis	5,000
Janney & Co., Inc.	5,000
Paine, Webber & Co.	5,000
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.	5,000
White, Weld & Co.	5,000
Fahey, Clark & Co.	5,000
Merrill Lynch, E.A. Pierce & Cassatt	3,000
Newhard, Cook & Co.	3,000
Prescott & Co.	3,000
Schwabacher & Co.	2,000
Baker, Simonds & Co.	2,000
Ball, Coons & Co.	2,000
A. G. Becker & Co., Inc.	2,000
Blair, Bonner & Co.	2,000
Central Republic Co.	2,000
First of Michigan Corp.	2,000
T. H. Jones & Co.	2,000
Stern, Wampler & Co., Inc.	2,000
Watling, Lerchen & Co.	2,000
Farwell, Chapman & Co.	1,000

Purpose—The net cash proceeds to be received by the company will be \$626,495 after deduction of estimated expenses and will be added to the general funds of the company to be used for general corporate purposes.

Transfer Agents and Registrars—The transfer agents for the common stock are Guaranty Trust Co., New York, and Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

The registrars for the common stock are Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York, and National City Bank of Cleveland.

Consolidated Income Statement (Incl. Subs.)

	6 Mos. End. June 30, '40	1939	1938	1937
Gross sales less discts., &c.	\$8,178,164	\$9,237,082	\$5,834,975	\$9,126,828
Cost of goods sold	4,117,577	4,817,499	3,055,374	4,425,802
Sell., gen. & admin. exps.	1,348,440	2,208,642	1,780,904	1,729,042
Gross profit	\$2,712,146	\$2,210,940	\$998,696	\$2,971,982
Other income	21,490	49,956	35,149	9,729
Total income	\$2,733,636	\$2,260,896	\$1,033,846	\$2,981,712
Income deductions	47,094	9,123	6,484	862
Normal income & excess profits taxes (est.)	570,000	436,550	207,000	601,000
Surtax on undistributed profits (est.)				414,000
Underprovision for prior years	\$20,378	\$49,329	9,000	35,002
Net profit	\$2,136,920	\$1,864,553	\$811,361	\$1,930,846
Preferred dividends	40,506	82,597	83,177	83,240
Dommon dividends	739,342	942,550	227,460	230,946

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30, 1940

Assets	Liabilities	
Demand deposits & on hand	Accounts payable	\$1,406,038
Notes & accts. rec. (trade)	Accrued liabilities	1,279,576
Inventories	Other current liabilities	98,711
Investments	6% preferred stock	1,400,000
Other assets	Common stock (par \$5)	1,235,050
Fixed assets (less deprec.)	Capital surplus	199,679
Deferred charges	Earned surplus	4,742,442
	Treasury shares	\$749,800
Total	Total	\$10,311,696

—V. 151, p. 1160.

Wayne Screw Products Co.—Earnings

Income Account for 9 Months Ended June 30, 1940	
Net sales for period	\$400,620
Cost of sales	334,196
Shipping, delivery, selling and administrative expenses	31,362
Profit	\$35,062
Other income	3,334
Total income	\$38,396
Discounts on sales	4,593
Interest paid	152
Amortization of goodwill and organization expense	1,270
Amortization of commissions on sale of capital stock	2,737
Allowance for Federal income tax	8,000
Net income	\$21,643
Earnings per share	\$0.22

Note—Income tax computed at 19% of estimated taxable income.—V. 150, p. 858.

Wentworth Mfg. Co.—Earnings

Earnings for 9 Months Ended July 31, 1940	
Net sales	\$3,461,770
Cost of goods sold	3,107,817
Selling, general and administrative expenses	261,444
Net operating income	\$92,509
Other deductions, less other income	12,121
Provision for Federal income tax	14,998
Net profit for period	\$65,391
Earned surplus—balance Oct. 31, 1939	547,697
Excess accrual for State taxes, year ended Oct. 31, 1939	3,000
Total	\$616,088
Cash dividends on preferred shares	25,394
Additional Federal income tax—prior year	216
Earned surplus—July 31, 1940	\$590,478
Earnings per share on 410,016 shares common stock	\$0.10

Balance Sheet July 31, 1940

Assets—Current, \$1,583,172; property not used in conduct of business, \$130,759; fixed, \$209,392; deferred charges and prepaid expenses, \$32,935; total, \$1,956,258.

Liabilities—Bank loans, \$300,000; accounts payable, \$9,706; dividend payable—preferred stock, \$8,346; accrued taxes and expenses, \$60,434; convertible preferred stock—(33,385 shares no par), stated value \$13,500—\$1 cumulative, \$539,190; common stock (\$1.25 par), \$512,520; earned surplus, \$590,478; paid-in surplus, \$660; less—cost of 6,555 shares of preferred stock purchased and in treasury, \$765,078; total, \$1,956,258.—V. 150, p. 3531.

West Virginia Pulp & Paper Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings

9 Months Ended July 31—		1940	1939
Profits from operations	\$5,269,077	\$2,876,928	
Other income, net	213,951	63,223	
Total income	\$5,483,028	\$2,940,151	
Provision for depreciation and depletion	2,321,302	2,076,887	
Interest and amortization of debt expense	271,213	362,495	
Provision for Federal income taxes	393,050	100,480	
Net profit for period	\$2,497,463	\$400,289	
Premium and unamort. discount and expense on 1st mortgage bonds 4 1/2% retired Feb. 7, 1940	621,666		
Dividends paid or declared on pref. stock, \$4.50 per share	701,235	701,235	
Common stock dividends paid or declared	902,432	180,486	
Surplus for period	\$272,131	def\$481,433	

To Pay 75-Cent Common Dividend—
 Directors have declared a dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10. Dividends of 10 cents were paid in two preceding quarters and previously regular quarterly dividends of five cents per share were distributed.—V. 150, p. 3682.

Period End. June 30—	1940—3 Mos—	1939—3 Mos—	1940—12 Mos—	1939—12 Mos—
Operating revenues	\$1,365,799	\$1,357,974	\$5,578,262	\$5,570,361
Oper. expenses & taxes	896,674	847,847	3,631,181	3,492,963
Net oper. income	\$469,125	\$510,127	\$1,947,081	\$2,077,399
Other income (net)	564	998	7,255	6,675
Gross income	\$469,688	\$511,125	\$1,954,336	\$2,084,073
Int. & other deductions	241,248	293,195	978,858	1,211,534
Net income	\$228,441	\$217,930	\$975,477	\$872,540
Cum. pref. dividends	108,744	109,007	435,764	435,501

Period End. July 31—	1940—Month—	1939—Month—	1940—7 Mos—	1939—7 Mos—
Operating revenues	\$1,522,847	\$1,203,639	\$10,606,332	\$8,287,760
Maint. of way & struc.	215,181	150,703	1,319,606	945,573
Maint. of equipment	334,687	251,503	2,281,183	1,859,839
Traffic expenses	37,945	40,566	275,315	274,958
Transportation expenses	377,959	329,517	2,777,802	2,420,061
Miscellaneous operations	7,068	6,591	41,751	27,934
General expenses	45,966	45,830	327,460	319,132
Transp. for investment	Cr3,499	Cr4,037	Cr22,941	Cr17,511
Net oper. revenue	\$507,539	\$382,966	\$3,606,156	\$2,457,774
Taxes	115,000	65,000	780,000	480,000
Operating income	\$392,539	\$317,966	\$2,826,156	\$1,977,774
Equipment rents	Cr16,296	Cr24,927	Cr111,089	Cr121,012
Joint fac. rents (net)	Dr12,828	Dr12,039	85,672	Dr86,683
Net ry. oper. income	\$396,007	\$330,854	\$2,851,573	\$2,012,103
Other income	8,957	7,559	80,197	52,787
Gross income	\$404,964	\$338,413	\$2,931,770	\$2,064,890
Fixed charges	277,867	275,840	1,952,916	1,931,920
Net income	\$127,097	\$62,573	\$978,855	\$132,970

Western Pacific RR.—Abandonment—
 The Interstate Commerce Commission on Aug. 12 issued a certificate permitting abandonment by T. M. Schumacher and Sidney M. Ehrman, trustees of a branch line of railroad extending from Calpine Junction to Calpine, approximately 12.62 miles, all in Plumas and Sierra Counties, Calif.

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$1,486,997	\$1,353,459	\$1,203,516	\$1,300,241
Net from railway	331,882	223,507	135,154	def86,663
Net ry. oper. income	137,412	39,952	def23,638	def22,357
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	9,234,626	8,351,864	7,141,761	8,923,455
Net from railway	1,617,133	938,501	def990,225	22,303
Net ry. oper. income	443,399	def108,870	def2,027,672	def840,215

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$145,776	\$136,672	\$129,458	\$126,166
Net from railway	32,551	16,510	13,686	6,616
Net ry. oper. income	24,903	6,393	2,710	485
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,009,241	960,052	900,816	981,382
Net from railway	139,317	121,205	66,056	110,094
Net ry. oper. income	68,412	38,309	def9,649	65,819

Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.—New Director—
 Robert T. Swaine, a member of the law firm of Cravath, de Gersdorff, Swaine & Wood, was on Aug. 28 elected a director of this company, it was announced by A. W. Robertson, Chairman of the Board.—V. 151, p. 1160.

July—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross from railway	\$1,617,474	\$1,230,441	\$996,004	\$1,483,069
Net from railway	596,228	414,564	348,013	489,064
Net ry. oper. income	476,517	333,312	256,777	439,182
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	9,510,040	7,226,944	5,522,154	9,801,402
Net from railway	3,321,919	2,612,066	1,227,248	3,220,323
Net ry. oper. income	2,612,256	1,588,565	814,015	2,984,937

Wheeling Steel Corp.—Preferred Dividend—
 Directors authorized a dividend of \$1.50 a share on the old 6% preferred stock, payable on Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 13. Similar payments were made on July 1, April 1 and Jan. 2 last, and on July 1, 1938.—V. 151, p. 718.

Years End. April 30—	1940	1939	1938	1937
Gross profit from sales	\$2,087,895	\$1,668,222	\$1,725,629	\$1,759,966
Buying, selling & delivery expenses	1,473,647	1,192,786	1,190,974	1,206,750
Depreciation	38,366	35,393	39,250	38,903
Taxes (other than income taxes)	90,935	78,012	74,248	55,796
Executive salaries	45,248	30,350	52,017	58,350
General admin. expenses	363,551	278,385	279,153	296,417
Net profit from oper.	\$76,147	\$53,296	\$89,987	\$103,751
Other income	141,684	123,247	153,743	177,322
Non-recurring income				Dr9,676
Gross income	\$217,831	\$178,543	\$243,730	\$271,396
Income deductions	184,030	146,683	162,763	172,225
Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes	8,123	3,002	11,486	14,786
Prov. for surtax			734	3,180
Net income for year	\$25,677	\$28,859	\$68,746	\$81,205
Dividends	15,121	15,489	63,670	64,756
Shares capital stock out. (no par) excl. treasury stock	100,809	101,539	103,257	107,906
Earnings per share	\$0.25	\$0.28	\$0.66	\$0.75

Balance Sheet April 30, 1940
 Assets—Cash, \$324,827; accounts and notes receivable (less reserve), \$1,180,328; inventories, \$1,701,049; deposits on bids, \$11,559; sundry receivables, \$6,071; cash surrender value of life insurance payable to company, \$69,500; notes receivable, not current (less reserve of \$6,989), \$9,830; investments at cost (less reserve of \$1,250), \$13,687; fixed assets (less reserve of \$352,513), \$1,120,204; deferred charges and other assets, \$121,001; goodwill and trademarks purchased, \$78,451; total, \$4,636,508.
 Liabilities—Notes payable (banks), \$1,425,000; accounts payable, \$397,845; accrued liabilities, \$82,179; note payable (Jaburg Brothers, Inc.), \$75,000; other accounts and notes payable \$10,356; 1st mtg. 6% serial real estate notes (due within one year), \$52,000; 1st mtg. 6% serial real estate notes due 1940-44, \$444,000; common stock (100,809 no par shs.), \$1,424,725; earned surplus, \$555,466; capital surplus, \$169,937; total, \$4,636,508.—V. 149, p. 2104.

Whitaker Paper Co.—Earnings—

Net sales	\$5,291,620
Cost of goods sold	4,460,180
Operating expenses	671,187
Operating profit	\$160,253
Other income—rentals, interest and sundry	25,234
Total income	\$185,487
Interest on mortgage bonds	10,939
Other charges	3,800
Provision for depreciation of buildings and equipment	18,011
Taxes on income	33,698
Net profit	\$119,039
Earned surplus balance at Jan. 1, 1940	780,309
Total	\$899,348
Cash divs. declared—On 2d pref. 7% cum. stock	28,214
On common stock	60,358
Balance at June 30, 1940	\$810,777
Earnings per share on common	\$2.94

Balance Sheet June 30, 1940
 Assets—Cash, \$78,051; certificates of deposit due at various times from July 6, 1940, to Dec. 30, 1940, and accrued interest, \$226,095; marketable securities and accrued interest, \$24,636; notes, acceptances and accounts receivable, \$1,439,912; inventories at lower of cost or market, \$1,098,524; investments and other assets, \$213,050; property, plant and equipment, \$1,716,481; deferred charges, \$28,699; total, \$4,825,460.
 Liabilities—Accounts payable, \$622,933; accrued liabilities, \$19,471; Federal and State taxes on income, estimated, \$53,246; 1st mtg. 20-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds, due Nov. 1, 1942, \$305,000; 2d pref. 7% cum. stock (par \$100), \$806,100; common stock (30,854 no-par shares), \$2,150,000; capital surplus, \$73,501; earned since Nov. 1, 1922, \$810,777; less common stock in treasury, 666 shares at cost, \$16,568; total, \$4,825,460.—V. 151, p. 1010.

Willys-Overland Motors, Inc.—Earnings—

	1940	1939
Net sales	\$12,996,047	\$7,657,552
Cost, expense, depreciation, &c	13,454,409	8,799,285
Operating loss	\$458,362	\$1,141,733
Other income	62,767	25,640
Loss	\$395,595	\$1,116,093
Interest, tax, &c	67,749	31,582
Net loss	\$463,344	\$1,147,675

For the quarter ended June 30, 1940, net loss was \$182,047, compared with a net loss of \$391,829 in June quarter of previous year.—V. 150, p. 4148.

Wisconsin Central Ry.—Earnings—

	1940—Month—	1939—Month—	1940—7 Mos—	1939—7 Mos—
Freight revenue	\$1,267,918	\$963,558	\$6,974,177	\$6,090,400
Passenger revenue	32,617	36,432	155,158	165,777
All other revenue	103,495	79,305	508,599	454,643
Total revenues	\$1,404,031	\$1,079,294	\$7,637,934	\$6,710,820
Maint. of way & struc. expenses	157,159	140,064	895,354	866,973
Maint. of equipment	157,152	156,816	1,164,959	1,112,598
Traffic expenses	29,789	28,630	203,475	199,499
Transportation expenses	451,253	403,539	3,005,143	2,734,582
General expenses	45,850	34,274	255,954	234,382
Net railway revenues	\$562,827	\$315,972	\$2,113,049	\$1,562,787
Taxes	85,449	81,306	539,728	539,746
Net after taxes	\$477,377	\$234,666	\$1,573,321	\$1,023,041
Hire of equipment—Dr	34,612	48,342	251,671	233,891
Rental of terminals—Dr	30,867	38,374	218,921	258,695
Net after rents	\$411,899	\$147,950	\$1,102,729	\$530,455
Other income—net	Cr1,554	Dr2,922	Dr25,115	Dr31,895
Inc. before interest	\$413,452	\$145,028	\$1,077,614	\$498,559
Int. being accrued & pd.	8,803	9,706	67,074	70,605
Bal. bef. int. on bonds, &c	\$404,649	\$135,321	\$1,012,541	\$427,954

Wisconsin Electric Power Co.—Earnings—

Total operating revenues	\$22,398,013
Operating expenses and taxes	16,164,222
Net operating revenues	\$6,233,791
Non-operating revenues	466,068
Gross income	\$6,699,859
Interest on funded debt	2,370,991
Amortization of debt discount and expense	391,350
Other interest charges	15,943
Interest during construction charged to property and plant	Cr8,104
Other deductions	28,957
Provision for contingent losses on investment in transportation subsidiary and in certain transportation properties	1,250,000
Net income	\$2,650,722

Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings—

	1940	1939
Operating revenues	\$6,732,094	\$6,470,321
Operating expenses and taxes	5,474,862	5,283,137
Net operating revenues	\$1,257,232	\$1,187,184
Non-operating revenues	Dr8,204	Dr2,357
Gross income	\$1,249,027	\$1,184,826
Interest on funded debt	415,881	380,950
Amortization of bond discount and expense	33,935	32,435
Other interest charges	5,782	6,638
Interest during construction charged to property and plant	Cr6,372	Cr6,006
Other deductions	8,630	43,415
Net income	\$791,171	\$727,394

Wisconsin Michigan Power Co.—Earnings—

	1940	1939
Total operating revenues	\$3,804,053	\$3,683,699
Operating expenses and taxes	2,444,992	2,426,796
Net operating revenues	\$1,359,061	\$1,256,903
Non-operating revenues	12,791	4,430
Gross income	\$1,371,852	\$1,261,333
Interest on funded debt	484,852	487,475
Amortization of bond discount and expense	32,728	32,200
Other interest charges	2,649	4,002
Interest during construction charged to property and plant	Cr4,730	Cr7,111
Other deductions	7,914	7,939
Net income	\$848,440	\$730,427

Wood Alexander & James, Ltd.—Bonds Called—
 A total of \$26,500 first mortgage sinking fund 6% bonds due Aug. 1, 1944 has been called for redemption on Sept. 30 at 103.—V. 150, p. 4148.

(Alan) Wood Steel Co.—Accumulated Dividend—
 Directors have declared a dividend of \$2.50 per share on account of accumulations on the 7% cumulative preferred stock, par \$100, payable Sept. 20 to holders of record Sept. 9. This compares with \$3.50 paid on June 15, last; 87½ cents paid on March 25, last; \$1.75 on Dec. 21, 1939; \$1 on Nov. 17, 1939, 75 cents on June 15, 1939 and 50 cents paid on Dec. 28, 1938.—V. 151, p. 1010.

Yazoo & Mississippi Valley RR.—Earnings—

	1940	1939	1938	1937
July—				
Gross from railway	\$985,514	\$1,037,702	\$1,126,961	\$1,157,780
Net from railway	95,251	228,366	366,141	251,102
Net ry. oper. income	def114,485	14,205	159,882	35,400
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	8,272,811	7,659,055	7,755,166	9,042,685
Net from railway	2,111,574	1,943,844	2,238,541	2,740,464
Net ry. oper. income	615,297	520,318	740,822	1,372,872

—V. 151, p. 718.

Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.—Sells \$10,000,000 Serial Notes Privately—Company, Aug. 30, announced completion of a private sale to eight banks and one insurance company of \$10,000,000 new serial notes, dated Aug. 15, 1940, at par plus accrued interest. Purchases were made for investment. The notes are in seven series, one maturing each Aug. 15 beginning 1941 through 1947. Principal amount of

each of the first six series is \$1,500,000 and of the seventh \$1,000,000. Interest rates by maturities vary from 0.50% to 2.25%. Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Smith, Barney & Co. acted as agents in effecting the sale.

Guaranty Trust Co. of New York is trustee of the new serial notes. Proceeds of the sale will be applied by the company toward the redemption on Oct. 1, 1940, at 101½% and accrued int., of \$10,000,000 of the \$30,000,000 issue of convertible 4% debentures, due Sept. 1, 1948. Such debts, to the extent of \$5,400,000 principal amount thereof, are being paid and redeemed in anticipation of all sinking fund requirements under the indenture. Debentures are payable at office of Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, New York.

Each debenture so drawn is convertible, if surrendered for conversion on or before but not after Oct. 1, 1940, at the office of the trustee, Guaranty Trust Co., into 16 common shares of the company, as provided in the indenture.

Company has irrevocably authorized Guaranty Trust Co., as trustee, to pay to the holders of the debentures the full redemption price, which includes the premium of 1½% and accrued interest to Oct. 1, 1940, upon presentation and surrender of said debentures with the March 1, 1941 and subsequent coupons attached at the office of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York at any time after Sept. 1, 1940.—V. 151, p. 718.

Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co.—Dividends—

At a meeting of the directors held Aug. 21 dividends of \$1.75 per share for the third quarter and \$7 per share on account of accumulations were declared on the company's 7% cumulative (preferred) stock, payable Oct. 1, 1940, to stockholders of record Sept. 12, 1940.

With the payment of \$7 per share there are no further dividends in arrears on the company's 7% cumulative (preferred) stock.—V. 151, p. 866.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN

PROVISIONS—RUBBER—HIDES—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

Friday Night, Aug. 30, 1940.

Coffee—On the 26th inst. futures closed 1 to 2 points net lower for the Santos contract, with sales totaling 30 lots. During the first three hours of trading Santos futures were unchanged, with Sept. selling at 5.28, 17 points above the all-time low made the beginning of last week. About 4,000 bags had been done during that period. Actuals were steady to firm with a good business reported done in Colombian coffees at advancing prices as last week ended. Oct. freight rates from Brazil to Atlantic and Gulf ports will remain unchanged at 75c. per bag. Clearances of 30,000 bags from Santos to Europe, last week, contrasted with none the week before. It was thought the coffee was going to Scandinavia. On the 27th inst. futures closed 13 to 11 points net lower for the Santos contracts, with sales totaling 51 lots. There was a sale of one contract in Rio Dec., which month closed 14 points net lower. Scattered selling brought losses to coffee futures. Santos contracts broke 15 points, Sept. Santos selling at its all-time low of 5.11c. There was little new in actuals. Stocks of mild coffees in licensed warehouses in the Port of New York touched a new high at 425,305 bags. In addition, it was estimated that a further 67,634 bags was on docks and in the process of unloading. Part of this coffee, especially Colombian and Salvadorian coffee, was believed here on a consignment basis. Roasters did not follow up the good buying of late last week. On the 28th inst. futures closed 10 to 12 points net higher for the Santos contracts, with sales totaling 90 lots. First notice day for Sept. brought 31 notices against Sept. Santos contract (7,750 bags). Sept. touched a new all-time low at 5.10c. and then recovered to 5.14c. Other months were 5 points higher during early afternoon, with Dec. at 5.38c. Switching from Sept. into distant 1941 positions was a feature. The premiums on the distant months increased slightly. There was nothing in actuals on which to trade. Primary sources were keeping asking prices steady, apparently waiting for further development of plans afoot to maintain orderly marketing.

On the 29th inst. futures closed 3 to 4 points net lower, with sales totaling 11 lots. Extremely dull trading and losses of 7 points marked the Santos coffee futures market. May was selling at 5.65. No further notices were issued against Santos contracts. Apparently the easier tone was due to selling which hung over the market from trade sources who wished to hedge against old crop Brazilian coffees. At the decline the hedges were not put out. Today futures closed 3 to 4 points net higher for the Santos contracts, with sales totaling 26 lots. Santos coffee futures were unchanged to 1 point higher. Two notices were issued against Sept. contracts without effect on the spot month. There was nothing new actuals but the tendency was for sellers to become a bit impatient at the lack of progress in the plans to preserve orderly marketing in this country. Mild coffees were said to be barely steady but first hand sellers were showing few signs of making concessions. Roasters were going slowly on new purchases.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

September	3.66	March	3.77
December	3.70	May	3.81

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

September	5.24	May	5.71
December	5.43	July	5.78
March, 1941	5.63		

Cocoa—On the 26th inst. futures closed 1 to 2 points net lower, with sales totaling 870 lots. About 9-10ths of the trading in cocoa futures today consisted of switching out of Sept. into deferred positions. Tomorrow will be first notice day. Trading was active. Up to early afternoon it totaled 475 lots. Sept. then was selling at 4.02c. a pound, off 2 points. Other positions were unchanged. Warehouse stocks of cocoa increased 15,900 bags over the week-end. They total 1,185,959 bags compared with 1,364,910 bags a year ago. Local closing: Sept., 4.01; Oct., 4.06; Dec., 4.18; Mar., 4.32; July, 4.49. On the 27th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher. Sales totaled 61 lots. Circulation of 25 Bahia notices caused cocoa futures to sell off during the early trading, but the market quickly rallied when it was found that notices were being stopped. At one time Sept. was up 10 points at 4.11c. Later it lost about half of that improvement. Local closing: Sept., 4.01; Dec., 4.20; Mar., 4.34; May, 4.42; July, 4.51. On the 28th inst. futures closed 10 to 7 points net higher. Sales totaled 595 lots. Trading in cocoa futures was active and new buying gave the market a firmer tone, prices during early afternoon standing 2 to 5 points net higher with Sept. at 4.03c. a pound. The volume was large, totaling more than 600 lots to midafternoon. Much of it consisted of Sept. switching. Only 145 lots of Sept. remained open today against 357 lots last night, showing that the Sept. position has been pretty well cleared up. This was second notice day and brought out 37 notices which were readily absorbed. Local closing: Sept., 4.11; Oct., 4.16; Dec., 4.28; Mar., 4.42; May, 4.50; July, 4.59.

On the 29th inst. futures closed 3 to 2 points net higher. Transactions totaled 85 lots. With Sept. liquidation virtually completed (only six contracts are still outstanding), the cocoa market made further improvement. Prices during early afternoon stood 2 to 3 points high with the tone firm. Dec. then stood at 4.31c., up 3 points. Only 60 lots had traded to that time. It was learned that producing countries were firmer on their offering prices, but that manufacturers were reluctant to pay more. Warehouse stocks increased 7,100 bags. They total 1,192,781 bags compared with 1,367,128 bags a year ago. Local closing, Dec., 4.31; Mar., 4.44; May, 4.52. Today futures closed 9 to 11 points net higher, with sales totaling 102 lots. Cocoa futures continued to gain in quiet trading. Dec. during early afternoon was selling at 4.36c., up 5 points. The firmness of prices was due to a scarcity of offerings. Neither West Africa nor Brazil are offering cocoa here. Only 70 lots had been done up to mid-afternoon in futures here. The Sept. position is virtually liquidated. The majority of contracts were switched from Sept. to Dec., which now is the big open position with 3,120 lots open this morning. Warehouse stocks increased 4,900 bags. They total 1,197,651 against 1,365,440 a year ago. Local closing: Sept., 4.25; Dec., 4.40; Mar., 4.54; May, 4.52.

Sugar—On the 26th inst. futures closed 1 to 3 points net lower for the domestic contract, with sales totaling 114 lots. The world sugar contract closed 1½ to 3 points net lower, with sales totaling 25 lots. Selling by disappointed traders caused sugar futures to lose ground. It was explained that the selling was caused by failure of Washington to announce a quota cut as some had expected. No further sales of raws were reported. Offerings included 2,000 tons of Philippines due Sept. 18 at 2.67c. a pound and 2,000 tons of Aug.-Sept. shipment at 2.70c.; also several lots of second half Sept.

shipment Puerto Ricos at 2.70c. Operators were reported offering 2.65c. for Sept. sugars but refiners were not bidding that high. World sugar futures were also heavy during most of the session. Volume, however, was small. On the 27th inst. futures closed 4 to 5 points net higher for the domestic contract, with sales totaling 1,015 lots. The world sugar contract closed ½ point up to unchanged with sales of only 36 lots. Trading in domestic sugar futures was heavy and excited, when shorts rushed to cover on news that the quotas had been cut. Prices jumped 5 to 9 points. More than 40,000 tons changed hands in the first 3 hours, the largest turnover since last Sept., when a war market was on. This afternoon the market eased somewhat under profit taking, but stood 4 to 5 points higher. Heavy switching from Sept. into 1941 positions was a feature. Sept. was exchanged for Mar. at 11 to 14 points difference. In the raw market spot prices advanced 9 points to 2.70c. a pound, when the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Co. paid that price for 2,000 tons of Aug.-Sept. shipment Philippines and got 9,700 tons, due Sept. 4. World sugar futures rose sympathetically, gaining 1 to 1½ points in quiet trading. On the 28th inst. futures closed unchanged to 3 points off for the domestic contract, with sales totaling 58 lots. The world sugar contract closed 1½ to 2 points net lower, with sales totaling 35 lots. The quota question is now out of the way, but the market still does not know when Congress will extend the sugar act. In the raw market offerings piled up in a sizable volume at prices ranging from 2.73c. to 2.75c. a pound. No sales were reported. Refined Syrups offered refined sugar for 1 day only at 4.20c. Tomorrow its price will be 4.25. The response to the offer was said to have been good. In the world sugar market futures were ½ to 1½ points lower on scattered selling. It was announced that 59 notices of delivery would be issued on Sept. contracts tomorrow. First notice day on Aug. 20 brought out 220 notices which longs promptly accepted. The Peruvian Government has decreed free exportation of raw sugar from Peru. The trade here is not quite certain what the decree means.

On the 29th inst. futures closed 2 to 4 points net lower for the domestic contract, with sales totaling 239 lots. The world sugar contract closed 3 to 2 points net lower, with sales totaling 111 lots. Pressure of raw sugar coupled with a decline in the price caused a further recession in sugar futures, but trading was quiet. Some traders appeared to be nervous regarding the fate of the Cummings resolution to extend the sugar act a year beyond Dec. 31st. In the raw market late yesterday a sale of Puerto Ricos for early October shipment at 2.70c. a pound to American Sugar Refining, off 3 points from the recent top, caused refiners to back away from the market. In the meanwhile several lots of sugar were offered at the last paid price. The refined sugar situation is shaping up better as offshore brands moved closer to the 4.25c. level the usual 10 points discount under the cane refiners' brands. Today futures closed 1 point off to 1 point up for the domestic contract, with sales totaling 121 lots. The world sugar contract closed 1 point up to unchanged compared with previous finals. Sales in the world contract totaled 114 lots. With a three day holiday ahead, traders on the sugar exchange were but mildly interested in the market. Domestic futures this afternoon stood 1 point lower to 1 point higher. Five notices were issued against September contracts, with that position selling at 1.67c., off 1 point. In the raw market an operator paid 2.69c. for 1,000 tons of Sept.-Oct. shipment Philippines in contrast with 2.66c. paid for October shipment Cubas by the Savannah Sugar Refining Company yesterday. One thousand tons of Philippines due late September were on offer at 2.70c. A cargo of Sept.-Oct. shipment Puerto Ricos also were offered at that price. Refiners withdrew from the market. In the refined market some offshore brands were reported selling at 4.10c. a pound, while Sucrest was reported accepting business at 4.20c.

Prices closed as follows:

September	1.67	March	1.78
November	1.72	May	1.82
January, 1941	1.74	July	1.86

Lard—On the 26th inst. futures closed 5 to 7 points net higher. The opening range was unchanged to 2 points lower, but as the session progressed the market became firmer on covering for speculative account. There was no aggressive demand, however, and the market ruled relatively quiet and narrow. Large quantities of lard are being shipped out of the country daily and for the past week to ten days daily clearances from the Port of New York have ranged anywhere from 100,000 to 500,000 pounds. Exports of lard from New York as reported today were again very heavy and totaled 480,000 pounds, destination "Europe." Chicago hog receipts totaled 15,000 head today. Hog prices closed 10c. to 20c. higher, with sales ranging from \$6.15 to \$7.40. Western hog marketings were not extra heavy and totaled 62,800 head against 63,000 head for the same day last year. On the 27th inst. futures closed 2 to 5 points net higher. The market was relatively quiet but steady. The opening range was unchanged to 2 points lower. It was reported in the trade that last week's sales of loose lard to Mexico totaled between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 pounds. On the close cash lard in tierces was quoted at 4.90c. per pound while loose lard was quoted at 5c. Western hog marketings were moderate heavy today, but prices at Chicago finished mostly 25c. higher. Hog marketings for the Western run totaled 60,500 head, against 59,980 head for the same day a year ago. On

the 28th inst. futures closed 7 to 12 points net higher. The opening range was unchanged to 5 points higher. The market ruled firm throughout the day. Lard clearances from the Port of New York today were 120,000 pounds, destination Europe. Western receipts of hogs totaled 61,600 head against 58,300 head for the same day last year. Hog prices were 10c. lower, with sales ranging from \$6.75 to \$7.65.

On the 29th inst. futures closed 5 to 7 points net lower. The opening range was unchanged to 2 points higher. Export clearances of lard today were again very heavy and totaled 360,000 pounds, destined for Europe. Early this week it was reported that Mexico purchased about 6,000,000 pounds of United States lard. Hog prices at Chicago were 10 to 15c. lower, with sales ranging from \$6.80 to \$7.55. Western hog receipts totaled 65,400 head, compared with 62,100 head for the same day last year. Today futures closed 7 to 3 points net higher. Strong grain and hog markets were responsible largely for the firmness displayed by lard futures.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September	4.70	4.77	4.77	4.90	4.85	4.92
October	4.80	4.90	4.95	5.02	4.97	5.02
December	5.02	5.12	5.12	5.25	5.20	5.27
January, 1941	5.12	5.20	5.25	5.37	5.32	5.35
May	6.17	6.25	6.30	6.37	6.32	6.37

Pork—(Export), mess, \$21.25 (8-10 pieces to barrel); family (50-60 pieces to barrel), \$16.75 (200 pound barrel). Beef: (export), steady. Family (export), unquoted. Pickled Hams: Picnic, Loose, c.a.f.—4 to 6 lbs., 12¼c.; 6 to 8 lbs., 12¼c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 11½c. Skinned, Loose, c.a.f.—14 to 16 lbs., 18c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 16½c. Bellies: Clear, f.o.b. New York—6 to 8 lbs., 11½c.; 8 to 10 lbs., 11¼c.; 12 to 14 lbs., 11¼c. Bellies: Clear, Dry Salted, Boxed, N. Y.—16 to 18 lbs., 8¾c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 8¾c.; 20 to 25 lbs., 8¾c.; 25 to 30 lbs., 8¾c. Butter: Firsts, to Higher than Extra and Premium Marks: 24½ to 28¼c. Cheese: State, Held '39, 21 to 22½c. Eggs: Mixed Colors: Checks to Special Packs: 14¼ to 21¼c.

Oils—Linseed oil in tank cars is quoted 8.8 to 8.0c. Quotations: Chinawood: tanks, spot—25c. bid; drums—26c. bid. Coconut: crude, tanks—0.2¾ bid; Pacific Coast—0.2½ bid. Corn: crude, west, tanks, nearby—0.5½ to .05¼. Olive: denatured: drums, spot—\$1.75 bid. Soy bean: tanks, west—0.4½ bid; Oct.-Mar.—0.3¾ to .04; New York, l. c. l., raw—0.06 bid. Edible: coconut: 76 degrees—0.08 bid. Lard: ex. winter prime—7¼ offer; strained—7c. Cod: crude: not quoted. Turpentine: 35¾ to 37¾. Rosins: \$1.80 to \$3.09.

Cottonseed Oil sales, yesterday, including switches, 113 contracts. Crude, S. E., val. 4⅞@5. Prices closed as follows:

September	5.85@	January, 1941	5.97@	5.98
October	5.84@	February	6.00@	n
November	5.86@	March	6.05@	6.06
December	5.94@	April	6.09@	n

Rubber—On the 26th inst. futures closed 3 to 8 points net lower for the No. 1 Standard contract, with sales totaling 156 lots. The new Standard contract closed 17 to 10 points net higher, with sales totaling 10 lots. The rubber futures market was erratic. It started 5 to 10 points under last Friday's close, recovered the losses, but slipped off again this afternoon, standing 1 point higher to 10 points lower at that time. September then was selling at 19.40, off 2 points. Sales totaled 116 lots in the old contract and 8 lots in the new contract. Certificated stocks stood at 1,800 tons, up 10 points. Next Friday will be first September notice day. The London market closed unchanged to 1-16d. lower. Singapore closed steady, 3½32d. to ½d. higher. Local closing: No. 1 Standard: Sept. 19.39; Dec., 19.23; Jan., 19.05. New Standard: Dec., 1912; Jan., 18.95. On the 27th inst. futures closed 1 point up to 1 point off for the No. 1 Standard, and 1 to 2 points off for the New Standard. Transactions in the No. 1 Standard totaled 198 lots, while in the New Standard contracts they totaled only 3 lots. The market was narrow and trading was moderate. During early afternoon September stood 1 point higher at 19.40. Other months were as much as 4 points lower. Sales to that time totaled 114 lots on the old contract and one lot on the new. It was said that some of the larger factories had purchased fair quantities of spot rubber at steady prices. The London market closed unchanged at ½d. lower. Singapore was unchanged to 1-32d. lower. Local closing: No. 1 Standard: Sept., 19.40; Dec., 19.21; New Standard: Dec., 19.11; Jan., 18.93. On the 28th inst. futures closed 15 points net lower to 5 points net higher for the No. 1 Standard contract, with sales totaling 188 lots. The New Standard contract closed 6 points off to 12 points net higher, with sales totaling 13 lots. Crude rubber futures opened about 5 points lower and stood at opening levels this afternoon, with September quoted at 19.35c. Commission houses sold September and bought December, while dealer interests did the reverse. Sales to early afternoon totaled 93 lots on the No. 1 contract and 12 on the No. 2. The London market closed dull, 3-16d. lower to 1-16d. higher. Singapore was quiet, unchanged to 1-32d. higher. Local closing: No. 1 Standard: Sept., 19.25; Dec., 19.10; March, 19.05. New Standard: Dec., 19.05; March, 19.00.

On the 29th inst. futures closed 18 points off to 2 points up for the No. 1 Standard Contract, with sales totaling 236 lots. The New Standard Contract closed 10 points net lower to unchanged, with sales of 54 lots. Issuance of 182 notices of delivery on September contracts caused September

to dip to 19.10c. a pound with the result that December, which last night was at a discount of 15 points, went to a premium of 5 points, although it did not hold the premium. The market was active and irregular with liquidation of September active. Sales to early afternoon totaled 207 lots. Liverpool closed unchanged to 1-16d. higher. Singapore was 3-23d. lower. Local closing: No. 1 Standard—Sept., 19.07; Dec., 19.12; Mar., 19.05. New Standard: Oct., 19.10; Nov., 19.10; Mar., 18.95. Today futures closed 8 points up to unchanged compared with previous finals. Sales totaled 29 lots, all in the No. 1 Standard Contract. Trading in rubber futures was quiet and the tone was easy 5 to 7 points net lower. Sales to early afternoon totaled only 20 lots. At that time September stood at 19c., off 7 points. Sixty tons were tendered on the September contract. The London market closed 1-8d. lower to 1-16d. higher. Singapore was unchanged to 1-32d. lower. Local closing: Sept., 19.12; Oct., 19.13; Dec., 19.15; Mar., 19.05.

Hides—On the 26th inst. futures closed 23 to 28 points net higher. Transactions totaled 314 lots. The opening range was 1 to 9 points lower. The market firmed considerably during the morning and by early afternoon advances of as much as 20 points were shown. Sales totaled 135 lots to early afternoon, of which 240,000 pounds were exchanged for physical. The rally was due to trade buying and bullish spot news. Local closing: Sept., 8.48; Dec., 8.73; Mar., 8.93. On the 27th inst. futures closed 27 to 22 points net higher. Sales totaled 262 lots. Raw hide futures opened about 3 points higher to 3 points lower. Prices declined during the morning to as much as 20 points below the previous close under tanner hedge sales and commission house profit taking, but Sept. was relatively firm owing to absence of delivery notices. However, this afternoon the market recovered sharply. Transactions totaled 126 lots to early afternoon. Local closing: Sept., 8.75; Dec., 8.95; Mar., 9.15; June, 9.33. On the 28th inst. futures closed 20 to 17 points net higher. Transactions totaled 426 lots. The opening range was unchanged to 17 points higher. The market advanced rather spiritedly following the opening. By 12.30 p. m. prices had receded somewhat from the highs of the morning, but were still considerably above the previous close. The market was active, sales totaling 272 lots. There were 1,000,000 pounds tendered for delivery against the Sept. contracts. Sept. stood at 8.95, up 20 points despite circulation of 25 notices. Trade buying absorbed offerings. Local closing: Sept., 8.95; Dec., 9.13; Mar., 9.32; June, 9.50.

On the 29th inst. futures closed 5 points net higher to 2 points net lower. Transactions totaled 201 lots. The opening range was 2 to 6 points net higher. Additional advances were registered during the morning and by early afternoon prices were about 5 to 10 points above the previous close. Trading was active, transactions amounting to 141 lots. There were 640,000 pounds tendered for delivery against the September contract today. In the domestic spot markets sales totaled about 33,500 hides, including July-August. Light native cows (river points) at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.—heavy native steers at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and butt branded steers at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Local closing: Sept. 9.00; Dec. 9.11; March 9.30. Today futures closed 49 to 41 points net higher. Transactions totaled 213 lots. Raw hide futures opened about unchanged to 4 points advance. Further advances were scored during the morning and prices at 12.30 p. m. were approximately 8 points above the previous close. Sales totaled 45 lots to early afternoon. Sales in the domestic markets totaled about 13,000 hides including light native cows, August take-off, at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the Argentine spot market 3,000 frigorifico cows, August take-off, sold at 8 13-16c. Local closing: Sept. 9.45; Dec. 9.60; March 9.75; June 9.90.

Ocean Freights—During the early part of the week the volume of trade was the heaviest in some time, but during the latter part of the period conditions became relatively quiet. Charters included: Grain: Plate to North Atlantic, \$5.50 per ton (heavy grain), basis Buenos Aires. Plate to St. Lawrence, \$7 per ton asked nominal (corn). South Africa to St. Lawrence, \$11.75 per ton (corn). Scrap iron: Atlantic range to Japan, \$14.75 per ton. Gulf to Japan, \$15 nominal. Pacific Coast to Japan, \$90,000 lump sum. f. i. o. Time charters: West Indies trade, \$2 per ton, nominal. North of Hatteras-South African trade, \$3 to \$3.50 per ton nominal. North of Hatteras-South American trade, \$3.50 per ton. Round trip Pacific trade \$4 per ton. Round trip West Indies trade, early Sept., about \$2.50 per ton. For period trip out to Java, Sept.; no other details given (direct continuation of present charter). Trip down Canada to North of Hatteras, Sept.-Oct., \$2.25 per ton.

Coal—Bituminous coal production for the third quarter of the current year will reach a record level for the period since 1929, according to a statement issued by John D. Battle, executive secretary of the National Coal Association, yesterday. "The output of bituminous coal in the third quarter is likely to exceed 112,000,000 tons and be the best for this period of any year since 1929," he said. "It will mean an average weekly output of upward of 9,500,000 tons, representing in dollar volume in mine wages, rail freight and other expenses of production and distribution upward of \$40,000,000 weekly." With the national defense demands on the by-product coke output the rate of consumption in this field has risen tremendously in the past year and is expected to move even higher if the present capacity can be

increased. Coal mines in the west Pennsylvania field are very busy filling orders from the Lake ports. Prices on these high grades are also slightly above the minimum code levels. Loadings of bituminous coal at Lake ports so far this year have exceeded all recent records and amount to 29,454,000 tons to Aug. 19th, which is about 10,000,000 tons greater than the same period last year.

Wool Tops—On the 26th inst. futures closed 1 point off to 6 points up. Wool top futures moved upward moderately in the early dealings today to a level of 6 to 12 points above Saturday's last quotations. At this point the demand for contracts slackened and under pressure of trade and commission house liquidation prices eased somewhat. Total sales on the New York Exchange to midday were estimated in the trade at approximately 175,000 pounds of tops. Around noon prices recorded advances of 3 to 6 points over the closing levels of the previous trading day. Local closing: Oct., 93.3; Dec., 91.0; Mar., 88.9; May, 87.2. On the 27th inst. futures closed 3 to 7 points net higher. Sales totaled about 55 contracts. Spot tops closed $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher at \$1.02 a pound. Wool top futures experienced a rather general demand all day today, with most interest centered in the Oct. position where there was buying and transferring of hedge accounts to more distant positions. Local closing: Oct., 93.8; Dec., 91.5; Mar., 89.3; May, 87.5; July, 85.7. On the 28th inst. futures closed 1 point up to 3 points net lower. Wool top futures showed only small changes in a fair turnover today. Most of the trading again was centered in the Oct. delivery. Total sales on the New York Exchange to midday were estimated in the trade at approximately 300,000 pounds of tops. Local closing: Oct., 93.9; Dec., 91.3; Mar., 89.0; May, 87.5.

On the 29th inst. futures closed 6 to 3 points net higher. Wool top futures moved upward today in fairly active trading on the strength of spot house buying, especially in the Oct. option. Contracts were offered on a scale up basis, mainly by commission houses. The volume of trading was in fairly good proportions, with total transactions to noon on the New York exchange estimated at approximately 450,000 pounds of tops. Local closing: Oct., 94.5; Dec., 91.6; Mar., 89.5; May, 88.0. Today futures closed 7 to 3 points net higher. The wool top futures market was firm today in a comparatively good turnover. Contracts were in general demand. Total sales on the New York Exchange to midday were estimated in the trade at approximately 450,000 pounds of tops. At the best levels of the day prices showed advances of 5 to 8 points over the closing levels of the previous day, while at the lows they were 33 to 4 points above yesterday's last quotations. Local closing: Oct., 95.0; Dec., 92.3; Mar., 89.8; May, 88.5.

Silk—On the 26th inst. futures closed $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c. net higher for the No. 1 contracts. Sales totaled only 11 lots. Raw silk futures were steady in dull trading which to early afternoon totaled only 10 lots. Prices at that time were about unchanged. News that the Japanese Government was taking measures to stimulate production was favorably received here. In the New York spot market the price of crack double extra silk declined $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to \$2.52 $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound. The Yokohama Bourse closed 5 yen lower to 6 yen higher. The price of grade D silk in the spot market remained unchanged at 1,350 yen a bale. Local closing: No. 1 Contracts: Aug., 2.46; Sept., 2.45 $\frac{1}{2}$; Mar., 2.40. On the 27th inst. futures closed $\frac{1}{2}$ c. net higher for the No. 1 contracts. Sales totaled only 21 lots. Raw silk futures were firm on trade buying of nearby positions, the market standing about $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher during early afternoon. Sales to that time totaled 12 lots. Ten bales were tendered for delivery on the Aug. contract. The price of crack double extra silk in the New York spot market held unchanged at \$2.53 a pound. The Yokohama Bourse closed irregular. In the spot market grade D silk was unchanged at 1,350 yen a bale, the minimum. Local closing: No. 1 Contracts: Sept., 2.46; Nov., 2.45. On the 28th inst. futures closed $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c. net higher. Sales totaled 53 lots, all in the No. 1 contract. Circulation of notices of delivery of 290 bales on the Sept. contract caused that position to sell at a decline of 5c. to \$2.35, but Dec. was 2c. higher at \$2.45 in a fairly steady market. Sales to early afternoon totaled 28 lots. The price of crack double extra silk in the New York spot market was unchanged at \$2.52 $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound. In Yokohama Bourse prices closed 1 to 4 yen lower. The price of grade D silk in the spot market remained unchanged at 1,350 yen, the minimum price. Local closing: No. 1 Contracts: Sept., 2.47; Nov., 2.47 $\frac{1}{2}$; Dec., 2.47; Apr., 2.44.

On the 29th inst. futures closed 22c. net lower to unchanged for the No. 1 contracts. Sales totaled 43 lots, all in the No. 1 contract. Tender of 270 bales for delivery on September contract caused that month to sell down to \$2.45. In early afternoon the market was about 1c. lower. The trade absorbed offerings of September. Trading to that time totaled 37 lots. The price of crack double extra silk in the New York spot market remained unchanged to \$2.52 $\frac{1}{2}$ a pound. In Yokohama the Bourse closed unchanged to 9 yen higher. Grade D silk also held unchanged at 1,350 yen a bale in the spot market. Local closing: No. 1 Contracts: Sept. 2.45 $\frac{1}{2}$; Oct. 2.46; Dec. 2.45; Jan. 2.44 $\frac{1}{2}$; March 2.44. Today futures closed 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to 1c. net higher. Sales totaled only 2 lots, all in the No. 1 contract. Silk futures were steady under the influence of primary markets. Sales to

early afternoon totaled seven lots. Thirty bales were delivered on the September contract. The price of crack double extra silk in the uptown spot market was unchanged at \$2.52½ a pound. The Yokohama Bourse closed 8 yen lower to 5 yen higher. In the spot market grade D silk was unchanged to 1,350 yen a bale, the minimum price. Local closing: Sept. 2.49; Oct. 2.49; Nov. 2.48; Jan. 2.46½; March 2.45.

COTTON

Friday Night, Aug. 30, 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 111,232 bales, against 91,740 bales last week and 78,606 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1, 1940, 351,079 bales, against 546,654 bales for the same period of 1939, showing a decrease since Aug. 1, 1940, of 195,575 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total
Galveston	1,025	2,255	471	596	1,268	1,151	6,766
Brownsville	—	—	—	—	—	5,612	5,612
Houston	6,683	7,222	8,811	4,138	4,932	25,473	57,259
Corpus Christi	—	7,434	1,792	1,983	2,964	2,630	16,803
New Orleans	2,428	4,078	3,145	6,645	2,622	1,992	20,910
Mobile	31	6	1,181	1,246	70	10	2,544
Pensacola, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	37	37
Savannah	24	16	151	34	59	176	460
Lake Charles	—	—	—	—	—	24	24
Norfolk	467	150	68	82	44	6	817
Totals this week	10,658	21,161	15,619	14,724	11,959	37,111	111,232

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1, 1940, and the stocks tonight, compared with last year:

Receipts to Aug. 30	1940		1939		Stock	
	This Week	Since Aug 1, 1940	This Week	Since Aug 1, 1939	1940	1939
Galveston	6,766	44,399	47,538	92,776	678,026	526,718
Brownsville	5,612	12,930	7,888	34,498	3,636	—
Houston	57,259	145,873	79,492	178,552	664,145	612,025
Corpus Christi	16,803	67,682	23,752	132,048	75,935	125,706
Beaumont	—	445	—	97,317	28,802	—
New Orleans	20,910	73,829	23,119	74,974	529,584	362,819
Mobile	2,544	2,683	346	2,963	61,765	48,388
Pensacola & G'p't	37	541	2,563	2,756	52,971	56,672
Jacksonville	—	—	90	277	1,360	1,267
Savannah	460	1,129	1,582	5,684	114,088	144,541
Charleston	—	45	257	257	21,658	28,338
Lake Charles	24	24	8,766	15,477	3,155	18,544
Wilmington	—	—	471	1,483	6,663	7,787
Norfolk	817	1,498	251	2,409	31,873	25,442
New York	—	—	—	—	1,000	100
Boston	—	—	—	—	959	753
Baltimore	—	—	229	2,500	—	850
Totals	111,232	351,079	196,344	546,654	2,344,035	1,988,752

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1940	1939	1938	1937	1936	1935
Galveston	6,766	47,538	28,324	78,347	40,596	51,094
Houston	57,259	79,492	46,386	88,128	28,449	28,911
New Orleans	20,910	23,119	17,908	29,110	48,481	39,826
Mobile	2,544	346	3,249	6,531	9,112	7,880
Savannah	460	1,582	2,061	14,327	17,115	18,010
Charleston	—	257	951	12,107	11,050	4,591
Wilmington	—	471	875	279	691	—
Norfolk	817	251	213	1,508	4	2,099
All others	22,476	43,288	44,088	69,885	46,344	36,532
Total this wk.	111,232	196,344	144,055	300,222	201,842	188,943
Since Aug. 1.	351,079	546,654	374,623	806,824	506,612	573,191

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 9,275 bales, of which 5,044 were to Great Britain, 2,186 to Japan, and 2,045 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 110,626 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 47,861 bales, against 285,554 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Aug. 30, 1940 Exports from—	Exported to—								Total
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	China	Other		
Houston	5,041	—	—	—	865	—	955	6,861	
New Orleans	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,000	1,000	
Mobile	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Los Angeles	—	—	—	—	1,321	—	90	1,411	
Total	5,044	—	—	—	2,186	—	2,045	9,275	
Total 1939	52,479	18,397	9,884	2,938	12,046	59	14,823	110,626	
Total 1938	8,090	9,343	17,280	12,439	17,425	181	10,935	75,693	

From Aug. 1, 1940 to Aug. 30, 1940 Exports from—	Exported to—								Total
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Italy	Japan	China	Other		
Galveston	1,479	—	—	—	82	—	—	1,561	
Houston	28,982	—	—	—	1,847	268	1,395	32,492	
New Orleans	1,292	—	—	—	961	—	1,000	3,253	
Mobile	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
Norfolk	92	—	—	—	—	—	—	92	
Los Angeles	300	—	—	—	10,055	—	105	10,460	
Total	32,148	—	—	—	12,945	268	2,500	47,861	
Total 1939	95,591	45,813	37,257	18,768	35,573	1,831	50,721	285,554	
Total 1938	37,280	29,387	61,616	28,205	72,000	181	40,646	269,315	

In addition to above exports, our telegrams tonight also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Aug. 30 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock
	Great Britain	France	Germany	Other Foreign	Coast-wise	Total	
Galveston	800	—	—	2,379	2,500	3,300	674,726
Houston	622	—	—	—	38	3,039	661,106
New Orleans	5,000	—	—	—	7,000	12,000	517,584
Savannah	—	—	—	—	—	—	114,088
Charleston	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,658
Mobile	—	—	—	—	—	—	61,765
Norfolk	—	—	—	—	—	—	31,873
Other ports	—	—	—	—	—	—	242,896
Total 1940	6,422	—	—	2,379	9,538	18,339	2,325,696
Total 1939	14,682	3,134	5,912	14,388	1,503	39,619	1,949,133
Total 1938	2,957	1,680	3,677	18,383	2,530	29,227	2,325,683

Speculation in cotton for future delivery during the past week was relatively light, with prices ruling generally within a narrow range. Hedge selling was comparatively small. Southeastern advices indicated that raisers would generally hold cotton to obtain prices equal to or higher than levels obtainable from the Government through the loan program. Southern spot markets continue quiet.

On the 24th inst. prices closed 1 to 3 points net higher. Stability in the cotton futures market today reflected lightness of Southern hedge selling and a moderate demand from trade and local sources. The opening range was unchanged to 1 point lower, with mill price fixing and spot house buying absorbing Southern and a few foreign offerings. Selling from abroad was noticeably lighter following the liquidation of Friday. Although Bombay continued to ease, little or no selling was received from that source. Two factors tended to account for the market steadiness. One was the fact that Friday's decline had carried the market down to levels for near months at which trade sources were more willing to fix prices on raw cotton commitments. Observers saw more signs of buying orders from such sources on a scale down. At the same time hedging was considered unusually light for a Saturday, when spot houses usually have such selling orders to execute in anticipation of week-end receipts. Sales of spot cotton for the week at the 10 designated spot markets were 62,059 bales, compared with 39,593 bales a week earlier, and 145,831 bales a year ago. On the 26th inst. prices closed 2 points up to unchanged. In the absence of any new factors, cotton futures continued to fluctuate within a narrow range, prices standing about 2 points lower during the early afternoon. The opening was irregular, but steady, 2 points lower to 2 points higher. Liverpool was somewhat lower, while Bombay was observing a holiday. Offerings were by the South and spot firms while the early buyers originated with the trade and local operators. Commission houses were buyers of Mar. and May contracts. Memphis was reported a seller of hedges in Dec. Spot houses also were sellers. Little change in the character of the trading was noted during the forenoon and prices held in a groove of 1 to 4 points. Around midday they were unchanged to 2 points net lower and trading was quiet. Occasional hedge sales were made in Oct. as well as Dec. Buying to fix prices afforded the chief support. Nothing more was heard of the proposal to resume the export subsidy on raw cotton as advocated by some cotton interests. A Liverpool cable today said that traders over there were inclined to doubt whether an export subsidy on raw cotton would be advantageous under existing conditions. On the 27th inst. prices closed 3 to 7 points net lower. The cotton futures market remained in a rut. Trade calling was sufficient to absorb hedge selling and hold prices steady, the market during early afternoon standing unchanged to three points lower in small trading. The opening range was 1 to 3 points net lower under hedge sales and local selling. Traders sold July but bought Dec. and Mar. contracts against those sales. Later in the forenoon foreign selling, originating in Bombay, weighed on the May position. It was absorbed by trade interests and local operators. Around noon price fixing in Oct. caused that month to show relative firmness. It stood about a point higher, while forward positions were 2 to 3 points lower under foreign selling and hedge selling and hedge offerings. The undertone of the market was steady. Reports from Texas were to the effect that cotton was being marketed at gins, but from other points came information that agitation for a holding movement was in progress. Sales of spot cotton continue small, probably because the crop is late. On the 28th inst. prices closed 2 to 9 points net higher. The opening range was 2 points lower to 1 point higher, but the market soon developed a steadier tone after the first scattering hedging orders, attributed to new crop American and South American cotton, had been absorbed. Spot houses had buying orders to execute in the Oct. and Dec. deliveries, which were credited to price fixing for trade accounts. Liverpool also bought here moderately during the first hour. Advances in the English market followed a rise in Egyptian futures at Liverpool, due to apprehension over shipping conditions in the Mediterranean and Egyptian Cabinet difficulties. Other firmness was derived from reports of a better spot demand for Belgian Congo raw cotton, following rumors that the British Government had purchased that crop. Liverpool premiums over New York, which had been narrowing, widened by as much as \$1 a bale today. Sales of spot cotton amounted to 10,633 bales, compared with 27,616 last year. On the 29th inst. prices closed unchanged to 2 points higher. The cotton market held on an even keel, prices during early afternoon standing unchanged to 3 points

lower. Trade calling absorbed moderate hedge sales. The market was firm at the opening, with initial prices 1 to 3 points net higher. The early buying came from mills, which focused their interest on the later months; local traders and wire houses also manifested interest in these deliveries. Offerings emanated from the South, spot firms and commission houses. Trading was rather quiet. After the early orders had been executed the market turned irregular, standing 2 points higher to 2 points lower around midday. Most of the activity during the forenoon centered on October and December, with spot houses trading on both sides of the market. Some bought October and sold December against it. Sales of spot cotton in the South continue to run well behind those of a year ago. Sales in 12 designated Southern spot markets yesterday totaled only 10,633 bales, compared with 27,616 bales a year ago.

Today prices closed 6 to 3 points net higher. In the best market this week cotton futures advances 3 to 7 points, with the aid of trade and mill buying, supplemented by New Orleans support. The opening was 2 to 3 points lower in light trading, with nearby contracts relatively firm. Offerings consisted of hedge sales, chiefly executed in December and March positions. The trade, local operators and commission houses were on the buying side of the market. The tone of the market continued easy during the forenoon, although not weak. On the contrary, prices showed a tendency to firmness around midday, especially in near months. October moved up to 9.25c. on trade price-fixing and covering. Offerings were limited. Apparently the cotton loan is having the tendency to hold up cotton. Only about a half of all the cotton so far ginned in the Southeastern States is coming on the market. In the meanwhile the movement of cotton continues behind schedule owing to the lateness of the crop. No large-scale movement is expected until mid-September.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the last week has been:

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland 3/4 (nominal).....	9.69	9.70	9.65	9.69	9.69	9.73
Middling upland 15-16 (nom'l).....	9.89	9.90	9.85	9.89	9.89	9.93

Premiums and Discounts for Grade and Staple—The following table gives premiums and discounts for grade and staple in relation to the grade, Basis Middling 15-16 inch, established for deliveries on contract on Sept. 6. Premiums and discounts for grades and staples are the average quotations of 10 markets, designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, and staple premiums and discounts represent full discount for 3/4 inch and 29-32 inch staple and 75% of the average premiums over 15-16 inch cotton at the 10 markets on Aug. 29.

	3/4 Inch	29-32 Inch	15-16 Inch	31-32 Inch	1 Inch and Up
White—					
Middling Fair.....	.36 on	.45 on	.54 on	.60 on	.66 on
Strict Good Middling.....	.31 on	.39 on	.49 on	.55 on	.61 on
Good Middling.....	.25 on	.33 on	.43 on	.49 on	.55 on
Strict Middling.....	.12 on	.20 on	.29 on	.36 on	.43 on
Middling.....	.19 off	.10 off	Basis	.06 on	.14 on
Strict Low Middling.....	.68 off	.61 off	.52 off	.47 off	.41 off
Low Middling.....	1.24 off	1.16 off	1.09 off	1.05 off	1.00 off
Extra White—					
Good Middling.....	.25 on	.33 on	.43 on	.49 on	.55 on
Strict Middling.....	.12 on	.20 on	.29 on	.36 on	.43 on
Middling.....	.19 off	.10 off	.52 off	.06 on	.14 on
Strict Low Middling.....	.68 off	.61 off	.52 off	.47 off	.41 off
Low Middling.....	1.24 off	1.16 off	1.09 off	1.05 off	1.00 off
Spotted—					
Good Middling.....	.12 off	.03 off	.05 on	.11 on	.18 on
Strict Middling.....	.26 off	.17 off	.08 off	.02 off	.04 on
q Middling.....	.80 off	.73 off	.64 off	.59 off	.53 off

q Middling spotted shall be tenderable only when and if the Secretary of Agriculture establishes a type for such grade

Futures—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday Aug. 24	Monday Aug. 26	Tuesday Aug. 27	Wednesday Aug. 28	Thursday Aug. 29	Friday Aug. 30
Sept. (1940)						
Range.....	9.19n	9.20n	9.17n	9.26n	9.30n	9.36n
Closing.....	9.19	9.20	9.17	9.26	9.30	9.36
Oct.						
Range.....	9.16-9.19	9.17-9.20	9.17-9.22	9.17-9.22	9.20-9.24	9.21-9.30
Closing.....	9.19	9.20	9.17	9.21	9.23	9.29
Nov.						
Range.....	9.17n	9.19n	9.15n	9.19n	9.20n	9.26n
Closing.....	9.17	9.19	9.15	9.19	9.20	9.26
Dec.						
Range.....	9.14-9.18	9.14-9.18	9.13-9.19	9.14-9.18	9.15-9.20	9.15-9.24
Closing.....	9.16	9.17	9.13	9.18	9.18	9.23
Jan. (1941)						
Range.....	9.07n	9.09n	9.04n	9.02-9.02	9.08n	9.13n
Closing.....	9.07	9.09	9.04	9.02	9.08	9.13
Feb.						
Range.....	0.96n	9.08n	9.02n	9.05n	9.06n	9.11n
Closing.....	0.96	9.08	9.02	9.05	9.06	9.11
Mar.						
Range.....	9.04-9.07	9.04-9.08	9.00-9.08	9.00-9.03	9.01-9.04	9.01-9.09
Closing.....	9.06	9.07	9.00	9.02	9.04	9.09
April						
Range.....	8.97n	8.98n	8.91n	8.94n	8.95n	9.00n
Closing.....	8.97	8.98	8.91	8.94	8.95	9.00
May						
Range.....	8.86-8.90	8.87-8.90	8.83-8.90	8.82-8.86	8.83-8.88	8.85-8.93
Closing.....	8.89	8.90	8.83	8.86	8.87	8.88
June						
Range.....	8.79n	8.80n	8.72n	8.75n	8.76n	8.80n
Closing.....	8.79	8.80	8.72	8.75	8.76	8.80
July						
Range.....	8.66-8.70	8.67-8.69	8.65-8.68	8.63-8.76	8.62-8.66	8.63-8.71
Closing.....	8.69	8.69	8.62	8.64	8.66	8.69
Aug.						
Range.....						
Closing.....						

n Nominal

Range for future prices at New York for the week ended Aug. 30, 1940, and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week		Range Since Beginning of Option	
1940—				
September.....	9.16 Aug. 24	9.36 Aug. 30	8.98 June 14 1940	9.00 June 14 1940
October.....	9.16 Aug. 24	9.36 Aug. 30	8.25 Nov. 1 1939	10.29 Apr. 17 1940
November.....	9.13 Aug. 27	9.24 Aug. 30	8.33 June 6 1940	10.18 Apr. 17 1940
December.....	9.13 Aug. 27	9.24 Aug. 30	8.33 June 6 1940	10.18 Apr. 17 1940
1941—				
January.....	9.02 Aug. 28	9.02 Aug. 28	8.26 June 6 1940	10.14 Apr. 17 1940
February.....	9.00 Aug. 27	9.09 Aug. 30	8.10 May 18 1940	10.08 Apr. 17 1940
March.....	9.00 Aug. 27	9.09 Aug. 30	8.10 May 18 1940	10.08 Apr. 17 1940
April.....	8.82 Aug. 28	8.93 Aug. 30	8.00 May 18 1940	9.04 June 20 1940
May.....	8.82 Aug. 28	8.93 Aug. 30	8.00 May 18 1940	9.04 June 20 1940
June.....	8.62 Aug. 29	8.71 Aug. 30	8.59 Aug. 7 1940	8.89 Aug. 12 1941
July.....	8.62 Aug. 29	8.71 Aug. 30	8.59 Aug. 7 1940	8.89 Aug. 12 1941
August.....	8.62 Aug. 29	8.71 Aug. 30	8.59 Aug. 7 1940	8.89 Aug. 12 1941

New York Quotations for 32 Years

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Aug. 30 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1940.....	9.73c.	1932.....	8.30c.	1924.....	25.90c.	1916.....	16.30c.
1939.....	8.82c.	1931.....	6.95c.	1923.....	23.65c.	1915.....	9.75c.
1938.....	8.35c.	1930.....	10.40c.	1922.....	22.25c.	1914.....	9.75c.
1937.....	9.56c.	1929.....	19.35c.	1921.....	17.50c.	1913.....	12.50c.
1936.....	12.05c.	1928.....	19.05c.	1920.....	30.25c.	1912.....	11.25c.
1935.....	10.65c.	1927.....	23.10c.	1919.....	32.05c.	1911.....	11.70c.
1934.....	13.35c.	1926.....	18.90c.	1918.....	36.50c.	1910.....	15.50c.
1933.....	9.45c.	1925.....	23.36c.	1917.....	23.30c.	1909.....	12.70c.

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:

	Spot Market Closed	Futures Market Closed	SALES		
			Spot	Contract	Total
Saturday.....	Nominal	Steady	----	----	----
Monday.....	Nominal	Steady	----	----	----
Tuesday.....	Nominal	Barely steady	----	----	----
Wednesday.....	Nominal	Steady	600	----	600
Thursday.....	Nominal	Steady	----	----	----
Friday.....	Nominal	Steady	----	----	----
Total week.....	----	----	600	----	600
Since Aug. 1.....	----	----	4,100	----	4,100

Volume of Sales for Future Delivery—The Commodity Exchange Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture makes public each day the volume of sales for future delivery and open contracts on the New York Cotton Exchange and the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, from which we have compiled the following table. The figures are given in bales of 500 lb. gross weight.

	Aug. 23	Aug. 24	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Aug. 28	Aug. 29	Open Contracts Aug. 29
New York							
1940—							
October.....	17,800	6,200	4,300	7,700	22,000	6,500	302,600
December.....	20,900	14,400	9,300	16,700	16,100	10,400	407,100
1941—							
January.....	600	----	----	----	100	----	10,400
March.....	6,600	3,100	5,900	6,100	4,800	5,900	129,400
May.....	7,200	2,900	3,700	8,800	5,900	4,500	176,800
July.....	4,500	1,500	1,700	3,800	1,000	1,400	45,100
Inactive months—							200
September, 1940.....	----	----	----	----	----	----	200
Total all futures.....	57,600	28,100	24,900	43,100	49,900	28,700	1,071,600
New Orleans							
	Aug. 21	Aug. 22	Aug. 23	Aug. 24	Aug. 26	Aug. 27	Open Contracts Aug. 27
1940—							
October.....	1,650	2,150	3,150	1,850	2,050	1,300	48,550
December.....	1,800	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,350	1,800	48,300
1941—							
January.....	1,200	1,400	750	400	900	350	950
March.....	200	----	900	350	500	50	30,500
May.....	400	100	150	50	500	750	26,500
July.....	400	100	150	50	500	750	7,750
Total all futures.....	5,250	5,750	6,950	4,750	6,300	4,250	162,550

The Visible Supply of Cotton—Due to war conditions cotton statistics are not permitted to be sent from abroad. We are therefore obliged to omit our usual table of the visible supply of cotton and can give only the stock at Alexandria and the spot prices at Liverpool:

	1940	1939	1938	1937
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	192,000	151,000	226,000	76,000
Middling upland, Liverpool.....	8.23d.	5.71d.	4.85d.	5.56d.
Egypt, good Giza, Liverpool.....	15.07d.	8.50d.	-----	-----
Peruvian Tanguis, g'd fair, L'pool	6.29d.	5.36d.	5.70d.	6.76d.
Broad, fine, Liverpool.....	8.93d.	4.66d.	3.98d.	4.87d.
C. P. Omra, No. 1 staple, super-fine, Liverpool.....	6.47d.	4.80d.	3.95d.	4.90d.

Overland Movement for the Week and Since Aug. 1—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

	—1940—		—1939—	
	Week	Since Aug. 1	Week	Since Aug. 1
Aug. 30—				
Shipped.....	1,918	11,464	3,243	14,691
Via St. Louis.....	-----	-----	2,975	13,450
Via Mounds, &c.....	a3,000	12,000	-----	302
Via Rock Island.....	-----	426	-----	533
Via Louisville.....	-----	91	-----	533
Via Virginia points.....	3,000	15,466	3,326	18,212
Via other routes, &c.....	7,921	25,353	2,977	19,793
Total gross overland.....	15,839	64,800	12,521	66,981
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.....	-----	2,285	229	2,504
Between interior towns.....	203	864	194	902
Inland, &c., from South.....	12,352	47,230	11,894	32,330
Total to be deducted.....	12,555	50,379	12,317	35,736
Leaving total net overland *.....	3,284	14,421	204	31,245

* Including movement by rail to Canada. a Estimated.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings for 1940 and 1939. Columns include Receipts at ports to Aug. 30, Net overland to Aug. 30, Southern consumption to Aug. 30, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, and Came into sight during week. Rows are for 1938, 1937, and 1936.

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing Movement into sight in previous years by week and month for 1938, 1937, and 1936. Columns include Week, Bales, and Since Aug. 1.

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:

Large table showing Movement to Aug. 30, 1940 and Movement to Sept. 1, 1939 for various towns. Columns include Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, Season), and Stocks (Aug. 30, Sept. 28).

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

Quotations for Middling Cotton at Other Markets—

Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table of Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on Saturday through Friday. Columns show dates and price ranges for various markets like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.

New Orleans Contract Market—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table of New Orleans Contract Market quotations for October, December, January, March, May, and July. Columns show dates and price ranges.

Cotton Ginned from Crop of 1940 Prior to Aug. 16—

The census report issued on Aug. 23, compiled from the individual returns of the ginner, shows 169,420 running bales of cotton (counting round as half bales and excluding linters) ginned from the crop of 1940 prior to Aug. 16, compared with 357,197 bales from the crop of 1939 and 314,616 bales from the crop of 1938. Below is the report in full:

REPORT ON COTTON GINNING

Number of bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1940 prior to Aug. 16, 1940, and comparative statistics to the corresponding date in 1939 and 1938.

Table showing Running Bales—(Counting Round as Half Bales and Excluding Linters) for 1940, 1939, and 1938 by State and United States total.

* Includes 32,187 bales of the crop of 1940 ginned prior to Aug. 1 which was counted in the supply for the season of 1939-40, compared with 137,254 and 157,865 bales of the crops of 1939 and 1938.

The statistics for 1940 in this report are subject to revision when checked against the individual returns of the ginner being transmitted by mail.

CONSUMPTION, STOCKS, IMPORTS, AND EXPORTS—UNITED STATES

Cotton consumed during the month of July, 1940, amounted to 597,850 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on July 31, was 973,542 bales, and in public storages and at compresses 9,122,178 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 21,916,700. The total imports for the month of July, 1940, were 18,254 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, excluding linters, were 120,388 bales.

WORLD STATISTICS

The estimated world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1939 as compiled from various sources was 27,987,000 bales, counting American in running bales and foreign in bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ended July 31, 1939, was 27,748,000 bales. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 145,000,000.

Cotton Futures Speculative Limits Are Set by CEA

Daily trading and net position limits of 30,000 bales in speculative cotton futures transactions were announced on Aug. 28 by the Commodity Exchange Commission to be effective Sept. 5. The Commission consists of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Attorney General. The order will not affect market positions acquired in good faith prior to the effective date, J. M. Mehl, Chief of the Commodity Exchange Administration, stated. The announcement added:

The limits of 30,000 bales on speculative transactions in any one future as the maximum amount of cotton which any person may buy or sell during any one business day or which any person may hold or control were established in order to prevent excessive speculation in cotton futures.

These limits upon daily trading and position are not applicable to bona fide hedging transactions nor, except during the delivery month, to straddle operations. The restriction upon straddle trades and positions in the delivery month is expected to be effective in preventing artificial price distortion between futures resulting from concentrated holdings in the near month.

These limits do not affect any provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act relating to manipulation or corners nor do they relieve any contract market from its responsibility to prevent manipulations and corners. The Commission's order, issued under authority of Section 4a of the Commodity Exchange Act, follows extensive public hearings held in New York and New Orleans.

Rates of Payment Increased on Exports of Cotton Products—

The Department of Agriculture announced on Aug. 23 increases in the rates of payment, effective at 12:01 a. m. EST Aug. 26 on exportation of cotton products. They apply to cotton products sold or contracted for sale to foreign markets on or after that date. The new rates of payment on cotton products, says the Department, together with the rates which have been in effect since Jan. 30 under the export program and which apply to cotton products sold before Aug. 26 are as follows (in cents per pound net weight):

Table showing Rates of Payment for Cotton Products with columns for Class of Cotton Products, New Rate, and Old Rate. Rows include Card strips, Picker laps, Yarn, Coated products, etc.

* Rate applied also to short length fabrics.

In announcing the increases in the rates of payment on exports of cotton products, Department of Agriculture officials said that while no payment from funds now available will be made on exports of raw cotton, continued efforts will be made to expand further the domestic outlets. The rate of payment on raw cotton exports has been zero since Jan. 30: this was reported in our issue of Feb. 3, 1940, page 864. Almost all the continental European market is now closed to American exports of cotton and Great Britain is buying under a license system. The Department indicated on Aug. 23.

Returns by Telegraph—Telegraphic advices to us this evening indicate that in the northwest portion of Texas a great improvement in cotton has been noted. Picking is

showing some good progress. As a whole cotton has made good progress in nearly all of the cotton belt.

	Rain Days	Rainfall Inches	Thermometer		
			High	Low	Mean
Texas—Galveston	2	0.04	91	71	81
Amarillo		dry	95	54	75
Ablene	3	0.57	97	64	81
Brenham	3	1.36	98	66	82
Brownsville		dry	96	74	85
Corpus Christi		dry	99	74	87
El Paso	1	0.09	95	60	78
Ft. Worth		dry	99	66	82
Houston	1	0.11	96	67	82
Huntsville	2	1.51	98	61	80
Kerrville	2	1.09	103	62	83
Lampasas		dry	98	59	79
Luling		dry	104	70	87
Nacogdoches	2	4.03	93	65	79
Paris	1	1.52	98	62	80
Taylor	2	0.43	103	63	83
Oklahoma—Oklahoma City	1	0.05	95	65	80
Arkansas—Fort Smith	1	0.07	92	42	67
Little Rock	1	0.58	93	62	78
Louisiana—New Orleans	2	0.37	94	72	83
Shreveport	2	3.22	95	66	85
Mississippi—Meridian	1	0.27	96	67	82
Alabama—Mobile	1	0.28	92	69	82
Birmingham	2	0.47	94	67	81
Montgomery		dry	94	68	81
Florida—Jacksonville	2	0.10	92	70	81
Miami	6	1.01	89	72	81
Tampa	5	2.41	92	73	83
Georgia—Savannah	5	2.18	96	71	84
Atlanta	2	0.71	96	64	80
Augusta	2	0.37	94	68	81
Macon	1	0.08	95	68	82
South Carolina—Charleston	2	0.16	90	74	82
North Carolina—Raleigh	2	0.52	94	67	81
Wilmington		dry	92	67	80
Tennessee—Memphis	2	0.15	91	67	71
Chatanooga	3	1.86	92	66	79
Nashville	2	0.55	93	60	77

The following statement has also been received by telegraph, showing the heights of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

	Aug. 30, 1940	Sept. 1, 1939
	Feet	Feet
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	2.9
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	5.8
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	9.6
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	7.0
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	6.7

Receipts from the Plantations—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports:

Week End.	Receipts at Ports			Stocks at Interior Towns			Receipts from Plantations		
	1940	1939	1938	1940	1939	1938	1940	1939	1938
May 31.	30,472	17,870	17,425	2256,647	2635,929	2167,585	NH	NH	NH
June 7.	27,624	16,177	20,069	2220,186	2600,639	2138,496	NH	NH	NH
14.	32,919	23,331	27,019	2190,925	2570,117	2119,305	3,658	NH	7,966
21.	25,190	36,239	24,113	2152,669	2541,961	2100,775	NH	8,033	5,532
28.	40,690	26,909	22,893	2100,527	2512,919	2081,174	NH	NH	3,282
July 5.	27,653	26,363	17,684	2061,441	2490,599	2053,520	NH	4,043	NH
12.	19,555	33,685	32,876	2034,995	2462,476	2024,282	NH	5,562	3,438
19.	19,881	58,075	43,924	2013,138	2444,446	1997,556	NH	40,045	17,193
26.	21,723	73,527	53,593	1980,272	2434,289	1978,400	NH	63,370	44,437
Aug. 2.	64,962	73,404	49,379	1954,131	2441,606	1951,616	38,821	80,721	22,595
9.	60,375	72,192	51,885	1925,707	2434,071	1933,484	31,849	64,657	33,753
16.	75,606	101,952	73,033	1910,674	2417,522	1927,836	63,675	85,433	67,385
23.	91,740	140,844	78,102	1893,294	2408,973	1922,216	74,360	132,295	83,722
30.	111,232	196,344	144,055	1886,703	300,222	2427,136	111,232	836,739	214,507

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1, 1940, are 285,864 bales; in 1939 they were 543,741 bales, and in 1938 were 370,155 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 111,232 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 104,641 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 6,591 bales during the week.

Alexandria Receipts and Shipments

Alexandria, Egypt, Aug. 29		1940	1939	1938
Receipts (cantars)—				
This week			8,000	15,000
Since Aug. 1		9,000	57,565	26,421
Exports (bales)—				
To Liverpool				2,814
To Manchester, &c				2,600
To Continent and India	3,000	5,000	10,800	7,405
To America	11,000	18,000		2,900
Total exports	14,000	23,000	10,800	56,121
				19,550
				63,528

Note—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Aug. 29 were 11 cantars and the foreign shipments 14,000 bales.

Shipping News—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 9,275 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

	Bales		Bales
HOUSTON—		NEW ORLEANS—	
To Japan	865	To South America	1,000
To South America	955	MOBILE—	
To Great Britain	5,041	To Great Britain	3
LOS ANGELES—			
To Japan	1,321		
To Canada	90	Total	9,275

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. India Cotton Movement from All Ports. Liverpool Imports, Stocks, &c.

Manchester Market—Our report received by cable tonight from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for foreign markets is improving. We give prices today below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1949				1939			
	32s Cop Twst	8½ Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest	Shirts	Cotton Midd'g Upl'ds	32s Cop Twst	8½ Lbs. Shirts, Common to Finest	Shirts	Cotton Midd'g Upl'ds
May 31	14.04	11 10½@12 1¾	1¾	Closed	8¾@9¾	9	@ 9 3	5.49
June 7	14.04	11 10½@12 1¾	1¾	Closed	9¼@10¼	9	@ 9 3	5.77
14	14.04	11 10½@12 1¾	1¾	7.25	9¼@10	9	@ 9 3	5.76
21	14.22	12 4¼@12 7½		7.82	9 @ 10	9	@ 9 3	5.66
28	14.06	12 6 @ 12 9		7.60	9 @ 10	9	@ 9 3	5.62
July 5	14.13	12 6 @ 12 9		7.82	9 @ 10	9	@ 9 3	5.61
12	14.25	12 6 @ 12 9		7.93	9 @ 10	9	@ 9 3	5.52
19	14.19	12 6 @ 12 9		7.83	8¾ @ 9¾	8 10¼ @ 9 3		5.23
26	14.05	12 4¼@12 9		7.95	8¾ @ 9¾	8 10¼ @ 9 1¾		5.40
Aug. 2	14.00	12 4¼@12 7½	7½	7.82	8¾ @ 9¾	8 10¼ @ 9 1¾		5.28
9	14.04	12 4¼@12 7½	7½	7.84	8¾ @ 9¾	8 10¼ @ 9 1¾		5.22
16	14.26	12 6 @ 12 9		8.19	8¾ @ 9¾	8 10¼ @ 9 1¾		5.14
23	14.37	12 6 @ 12 9		8.18	9 @ 10	9	@ 9 3	5.52
30	14.51	12 6 @ 12 9		8.23	9¼ @ 10¼	9	@ 9 3	5.71

Liverpool—The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot	Saturday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Market, 12:15 P. M.		Quiet	Quiet	Moderate demand	Quiet	Quiet
Mid. up'nds	CLOSED	8.16d.	8.11d.	8.14d.	8.30d.	8.23d.
Futures, Market opened		Quiet, unchanged to 1 pt. dec.	Quiet, unchanged to 3 pts. dec.	Quiet, unchanged	Steady, 3 to 8 pts. adv.	Quiet, 1 to 2 pts. advance
Market, 4 P. M.		Barely st'y 4 to 7 pts. decline	Steady, 1 to 3 pts. advance	Steady, 7 to 12 pts. advance	Quiet but st'y, 2 to 7 pts. adv.	Quiet, 1 to 3 pts. decline

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Aug. 24 to Aug. 30	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thur.		Fri.	
	Close	Noon Close	Noon Close	Noon Close	Noon Close	Noon Close	Noon Close	Noon Close	Noon Close	Noon Close	Noon Close	Noon Close
New Contract	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
October, 1940	*	7.51	7.47	7.48	7.50	7.53	7.62	7.69	7.69	7.68	7.68	7.68
December	*	7.74	7.74	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.76
January, 1941	*1	7.17	7.14	7.15	7.15	7.18	7.25	7.31	7.30	7.30	7.28	7.28
March	*1	7.03	6.99	7.01	7.01	7.03	7.10	7.14	7.13	7.12	7.11	7.11
May	*1	6.91	6.88	6.90	6.90	6.92	6.98	7.01	7.00	7.00	6.98	6.98
July	*1	6.79	6.76	6.78	6.78	6.81	6.85	6.88	6.88	6.87	6.85	6.85

* Closed.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Aug. 30, 1940.

Flour—Moderately cooler weather recently has spurred deliveries of wheat flour in the metropolitan area, it was reported. A major expansion in shipments, however, is not anticipated until after Labor Day. Not much new buying of flour is generally expected for some time, barring any new development in the wheat markets or in world conditions. It is pointed out that the consuming trades are fairly well covered, since substantial bookings in May were supplemented by additional orders just two weeks ago.

Wheat—On the 24th inst. prices closed unchanged to ¾c. net higher. After drifting ¼ to ¾c. lower early in the session, due to hedging and liquidation of Sept. contracts, wheat prices recovered all the loss and closed fractionally higher. Late buying was attributed to mills and also represented lifting of hedges in connection with shipping sales totaling 211,000 bushels. Hedging was on a small scale because only a comparatively small amount of new wheat is going into commercial channels. Receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth totaled 1,352 cars, compared with 1,224 a week ago and 869 a year ago, but most of this was stored and a large percentage is expected to be used as collateral for Government loans. From Wichita, Kan., came the report that receipts are not sufficient to satisfy normal milling demand, with the result that cash wheat premiums have advanced to the point at which some mills are covering flour sales by buying futures, taking care only of immediate shipments by purchase of actual grain. On the 26th inst. prices closed ⅜ to 1½c. net higher. Wheat contracts calling for delivery of grain in Dec., 1940, and May, 1941, led an extended rally in the wheat pit today as prices advanced more than a cent a bushel. Buying was attributed to mills lifting hedges as a result of flour business while pit brokers said mill purchases to cover distant requirements also had been reported. The upturn attracted short covering as well. With the market still bogged down by uncertainty regarding the war situation stagnation of export business except for scattered flour sales to the Orient and Central and South America, dealers are concerned primarily with domestic activity. Hedging was on a small scale due to large quantities of new wheat being held off the market, but there

was enough wheat going into elevator possession to offset the limited speculative and mill buying at times. On the 27th inst. prices closed 1½ to 1¾c. net higher. The wheat market rallied briskly today in the final hour. Traders reported the upturn was due to a rush to cover commitments by local shorts. Dec. and May wheat touched new highs for the day. Firmness in the Northwest markets and slackening of liquidation caused some of the earlier sellers to cover, and wheat advanced as much as 1¾c. from the day's low points. Reports of border clashes between Russian and Rumanian troops attracted some attention in the pits. While the immediate trend of the domestic grain markets remained somewhat obscured by the war developments in Europe, many traders were of the opinion that the Government loan program would have a favorable effect upon prices. Preliminary Government figures on the world wheat crop and carryover placed the latter for this year at 1,375,000,000 against 1,189,000,000 in 1939, or a decrease of 186,000,000 bushels. The 1940 production estimate was 3,970,000,000 compared with 4,270,000,000 in 1939, a decrease of 300,000,000 bushels. On the 28th inst. prices closed unchanged to ¾c. net lower. Wheat values rose ½c. at one stage today to the best level since Aug. 15, but wound up unchanged to ¾c. lower compared with yesterday's finish. Profit-taking, which offset buying of mills and local traders, kept the market under pressure most of the session and at times quotations were ½c. below the previous close. Profit-taking was encouraged by the fact that prices are about 5c. above the year's low of Aug. 16.

On the 29th inst. prices closed unchanged to ¼c. lower. Wheat prices fluctuated within a narrow range of less than 1c. today, bobbing above and below previous closing levels in accordance with the flow of mill buying, profit-taking and spreading, and closing with small net losses. In the absence of outside speculative interest most dealers were content to permit the market's drift, keeping their own accounts evened up as much as possible. Reports of pending settlement of the Balkan dispute caused realizing sales by dealers taking advantage of the fact that prices were about 5c. above the season's low. Government figures showing 82,517,510 bushels of 1940 wheat were under loan as of Aug. 25, confirmed trade belief that granting of loans has been on a large scale. This represented an increase of about 16,000,000 bushels in seven days, indicating more than 2,000,000 bushels are being "sterilized" daily. Storing of wheat is running about 44% ahead of a year ago, when 167,000,000 bushels were put into loans.

Today prices closed 1¾ to 1½c. net higher. Wheat prices shot up almost 2c. a bushel today to the best level in more than two weeks. Buying, stimulated by strength in securities and some purchasing of mills, helped to start the upward movement, which gained momentum as previous short sellers covered accounts. Brokers said some traders apparently were more encouraged by recent European news. The fact that spot wheat prices and Government loan rates are substantially above futures quotations also was cited as a strengthening influence. The Cargill crop report's suggestion of a possible reduction in estimates of corn production was offset by a Bureau of Agricultural Economics statement which indicated some improvement had occurred. Overnight news indicating that Rumania had submitted to a Balkan pact designed to maintain peace attracted some attention, but dealers were most interested in keeping positions evened up for the Labor Day holiday, mindful of the world-shaking events during the same period a year ago. Open interest in wheat tonight was 73,631,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	87½	88¾	89¼	89¾	89¾	91¼

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO

September	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	69¼	70¼	71¼	71¾	71¾	73
December	71¼	72¼	74¼	74¼	74	75¾
May	73¼	74¼	75¼	75¼	75¼	77¼

Season's High and When Made	Season's Low and When Made
September --- 111½ Apr. 18, 1940	September --- 66¾ Aug. 16, 1940
December --- 85½ May 27, 1940	December --- 68¾ Aug. 16, 1940
May --- 78 July 24, 1940	May --- 70 Aug. 16, 1940

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

October	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾
December	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾	73¾
May	74¾	74¾	74¾	74¾	74¾	74¾

Corn—On the 24th inst. prices closed ½c. off to ¼c. up. Corn prices held to a narrow range, but cash handlers received 216 cars and booked 251,000 bushels to arrive, bringing total bookings for the week to around 1,200,000 bushels, largest since last Sept. Traders said the volume of corn sold by the country, showing some pick-up the last week or so, is the important market factor at present, inasmuch as the only scarcity is at terminals. The 12 principal terminals received 4,786,000 bushels this week, compared with 2,974,000 last week and 2,295,000 a year ago. On the 26th inst. prices closed ¾ to 1c. net higher. Corn belt rains were welcome but are not expected to have any material effect on the size of the crop. Prices advanced fractionally despite heavy receipts, estimated at 375 cars, the largest in some time. Strength in corn was attributed to good commercial demand as well as the strong premiums quoted for actual grain. On the 27th inst. prices closed ¼c. lower to 1c. higher. Dec. and May corn touched new high ground, while Sept. backed down fractionally. Corn was ¼c. off to ¼c. higher, Sept. 61¾c., Dec. 56c.

The corn market rallied briskly in the final hour. On the 28th inst. prices closed unchanged to ½c. higher. Corn dipped ½ to ¾c. at one time, but just before the close May contracts led a strong rally, closing almost a cent up. Reports that cold wet weather was delaying maturity in some sections, with the Iowa crop 10 to 20 days late, caused some buying. Government plans to erect more steel bins, if necessary, to hold any corn turned over to it with expiration of loans, attracted attention. It indicated that none of the Government-controlled holdover will be dumped on the market. Reports of a higher loan rate for the new crop were regarded as premature. Dealers pointed out, however, that 75% of the current parity price is about 61c. The average of prices received by farmers at local markets in July was about 63c., compared with 47.8c. in July last year.

On the 29th inst. prices closed ¾c. lower to ½c. higher. Although corn belt moisture is helping the crop in some areas, it is keeping stalks green and sappy, delaying maturity in other regions and at the same time adding little to yield. As a result in many localities threat of frost damage in the fall must be considered. Dealers took more than 100,000 bushels of corn to arrive. Today prices closed unchanged to ¾c. net higher. Corn declined fractionally, reflecting large receipts, totaling 320 cars. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics statement that present conditions indicate the 1940 corn loan rate of 61c. may be offered attracted only passing attention. Open interest in corn tonight was 22,878,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	80¾	81½	81½	81½	81½	81¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO

September	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	60¾	61¼	61¾	61¾	61¾	61¾
December	55¼	56¼	56¾	57¼	57¼	57¾
May	55¾	56¾	57¾	58¾	58¾	58¾

Season's High and When Made	Season's Low and When Made
September --- 70 May 15, 1940	September --- 52¾ May 18, 1940
December --- 60¾ June 12, 1940	December --- 53¼ July 15, 1940
May --- 61¾ July 24, 1940	May --- 54¾ Aug. 16, 1940

Oats—On the 24th inst. prices closed unchanged to ½c. lower. Shippers sold 35,000 bushels of oats. The oats futures market was dull, but steady. On the 26th inst. prices closed ¾c. to ½c. net higher. The firmness of oats was influenced largely by the strong action of wheat and corn. On the 27th inst. prices closed ¼c. to ½c. net higher. Trading in oats was light, but prices were steady to firm. Liquidation in the September delivery was in evidence, but offerings were absorbed by Northwest interests against sales of May. On the 28th inst. prices closed ¼c. higher. There was nothing especially noteworthy about the oats futures market. Volume was light, with the undertone firm in sympathy with the strength of corn.

On the 29th inst. prices closed unchanged. Oats trade was quiet though the undertone of the market was steady. Today prices closed ¾ to ½c. net higher. Oats were steadied by the light movement to market, also the strong showing of the wheat market.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO

September	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	27¼	28	28¼	28¼	28¼	29
December	28¾	28¾	28¾	29¾	29¾	29¾
May	29¾	29¾	30¾	30¾	30¾	30¾

Season's High and When Made	Season's Low and When Made
September --- 36 Apr. 19, 1940	September --- 26¾ Aug. 16, 1940
December --- 34½ June 12, 1940	December --- 27¼ Aug. 19, 1940
May --- 32 July 30, 1940	May --- 28¾ Aug. 16, 1940

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

October	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	28¼	28¼	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾
December	26¾	26¾	27	26¾	26¾	27¼
May	27¾	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾	28¾

Rye—On the 24th inst. prices closed unchanged to ¼c. up. Trading was light and price changes extremely narrow. On the 26th inst. prices closed ½c. to ¾c. net higher. The rye futures market closed at about the top levels of the day. The strong action of the wheat and corn markets influenced considerable short covering and some outside demand in the rye futures market, and prices gained sharply towards the close. On the 27th inst. prices closed ½c. to ¾c. net higher. Influenced by the news from the Balkans and the resulting strength of the world's wheat markets, rye showed considerable firmness and fair gains at the close. On the 28th inst. prices closed ¼c. to ½c. net higher. Trading was light, with the undertone firm.

On the 29th inst. prices closed ¾ to ⅞c. net lower. The rye market was weak during most of the session. Spreading operations were largely responsible for the market's depressed state. Today prices closed ¾ to ¼c. net higher. The firmness of rye was influenced largely by the strong wheat market.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO

September	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	37¾	38¼	39	39¼	38¼	39¼
December	40¾	41¼	41¾	42	41¾	42
May	43¾	44¾	44¾	45	44¼	45

Season's High and When Made	Season's Low and When Made
September --- 76¾ Apr. 22, 1940	September --- 36¾ Aug. 19, 1940
December --- 50¾ May 29, 1940	December --- 38¾ Aug. 19, 1940
May --- 50¾ July 24, 1940	May --- 42¾ Aug. 19, 1940

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

October	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	42¼	42¾	43¾	43	42¼	42¾
December	42¾	43¼	43¾	43¾	42¼	43¾
May	45¾	45¾	45¾	45¾	44¾	45

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BARLEY FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

October	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
-----	34	34¼	34¾	34¼	33¾	33¾
December	33¾	34	34	33¾	33¾	33¾
May	35¾	35¼	35¼	34¾	34½	34¾

Closing quotations were as follows:

Table listing flour prices including Spring pat. high protein, Rye flour patents, Semolina, bl., bulk basis, Oats good, Corn flour, and Barley goods.

Table listing grain prices including Wheat, New York; No. 2 red, c.i.f., domestic; Manitoba No. 1, f.o.b. N. Y.; Rye, United States, c.i.f.; Barley, New York; and Corn, New York.

All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange.

Table showing receipts at various ports for Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley from 1940 to 1938.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Aug. 24, 1940, follow:

Table showing total receipts of flour and grain at seaboard ports for 1940, 1939, and 1938.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Aug. 24, and since July 1 are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing exports from various ports for Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Aug. 24, were as follows:

Table showing grain stocks for United States and On Lakes, including Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

Note—Bonded grain not included above: Oats—Buffalo, 385,000 bushels; total 385,000 bushels, against 45,000 bushels in 1939.

Table listing Canadian grain prices for Wheat, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

Table showing total grain receipts for Aug. 24, 1940, Aug. 17, 1940, and Aug. 26, 1939.

Table showing summary of grain receipts for American and Canadian sources.

Table showing total grain receipts for Aug. 24, 1940, Aug. 17, 1940, and Aug. 26, 1939.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange for the week ended Aug. 23 and since July 1, 1940, and July 1, 1939, are shown in the following:

Table showing world's shipment of wheat and corn by country and since July 1.

CCC Reports on 1940 Wheat Loan—Wheat producers had placed 82,517,510 bushels of their crop in the 1940 wheat loan up to Aug. 23, the Commodity Credit Corporation announced Aug. 28.

Loans completed and reported to the Corporation by States follow:

Table showing loans completed and reported by various states, including Number Loans, Farm Storage, Warehouse Storage, and Amount.

Weather Report for the Week Ended Aug. 28—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Commerce, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Aug. 28, follows:

High pressure, attended by somewhat subnormal temperatures, prevailed over most of the eastern half of the country until the closing days of the week.

rainfall for the week of less than 0.5 inch. A large part of the South and many portions of the far West reported no measurable rainfall.

In many localities from the Middle Atlantic States westward to the eastern Great Plains showers improved late crops, while conditions during the week were very favorable in Missouri, Iowa and adjacent portions of States to the northward and westward. Many crops had deteriorated too far for any substantial improvement from the showers of the week and a general soaking rain is needed in most of the Ohio Valley as some localities report wells low and plowing retarded. In much of the central Gulf area the soil has dried rapidly and conditions show considerable improvement, but in other localities the rapid loss of moisture has made the soil too dry for minor crops.

The western Great Plains, including most of the area from western Oklahoma northward, continues unfavorably dry, with further deterioration of dry-land crops and serious deficiency of soil moisture. Showers were very helpful, however, west of this area, especially in the South-west and portions of the Great Basin where late crops were showing improvement wherever moisture was sufficient. In most of the West the range would be improved by general, soaking rains, especially in the northern Rocky Mountain area and in parts of South Dakota where the water shortage is becoming locally critical and necessitating shipment of livestock out of the dry areas.

In most of the northeastern part of the country, especially from Virginia northward and northward, the weather of the week was unseasonably cold, with heavy to killing frosts reported in New York State and some frost damage in northern Pennsylvania, as well as in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. In most sections, however, outside operations made good advance, although showers toward the close of the week delayed operations in some Middle Atlantic States. The frost damage was not serious in most localities, although in New York State considerable harm was reported locally to corn, potatoes, buckwheat and gardens; freezing was noted in some cranberry bogs of New Jersey, but there was no extensive damage.

Small Grains—Threshing spring wheat made rapid progress the first part of the week in later sections, but toward the close this work was hindered by the prevalence of wet weather. Threshing made rapid progress in Iowa when the weather permitted, but there was much deterioration during the 6 weeks the shocks were almost constantly saturated. Little fall plowing has been done in the Ohio Valley, due to the very dry soil, but this work was favored in Missouri and eastern Kansas; in the western part of the latter State the soil was mostly too dry, but seeding is expected to begin within 10 days to 2 weeks. Early rice is being harvested in Texas and Louisiana and is heading nicely in Arkansas.

Corn—In the Ohio Valley corn was benefited locally by showers, but the general condition ranges from poor to locally good. In this area much corn was reported beyond help, with the permanent damage ranging from one-third to one-half in parts of Illinois where the crop condition ranges from barren stalks to stalks having two good ears. In Missouri the corn that survived the drought made excellent progress, while in the eastern third of Kansas, surviving corn was damaged beyond recovery.

In western Oklahoma much corn was favored and beyond recovery, but elsewhere the crop made good progress and is in good to very good condition. Conditions in the eastern third of Nebraska also favored surviving corn, while similar conditions prevailed in parts of South Dakota. The cold weather retarded corn progress in Iowa, but rainfall was adequate for filling; many small ears are appearing, but are not expected to mature before frost and the crop needs warmth and dryness generally.

Cotton—Cotton made fair to good progress in most of the Cotton Belt, and condition varies from locally poor to generally fair to good. In Texas cotton improved rapidly in the northwest and is now making good progress in all sections, except in local areas, and condition is generally good. The crop is opening rapidly throughout this State, with picking making good progress and several northern localities reporting their first bales. Progress of cotton was excellent in Oklahoma where the condition ranges from poor to excellent; picking made slow advance with the first ginning reported on August 20.

In the central States of the belt progress of cotton ranged from poor to good and condition from locally poor to fairly good; the crop is reported late in some parts of the lower Mississippi Valley, where the first bale was almost 2 weeks later than last year. In eastern States progress and condition were mostly good, with picking fairly active in southern sections and first ginning reported on the 20th in South Carolina.

The weather bulletin furnished the following resume of conditions in different States:

Virginia—Richmond: Cool; heavy rain in extreme southeast, light in remainder. Crops recovering from storm of last week. Tobacco ripening rapidly. Corn unusually good, except in central and south. Excessive rains last week, unfavorable for cotton and peanuts. Pastures and hay rapid growth; condition good. Digging sweet potatoes on eastern shore. Other truck, except tomatoes, fair to good. Peach harvest at peak; quality improved. Apples growing rapidly.

North Carolina—Raleigh: Favorable warmth; soil moisture ample. Progress and condition of cotton generally good; moderately favorable for weevil activity. Progress and condition of corn good. Tobacco maturing late in west; curing and marketing good progress in east. Truck doing well; vegetables plentiful. Most pastures and ranges excellent condition.

South Carolina—Columbia: Favorable warmth; little rain; ample sunshine. Crop recovery favored, except on some lowland and coastal areas where too severely damaged previously. Progress and condition of cotton fairly good; blooming and bolting freely again in north; moderately favorable for weevil activity; normal shedding; picking fairly active in south; first ginning on 20th; opening in Piedmont.

Georgia—Atlanta: Favorable warmth; large areas dry and soil drying rapidly, especially in middle and north. Progress of cotton good in north where good bloom and many bolls; generally favorable for checking weevil, except in south where activity favored; picking good progress in south where fully open. Progress of corn fair in north; late corn needs rain; extensive fodder pulling. Peanut and sweet potato harvests favored. Planting fall potatoes.

Florida—Jacksonville: Favorable warmth; adequate rain; ample soil moisture. Progress and condition of cotton fairly good; picking fairly active; favorable for checking weevil. Corn mostly harvested. Sweet potatoes good; some dug. Preparing ground for fall truck. Citrus good. More rain needed.

Alabama—Montgomery: Dry; soil drying rapidly. Progress of cotton good; condition fair; locally good in north, fair to locally poor in middle and south; opening steadily. Other crops mostly fair, but corn, pastures, and gardens need rain in many areas.

Mississippi—Vicksburg: Too cold first 4 days, then warm; mostly little rain. Progress of cotton fairly good; condition mostly poor; opening slowly; first bale marketed in central 2 weeks later than last year; moderately favorable for weevil. Early planted corn generally matured enough to feed; progress of late planted fair to locally good on uplands; elsewhere poor. Much excellent hay saved. Soil getting too dry for gardens, pastures and truck.

Louisiana—New Orleans: Nights too cold first part; little rain. Progress of cotton fair; condition poor in south to locally good in north; opening slowly; some picking in south; moderate shedding; weevil activity favored. Condition of old corn mostly good; harvest begun in south; progress of young fair; condition poor to fair. Excellent progress harvesting early rice; progress of late rice fair. Much hay saved. Truck and gardens doing well in northwest; some replanting in east and south. Progress and condition of cane fairly good.

Texas—Houston: Favorable warmth. All crops, except cotton, need rain in most of south; ample rain elsewhere. Gathering late corn good progress; generally good to excellent condition. Cotton improved rapidly in northwest after recent rains; making good progress, except locally in middle and lower coastal plains where progress poor to only fair; condition generally good, except poor to fair in middle coast districts, where some rank growth from previous excessive rains, and in extreme south where persistent drought; opening rapidly; picking good progress; several points in extreme north have reported first bales, but picking not yet general there. Truck, gardens, ranges and feedstuff good progress, except in extreme south where rain needed badly for these and citrus. Rice harvest favorable progress. Livestock in good flesh. Much plowing for fall seeding.

Oklahoma—Oklahoma City: Favorable warmth; little rain; more needed in much of west and urgently in extreme west. Progress of corn good, except much previously damaged beyond recovery in west; condition poor in west, but good to very good elsewhere. Progress of cotton ex-

cellent, but lack of rain felt in parts of west; first ginning on 20th; picking slow; will not be general until after September 1st; condition spotted, ranging from poor to excellent. Livestock good. Stock water low locally in west. Fall gardens and large alfalfa acreage planted in east and central.

Arkansas—Little Rock: Nights too cold for best growth of most crops first part; favorable warmth last few days; light rains. Farm work favored. Harvesting in southern third. Cotton picking slow progress. Condition of corn good; progress fair to good. Early rice heading nicely; very good condition; white tip reported all varieties, except early prolific. Pastures in good condition. Rapid progress picking apples in northwest.

Tennessee—Nashville: Progress of corn good to very good; condition very good, except poor where soil too dry. Progress of cotton good; condition fair to good; some fruiting; crop late. Tobacco good, except slight local damage by heat; burley mostly cut. Sweet potatoes good. Pastures and truck fair to good.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Aug. 30, 1940

Abnormally low temperatures continued to stimulate retail business during the past week, although excessive rains occurring in some parts of the country interfered somewhat with store attendance. As in the recent past, prime attention centered in apparel lines and accessories, with purchases for the back-to-school movement again playing an important factor. The response to special August promotions, which had lagged heretofore, also showed a distinct improvement. Department store sales, the country over, for the week ended Aug. 17, according to the Federal Reserve Board, increased 7% over the corresponding week of last year. For New York and Brooklyn stores, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported an increase in the dollar volume amounting to 19%, for the week ended Aug. 24.

Trading in the wholesale dry goods markets expanded perceptibly as the better flow of goods in retail channels caused both wholesalers and retailers to enter the market with numerous small reorders to replenish depleted stocks. The continued large purchases of Government agencies for the defense program also exerted a stimulating influence, notably in such classes of goods as tickings and wide sheetings, for which price advances were said to be in the offing. While most buyers still adhered to their previous cautious attitude of limiting purchases to nearby needs, it was observed that some firms appeared more willing to assume forward commitments. Business in silk goods broadened moderately, and prices showed a steadier undertone as buyers evinced growing interest in offerings of fabrics for spring. Trading in rayon yarns continued active. With next month's output virtually booked up, the outlook for the fall season was regarded as highly encouraging, notably in the field for finer deniers, deliveries of which in some instances are said to be in arrears.

Domestic Cotton Goods—After a slow opening, trading in the gray cloths markets grew more active, and sales for the week again exceeded the current output by a comfortable margin. While the large volume of Government orders was regarded as the main basis for the improvement in the gray cloths markets, an important factor was also supplied during the past week by distinctly more encouraging reports concerning the movement of finished goods in distributive channels. Most purchases were made for spot or nearby delivery, but a sprinkling of orders extending into October and November reached the market, and predictions were heard that a broad buying movement may materialize shortly after the Labor holiday. Business in fine goods also proceeded at a more active pace, chiefly under the impetus of substantial Government orders on lawns and broadcloths. Little was done in voiles but carded piques moved in good volume. Closing prices in print cloths were as follows: 39-inch 80s, 6½¢.; 39-inch 72-76s, 6¼¢. to 6¼¢.; 39-inch 68-72s, 5¼¢.; 38½-inch 64-60s, 4¼¢. to 4¼¢.; 38½-inch 60-48s, 4¼¢.

Woolen Goods—Trading in men's wear fabrics continued to be dominated by further large Government orders for the defense program, as a result of which prices displayed a stiffening trend. Clothing manufacturers, on the other hand, maintained their cautious attitude, mainly because of considerations having to do with the probable effect of the military draft measure on civilian purchases. Lightwear materials for next summer again were bought in moderate quantities. Mill operations continued at highly satisfactory levels, although it was pointed out that Government orders are now constituting the major portion of unfinished business. Reports from retail clothing centers made a good showing as the prevailing cool weather accelerated the initial sale of fall apparel items. Business in women's wear fabrics broadened perceptibly, with garment manufacturers displaying more willingness to replenish their supplies in view of the quickening pace in the distribution of fall suits and coats in retail channels.

Foreign Dry Goods—Trading in linens remained inactive. While more interest was shown in household items, the disturbed supply situation abroad continued to act as a serious obstacle to business. Trading in burlap expanded sharply as the further drop in prices in the Calcutta market induced considerable shipment orders. Domestically lightweights were quoted at 4.70¢., heavies at 6.70¢.

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News Items

Kentucky—Traffic Gains Aid Bridge Bonds—The position of the State of Kentucky's toll bridge revenue bonds has improved, as a result of increased business of all but one of the seven Ohio River spans owned by the State, according to opinion among Louisville, Ky., financial observers.

In accordance with the general plan under which bridge bonds are issued by the State Highway Commission, these securities are not an obligation of the commonwealth itself, but interest and principal are a first lien on the toll revenues of the bridge against which they are issued. In such cases, all costs of operation of the bridges, maintenance, repairs and insurance, are assumed by the State, however, and paid out of other State funds.

For May, June and July, six of the Ohio River bridges showed a combined gain of \$28,891 in toll revenues over the same 1939 period. The seventh, the Maysville span, reported a decrease of \$327.

Not only does the increased revenue strengthen the position of the bonds with respect to current interest and sinking fund accruals but, according to Louisville comment, enhances the possibility that a portion of the bonds may be called before the maturity dates. This depends, it is said, on whether the highway commission decides to build up excess income for bond payments or reduce present toll rates.

Bridge supervisors of the Highway Commission are of the opinion that the increase in traffic over the spans is due to a considerable extent to the importance of the Ohio Valley in national defense preparations.

Louisiana—New Taxes Go Into Effect—New taxes in Louisiana are attracting attention both in the State and out, because of extensive revisions in the sources of revenue, a recent survey indicated.

Further sections of the new \$8,000,000 tax program will be effective Sept. 1 when collection of increased taxes on liquors and tobacco will begin. That is also the date to which increased income taxes will be retroactive if a related constitutional amendment is approved at the November election. These are expected to bring in \$2,500,000 more than the old rates. New levies on oil and natural gas production and on gifts, occupations and soft drinks became effective July 31.

A feature of the program, sponsored by Governor Sam H. Jones, is the shift in the tax burden resulting from the repeal of the State Sales Tax of 1%, effective Dec. 31. This wide levy, felt by residents of the State generally, is supplanted by taxes which increase the contribution to be made by income-tax payers.

In passing part of the burden to liquor and tobacco, the State is adding to taxes on items already heavily taxed, but not regarded as necessities. Income from the liquor tax under the new schedule is estimated at \$1,580,000 a year and the new tobacco tax revenue is put at \$910,000.

Besides repeal of the sales tax, automobile and truck license fees were reduced and the State Employee Social Security Tax was rescinded. The taxes eliminated amounted to about \$9,910,000 annually. The cut in automobile licenses is dependent on adoption of a constitutional amendment.

Following the creation of the Louisiana Department of Finance, which will combine budgetary control with a number of other functions, Governor Jones has named Martin Close, Director of Finance. Mr. Close is a member of the State Highway Commission.

As members of the Board in charge of the new Finance Department, the Governor named Francis W. Scott, Edward J. Gay, and J. W. Pitts. Among other duties, the Department will have supervision of all State-owned buildings and make audits of the Government of the State and certain of its subdivisions.

New Jersey—Status of Municipal Securities Called Much Improved—While many bonds of New Jersey municipalities have not been looked on with the highest regard by general market analysts and investors, determined efforts to put the finances of New Jersey municipal bodies in order have brought rich rewards, John W. Kress, Assistant Trust Officer of the Howard Savings Institution, Newark, told members of the National Security Traders Association at their seventh annual convention in Detroit on Aug. 26.

Mr. Kress was the principal speaker at the N. S. T. A.'s municipal forum, which was under the chairmanship of Roger S. Phelps of Campbell, Phelps & Co.

Explaining the attitude of the institution toward purchase of New Jersey municipals, Mr. Kress pointed out that since 1932 the total bonded and floating debt of counties and municipalities in that State has been reduced approximately \$300,000,000 while improvements in property tax collections have been equally good. At the depth of the depression in 1933 current tax collections dropped to 59.6% of the total property levy but in each succeeding year there has been a marked gain, he said, with 1938 current collections amounting to 79.6%, the highest since 1928.

"The majority of New Jersey municipal bodies have been looked upon as having a higher debt ratio and a poorer tax collection record than in many other States," he said. "This has been true in the past and still applies when comparison is made with outstanding general market municipal bonds."

"Wise traders and bond buyers have overlooked these factors somewhat, however, and have given more consideration to the general record of default and loss of principal in New Jersey municipal bonds as compared with corporate business bonds. Such a study discloses that from 1930 to 1938, 29% of corporate business bonds outstanding in 1930 were in default compared with only 4.3% of New Jersey county and municipal bonds."

"Assuming that the New Jersey record is at least no better than average, (the reputation she has earned would indicate that her record would probably be worse than average), we can feel that this represents a fairly accurate picture of the situation throughout the country. The most interesting thing to consider is not only the fact that New Jersey municipal bonds are seven times as safe as corporate bonds, but that they really are safer than the figures indicate. When municipal bonds go into default the purchasers eventually receive refunding bonds in even exchange. While there usually is a scaling down of interest there very seldom is a loss of principal."

United States—Housing Authorities Meet Opposition to Tax Exemption by Annual Payments—Objections to complete tax exemption for low-rent public housing projects have been met by a number of municipal housing authorities through annual payments which compensate, in some measure, for the cost of municipal services to the projects.

This was shown in results of a questionnaire sent by the research department of Houston, Tex., to 68 cities having contracts with local housing authorities. Replies to the questionnaire were received from 56 cities.

Of the 56 cities, exactly one-half—or 28 cities—reported they receive payments in lieu of taxes from their local housing authorities—either in the form of flat yearly fees or as a percentage of rents received by the authorities.

Yearly fees are paid on a flat-rate basis for municipal services by housing authorities in 8 of the 28 cities, the fees ranging from \$447 in Austin, to \$13,000 in Philadelphia. The other cities in which flat fees are paid are Atlantic City, Columbia, S. C., Louisville and Lexington, Ky., Lowell, Mass., and Buffalo. It was pointed out that the size of the fee is based partly on the size of the housing project and the number of housing units in each project.

Eleven of the 20 cities which receive money from their housing authorities on a percentage basis get 3% of rents collected as their share. These cities are Gary, Ind.; Charleston, S. C.; Omaha; Scranton; Memphis; Augusta, Ga., and Asbury Park, Jersey City, Trenton, Elizabeth and Newark, N. J.

Percentage payments in the nine other cities range from 2½% in Covington, Ky., and Cincinnati, to 5% in Chattanooga, Chicago and Schenectady. Local housing authorities in the other four cities and the percentages they pay are: Lawrence and Boston, Mass., 4%; Knoxville, 3 to 4%; and Baltimore, 3 9/10%.

The research department said that if Houston were to receive 5% of the rentals from the Houston Housing Authority, the sum would equal approximately the amount the city stands to lose through tax exemptions on the projects. Under present arrangements, Houston receives neither a flat fee nor a percentage of rentals for municipal services to the projects.

Many of the cities answering the questionnaire said thousands of dollars owed them in delinquent taxes had been paid as a result of transactions giving housing authorities title to properties. Memphis obtained \$63,251 in back taxes which had to be paid before the property could be sold; Asbury Park received \$20,000; Knoxville, \$13,419; Schenectady, \$10,700; and Omaha, \$5,000.

Bond Proposals and Negotiations

ALABAMA

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Birmingham) Ala.—WARRANT OFFERING—It is stated by Clarence Mullins, County Attorney, that the county will offer for sale at public auction on Sept. 11, an \$81,000 issue of refunding road warrants. Due on April 1 as follows: \$21,000 in 1951, and \$60,000 in 1952. The rate of interest is to be determined at the time of sale.

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GILA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Globe), Ari.—WARRANTS CALLED—It is stated by Elton S. Bryant, County Treasurer, that in accordance with Chapter 16, Article 7, Paragraph 868, Arizona Revised Code, 1928, be called for payment on July 24, the following registered Gila County, Ariz., warrants:

- Road Fund, through July 5, 1940.
- Also the following Gila Co., Ariz., Sch. Dist. registered warrants:
 - Sch. Dist. No. 5, through warrant No. 26654, registered May 20, 1940.
 - Sch. Dist. No. 10, through warrant No. 4390, registered April 13, 1940.
 - Sch. Dist. No. 19, through warrant No. 5219, registered May 29, 1940.
 - Sch. Dist. No. 26, through warrant No. 5296, registered May 29, 1940.
 - Sch. Dist. No. 33, through May 15, 1940.
 - High Sch. Dist. No. 1, through July 13, 1940.
 - High Sch. Dist. No. 26, through July 18, 1940.
- Interest ceased on date called.

PINAL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Florence), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 3, by Moses Brown, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-ann. school bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 15, 1940. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

WILLIAMS, Ariz.—BOND ELECTION CONTEMPLATED—An election is said to be scheduled for the near future in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$50,000 in water system bonds.

ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS, State of—LARGE DEBT REDUCTION SHOWN FOR RECENT YEARS—State Comptroller J. O. Goff reports direct bonded indebtedness of Arkansas as of June 30, 1940, at \$149,255,357, compared with \$176,995,942 as of June 30, 1934, reduction of \$27,740,585 which amount includes savings effected through refundings as well as payment of principal. Highway debt at \$136,837,190 is approximately 91% of total owed. Other classes of debt include Confederate pension issues at \$7,624,000 and State construction bonds at \$2,201,000.

Non-direct bonded debt as of June 30, or Dec. 31, 1939, in some instances, totaled \$67,954,860, and included following descriptions:

	Issued	Outstanding
State Board of Education	\$1,690,000	\$1,544,000
State Colleges	4,434,000	4,005,000
Bridge districts	2,928,000	1,667,000
Road districts	1,700,000	1,215,500
Suburban road districts	788,850	495,000
County funding	6,503,652	4,954,762
Levee, drainage districts	27,346,906	19,790,719
Municipal districts	20,074,160	8,934,723
School districts	27,351,150	22,348,156
City funding, improvement	5,000,000	3,000,000
Totals	\$97,816,718	\$67,954,860

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—BONDS VOTED—It is stated that the voters approved recently the issuance of \$347,500 in bonds, divided as follows: \$300,000 municipal airport improvement, and \$47,500 swimming pool bonds.

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CALIFORNIA TOLL BRIDGE AUTHORITY (P. O. Sacramento), Calif.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by Frank W. Clark, Secretary, that the Authority will receive sealed bids until Sept. 11 at 10 a. m. (PCT) for the purchase of an issue of \$6,850,000 Carquinez Toll Bridge revenue coupon or registered bonds bearing 3% interest, payable J-J. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1, 1940. Due July 1 as follows: \$368,000 in 1941, \$379,000 in 1942, \$391,000 in 1943, \$402,000 in 1944, \$415,000 in 1945, \$427,000 in 1946, \$440,000 in 1947, \$453,000 in 1948, \$467,000 in 1949, \$481,000 in 1950, \$495,000 in 1951, \$510,000 in 1952, \$525,000 in 1953, \$541,000 in 1954 and \$556,000 in 1955. The bonds are authorized under the provisions of a resolution of the Toll Bridge Authority adopted Aug. 23, 1940, pursuant to the provisions of the California Toll Bridge Authority Act (constituting Chapter 763 of the Statutes of 1929 of the State of California).

Said bonds are more particularly described in said resolution and a copy thereof will be furnished to all interested bidders upon request. The bonds are payable in any coin or currency which on the date of payment is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts, at the office of Pacific National Bank of San Francisco, Fiscal Agent, in the City and County of San Francisco; collectible at the office of Manufacturers Trust Co., Collection Agent, in the City of New York.

Said bonds are callable as a whole, on and after July 1, 1945, on any date prior to maturity, or in part in inverse order of maturity (but only out of funds available under the resolution), from time to time on and after July 1, 1941, at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest to the date of redemption, plus a premium of 1% of such principal amount for each year or fraction thereof from date of redemption to date of maturity, but not in excess of 4%. Delivery on or about Sept. 16, 1940, at the office of the Fiscal Agent in San Francisco, in either temporary or definitive form. Definitive bonds will be exchanged for temporary bonds without cost to the holder, at the office of the Fiscal Agent. Said bonds are to be issued for the purpose of acquiring the Carquinez Bridge, the Antioch Bridge and other private property of the American Toll-Bridge Co. necessary for full public ownership and operation of said bridges. The bonds are payable exclusively from revenues of the Carquinez Bridge and the Antioch Bridge, which revenue must also be applied to the payment of the cost of operation of the bridges.

Out of such revenues \$13,000 per month is allocated to the Department of Public Works for the payment of the cost of operating the bridges, and if this proves inadequate, additional sums may be withdrawn from the reserve fund. The bonds do not constitute a debt of the State of California and no taxes may be levied for their payment. As further security for the bonds, an initial reserve fund of \$200,000 will be created immediately, to be increased from surplus revenues and maintained at \$350,000. Resolution of the California Toll Bridge Authority contains covenants intended to further secure the bonds, including covenants to raise sufficient tolls to pay all costs of operation and bond service; not to reduce tolls except in accordance with a toll reduction formula based upon the application of any proposed new rates to the 12 month actual traffic experience preceding the date the proposed new rates are to take effect; to maintain and operate the bridges; and to maintain adequate insurance. The resolution further provides for its modification with the consent of the holders of two-thirds of the bonds, and provisions for the protection of the bondholders' interests by the Fiscal Agent. The sum required to be obtained at the sale of said bonds is \$6,443,000. No more bonds of said issue will be sold than will produce a sum equal to \$6,443,000, plus an additional sum of less than \$1,000. Said bonds will be sold to the bidder or bidders complying with the terms of sale as set forth herein and offering to pay not less than the sum required to be obtained at the sale of said bonds, and to take therefor the least amount of bonds.

The bonds to be sold and delivered shall be those of the earliest maturities (stated in a multiple of \$1,000). If two or more bidders offer to take the same least amount of such bonds, the proposal of the bidder offering to pay therefor the highest additional price will be accepted; provided that such additional price is less than \$1,000. In case any bids are identical in amount, the Authority reserves the right to make the award in its discretion to any one of such bidders whose bids are equal. The right is hereby reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any irregularity or informality in any bid. The purchaser must pay accrued interest from the date of the bonds to the date of delivery. The bonds will be issued subject to the approving opinion of Keys & Erskine, attorneys for the Authority, and of Orrick, Dahlquist, Neff & Herrington, of San Francisco, at the expense of the successful bidder, and all bidders must agree to pay the fees and expenses of said attorneys for the preparation of the bond resolution and their legal opinions approving the validity of the proceedings and the bonds.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, D. C.—BUDGET MUST BE REDUCED \$12,000,000.—The District Commissioners on Aug. 28 completed hearings on the 1942 budget, convinced that they must cut from departmental requests at least \$12,000,000. During the two days of hearings influential citizen and business groups appeared and made a determined plea that the budget be confined within expected revenues, but at the same time they took occasion to recommend a host of improvements as outlined by the various department heads. "We've heard the voice of the people and we are convinced they want us to keep a balanced budget and not increase any taxes," said Col. David McCoach Jr., and his statement was supported by the other Commissioners. Total department requests are \$62,907,225 and revenues are expected to amount to \$50,000,000.

Col. McCoach said he was opposed to increasing taxes to meet the requests asked by the municipal officials. The real estate tax, at present set at \$1.75, would have to bear the brunt of any increased budget. It has been estimated that the Commissioners would have to raise this tax to \$3 in order to take care of \$13,953,545 which represents the increase of the new budget estimates over the appropriation for this year. Commissioner Hazen said he would suggest, in the process of reducing the budget of each department that the department head have a voice in the individual items to be reduced. This procedure is now followed by the school officials. In this instance, for example, the Commissioners will probably tell school authorities to reduce their \$18,346,369 total by some \$5,000,000. In this way the school authorities have the opportunity to retain in the budget items which they consider most urgent. The Commissioners intend to call before them within the next two weeks all department heads to hear their justifications for their budgets. As soon as these hearings are completed they will begin the pruning process.

FLORIDA

MANATEE COUNTY (P. O. Bradenton), Fla.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated that sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Sept. 10, by the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of the following refunding bonds aggregating \$1,875,950:

- \$132,000 county court house and jail refunding bonds.
- 1,122,000 county road and bridge refunding bonds.
- 186,000 Manatee-Oneco Special Road and Bridge District bonds.
- 114,750 Palmetto Special Road and Bridge District bonds.
- 110,000 Gulf Shore Special Road and Bridge District bonds.
- 94,400 Myakka Special Road and Bridge District bonds.
- 71,800 Parrish Special Road and Bridge District bonds.
- 45,000 Terra Ceia Special Road and Bridge District bonds.

NASSAU COUNTY (P. O. Fernandina), Fla.—BOND ELECTION—It is reported that an election will be held in November in order to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$60,000 hospital bonds.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BOND SALE—The \$322,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. road and bridge refunding, issue of 1940 bonds offered for sale on Aug. 28—V. 151, p. 1171—was purchased by the Clyde C. Pierce Corp. of Jacksonville, at par. No other bid was received, according to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. Dated April 1, 1940. Due on April 1 in 1943 to 1958.

PINELLAS COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Clearwater), Fla.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC—A \$360,000 issue of general refunding bonds is being offered for general investment through a syndicate composed of Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., of Toledo, John Nuveen & Co., Barcus, Kindred & Co., both of Chicago, B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Fenner & Beane, both of New York, Sullivan, Nelson & Goss, of West Palm Beach, D. E. Arries & Co., of Tampa, A. B. Morrison & Co., of Miami, Clyde C. Pierce Corp., of Jacksonville, Kuhn, Morgan & Co., of Tampa, Welsh, Davis & Co., of Chicago, and the Baynard Bros. Realty & Insurance Co., of St. Petersburg, as follows: \$120,000 maturing \$20,000 April 1, 1941 to 1946, as 4s, and \$240,000 maturing \$15,000 April 1, 1947 to 1954, and \$20,000 in 1955 to 1960, as 4½s.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. (EST), on Sept. 23, by Geo. W. Marks, Secretary of the Board of Public Instruction, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 4% semi-ann school bonds. Dated July 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 July 1, 1943 to 1967. These are the bonds authorized at the election held on June 25. Prin. and int. payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. Enclose a certified check for \$500.

GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Ga.—BOND ELECTION DETAILS—In connection with the election scheduled for Sept. 4 on the proposed issuance of \$4,000,000 bonds, the following report is taken from the Atlanta "Constitution" of Aug. 25:

"If the people vote the proposed \$4,000,000 city bond issue Sept. 4, the bonds can and will be retired without a single penny of additional taxes, B. Graham West, City Comptroller, declared yesterday.

"At the same time, he asserted the city's bonded debt now is \$1,000,000 lower than it was in 1936 and is among the lowest of any city of comparable size in the United States.

"Amortization of the proposed \$4,000,000 issue for schools, hospitals and the fire department will be arranged so that in no year will the additional expense of retiring the bonds exceed \$100,000, and in every year the amount can be taken care of out of current revenue, he asserted.

"For instance, the present debt service will be \$1,216,092 in 1941 and if the new issue is voted the amount would total \$1,316,092, which later figure includes a full \$100,000 for retirement and interest on the entire issue. But the city would not sell the entire issue all at once and therefore the interest rate for 1941 would be considerably lower, Mr. West said.

"The city is retiring about \$800,000 in bonds annually now and if the new bonds are voted they would be retired as the present debt is lowered—keeping the debt service always at a level which can be set out of present revenue, he added.

"The city's total bonded indebtedness, including \$610,000 of deficit which the Hartsfield administration inherited from the Key regime, is now \$12,623,000, plus \$1,050,000 worth of revenue certificates, making a total of \$13,673,000. Against this the city has \$1,517,395 in its sinking fund, reducing the total owed to \$12,155,605, Mr. West explained. In 1936, the bonded debt was \$13,059,000.

"Mr. West said that if the new bonds are approved, the total on all bonds owed annually would drop under \$1,000,000 in 1951 and that by 1970 the last payment of \$25,500 would be made.

"During most years, the proposed \$4,000,000 issue would not cost the city more than \$40,000 or \$50,000 above the present rate of expenditure and this could easily be absorbed by current revenue, thereby eliminating necessity for any increase in taxes, he asserted."

COLUMBUS, Ga.—CHAIN STORE TAX COLLECTIONS ENJOINED—The city has been permanently restrained from collecting its special chain store tax under an injunction granted the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.

The tax, providing a levy scaling down from \$400 per store, was enacted in a local ordinance after the State Supreme Court invalidated a tax setting up a \$1,200 maximum.

JENKINS COUNTY (P. O. Miller), Ga.—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$52,000 school bonds have been purchased by Johnson, Lane, Space & Co. of Savannah.

ILLINOIS

CAIRO BRIDGE COMMISSION (P. O. Cairo), Ill.—BOND CALL—Chairman Ray Williams announces that in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the trust indenture securing the outstanding 4% bridge revenue bonds dated April 1, 1936, due Oct. 1, 1962, and callable on any interest date after April 1, 1938, a total of \$50,000 bonds of the issue have been called for redemption on Oct. 1, 1940. Payment of the bonds at par and a premium of 5% will be made on or after that date, on their surrender in negotiable form accompanied by April 1, 1941 and subsequent coupons, at the principal office of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., 165 Broadway, New York City. Coupons maturing Oct. 1, 1940 and prior thereto will be paid on presentation and surrender of such coupons.

CHICAGO, Ill.—WARRANT SALE—The H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago purchased \$1,500,000 1½% Board of Education building fund tax anticipation warrants of 1940.

FARMER CITY, Ill.—BOND ELECTION—An election will be held Oct. 1 on the question of issuing \$24,000 3¼% sewer construction bonds. Dated July 1, 1940. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1941 to 1952 incl. and \$1,500 from 1953 to 1960 incl.

LITTLE YORK COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ill.—BONDS VOTED—At an election held recently the voters authorized an issue of \$85,000 construction bonds.

McHENRY TOWNSHIP (P. O. McHenry), Ill.—BONDS SOLD—The \$80,000 3% road improvement bonds authorized at an election on Aug. 24 have been sold to Ballman & Main of Chicago. Dated Aug. 15, 1940 and due \$8,000 on Dec. 1 from 1942 to 1951 incl.

MASCOUTAH, Ill.—BONDS VOTED—At a special election the voters authorized an issue of \$20,000 general obligation bonds, thus completing the financing program for a system of sewers and a sewage disposal plant to be constructed at a total cost of \$258,915. The Works Projects Administration has given the city a grant of \$190,907 for labor. In addition to the issuance of the general obligation bonds the city has passed an ordinance for sewer rental bonds totaling \$48,008 to make up the amount needed to complete the project.

METROPOLIS, Ill.—CERTIFICATES AUTHORIZED—City Council passed an ordinance authorizing an issue of \$168,000 electric light certificates of indebtedness.

POLO, Ill.—BONDS DEFEATED—At an election on Aug. 23 the voters defeated a proposal to issue \$7,500 lighting system bonds.

RUSHVILLE, Ill.—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$22,000 water revenue bonds was sold to Lansford & Co. of Chicago, as 4s. Denom. \$1,000.

INDIANA

ANDERSON SCHOOL CITY, Ind.—BOND SALE—The issue of \$40,000 refunding bonds offered Aug. 27—V. 151, p. 880 was awarded to Fletcher Trust Co. of Indianapolis, as 1½s, at par plus a premium of \$308, equal to 100.77, a basis of about 1.35%. Dated Sept. 9, 1940 and due as follows: \$2,000, July 1, 1941; \$2,000, Jan. 1 and July 1 from 1942 to 1950 incl.; and \$2,000, Jan. 1, 1951. Second high bid of 100.272 for 1½s was made by Raffensperger, Hughes & Co. of Indianapolis.

CLAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND SALE—The \$19,500 building bonds offered Aug. 26 were awarded to Raffensperger, Hughes & Co. of Indianapolis, as 2s, at par plus a premium of \$378.88, equal to 101.942, a basis of about 1.74%. Dated June 15, 1940. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$300. Due \$1,300 on Dec. 1 from 1941 to 1954 incl. and \$1,300 June 15, 1955. Interest J-D. Legal opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Ice of Indianapolis. Other bids:

Bidder—	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Browning, VanDyyn, Tischler & Co.-----	2%	101.52
Fletcher Trust Co.-----	2%	101.302
Albert McGann Securities Co.-----	2½%	100.348

FRANKLIN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Randolph County, Ind.—BOND SALE—The \$21,000 school building bonds offered Aug. 28—V. 151, p. 880—were awarded to the City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis. Dated Sept. 1, 1940 and due as follows: \$700 July 1, 1941; \$700 Jan. 1 and July 1 from 1942 to 1954 incl.; \$700 Jan. 1 and \$1,400 July 1, 1955.

KENTLAND, Ind.—BOND SALE DETAILS—The \$10,000 3% bonds sold to Raffensperger, Hughes & Co. of Indianapolis—V. 151, p. 1171—were awarded at a price of 106.448, a basis of about 1.181%.

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Rose Lawn), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Arthur Bruchett, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Sept. 14 for the purchase of \$5,000 3% school bonds. Dated Sept. 2, 1940. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on Jan. 1 from 1942 to 1951, incl. Principal and interest (J-J) payable at the Kentland Bank, Kentland. A certified check for \$100, payable to order of the Trustee, is required.

MARION TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Velpen), Ind.—BOND OFFERING—Claude Miller, Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Aug. 31 for the purchase of \$6,032.43 not to exceed 4% interest funding bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1940. One bond for \$532.43, others \$500 each. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1942 to 1952 incl. and \$532.43 in 1953. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and payable J-J. The bonds are direct obligations of the school township, payable out of ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected on all of its taxable property. Legal opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Ice of Indianapolis will be furnished the successful bidder at the expense of the township.

MUNCIE, Ind.—WARRANT SALE—The \$95,000 general fund and park fund warrants offered Aug. 24—V. 151, p. 1024—were awarded to the Merchants National Bank of Muncie at 0.75% interest, at par plus a premium of \$40. Dated as of date of delivery and due Dec. 30, 1940. Raffensperger, Hughes & Co. of Indianapolis bid a premium of \$27.89 for 0.75% and the bid of Bliss, Bowman & Co. of Toledo was a premium of \$17 for \$80,000 1s and \$12 for \$15,000 0.75s.

PRINCETON, Ind.—CORRECTED BOND SALE REPORT—The report in—V. 151, p. 1171—of the sale of \$500,000 3¼% water revenue bonds to the City Securities Corp. of Indianapolis, was incorrect, as we are informed that the award was made to an account composed of Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc. of Toledo and Lewis, Pickett & Co., Inc. of Chicago. These two houses, together with Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, subsequently re-offered the bonds from a yield of 1.25% to a price of 102. The issue was approved by voters of the city at an election on May 3, 1940. Of the proceeds, \$295,000 will be used in the purchase of the property of the privately owned water company and the remainder will pay for various improvements and extensions to the water system.

Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$3,000 March and Sept. 1, 1943 and 1944, \$4,000 March and Sept. 1, 1945 to 1950, \$5,000 March and Sept. 1, 1951 to 1956, \$6,000 March and Sept. 1, 1957 to 1960, \$7,000 March and Sept. 1, 1961 to 1964, \$8,000 March and Sept. 1, 1965 to 1968, \$9,000 March and Sept. 1, 1969 to 1979, and \$7,000 March and Sept. 1, 1980. The bonds maturing in the years 1978 to 1980, shall be redeemable at the option of the city in whole or in part in inverse numerical order on 30 days' published notice, at 102 and accrued interest, on Sept. 1, 1941, or any interest payment date thereafter. The bonds due Sept. 1, 1972, and all bonds due in the years 1973 to 1977, both inclusive, shall be redeemable at the option of the city on 30 days' published notice, in whole or in part in inverse numerical order, at 102 and accrued interest on Sept. 1, 1950, or any interest payment date thereafter. Principal and interest payable at the Farmers National Bank, Princeton. These bonds, in the opinion of Counsel, constitute valid and binding obligations of the city, payable solely from and constituting a first and prior lien on the net revenues of the water works system of the city, a sufficient amount of which are to be set aside monthly into a special fund known as the "Water Works Bond Fund." The bonds of this issue will also constitute a first charge and lien on the property of the water works system, including all extensions and improvements that may hereafter be constructed or acquired. Legality approved by Matson, Ross, McCord & Ice, of Indianapolis.

IOWA

ATLANTIC, Iowa—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Sept. 4, by Geo. H. Alexander, City Clerk, for the purchase of \$100,000 sewer bonds. Dated as of Sept. 1, 1940. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000 in 1941 to 1945; \$5,000, 1946 to 1955; \$6,000, 1956 to 1959 and \$9,000 on May 1, 1960. Bids shall specify the rate of interest at which the bidder will take the bonds at par and accrued interest. The bonds will be sold subject to the opinion of Stipp, Perry, Bannister & Starzinger of Des Moines. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid is required.

BROOKLYN, Iowa—BOND SALE DETAILS—The Town Clerk states that the \$122,000 electric light and power plant distribution system bonds sold to the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, as noted here—V. 151, p. 1171—were purchased as 2½s for a premium of \$250, equal to 100.205, and are due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$6,000 in 1942 and 1943, \$7,000 in 1944, \$8,000 in 1945 to 1947, \$9,000 in 1948 to 1951, \$10,000 in 1952 to 1955, and \$3,000 in 1956. Bonds maturing on and after Dec. 1, 1953, are callable at their inverse order on Dec. 1, 1945, or any interest payment date thereafter.

CLIVE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Clive), Iowa—BOND SALE—It is stated by the Secretary of the Board of Directors that the \$3,000 3% semi-annual building bonds offered for sale without success on June 25, as noted here, have been purchased by Jackley & Co. of Des Moines. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1, 1940. Due \$500 on Dec. 1 in 1941 to 1946.

DAVENPORT, Iowa—BOND REOFFERING INDEFINITE—It is stated by V. E. Hayward, Secretary of the Bridge Commission, that the \$1,100,000 not to exceed 2½% semi-annual bridge revenue refunding bonds offered for sale without success on June 6, as noted here, may be reoffered some time this fall, although nothing definite has been decided.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Maquoketa) Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by W. Schroeder, County Treasurer, that he will offer for sale at public auction on Sept. 4 at 2 p. m., an issue of \$17,800 funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$800. Dated Sept. 2, 1940. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,800 in 1946 and \$6,000 in 1947 and 1948. The bonds are payable from unlimited taxes against all taxable property in the county. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will be furnished. No deposit required.

MAHASKA COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Iowa—BONDS SOLD—A \$40,000 issue of poor fund bonds is said to have been purchased on Aug. 15 by Vieth, Duncan & Wood of Davenport, as 2½s, paying a premium of \$56, equal to 100.14, a basis of about 2.24%. Due as follows: \$10,000 in 1950 and \$15,000 in 1951 and 1952.

MONTEZUMA, Iowa—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by Mayor Elmer Hicks that \$126,000 light and power plant bonds approved by the voters recently, have been taken over by the contractor.

NEWARK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Vincent), Iowa—BONDS OFFERED—Bids were received until Aug. 30, at 1:30 p. m., by the Secretary of the Board of Directors, for the purchase of \$16,000 building bonds.

OCHEYEDAN, Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by the Town Clerk that he will receive bids until Sept. 3, at 2 p. m., for the purchase of a \$9,500 issue of 3% semi annual town hall bonds, approved by the voters at an election held on Aug. 15. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1942 to 1958 and \$1,000 in 1959.

RENWICK, Iowa—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that bids will be received until Sept. 9, at 7:30 p. m., by the Town Clerk, for the purchase of \$2,000 electric light plant bonds.

SCHLESWIG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Schleswig) Iowa—BONDS SOLD—It is stated by H. A. Klotz, Secretary of the Board of Directors, that \$35,000 school building bonds were purchased on Aug. 26 by the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank & Trust Co. of Des Moines, as 2½s, paying a premium of \$350, equal to 101.00.

BOND SALE DETAILS—The \$35,000 school building bonds purchased on Aug. 12 by the same firm, as 2½s, at a price of 101.342, as noted here—V. 151, p. 1024—are dated Aug. 1, 1940, and mature on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1941 to 1943, and \$2,000 in 1944 to 1959. Coupon bonds in the denom. of \$1,000. Interest payable M-N.

KANSAS

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan.—BOND SALE—The \$9,000 issue of 1¾% semi-annual street and alley improvement bonds offered for sale on Aug. 28—V. 151, p. 1171—was awarded to the Baum, Bernheimer Co. of Kansas City, paying a premium of \$197.19, equal to 102.191, a basis of about 1.30%. Dated Aug. 15, 1940. Due \$1,000 on Aug. 15 in 1941 to 1949 incl.

LABETTE COUNTY (P. O. Oswego), Kan.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC—The Ranson Davidson Co. of Wichita is offering \$13,000 1½% semi annual public work relief bonds for general investment at prices to yield from 0.40% to 1.40%, according to maturity. Dated Aug. 1, 1940. Denom. \$500. Due Feb. 1, as follows: \$1,500 in 1942 to 1949 and \$1,000 in 1950. Prin. and int. payable at the State Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Depew, Stanley, Weigand & Hook of Wichita. These bonds are offered subject to their rejection by the State School Fund.

KENTUCKY

OWENSBORO, Ky.—BONDS SOLD—It is stated that \$15,000 hospital bonds have been purchased jointly by the Bankers Bond Co., and Stein Bros. & Boyce, both of Louisville.

OWENSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Owensboro), Ky.—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$43,000 high school building bonds were purchased recently by J. J. B. Hilliard & Son of Louisville.

PENDLETON COUNTY BRIDGE CORPORATION (P. O. Fal-mouth), Ky.—OPTON NOT EXERCISED—In connection with the \$50,000 3¼% semi annual first mortgage bonds for which a syndicate headed by Stein Bros. & Boyce of Louisville, had been granted a 60 day option to purchase at a price of 93.00, as noted here on June 22, it is stated by R. A. Thompson, Secretary Treasurer, that the option has not been exercised. Dated May 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1, as follows: \$2,000 in 1942 to 1947, \$3,000 in 1948, \$2,000 in 1949, \$3,000 in 1950, \$2,000 in 1951, \$3,000 in 1952 to 1958, and \$6,000 in 1959, subject to prior redemption on any interest due date upon 30 days' notice, but only in the inverse order of maturities at par, plus a premium of 4% plus accrued interest if the redemption occurs during the first five years from May 1, 1940 and on similar terms thereafter except that if the redemption occurs during the second five years from the date the premium shall be 3%, if the redemption occurs during the third five years from the date the premium shall be 2%, and if the redemption occurs thereafter the premium shall be 1%.

WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Williamsburgh), Ky.—BOND ISSUE—ANCE FINALLY VALIDATED—This county will be permitted to issue up to \$372,000 bonds for refunding, according to a ruling by Judge H. Church Ford of the Federal District Court at Lexington, Ky. The county's finances have been in litigation in State and Federal courts for eight years. Under the plan approved by Judge Ford, Whitley County may issue \$241,500 in 4% road and bridge refunding bonds and \$131,000 of 3½% refunding \$102,000 of outstanding non voted refunding bonds and to pay \$29,000 interest accrued on the issue.

MAINE

PORTLAND, Me.—BOND SALE—The \$85,000 coupon refunding bonds offered Aug. 28—V. 151, p. 1171—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York, as 1½s, at a price of 100.468, a basis of about 1.45%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940 and due Sept. 1, 1950. Re-offered to yield 1.35%.

Bidder—	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Harris Trust & Savings Bank-----	1½%	100.17
H. M. Payson & Co.-----	1½%	100.12
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler-----	1½%	101.51
First of Michigan Corp.-----	1½%	101.45
Estabrook & Co.-----	1½%	100.53
Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc.-----	1½%	100.42
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.-----	2%	101.175

MASSACHUSETTS

EAST LONGMEADOW, Mass.—NOTE OFFERING—Raymond A. Denslow, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until noon (DST) on Sept. 3, for the purchase of \$20,000 coupon sewer notes. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due \$2,500 on Sept. 1 from 1941 to 1948, incl. The notes will be certified by the Director of Accounts, at Boston, showing them to be a proper obligation of the town and executed by the proper officials.

LYNN, Mass.—BOND SALE—The \$390,000 coupon municipal relief bonds offered Aug. 29 were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York, as 1½s, at a price of 100.046, a basis of about 1.24%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Registerable as to principal and interest. Due \$39,000 on Sept. 1 from 1941 to 1950, incl. Principal and interest (M-S) payable at the First Nat. Bank of Boston, or at holder's option, at the City Treasurer's office. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston. The successful bidder reoffered the bonds to yield from 0.20% to 1.40%, according to maturity. Other bids, all for 1½s, were as follows:

Bidder—	Rate Bid
Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc.; Kidder, Peabody & Co., and Bond, Judge & Co.-----	101.16
Tyler & Co.-----	101.079
Harris Trust & Savings Bank and R. W. Pressprich & Co.-----	101.04
Goldman, Sachs & Co., and Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co.-----	100.67
Jackson & Curtis-----	100.627
First Boston Corp.-----	100.49
First National Bank of Boston-----	100.448
Estabrook & Co.-----	100.34

RANDOLPH, Mass.—NOTE SALE—The Second National Bank of Boston was awarded on Aug. 26 an issue of \$50,000 notes at 0.27% discount. Due Aug. 29, 1940. The First National Bank of Boston bid a rate of 0.29%.

MICHIGAN

ANN ARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND ELECTION—At an election on Sept. 9 the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$30,000 locker and shower house bonds.

BENTON HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND OFFERING—Helen C. Cook, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. (EST) on Sept. 26 for the purchase of \$50,000 not to exceed 3% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1942; \$8,000, 1943; \$4,000, 1944; \$5,000, 1945; \$6,000, 1946; \$7,000, 1947; \$8,000 in 1948 and \$9,000 in 1949. Bonds are subject to tax limitations provisions of the State Constitution and no increase in millage has been voted. Principal and interest (A-O) payable at the Benton Harbor State Bank, and the Farmers & Merchants National Bank, Benton Harbor. Bonds carry full faith and credit of the district and the approving legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit. Bidder to pay for printing of bonds. A certified check for 2% must accompany each proposal.

DETROIT, Mich.—TENDERS WANTED—Donald Slutz, City Controller, will receive sealed tenders of callable refunding bonds, 1962-1963 maturities, in the amount of about \$150,000, up to 10 a. m. (EST) on Sept. 4. Tenders shall remain firm until 3 p. m. (EST) of the following day and be made under the following conditions:

- (a) If callable bonds are offered at a premium:
 - (1) When the interest rate is 4½% or higher, the yield shall be computed to the first call date.
 - (2) When the interest rate is less than 4½%, the yield shall be computed to the sixth call date.
- (b) If the bonds are offered at par or less than par:
 - (1) Yield shall be computed to the date of maturity.

All tenders shall be in writing and shall be sealed. Tendere shall show the purpose, the rate of interest, date of maturity, the dollar value and the yield. Tendere will be accepted on the basis of the highest net yield to the city as computed from the dollar price. Only 1962-63 maturities of callable bonds will be accepted. The city reserves the right on bonds purchased which are delivered subsequent to Sept. 11, 1940, to pay accrued interest up to that date only.

FERNDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$500,000 coupon refunding bonds of 1940 offered Aug. 26—V. 151, p. 1172—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Hood, Truettner & Thisted, of Detroit, Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo; Miller, Krieger & Co.; Peninsular State Co., both of Detroit; Siler, Roese & Co., Toledo; Walter, Woody & Heiminger; Fox, Elmhorn & Co., Inc.; Seasongood & Mayer, and Pohl & Co., Inc. all of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$519, equal to 100.103 due \$280,000 $3\frac{3}{8}$ and \$220,000 $3\frac{3}{8}$, or a net interest cost of about 3.3537%. Dated Sept. 5, 1940. The $3\frac{3}{8}$ s mature \$25,000 from 1942 to 1945, incl., and \$30,000 from 1946 to 1951, incl., the $3\frac{3}{8}$ s are due \$30,000 from 1952 to 1957, incl. and \$40,000 in 1958.

FERNDALE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Michigan—TENDERS WANTED—Elizabeth Beasley, Secretary, announces that the Board of Education will receive sealed tendere up to 5 p. m. on Aug. 28 for the sale to said school district of "1935 refunding bonds," series C dated Oct. 1, 1935, "refunding bonds"—series E, dated Oct. 1, 1936, and "certificates of indebtedness," dated Oct. 1, 1935, issued by said school district. Said tendere shall be addressed to said Board of Education, 130 E. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, Mich., and marked "tender of bonds" or "tender of certificates of indebtedness." Interest on each bond or certificate of indebtedness, tender of which is accepted, shall terminate at the expiration of seven days after notice of acceptance has been deposited in the U. S. Post Office, enclosed in an envelope addressed to the owner thereof at the address stated in his tender.

The amount available for purchase of "1935 refunding bonds," series C is \$1,000 and "refunding bonds," series E is \$8,000 and for the purchase of certificates of indebtedness dated Oct. 1, 1935, is \$26,000.

GRATIOT TOWNSHIP (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$35,000 water supply system revenue bonds offered Aug. 5—V. 151, p. 730—were awarded to Siler, Roese & Co. of Detroit, as $4\frac{1}{8}$ s, at a price of 86, a basis of about 5.80%. Dated Aug. 1, 1940 and due Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1943 to 1947, incl., and \$2,000 from 1948 to 1962, inclusive.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.—BOND OFFERING—The Board of County Road Commissioners will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Sept. 16 for the purchase of \$482,000 refunding bonds to be issued for the purpose of refunding and paying a like amount of bonds now outstanding and heretofore issued under the provisions of Act No. 59 of the Public Acts of 1915, as amended, known as the Covert Act, against assessments on the following road districts and in the amounts and against the units of government in said several assessment districts, as set forth in the following table:

Dist. No.	Date	Maturity	County	Township	District
90-----	Oct. 1, 1940	May 1, 1959	\$17,000	\$64,000	\$5,000
91-----	Oct. 1, 1940	May 1, 1959	9,000	18,000	149,000
93-----	Oct. 1, 1940	May 1, 1959	25,000	50,000	145,000
			\$51,000	\$132,000	\$299,000

These bonds are to be callable at various dates as set up in the refunding plan heretofore adopted by the Board of County Road Commissioners and Board of Supervisors of Macomb County. Complete schedules of said callable dates, maturity dates, and other information relating to said proposed bond issue may be had at the office of said Board of County Road Commissioners in Mount Clemens, or will be furnished interested parties by mail upon request to said Board. Said refunding plan provides that the interest rate to be fixed by competitive bids at such sale, and said rates shall be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% less than the rate carried by the present outstanding bonds. Said bonds are to be dated Oct. 1, 1940, with interest payable on the first day of May and November of each year thereafter, and to mature on May first of the years hereinbefore set forth.

These bonds are secured by the assessments heretofore levied on the divers assessment districts in accordance with the statutes authorizing issuance of said bonds, and are further secured by the provisions of law requiring the county general fund to advance money for their payment. In addition thereto, funds received from the State under the provisions of the Horton Act, so called, will in the opinion of this Commission be sufficient in amount to cover the major portion of the outstanding assessments, and in the opinion of the Board of County Road Commissioners will be sufficient in amount to assure payment of these bonds and the interest thereon when due or before, in accordance with said refunding plan. Bids must be sealed, marked "Proposal for Purchase of Bonds," and accompanied by a certified or cashier's check in the amount of 2% of the bid, said check to guarantee carrying out of said proposal, if accepted by the Board of County Road Commissioners.

Approving legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit, and printed bonds will be furnished by the seller. Said bonds and coupons will be payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

Bids will be received for all of said bonds or separate bids may be made applicable to the entire issue for each district.

MICHIGAN (State of)—TENDERS WANTED—State Highway Commissioner Murray D. Van Wagoner of Michigan will receive sealed tendere of assessment district highway refunding bonds until Sept. 9, at 2 p. m., for the following issues:

Dist. No.	Obligation of—	Estimated Funds
294	Counties, townships and district	\$5,000
418	Counties, townships and district	15,000
449	Counties, townships and district	8,000
451	Counties, townships and district	3,000
462	Counties, townships and district	14,000
463	Counties, townships and district	19,000
467	Counties, townships and district	3,000
471	Townships portion	2,000
473	Wayne County, $4\frac{1}{8}$ dated May 1, 1933	18,000
473	Assessment district portion	17,000
473A	Assessment district portion	4,000
474	Oakland County portion	9,000
474	Townships portion	4,000
474	Assessment district portion	11,000
475	Macomb County portion	4,000
475	Assessment district portion	7,000
481	Macomb County portion	6,000
481	Townships portion	2,000
481	Assessment district portion	21,000
484	Counties, townships and district	9,000
491	Counties, townships and district	19,000
492	Oakland County portion	22,000
492	Assessment district portion	30,000
501	Counties, townships and district	1,000
1120	Counties, townships and district	6,000
Total		\$259,000

All tendere shall specify the road assessment district number, the bond numbers, the obligor (whether township portion, county portion or assessment district portion on individual issues) and shall stipulate the lowest price at which the owner will sell such bonds with Nov. 1, 1940 and subsequent coupons attached. No tendere above par can be considered.

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE (P. O. Lansing), Mich.—BOND SALE DETAILS—The \$270,000 3% series B power plant bonds sold to the First of Michigan Corp. of Detroit, as reported in V. 151, p. 1172, mature \$9,000 June and \$10,000 Dec. 1, 1941, \$11,000 June and \$10,000 Dec. 1, 1942, \$10,000 June and \$11,000 Dec. 1, 1943, \$11,000 June and Dec. 1, 1944, and \$14,500 June and Dec. 1, 1945, \$11,000 June and \$12,000 Dec. 1, 1947, \$13,000 June and \$12,000 Dec. 1, 1948, \$12,000 June and \$13,000 Dec. 1, 1949, \$13,000 June and Dec. 1, 1950, \$14,000 June and \$13,000 Dec. 1, 1951, and \$14,000 June and \$1,000 Dec. 1, 1952, callable in whole or in part in inverse numerical order on June 1, 1941, and any interest payment date thereafter upon 30 days' published notice at 102 and accrued interest. Principal and interest payable at the Ann Arbor Trust Co. Legality approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), Mich.—TENDERS WANTED—F. E. Gillespie, Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners, announces that, pursuant to Section 8 of Act No. 13, Public Acts of Michi-

gan, 1932 First Extra Session, as amended, the Board of Commissioners will receive, publicly open, and consider tendere of highway refunding bonds of the issue dated March 1, 1939, at the office of said Board, in the Township of Monroe at 11 o'clock a. m. (EST) on Sept. 20, 1940; said refunding bonds being described as follows:

Ass't Dist.	Am't Par Val.	Rate of Int.	Matur'g May 1	Ass't Dist.	Am't Par Val.	Rate of Int.	Matur'g May 1
40	\$3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943 60	40	6,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
41	4,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 61	41	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
42	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 61	42	4,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
43	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 62	43	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941
45	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 62	44	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
47	12,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 63	45	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
47	5,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943 63	46	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
48	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 64	47	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
48	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 64	48	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
48	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943 65	49	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941
49	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 65	49	5,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
49	4,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 65	49	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
49	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943 67	49	4,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
50	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 67	50	4,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
50	6,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 68	50	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941
51	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 68	51	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
51	10,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 68	51	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
51	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 69	51	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
52	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 69	52	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
52	7,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 69	52	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1944
52	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943 70	52	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
53	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 70	53	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
54	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 71	54	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
55	4,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 71	55	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
55	12,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 72A	55	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
56	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 72A	56	4,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943
56	4,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 72A	56	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1944
57	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941 72B	57	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941
57	4,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942 72B	57	3,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
58	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1943 72B	58	1,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
59	6,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1941	59	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
59	2,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942	60	7,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942
60	7,000	$1\frac{1}{2}$ %	1942				\$193,000

All tendere shall be submitted in writing, sealed and marked "Tendere of Bonds" and shall fully describe the bonds tendered, stipulating the lowest price at which the owners of such bonds will sell the same to the sinking fund. No tendere at prices above par and interest will be considered.

NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP (P. O. New Buffalo), Mich.—BONDS REOFFERED—Date of sale of the \$42,000 not to exceed $4\frac{1}{2}$ interest Michiana Shores waterworks bonds, originally set for Aug. 26—V. 151, p. 1025—was postponed to Sept. 3, according to Frederick W. Schrader, Township Clerk.

NORTHVILLE, Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$113,500 coupon refunding bonds offered Aug. 26—V. 151, p. 1172—were awarded to H. V. Sattley & Co. and Charles A. Parcels & Co., both of Detroit jointly, at a price of 100.096 for \$73,550 2s and \$40,000 $2\frac{1}{4}$ s, or a net interest cost of about 2.117%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. The 2s mature \$12,550 in 1943; \$11,000, \$11,000, 1944; \$10,000 from 1945 to 1949, incl.; the $2\frac{1}{4}$ s are due \$10,000 each year from 1950 to 1953, inclusive.

OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.—BOND OFFERING—Lee O. Brooks, Chairman of the Board of County Road Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until Sept. 5 for the purchase of \$331,000 highway improvement refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due May 1, 1958. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding $3\frac{1}{2}$ to Nov. 1, 1943, not exceeding $4\frac{1}{2}$ to maturity. Principal and interest (M-N) payable at the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit. The bonds are issued to refund a like amount of bonds dated Nov. 1, 1935, now outstanding for the purpose of reducing interest, and represent the townships' and cities' share of the obligation being refunded and are payable from special assessments but are also the general obligations of these townships and cities. In addition to the special assessments to be spread there shall also be spread a general tax whenever the collection of the special assessment is insufficient to pay bonds and interest when due.

PONTIAC TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1 (P. O. Auburn Heights), Mich.—BOND OFFERING—C. L. Art, Secretary of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (EST) on Sept. 10 for the purchase of \$50,000 refunding bonds. Dated Sept. 20, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on April 15 from 1941 to 1965, incl. Interest rates must not exceed 3% to April 15, 1942; 4% thereafter to April 15, 1947, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ thereafter to final maturity. The bonds carry full faith and credit of the district and are not subject to any tax limitation. Principal and interest (A-O) payable at the Union Guardian Trust Co., Detroit. Legality approved by Claude H. Stevens of Berry & Stevens of Detroit. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany each proposal.

SANILAC COUNTY (P. O. Sandusky), Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$28,850 Black River Drain District bonds offered Aug. 20—V. 151, p. 1025—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, at par plus a premium of \$44, equal to 100.152, a basis of about 3.94%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940 and due May 1 as follows: \$4,850 in 1941; and \$6,000 from 1942 to 1945 incl.

SAULT STE. MARIE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sault Ste. Marie), Mich.—BOND SALE—The \$45,000 coupon school bonds offered Aug. 22—V. 151, p. 1025—were awarded to Crouse & Co. of Detroit at a price of 100.034 for \$36,000 1s, due \$9,000 annually on July 1 from 1941 to 1944 incl., and \$9,000 $1\frac{1}{8}$ s, due July 1, 1945, a net interest cost of about 1.072%. Bonds are dated July 1, 1940. First of Michigan Corp. of Detroit, second high bidder, made an offer of 100.015 for \$27,000 $1\frac{1}{8}$ s and \$18,000 1s.

WILLIAMSTON, Mich.—BOND OFFERING—D. Howard Gorsline, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (EST) on Sept. 3 for the purchase of \$44,000 coupon refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 April 1, 1941 to 1962. Interest rate is not to exceed $3\frac{1}{2}$ on or before April 1, 1952, and $3\frac{3}{4}$ on or after April 1, 1953, to maturity. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest interest cost to the village. Interest payable April and Oct. 1. The bonds are issued for the purpose of refunding a like amount of bonds dated April 1, 1937, and now outstanding. The village must levy a tax each year the collection of which will be sufficient to pay interest when due and to mature bonds as due. Full faith and credit of village are pledged. Printed bonds and legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit to be paid for by purchaser. Enclose a certified check for \$1,000.

BOND SALE POSTPONED—Harry Love, Village President, later announced that the above sale had been indefinitely postponed.

MINNESOTA

ANOKA COUNTY (P. O. Anoka), Minn.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Sept. 7 by E. A. Carlson, County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of $1\frac{1}{4}$ % semi-annual public welfare bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1, 1940. Due on Feb. 1, 1942. No oral bids will be received. The county will furnish the blank bonds and the approving opinion of Fletcher, Dorsey, Barker, Colman & Barber of Minneapolis. Prin. and int. payable at the Northwestern National Bank & Trust Co., Minneapolis. A certified check for \$500, payable to the County Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

ARGYLE, Minn.—BONDS OFFERED—It is reported that bids were received until 10 a. m. on Aug. 29 by D. E. Laurin, Village Recorder, for the purchase of \$38,000 refunding bonds.

DODGE COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 28 (P. O. Mantorville), Minn.—BOND SALE—The \$5,000 refunding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 23—V. 151, p. 1172—were purchased by the Kasson State Bank of Kasson, as 3s at par, according to the District Clerk. No other bid was received. Dated Aug. 15, 1940. Due \$1,000 on Aug. 15 in 1941 to 1945.

DULUTH, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE—The \$931,500 issue of sewage disposal revenue refunding certificates offered for sale on Aug. 23—V. 151, p. 1025—was awarded to Kalman & Co. of St. Paul, and associates as $2\frac{1}{2}$ s at par, according to the City Treasurer. Dated Oct. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$27,000 in 1941, \$40,000 in 1942 and 1943, \$50,000 in 1944 to 1948, \$55,000 in 1949 to 1951, \$60,000 in 1952 to 1954, \$65,000 in 1955 to 1957, and \$34,500 in 1958. Certificates

maturing after Oct. 1, 1949, will be redeemable at par and accrued interest on Oct. 1, 1949, and on any interest date thereafter, in inverse order of serial numbers, at par and accrued interest upon 30 days' notice.

ELMIRA (P. O. Chatfield, R. F. D.), Minn.—BOND SALE—The following bonds aggregating \$28,000, offered for sale on Aug. 23—V. 151, p. 1026—were awarded at public auction to the Thrall West Co. of Minneapolis, as 2s, paying a premium of \$320, equal to 101.142, a basis of about 1.86%:
\$14,000 road and bridge bonds. Due \$1,000 from Jan. 1, 1943 to 1956, incl. 14,000 funding bonds. Due \$1,000 from Jan. 1, 1943 to 1956, incl.

NORTH BRANCH, Minn.—BONDS OFFERED—Sealed bids were received until 7:30 p. m. on Aug. 30 by A. M. Bullis, Village Clerk, for the purchase of \$27,000 not to exceed 5% semi-annual municipal light and power plant bonds. Dated Sept. 16, 1940. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due Sept. 16 as follows: \$1,000 in 1943 to 1945; \$2,000 in 1946 to 1951, \$2,500 in 1952 to 1955, and \$2,000 in 1956. All of the bonds maturing on or subsequent to Sept. 16, 1948, shall be callable in inverse order as to number and maturity upon any interest payment date on or after Sept. 16, 1948, at par and accrued interest upon 30 days' notice.

PINE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Sandstone) Minn.—BOND SALE DETAILS—It is reported by the District Clerk that the \$9,000 3% semi-ann. improvement bonds sold to the State, as noted here—V. 151, p. 1026—were purchased at par and mature \$1,000 annually on July 1 in 1946 to 1954 incl.

RUSH CITY, Minn.—BOND SALE—The \$10,000 refunding bonds offered for sale at public auction on Aug. 23—V. 151, p. 1172—were awarded to Marsi, Shaughnessy & Co. of St. Paul, as 2½s, for a price of 101.00, a basis of about 2.07%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due \$1,000 on Jan. 1 in 1942 to 1951 incl.

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE—The \$10,000 poor relief certificates of indebtedness offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 151, p. 1026 were awarded to the Security National Bank of Hopkins, at 2%, according to the Village Recorder. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due on Jan. 15, 1941.

TODD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 13 (P. O. Grey Eagle), Minn.—BONDS SOLD—The District Clerk reports that \$6,000 3% semi-annual construction bonds approved by the voters on Aug. 20, have been purchased by the State.

UNDERWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Underwood), Minn.—BONDS SOLD—The District Clerk reports that the \$14,000 refunding bonds offered for sale without success on June 3, when no bids were received, as noted here—V. 151, p. 3698—have been purchased by the State as 3s, at par. Dated July 1, 1940. Due on July 1 in 1945 to 1958 incl.

YORK (P. O. Lime Springs, R. F. D.), Minn.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Sept. 13, by Hugh M. Jones, Town Clerk, for the purchase of \$7,500 road and bridge bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500. The town will furnish the printed bonds and the approving opinion of Fletcher, Dorsey, Barker, Colman & Barber of Minneapolis, both to be paid for by the purchaser at a cost of \$60. Principal and interest (J-J) payable at any suitable bank or trust company. Enclose a certified check for \$300.

MISSISSIPPI

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—BONDS TO BE ISSUED—Bonds of \$185,000 will be issued by city to provide sponsor's share of school construction and improvement project jointly with Works Administration. Proposed issue was approved at a special election, 912 to 187.

JACKSON, Miss.—BONDS SOLD—An issue of \$191,830 special improvement bonds is said to have been purchased by a syndicate composed of the Union Planters National Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis, the Leland Speed Co. of Jackson, and the First National Bank of Memphis, as 2s, paying a premium of \$1,925, equal to 101.003, a net interest cost of about 1.78%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,830 in 1941; \$25,000 in 1942; \$28,000, 1943; \$27,000, 1944; \$30,000, 1945; \$19,000, 1946; \$15,000, 1947 to 1949, and \$7,000 in 1950.

It was stated subsequently that \$89,610 of the bonds are designated as street intersection of 1940; \$83,070 as special street improvement of 1940, and \$19,250 as water works of 1940 bonds. Prin. and int. (M-S) payable at the Chase National Bank of New York.

NEW HOPE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbus), Miss.—BONDS SOLD—The District Secretary states that \$10,000 4½% refunding bonds have been sold. Dated July 1, 1940.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Greenville), Miss.—BOND ELECTION—The voters will pass on the issuance of \$30,000 airport bonds at an election scheduled for Sept. 24, according to report.

MISSOURI

KENNETT, Mo.—BONDS NOT SOLD—It is stated by S. G. Fisher, City Clerk, that an issue of \$107,000 4% semi-annual electric light plant bonds was offered on Aug. 27 but was not sold. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1, 1934. Due on March 1 in 1941 to 1954, incl.

MONTANA

MISSOULA, Mont.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by J. I. McDonald, City Clerk, that he will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Sept. 12, for the purchase of \$105,696.77 not to exceed 6% semi-ann. refunding bonds. Dated Jan. 1, 1941. Amortization bonds will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice of the Council. If amortization bonds are sold the entire issue may be put into one single bond or divided into several bonds, as the Council may determine upon at the time of sale, both principal and interest to be payable in semi-annual instalments during a period of 15 years from the date of issue. If serial bonds are issued and sold they will be in the amount of \$1,000 each, except the last bond which will be in the amount of \$696.77; the sum of \$7,000 of said serial bonds will become due and payable on Jan. 1, 1942, and a like amount on the same day each year thereafter until all such bonds are paid, except that the last instalment will be in the amount of \$7,696.77. The bonds, whether amortization or serial bonds, will be redeemable after five years from date. The bonds will be sold for not less than their par value with accrued interest to date of delivery and all bidders must state the lowest rate of interest at which they will purchase the bonds at par. Enclose a certified check for \$500, payable to the City Clerk.

NEBRASKA

CHAMBERS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 137 (P. O. Chambers), Neb.—MATURITY—The Secretary of the Board of Education states that the \$22,000 building bonds sold to two banks in O'Neill as 3½s, at a price of 101.363, as noted here—V. 151, p. 1026—mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1941 and 1942; \$1,500 in 1943; \$1,000 in 1944; \$1,500 in 1945; \$1,000 in 1946; \$1,500 in 1947; \$1,000 in 1948; \$1,500 in 1949 to 1955, and \$2,000 in 1956.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

MANCHESTER, N. H.—BOND OFFERING—F. D. McLaughlin, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (DST) on Sept. 5 for the purchase of \$120,000 coupon municipal improvement and equipment bonds. Dated July 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$12,000 on July 1 from 1941 to 1950, incl. Bidder to name one rate of interest in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Principal and interest (J-J) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. The bonds are general obligations of the city and all its taxable property will be subject to the levy of unlimited ad valorem taxes to pay both principal and interest. They will be engraved under the supervision of an authenticated as to their genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston. This bank will further certify that the legality of this issue has been approved by Messrs. Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge & Rugg, of Boston, a copy of whose opinion will accompany the bonds when delivered, without charge to the purchaser.

NEW JERSEY

CHESTER TOWNSHIP, N. J.—BONDS PURCHASED—In connection with the call for tenders on Aug. 27 of general refunding bonds, the Burlington County Trust Co., of Moorestown, fiscal agent, reports that the township purchased \$11,000 bonds at prices ranging from 80.80 to 82.00.

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION (P. O. Paterson), N. J.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE—The cities of Paterson, Passaic and Clifton on Aug. 22 took under advisement a plan of the Water Commission to issue \$687,760 bonds in order to avert a 35% increase in water rates. Tentative date for sale of the bonds is Oct. 10.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J.—BOND OFFERING—Joseph E. Hornsby, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (DST) on Sept. 4 for the purchase of \$189,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:
\$150,000 poor relief bonds. Due \$30,000 on Aug. 1 from 1941 to 1945 incl.
15,000 series A water bonds of 1940. Due \$1,000 on Aug. 1 from 1941 to 1955 incl.
24,000 series B water bonds of 1940. Due \$1,000 on Aug. 1 from 1941 to 1964 incl.

All of the bonds will be dated Aug. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Bonds will be sold as a combined issue, to mature on Aug. 1 as follows: \$32,000 from 1941 to 1945 incl.; \$2,000 from 1946 to 1955 incl. and \$1,000 from 1956 to 1964 incl. Bidder to name one rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (F-A) payable at the City Treasurer's office. All of the bonds will be general obligations of the city, payable from unlimited taxes. A certified check for 2% of the bonds offered, payable to order of the City Treasurer, is required. Legal opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

WALDWICK, N. J.—BOND ISSUE DETAILS—In connection with the report in V. 151, p. 1173, of the borough's intention to issue \$402,000 refunding bonds, we learn that the securities would be issued as 4s and mature as follows:

\$258,000 general refunding bonds. Due \$4,000 in 1941 and 1942; \$5,000, 1943 and 1944; \$7,000, 1945; \$10,000, 1946; \$12,000, 1947 and 1948; \$13,000, 1949 and 1950; \$15,000, 1951 and 1952; \$16,000, 1953 and 1954; \$17,000, 1955 and 1956; \$18,000, 1957 and 1958; \$20,000 in 1959 and \$21,000 in 1960.

144,000 water refunding bonds. Due \$3,000 in 1941; \$4,000, 1942 and 1943; \$5,000, 1944 to 1947, incl.; \$6,000, 1948 and 1949; \$7,000, 1950 and 1951; \$8,000, 1952 and 1953; \$9,000, 1954 and 1955; \$10,000, 1956 and 1957, and \$11,000 from 1958 to 1960, incl.

All of the bonds will be dated Oct. 1, 1940.

WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND CALL—Leo P. Carroll, Township Clerk, reports that the township has exercised its right to redeem, on Oct. 1, 1940, at par and accrued interest, the \$100,000 general funding bonds, dated April 1, 1938 and due \$50,000 April 1 in 1947 and 1948. Payment will be made at the Merchants Trust Co., Union City, upon presentation and surrender of the bonds with all unmaturing coupons attached. Denom. \$1,000. First of a total issue of \$550,000.

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NEW YORK

BABYLON COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Deer Park), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$44,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered Aug. 28—V. 151, p. 1173—were awarded to Gordon Graves & Co. of New York, as 1.90s, at a price of 100.131, a basis of about 1.88%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940, and due March 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1941 and \$3,000 from 1942 to 1955, incl. Other bids:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
C. F. Childs & Co., and Sherwood & Co.	2%	100.409
Brown, Bennett & Johnson	2%	100.311
Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc.	2%	100.201
Oystermen's Bank & Trust Co. of Sayville	2%	100.127
A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.	2.10%	100.323
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.	2.10%	100.299
R. D. White & Co.	2.20%	100.31

BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Delmar), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$120,000 coupon or registered building bonds offered Aug. 29—V. 151, p. 1173—were awarded to the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo and R. D. White & Co. of New York, jointly, as 2-10s, at a price of 100.20, a basis of about 2.08%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1941 to 1944, incl.; \$3,500, 1945 to 1950, incl.; \$4,000 from 1951 to 1956, incl. and \$4,500 from 1957 to 1970, incl. Other bids:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Kidder, Peabody & Co.	2.10%	100.154
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.	2.20%	100.64
Union Securities Corp., and Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc.	2.20%	100.32
Blair & Co., Inc., and Bacon, Stevenson & Co.	2¼%	100.321
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., and George B. Gibbons & Co.	2.30%	100.10
National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Albany	2.40%	100.21

BROWNSVILLE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Dexter), N. Y.—OTHER BIDS—The \$60,000 coupon or registered school bonds awarded Aug. 9 to the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, as 1.70s, at par plus a premium of \$175.28, equal to 100.292, a basis of about 1.65%—V. 151, p. 882—were also bid for as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.	1.75%	\$131.40
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.	1.80%	127.00
Blair & Co., Inc.	1.80%	108.00
George B. Gibbons & Co.	1.80%	90.00
Union Securities Corp.	1.80%	35.40
Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc.	1.90%	181.00
Sherwood & Co.	2%	100.00

BUCHANAN, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Walter M. Hawkes, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. (DST) on Sept. 4 for the purchase of \$6,500 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered public works of 1940 (paving) bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1940. Denom. \$250. Due works of 1940 (paving) bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1940, and \$750 from 1945 to Aug. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1941 to 1944, incl. and \$750 from 1945 to 1950, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (F-A) payable at the National City Bank of New York. The bonds are general obligations of the village, payable from unlimited taxes. A certified check for \$200, payable to order of the village, must accompany each proposal. Approving legal opinion of Dillon, Vandewater & Moore of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

CHAMPLAIN, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$25,000 coupon or registered street reconstruction bonds offered Aug. 22—V. 151, p. 1027—were awarded as 2½s to the First National Bank of Chateaugay. Dated Aug. 1, 1940 and due \$1,250 on Aug. 1 from 1941 to 1960 incl.

FALLSBURGH, N. Y.—SOUTH FALLSBURGH SEWER DISTRICT BONDS OFFERED—Mortimer Michaels, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (DST) on Sept. 5 for the purchase of \$25,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered sewer bonds of 1940. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1941 to 1965 incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (M-S) payable at the South Fallsburgh National Bank, with New York exchange. The bonds will be valid and legally binding obligations of the town, payable in the first instance from a levy upon the property in the sewer district, but if not so paid, payable ultimately from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied on all the taxable property within the town without limitation as to rate or amount. The opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, Esqs., of New York, to this effect will be furnished the purchaser. Enclose a certified check for \$500, payable to the town.

FREEPORT, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$143,000 coupon or registered bonds offered Aug. 29—V. 151, p. 1173—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., New York, as 1.70s, at a price of 100.199, a basis of about 1.66%. Sale consisted of: \$48,000 series E sewer bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1941 to 1952, incl. and \$4,000 from 1953 to 1955, incl.

95,000 series A general improvement bonds. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$13,000 in 1941 and 1942; \$18,000 from 1943 to 1945, incl. and \$3,000 from 1946 to 1950, inclusive. All of the bonds will be dated Sept. 1, 1940. Re-offered by the purchasers to yield from 0.30% to 2%, according to maturity. Other bids:

Table with columns Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., and E. H. Rollins & Sons, 1.70% 100.111; Bacon, Stevenson & Co., and Estabrook & Co., 1.70% 100.096; Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., and Adams, McEntee & Co., 1.75% 100.179; Union Securities Corp., and First of Michigan Corp., 1.75% 100.05; Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo and R. D. White & Co., 1.80% 100.203; C. F. Childs & Co., and Sherwood & Co., 1.80% 100.111; Kidder, Peabody & Co., 1.90% 100.228; Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc., 1.90% 100.16; H. L. Allen & Co., and F. W. Reichard & Co., 1.90% 100.15; Brown, Bennett & Johnson, and Tilney & Co., 1.90% 100.089; Goldman, Sachs & Co., and George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., 1.90% 100.068; B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc., 2% 100.33; First National Bank & Trust Co., Freeport, 2 1/2% Par.

HARRISON WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Harrison), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$50,000 coupon or registered water extension bonds offered Aug. 26—V. 151, p. 1027—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., New York, as 2.60s, at 100.527, a basis of about 2.55%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1941 to 1950, incl., and \$3,000 from 1951 to 1960, incl. Other bids:

Table with columns Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc., 2.60% 100.35; A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., 2 3/4% 100.289; George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., 2 3/4% 100.157; Brown, Bennett & Johnson, 2.90% 100.352; R. D. White & Co., 2.90% 100.302; Rye National Bank, 3.40% 100.075.

HERKIMER, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$232,000 coupon or registered electric system bonds offered Aug. 27—V. 151, p. 1173—were awarded to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. of Buffalo and Adams, McEntee & Co., Inc., New York, jointly, as 1 3/8s, at 100.299, a basis of about 1.46%. Dated Aug. 1, 1940 and due Aug. 1 as follows: \$12,000 from 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$15,000 from 1946 to 1949, incl., and \$16,000 from 1950 to 1956, incl. Reoffered by the purchasers to yield from 0.20% to 1.50%, according to maturity. Other bids:

Table with columns Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., 1.60% 100.197; Blair & Co., Inc., 1.60% 100.051; Harris Tr. & Savs. Bank and F. W. Reichard & Co., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and George B. Gibbons & Co., Kidder, Peabody & Co. and Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co., 1.75% 100.079; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc., 1.80% 100.198; C. F. Childs & Co. and Sherwood & Co., 1.80% 100.151; Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo and R. D. White & Co., 1.80% 100.134; Union Securities Corp., and First of Mich. Corp., 1.80% 100.06.

LAKE GEORGE, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$105,000 coupon or registered waterworks bonds offered Aug. 29—V. 151, p. 1174—were awarded to C. F. Childs & Co. and Sherwood & Co., both of New York, jointly, at 2.20s, at a price of 100.70, a basis of about 2.15%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1941 to 1955, incl. and \$4,000 from 1956 to 1970, incl. Other bids:

Table with columns Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, and R. D. White & Co., 2.30% 100.23; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., and A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., 2.40% 100.453; Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., 2 1/2% 100.229; Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc., and George B. Gibbons & Co., 2.60% 100.61; Bacon, Stevenson & Co., 2.60% 100.319; Blair & Co., Inc., 2.60% 100.20.

LARCHMONT, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING—Hugh E. Culler, Village Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3:30 p. m. (DST) on Sept. 10, for the purchase of \$56,250 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered incinerator bonds. Dated Sept. 15, 1940. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500, and one for \$250. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$3,000 from 1941 to 1946, incl.; \$3,250, 1947; \$4,000 in 1948 and 1949, and \$4,500 from 1950 to 1955, incl. Bidder to name one rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and interest (M-S) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York City. The bonds are general obligations of the village, payable from unlimited taxes. A certified check for \$1,125, payable to order of the village, is required. Legal opinion of Dillon, Vandewater & Moore of New York City will be furnished the successful bidder.

OYSTER BAY AND HUNTINGTON COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 11 (P. O. Cold Spring Harbor), N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$32,500 coupon or registered school bonds of 1940, offered Aug. 27—V. 151, p. 1027—were awarded to Brown, Bennett & Johnson of New York as 1.90s at a price of 100.13, a basis of about 1.88%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1941 to 1952, incl.; \$2,500 in 1953 and \$3,000 in 1954 and 1955. Other bids:

Table with columns Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes Tilney & Co., 1.90% 100.112; Roosevelt & Weigold, Inc., 2% 100.40; C. F. Childs & Co. and Sherwood & Co., 2% 100.234; A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., 2.10% 100.41; George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., 2.20% 100.28; Bacon, Stevenson & Co., 2.20% 100.21; R. D. White & Co., 2 1/4% 100.194; Gordon Graves & Co., 2.40% 100.511.

SAUGERTIES, N. Y.—BOND SALE—The \$60,000 coupon or registered municipal building bonds offered Aug. 30—V. 151, p. 1174—were awarded to C. F. Childs & Co. and Sherwood & Co., both of New York, jointly, as 1.70s, at a price of 100.33, a basis of about 1.65%. Dated July 1, 1940 and due \$4,000 on July 1 from 1941 to 1955, incl. Among other bids were the following, both being for 1.70s: Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, 100.26; R. D. White & Co., 100.134.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—PROPOSED REFUNDING—The City Council on Aug. 19 voted to petition the State Comptroller for permission to refund \$540,000 of bonds maturing in 1941.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE—A proposal to issue \$50,000 pumping plant bonds is being considered by the Board of Trustees.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y.—PROPOSED REFUNDING—It is reported that the city plans to issue \$328,000 refunding bonds.

NORTH CAROLINA

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Louisburg), N. C.—BOND SALE—The bonds aggregating \$26,000, offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 151, p. 1174—were awarded to E. J. Prescott & Co. of Minneapolis, paying a premium of \$52, equal to 100.20, a net interest cost of about 2.14%, divided as follows:

\$16,000 school building bonds, of which \$14,000 are 2 1/4s, due \$2,000 on Feb. 1 in 1943 to 1949, and \$2,000 are 2s, due on Feb. 1, 1950. 10,000 refunding road and bridge bonds; of which \$7,000 are 2 1/4s, due \$1,000 on Feb. 1 in 1943 to 1949, and \$3,000 are 2s, due \$1,000 on Feb. 1 in 1950 to 1952.

GRANITE FALLS, N. C.—BOND SALE—The \$4,000 street and water bonds offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 151, p. 1174—were awarded to

McAlister, Smith & Pate, Inc. of Greenville, as 4s, paying a premium of \$13.13, equal to 100.328, a basis of about 3.92%. Dated July 1, 1940. Due \$500 on July 1 in 1941 to 1948 incl.

MOUNT AIRY, N. C.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, that he will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (EST) on Sept. 3, at his office in Raleigh, for the purchase of \$15,000 refunding street improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due \$5,000 on March 1 in 1948, 1949 and 1951. There will be no auction. Denom. \$1,000; coupon bonds registrable as to principal only; principal and interest (M-S, payable in legal tender in New York City; general obligations; unlimited tax; delivery on or about Sept. 18, at place of purchaser's choice.

Bidders are requested to name the interest rate or rates, not exceeding 6% per annum in multiples of 1/4 of 1%. Each bid may name one rate for part of the bonds (having the earliest maturities), and another rate for the balance, but no bid may name more than two rates, and each bidder must specify in his bid the amount of bonds of each rate. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the bonds at the lowest interest cost to the town, such cost to be determined by deducting the total amount of the premium bid from the aggregate amount of interest upon all of the bonds until their respective maturities. No bid of less than par and accrued interest will be entertained. Bids are required on forms to be furnished with additional information and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable unconditionally to the order of the State Treasurer for \$300. The approving opinion of Masslich and Mitchell, New York City, will be furnished the purchaser.

NEW BERN, N. C.—BOND SALE—The \$100,000 street improvement refunding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 151, p. 1174—were awarded jointly to R. S. Dickson & Co. of Charlotte, and Juran, Moody & Rice of St. Paul, paying a price of 100.30525, a net interest cost of about 4.62%, divided as follows: \$60,000 as 4 3/4s, due \$20,000 on March 1 in 1950 to 1953, the remaining \$40,000 as 4 1/2s, due \$20,000 on March 1 in 1959 and 1960.

OXFORD, N. C.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by W. E. Easterling, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, that he will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (EST), on Sept. 3, at his office in Raleigh for the purchase of the following bonds, dated Sept. 1, 1940 and maturing as follows, without option of prior payment: \$3,000 refunding water bonds, maturing March 1, 1953. \$14,000 general refunding bonds, maturing annually, March 1, \$2,000, 1953; \$6,000, 1954, and \$6,000, 1955.

Denom. \$1,000; principal and interest (M-S), payable in New York City in legal tender; general obligations; unlimited tax; coupon bonds registrable as to principal alone; delivery on or about Sept. 18, at place of purchaser's choice. There will be no auction.

A separate bid for each issue (not less than par and accrued interest) is required. Bidders are requested to name the interest rate or rates, not exceeding 6% in multiples of 1/4 of 1%; each bid may name one rate for part of the bonds of any issue (having the earliest maturities), and another rate for the balance, but no bid may name more than two rates for any issue, and each bidder must specify in his bid the amount of the bonds of each rate. The bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the bonds at the lowest interest cost to the town, such cost to be determined by deducting the total amount of the premium bid from the aggregate amount of interest upon all of the bonds until their respective maturities. Bids are required on forms to be furnished with additional information, and each bid must be accompanied by a certified check upon an incorporated bank or trust company, payable unconditionally to the order of the State Treasurer for \$340. The approving opinion of Masslich & Mitchell, New York City, will be furnished the purchaser.

SEABOARD, N. C.—BONDS SOLD TO RFC—It is reported that \$36,500 4% semi-ann. water and sewer bonds have been purchased at par by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

STATESVILLE, N. C.—BOND SALE—The \$114,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 151, p. 1174—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the Interstate Securities Corp. of Charlotte, the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, and Hamilton & Co. of Chester, paying a premium of \$114, equal to 100.10, a net interest cost of about 2.56%, on the bonds divided as follows: \$60,000 as 2 3/4s, due \$10,000 on March 1 in 1942 to 1947; the remaining \$54,000 as 2 1/2s, due on March 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1948, and \$11,000 in 1949 to 1952.

WILMINGTON, N. C.—NOTES SOLD—It is reported that \$77,000 bond anticipation notes have been purchased by Kirchofer & Arnold of Raleigh, at 0.75%, plus a premium of \$34.15. Due in six months.

NORTH DAKOTA

BURKE COUNTY (P. O. Bowbells), N. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD—The \$167,271.77 issue of not to exceed 4 1/2% semi-annual refunding bonds offered on Aug. 27—V. 151, p. 1028—was not sold as no bids were received, according to the County Auditor. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due on July 1 in 1944 to 1963; optional prior to maturity.

WARD COUNTY (P. O. Minot), N. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT TO BE REOFFERED—In connection with the \$100,000 certificates of indebtedness off red for sale without success on June 7, as noted here at the time, it is stated that no reoffering is contemplated.

OHIO

AKRON, Ohio—BOND CALL—F. W. Ferguson, Director of Finance, has called for payment on Oct. 1, 1940, the following described 4 1/2% refunding bonds:

- Type 1, 1934, Nos. 87069 to 87594, \$526,000. Dated July 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$584,360.
 - Type 1, 1935, Nos. 89897 to 90392, \$496,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$551,460.
 - Type 2, 1934, Nos. 87674 to 88089, \$276,400. Dated July 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$307,753.38.
 - Type 2, 1934, Nos. 90821 to 91044, \$129,340. Dated July 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$143,570.
 - Type 2, 1934, Nos. 91304 to 91434, \$127,260. Dated July 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$141,162.
 - Type 2, 1935, Nos. 91672 to 92182, \$511,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$567,086.38.
 - Type 4, 1934, Nos. 88163 to 88757, \$521,100. Dated July 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$579,184.27.
 - Type 4, 1934, Nos. 91085 to 91289, \$149,800. Dated July 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$166,066.62.
 - Type 4, 1934, Nos. 91454 to 91614, \$157,100. Dated July 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$175,250.
 - Type 4, 1935, Nos. 92273 to 92279, \$236.2 to 92369, 92451 to 92458, 9254 to 92548, 92681 to 92650, 92721 to 92727, 92811 to 92814, 92901 to 92904, 92991 to 93002, \$78,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1935. Due Oct. 1, 1941 to 1949. Part of an original issue of \$897,920.
- Unmatured coupons must be attached to said bonds and will be paid at the office of the finance director.

ALLIANCE, Ohio—BONDS AUTHORIZED—The City Council has authorized an issue of \$94,000 5% refunding bonds. Dated Sept. 15, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 15 as follows: \$15,000 in 1942 to 1943 and \$16,000 from 1944 to 1947 incl.

BOND CALL—Harry D. Wilcoxon, City Clerk, announces the call for payment on Oct. 15, at par and accrued interest, of \$94,000 5% series A, 1934 refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 15, 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 15, as follows: \$13,000 in 1941 to 1944 and \$14,000 in 1945 to 1947. Unmatured coupons must be attached to said bonds. Payable at the City Treasurer's office.

BELLAIRE, Ohio—BOND ISSUE DETAILS—The \$50,000 bonds awarded Aug. 19 as 1 1/2s to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo—V. 151, p. 1174—were sold at par plus a premium of \$214, equal to 100.428, a basis of about 1.66%.

CUYAHOGA FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—BOND ELECTION—A proposal to issue \$197,000 construction bonds will be considered by the voters at the Nov. 5 election.

DAYTON, Ohio—BONDS AUTHORIZED—The City Commission has authorized the issuance of \$53,644 5% improvement bonds as follows: \$15,969.21 alley paving and water main bonds. One bond for \$969.21, others \$1,000 each. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,969.21 in 1941 and \$3,000 from 1942 to 1945, incl.
37,674.79 sidewalk, curb and gutter bonds. One bond for \$674.79, others \$1,000 each. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$12,674.79 in 1941; \$12,000 in 1942 and \$13,000 in 1943.
All of the bonds will be dated Sept. 1, 1940.

DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—CONDITIONAL BID REJECTED—WARD MADE—The bid of an account composed of Harriman Ripley & Co., Inc., and Fahey, Clark & Co. of Cleveland, for purchase of an issue of \$246,500 building bonds as 2½s, at 101.67 was rejected, as it was subject to approval of legality of the bonds by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland—V. 151, p. 1175. Award was subsequently made to a group consisting of Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, Hawley, Huller & Co. and Hayden, Miller & Co., both of Cleveland, on their offer of 101.56 for 2½s, a basis of about 2.09%. Bonds mature as follows: \$6,500 April 1 and \$6,000 Oct. 1 from 1942 to 1954, incl.; \$6,000 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1955 to 1961, inclusive.

EAST CLEVELAND, Ohio—BONDS SOLD—City purchased for its own account an issue of \$48,000 4% city's portion park and playground bonds at par. Dated May 1, 1940 and due \$3,000 on Oct. 1 from 1941 to 1956, inclusive.

FAIRVIEW, Ohio—NO TENDERS ACCEPTED—Reuben C. Wright, Village Clerk, reported the rejection on Aug. 19 of tenders of refunding bonds for sale at prices of 68, 77.95, 78 and 81.60.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Jackson), Ohio—BOND ELECTION—An issue of \$28,000 building bonds will be considered by the voters at the November general election.

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—BOND ELECTION—At the November general election the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$339,000 building bonds.

IRONTON, Ohio—BOND SALE DETAILS—P. E. Kline, Inc.; Katz & O'Brien; Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, and Edward Brockhaus & Co., all of Cincinnati, were associated with Fox, Einhorn & Co., Inc. in the purchase on Aug. 22 of \$185,000 flood prevention bonds as 2½s, at 100.47, a basis of about 2.46%—V. 151, p. 1175.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$20,000 county home bonds offered Aug. 29—V. 151, p. 1028—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Toledo, as 1½s, par plus a premium of \$32, equal to 100.16, a basis of about 1.47%. Dated Sept. 10, 1940 and due \$2,000 on Sept. 10 from 1941 to 1950, incl. Second high bid of 100.063 for 1½s was made by Braun, Bosworth & Co. and Ryan, Sutherland & Co.

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ohio—BOND OFFERING—R. Allan Parker, District Clerk-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until noon on Sept. 16 for the purchase of \$55,160.28 3% judgment bonds. Dated Aug. 1, 1940. One bond for \$160.28, others \$1,000 each. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$11,000 from 1943 to 1946 incl. and \$11,160.28 in 1947. Bidder may name a different rate of interest provided that fractional rates are expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Interest F-A. A certified check for \$560, payable to order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

OHIO STATE BRIDGE COMMISSION (P. O. Columbus), Ohio—BOND SALE—The \$3,150,000 bridge revenue refunding bonds offered Aug. 29—V. 151, p. 884—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Toledo, A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc., John Nuveen & Co., both of Chicago, Hayden, Miller & Co., Cleveland; Eldredge & Co., New York; Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati; Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo; First Cleveland Corp., Cleveland; John W. Clarke, Inc., Chicago; Fox, Einhorn & Co., Inc., Widmann & Holzman, Magnuss & Co., Pohl & Co., Inc., Nelson, Browning & Co., Seasongood & Mayer, and Charles A. Hirsch & Co., Inc., all of Cincinnati. This account bid a price of 100.36 for 1½s, a basis of about 1.70%. The sale consisted of \$1,200,000 bridge revenue refunding bonds, Steubenville-Weirton Bridge, due \$90,000 annually from 1941 to 1948 incl. and \$480,000 in 1950; also \$1,950,000 bridge revenue refunding bonds, East Liverpool-Chester Bridge, due \$125,000 annually from 1941 to 1948 incl. and \$950,000 in 1953. Successful group re-offered the bonds from a yield of 0.40% to a dollar price of 100.50. Further details of the bonds, including provisions for redemption of the obligations prior to stated maturity dates, will be found in—V. 151, p. 884.

In connection with the award, it was reported that an offer of 100.40 for 1½s was rejected because of a technicality in the bid. This tender was submitted by a group composed of Banc Ohio Securities Co., White, Weld & Co., Otis & Co., Braun, Bosworth & Co., Hill & Co., VanLahr, Doll & Iphording, E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., and Edward Webster Stokes & Co. A group embracing Harris, Hall & Co., Stone & Webster & Blodgett, Inc., Field, Richards & Co., Hawley, Huller & Co., Milwaukee Co., Paul H. Davis & Co., Fahey, Clark & Co., Lowry, Sweny, Inc., and Martin, Burns & Corbett, bid 100.39 for \$1,950,000 2s and \$1,200,000 1½s. Another offer of 100.0499 for \$1,950,000 2s and \$1,200,000 2½s, was made on behalf of Lazard Freres & Co., Lehman Bros., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc., McDonald-Coolidge & Co., R. W. Pressprich, J. C. First of Michigan Corp., Paine, Webber & Co., Schwabacher & Co., J. J. B. Hillard & Son, William J. Mericka & Co., Alfred O'Gara & Co. and V. P. Oatis & Co.

PERKINS TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sandusky), Ohio—BOND ELECTION—At the November general election the voters will be asked to authorize an issue of \$78,000 building bonds.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron), Ohio—BOND OFFERING—W. B. Wynne, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until noon (EST) on Sept. 13, for the purchase of \$425,000 not to exceed 6% interest refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1940. Denoms, as specified by County Auditor. Due \$85,000 annually on Oct. 1 from 1945 to 1949, incl. Principal and interest (A-O) payable at the County Treasurer's office. Final approving opinion will be furnished at expense of the county. Each bid must be on the basis of Akron delivery. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

TOLEDO, Ohio—BOND OFFERING—Rudy Klein, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until noon on Sept. 10, for the purchase of \$958,619 3% coupon or registered deficiency bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000, except one for \$619. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$192,619 in 1947, \$192,000 in 1948 and 1949, and \$191,000 in 1950 and 1951. Bidders may bid for a different rate of interest in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Principal and interest payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York. No bids for less than par and accrued interest to the day of delivery will be accepted. Bonds to be delivered to the purchaser at Toledo. All proceedings incident to the proper authorization of this issue will be taken under the direction of a bond attorney whose opinion as to the legality of the bonds may be procured by the purchaser at his expense. Enclose a certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to order of the Commissioner of the Treasury.

(Above issue is in addition to the \$37,000 park bonds also to be sold on Sept. 10, as reported in—V. 151, p. 1175.)

ACCEPTS EXCHANGE OFFER ON \$645,000 BONDS—The City Auditor has made arrangements with Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc. of Toledo and associates to refund at a lower rate a total of \$645,000 bonds maturing in 1940 and bearing an average rate of 3.21%. The bonds are being exchanged and will not be offered.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS (P. O. South Euclid), Ohio—BOND OFFERING—W. A. Horky, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until noon (EST) on Sept. 13, for the purchase of \$436,500 3½% series 1940-A refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1940 and due Oct. 1 as follows: \$55,000 in 1942; \$55,000 in 1943; \$54,000 in 1944; \$55,000 in 1945; \$54,000 in 1946; \$55,000 in 1947; \$54,000 in 1948 and \$55,500 in 1949. Bidder may name a different rate of interest provided that fractional rates are expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. These bonds can only be sold at an interest rate less than 4%. The proceedings have been taken under the supervision of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland, whose approving opinion may be obtained by the purchaser at his own expense. A certified check for 2% of the issue must accompany each proposal. Conditional bids will not be accepted. Issue will refund certain bonds which will mature by call on Oct. 1, 1940.

OKLAHOMA

GUTHRIE, Okla.—BONDS DEFEATED—The City Clerk states that the voters turned down the proposal to issue \$30,000 in swimming pool and construction bonds at an election held on Aug. 20.

VINITA, Okla.—UTILITY COMPANY PURCHASE CONTEMPLATED—Public Service Co. of Oklahoma in the next 45 days will prepare an inventory of its Vinita property. After this report is submitted Oct. 5, three appraisers will be appointed and the City Council will thereafter decide whether to purchase the company's system or proceed with construction of a competitive system for which the current would be purchased from the Grand River Dam Authority, operating \$24,000,000 hydro-electric plant on Grand River. Sale of a \$160,000 bond issue, authorized at recent special election, will be delayed until the City Council has reached a decision. The bond issue was defeated at two elections.

OREGON

GRANTS PASS, Ore.—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Sept. 5, by the City Auditor, for the purchase of \$25,750 street and sewer bonds.

LANE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15 (P. O. Springfield), Ore.—BOND OFFERING—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Oct. 15, by the District Clerk, for the purchase of \$100,000 building bonds, approved by the voters at the election held on July 23.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Collins View), Ore.—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Sept. 5, by Edith L. Scott, District Clerk, for the purchase of \$5,000 not to exceed 4% semi-ann. school bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 Sept. 1, 1941 to 1950. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office. The approving opinion of Teal, Winfree, McCulloch, Shuler & Kelley, of Portland, will be furnished. Enclose a certified check for \$100.

PRINEVILLE, Ore.—BONDS OFFERED—Sealed bids were received until 7:30 p. m. on Aug. 30, by J. E. Adamson, City Recorder, for the purchase of \$55,000 not to exceed 5% semi-ann. sewer bonds. Dated July 15, 1940. Denom. \$500. Due July 15, as follows: \$1,500 in 1943 to 1945, \$2,000 in 1946 to 1952, \$2,500 in 1953 to 1957, and \$3,000 in 1958 to 1965. Prin. and int. payable at the City Treasurer's office. The approving opinion of Teal, Winfree, McCulloch, Shuler & Kelley, of Portland, will be furnished. (This notice supersedes the offering report given in our issue of Aug. 24—V. 151, p. 1175.)

STAYTON, Ore.—BOND SALE—The \$10,500 semi-annual refunding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 151, p. 1175—were awarded to the First National Bank of Portland, as 2s, paying a price of 100.31, a basis of about 1.92%. Dated Oct. 1, 1940. Due \$1,500 on Oct. 1 in 1941 to 1947, inclusive.

PENNSYLVANIA

ALIQUIPPA, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED—Borough Council is reported to have authorized the issuance of \$120,000 bonds, as follows: \$75,000 street and sewers; \$40,000 park and playground equipment and \$5,000 park and playground purchase.

BUTLER, Pa.—BOND OFFERING—Philip O. Miller, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (EST) on Sept. 10 for the purchase of \$121,000 not to exceed 4% interest coupon city bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1950; \$20,000, 1951; \$30,000, 1952; \$40,000 in 1953 and \$21,000 in 1954. Registerable as to principal only. Bidder to name one rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and payable M-S. Bonds will be sold subject to approval of proceedings by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. Purchaser will be furnished with the opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the city. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to order of the city, must accompany each proposal.

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP (P. O. R. D. 2, Hollsopple), Pa.—BOND SALE—The issue of \$28,000 refunding bonds offered June 17—V. 151, p. 3701—was awarded to Phillips, Schmertz & Co. of Pittsburgh, as 2½s. Dated July 1, 1940 and due \$2,000 on July 1 from 1941 to 1954 incl. Callable in whole or in part on any interest date on or after July 1, 1945.

DEEMSTON (P. O. Fredericktown, R. D. 1), Pa.—BOND OFFERING—Otto Keys Jr., Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. (EST) on Sept. 7, for the purchase of \$17,000 refunding and improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1941 to 1943, incl. and \$2,000 from 1944 to 1947, incl. and to name one rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and payable M-S. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. Purchaser to pay for legal opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh, or other counsel satisfactory to the borough. A certified check for \$500, payable to order of the borough, is required.

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Imperial), Pa.—BONDS VOTED—Arthur D. Wilson, Supervising Principal, reports that an issue of \$70,000 building bonds was authorized by the voters at an election on Aug. 27.

HARMONY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Ambridge), Pa.—BOND OFFERING—C. Roy Kerr, Township Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (EST) on Sept. 11, for the purchase of \$16,000 coupon township bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1945 to 1950, incl.; \$2,000 in 1951 and \$4,000 in 1952 and 1953. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Sale of bonds is subject to approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. A certified check for \$500, payable to order of the township, is required. The approving legal opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder.

HUGHESVILLE, Pa.—BOND OFFERING—C. E. Stohler, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Sept. 7, for the purchase of \$7,500 3% borough bonds. Dated Sept. 3, 1940. Denom. \$100. Callable within one year from date of issue. No bid will be accepted at less than par and accrued interest.

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Large), Pa.—BOND OFFERING—W. Russell Bragg, District Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (EST) on Sept. 10, for the purchase of \$100,000 coupon building bonds. Dated June 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 1 from 1942 to 1961, incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Sale of the bonds is subject to approval of the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to order of the district, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder.

PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. R. D. No. 2, Jersey Shore), Pa.—BOND ISSUE DETAILS—The \$12,000 building bonds awarded in July to E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., as 3s, at a price of 100.60—V. 151, p. 589—mature July 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1943 to 1945, incl.; 1948 to 1950, incl.; 1953 to 1955, incl., and from 1958 to 1960, inclusive.

SUNBURY, Pa.—BOND OFFERING—Mary E. Holsapple, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. (EST) on Sept. 17 for the purchase of \$73,000 in 1½, 1¾, 2, 2¼, 2½, 3% or 3½ coupon, registerable as to principal only, refunding and improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1941 to 1954 incl. and \$3,000 in 1955. Bidder to name one rate of interest, payable A-O. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to order of the City Treasurer, is required. Bonds will be issued subject to the favorable legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

UNIONTOWN, Pa.—BOND OFFERING—E. H. Baker, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (EST) on Sept. 10 for the purchase of \$80,000 coupon revenue deficiency bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$8,000 on Nov. 1 from 1941 to 1950 incl. Bidder to name a single rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving legal opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Churchill of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder.

WEST POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stowe), Pa.—BOND SALE—The issue of \$22,500 building bonds offered Aug. 22—V. 151, p. 733—was awarded to Mackey, Dunn & Co. of Philadelphia, as 2 1/4%, at par plus a premium of \$152.78, equal to 100.678, a basis of about 2.18%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1941 to 1961 incl. and \$1,500 in 1962. Second high bid of 100.756 for 2 1/2% was made by Phillips, Schmertz & Co. of Pittsburgh.

RHODE ISLAND

CRANSTON, R. I.—NOTE OFFERING—William M. Lee, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (DST) on Sept. 5 for the purchase at discount of \$100,000 notes, dated Sept. 6, 1940 and due Sept. 5, 1951. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Notes will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank of Boston, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Best, Coolidge & Rugg of Boston. Payable at the Boston bank or at holder's option at the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON, S. C.—BOND CALL—It is reported that a total of \$2,500,000 port and terminal utility bonds are being called for payment as of Jan. 1, 1942, at the Bankers Trust Co., New York City. Dated Jan. 1, 1922. Due on Jan. 1, 1962; callable on Jan. 1, 1942.

SOUTH DAKOTA

ABERDEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Aberdeen) S. Dak.—BOND SALE—The \$100,000 issue of coupon semi-ann. building bonds offered for sale on Aug. 23—V. 151, p. 1029—was awarded at public auction to the First National Bank of Aberdeen, as 2s, paying a price of 100.176, a basis of about 1.98%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due on Sept. 1 in 1941 to 1953.

TENNESSEE

PULASKI, Tenn.—BOND SALE—The \$30,000 funding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 29—V. 151, p. 885—were awarded to Webster & Gibson of Nashville, as 2 1/4s, paying a premium of \$230, equal to 100.766, a basis of about 2.66%. Dated July 1, 1940. Due \$2,000 on July 1 in 1943 to 1957 incl.

SPRINGFIELD, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by C. Wells Burr, City Clerk, that he will receive sealed auction bids on Sept. 16, at 2 p. m., for the purchase of \$10,000 4% coupon semi-ann. city bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1, 1940. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 in 1941 to 1950 incl. No bid is to be for less than par and accrued interest. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required.

TEXAS

BEAUMONT, Texas—BOND ELECTION—The City Commission has set Sept. 10 as the date for an election to vote on the proposal to issue \$1,700,000 of revenue bonds to finance the construction of a municipally-owned gas distributing plant.

BIG SANDY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Big Sandy), Texas—BONDS SOLD—It is reported that \$25,000 4% semi-ann. school building bonds have been purchased at par by the J. R. Phillips Investment Co of Houston. Due on April 10 in 1941 to 1950.

CALALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Calallen) Texas—BONDS SOLD—The Superintendent of Schools states that \$30,000 4% semi-ann. construction bonds approved by the voters at an election held on June 8, have been purchased at par by Rauscher, Pierce & Co. of San Antonio.

CORPUS CHRISTI INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Corpus Christi), Texas—CONDITIONAL BOND SALE—It is stated by C. L. Cunningham, Business Manager of the Board of Education, that \$200,000 junior college bonds approved by the voters at the election held on Aug. 22, have been purchased by Moroney & Co. of Houston, subject to waiver by the State Board of Education, as 2 1/4s, at a price of 100.05.

It was stated subsequently that Charles B. White & Co. of Houston, were associated with the above-named firm in the purchase. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$16,000 in 1941, \$17,000 in 1942, \$18,000 in 1943, \$19,000 in 1944, \$20,000 in 1945 and 1946, \$21,000 in 1947, \$22,000 in 1948, \$23,000 in 1949, and \$24,000 in 1950. Prin. and int. payable at the State Treasurer's office. Legality approved by the Attorney General and W. P. Dumas, of Dallas.

FORT BEND COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Richmond) Texas—BOND SALE—The \$500,000 issue of Improvement bonds offered for sale on Aug. 19—V. 151, p. 1030—was awarded to McClung & Knickerbocker of Houston, and associates, as 1 3/4s, paying a premium of \$1,537, equal to 100.307, a basis of about 1.69%. Due \$50,000 on Sept. 1 in 1941 to 1950, incl.

PURCHASERS—It was reported subsequently that Elliott & Eubank, of Waco, James Stayart & Davis, of Dallas, R. K. Dunbar & Co., of Austin, and Mahan, Dittmar & Co., of San Antonio, were associated with the above named in the purchase of the bonds.

GALVESTON COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Dickinson), Texas—PRE-ELECTION SALE—It is reported that \$25,000 5% semi-annual tax and revenue bonds have been purchased by Louis Pauls & Co. of Galveston, at par, subject to an election to be held on Sept. 21. Denom. \$500. Due serially in not to exceed 25 years.

HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Houston) Texas—BONDS OFFERED—Sealed bids were received until Aug. 30, at 8 p. m., by John C. Preston, Secretary of the Board of Directors, for the purchase of \$250,000 combination tax and revenue bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due on March 1 in 1943 to 1970.

HARRISON COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Marshall) Texas—BONDS SOLD—The County Superintendent of Schools states that \$6,500 construction bonds approved by the voters on May 15, have been purchased by the County Permanent School Fund.

HILL COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Hillsboro) Texas—BOND SALE—The \$1,250 road bonds offered for sale on Aug. 12—V. 151, p. 734—were purchased by M. T. Davis of Covington, as 5s at a price of 101.00, according to the County Auditor.

McMULLEN COUNTY (P. O. Tilden) Texas—BOND SALE—The \$5,000 5% semi-ann. court house improvement bonds offered for sale on Aug. 24—V. 151, p. 734—were purchased at par by the Van H. Howard Co. of San Antonio, according to the County Judge.

MESQUITE, Texas—BOND DISPOSAL REPORT—It is stated by the City Secretary that the \$35,000 water works and sewer revenue bonds offered for sale without success on June 7, as noted here, are now being sold through Garrett & Co. of Dallas.

NACOGDOCHES, Texas—BOND SALE DETAILS—The City Secretary-Treasurer states that the \$15,000 airport bonds sold to R. K. Dunbar & Co. of Austin, as 3s, as noted here—V. 151, p. 1176—were purchased at a price of 100.10, and mature \$1,000 in 1941 to 1955, giving a basis of about 2.99%.

MIDLAND, Texas—BONDS SOLD—The City Secretary states that \$100,000 3% semi-ann. water system bonds were offered for sale on Aug. 27 and were awarded to Rauscher, Pierce & Co. of Dallas, paying a price of 101.289. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Due serially in 20 years.

ORANGE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Orange), Texas—BOND OFFERING—Sealed bids will be received until 3 p. m. on Sept. 5 by Hunter Beatty, President of the Board of Trustees, for the purchase of \$125,000 school bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denomination \$1,000. Due March 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1941 to 1964, \$6,000 in 1965, \$8,000 in 1966, \$9,000 in 1967 and \$10,000 in 1968 to 1970. The district will pay all expenses incident to the issuance of the bonds. Bidders will be required to name the rate of interest in multiples of 1/4 of 1% and if split rates are proposed, not more than two rates shall be named. No bid

for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will be furnished. These are the bonds authorized at the election held on July 16. Enclose a certified check for \$2,500, payable to the above President.

PHILLIPS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phillips), Texas—BONDS OFFERED—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on Aug. 31 by A. O. Pickens, President of the Board of Trustees, for the purchase of \$120,000 3 3/4% coupon semi-annual building bonds. Dated Sept. 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 31, as follows: \$10,000 in 1941 to 1944 and \$8,000 in 1945 to 1954, optional Dec. 31, 1945. These bonds were authorized at an election held on July 31. Payable at the Amarillo National Bank, Amarillo. Purchaser to furnish legal opinion.

ROCHELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Rochelle), Texas—BONDS SOLD—The Superintendent of Schools states that \$26,000 construction bonds approved by the voters in March, have been sold.

ROGERS, Texas—BONDS NOT SOLD—The \$17,000 water system revenue bonds offered on July 22—V. 151, p. 286—were not sold, according to the City Secretary. The bonds are being offered for private sale. Due in 1941 to 1959 inclusive.

VERMONT

SHELburne (P. O. Shelburne), Vt.—BOND SALE—The \$28,000 coupon water bonds offered Aug. 27—V. 151, p. 1030—were awarded to the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, as 2s at par plus a premium of \$28, equal to 100.10, a basis of about 1.99%. Dated Sept. 1, 1940 and due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1942 to 1959, incl. and \$10,000 in 1960. Other bids:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes R. K. Webster & Co., R. L. Day & Co., First Boston Corp., Vermont Securities, Inc., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc., Ballou, Adams & Co., Howard National Bank & Trust Co.

VIRGINIA

NORFOLK, Va.—BOND OFFERING—It is stated by Charles B. Borland, City Manager, that sealed bids will be received until noon on Sept. 10 for the purchase of a \$572,000 issue of 3% semi-annual general refunding of 1940 coupon bonds. Dated June 1, 1940. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$57,000 in 1953 to 1961 and \$59,000 in 1962. The bonds are registerable as to principal only. Bidders are required to bid for all of the bonds. Prin. and int. payable in lawful money at the Chase National Bank, N. Y. City. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt, Washburn & Clay, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser. The bonds will be delivered on or about Sept. 16 at place of purchaser's choice in New York City or Norfolk. Enclose a certified check for \$10,000, payable to the City Treasurer.

The \$572,000 of general refunding bonds now being offered are issued pursuant to Section 86 of the Norfolk Charter of 1918 and Chapter 153 of the Acts of 1940 of Virginia, and Chapter 267 of the Acts of 1936 of Virginia, and ordinances and resolutions duly adopted by the Council of the City of Norfolk, to refund a portion of \$858,000 of bonds created and issued before April 1, 1916, and maturing in 1940. The balance of \$286,000 of bonds not covered by this refunding were held in the sinking funds and have been canceled.

These general refunding bonds will, in the opinion of the bond attorneys, be valid and legally binding obligations of the city, payable as to both principal and interest from unlimited ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the city.

The issuance of these bonds will automatically impose upon the city the mandatory duty to conduct its fiscal affairs pertaining to the annual operating receipts and expenditures on a true cash basis. By the ordinances and resolutions under which these bonds are being issued, the City of Norfolk contracts with the bondholders to make up its annual budgets on a "cash basis" instead of on an accrual basis as has been the practice heretofore. In effect this new budgetary procedure prevents the city from estimating the amount of receipts from miscellaneous revenues for the ensuing year in amounts greater than the actual cash receipts of the preceding year from these sources, and also receipts from current and delinquent tax collections must be estimated at no higher a percentage of collection than was actually experienced in the preceding year. The cash appropriations in the budget must be within the cash receipts as so estimated.

WASHINGTON

GOLDENDALE, Wash.—PURCHASERS—It is now reported that the \$75,000 3 1/2% semi-ann. water system and sewerage revenue bonds sold at par, as noted here—V. 151, p. 1176—were purchased jointly by Paine, Rice & Co. of Spokane, and E. M. Adams & Co. of Portland. Due in 15 years, optional after 10 years.

WEST VIRGINIA

OHIO COUNTY (P. O. Wheeling) W. Va.—BOND SALE—The \$1,500,000 issue of 2 1/2% semi-ann. school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 23—V. 151, p. 886—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc. of Toledo, McGregor, Irvine & Co., H. K. Hastings & Co., both of Wheeling, Young, Moore & Co., Charleston, F. W. Craigie & Co. of Richmond, and Widmann & Holzmann of Cincinnati, for a premium of \$750, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 2.495%, to final maturity. Dated July 1, 1940. Due July 1, as follows: \$28,000 in 1942, \$29,000 in 1943, \$30,000 in 1944, \$31,000 in 1945, \$32,000 in 1946, \$33,000 in 1947 and 1948, \$34,000 in 1949, \$35,000 in 1950, \$36,000 in 1951, \$37,000 in 1952, \$38,000 in 1953, \$39,000 in 1954, \$40,000 in 1955, \$41,000 in 1956, \$42,000 in 1957, \$43,000 in 1958, \$44,000 in 1959, \$45,000 in 1960, \$47,000 in 1961, \$49,000 in 1962, \$50,000 in 1963, \$52,000 in 1964, \$53,000 in 1965, \$55,000 in 1966, \$56,000 in 1967, \$58,000 in 1968, \$60,000 in 1969, \$62,000 in 1970, \$64,000 in 1971, \$66,000 in 1972, \$68,000 in 1973, and \$70,000 in 1974. Denom. \$1,000. Bonds maturing on or after July 1, 1946, are redeemable subsequent to July 1, 1945, or on any interest payment date thereafter prior to maturity at the option of the County Board of Education upon the payment of the principal sum, plus any other unpaid interest thereon upon terms of par of the principal sum after notice as provided in a resolution of the Board dated July 11.

WISCONSIN

CHILTON, Wis.—PURCHASER—The City Clerk now reports that the \$65,000 sewerage system mortgage revenue bonds sold as 3 1/4s, at par, as noted here on June 22, were purchased by Gillespie & Wouters of Green Bay.

CANADA

CANADA (Dominion of)—NEW WAR LOAN OF \$300,000,000—MATURITY TO BE REFUND—The Dominion will float its second war loan for from \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 on Sept. 9. Terms of the loan have not been announced, but the rate of interest is not likely to exceed the 3 1/2% paid on the loan issued last January. In January only \$200,000,000 was asked, but it was oversubscribed so overwhelmingly that subscriptions were rationed. No difficulty is expected in raising \$300,000,000 now. Canada is paying a larger percentage of its war costs out of taxes than it did 25 years ago, but with war commitments for the present fiscal year already exceeding \$900,000,000, a Winter loan may be required as well as the issue in September.

In addition to the new money being raised in September, J. L. Ilsley, Minister of Finance, will refund a \$75,000,000 4 1/2% loan which will mature on Sept. 1.

HAMILTON, Ont.—NOTE SALE—An issue of \$200,000 1 1/4% Treasury notes was sold to Harrison & Co. of Toronto. Dated Aug. 7, 1940 and payable Nov. 7, 1940. Bankers previously purchased \$300,000 at the same rate, dated July 26, 1940 and due April 15, 1941—V. 151, p. 886.

JOLIETTE, Que.—BOND OFFERING—The City Treasurer will receive sealed bids until Sept. 3 for the purchase of \$74,500 3 1/4% or 4% improvement bonds, due serially in 20 years.