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## the financial situation.

Stock market conditions for a considerable time have been of such a character as to keep the Stock Exchange public constantly on the alert. Encouragement and disappointment as to the course and prospect of business have followed alternately one another, and in so quick succession that there has of late been scarcely any interim between a jump to the right and a jump to the left, being more than anything else like a refreshing reminder of the old story of Jack and Jill. Now, however, a new Administration has come upon the stage; one affording much more of promise a chance, it is hoped, for men of enterprise to use their brains and capital more freely. Added confidence is consequently felt in the future attitude of our courts and our officials towards investors, capitalists and men of large property and big brain. This, if realized, ought, at least after a few weeks, to help impart steadiness to the course of our markets and give a fresh start to business.

After so prolonged dulness and so many flutterings in the metal markets, a reaction was due. The start was a cut in iron and steel. Then came a reported throwing open of those markets. This was met by a cut in wages, made, as said above, by the Lackawanna Steel Company, which was looked on variously as to its outcome. If a general decline in wages has become inevitable on account of tariff reduction and other causes, the quicker it comes the sooner will trade begin to adjust itself to the new functions and conditions. By no means, however, are all manufacturers of steel and iron agreed upon the existence of any such necessity at present, or any excuse for a lot of miserable forebodings, the product in large part of over-vivid imagination.

An important development in the iron and steel market, Wednesday of the current week, would go far to strengthen that assumption-that is, that the cut in wages will not be general among steel manufacturers. Some say the disturbance in wages will go no further than it has. The development we refer to as likely to prove a corrective is the large order ( 101,000 tons of rails) put out Wednesday by the New York Central people, to be delivered before Aug. 1-which was placed as follows: Lackawanna Steel Co., 51,000 tons; United States Steel Corporation, 42,600; Algoma Steel Co., 5,400; Bethlehem Steel Corporation, 2,000. The Algoma Steel Company is a Canadian concern, and the rails secured from it will be laid on the lines of the Michigan Central in Canada. Aside from this rail order, it is said that other steel orders have been negotiated, and that the steel business is getting better. The "Iron Trade Review" reports that, while only a moderate amount of business has been developed recently, manufacturers are not showing the eagerness of past years to take orders.

Increase in the supply of labor, due to the very large addition to the immigration movement, may possibly have more bearing on the decline of wages here than has been hitherto acknowledged. We referred to the extreme activity of the movement last week, the report being, however, that the number disclosed would likely be much greater the current month, when officially compiled. Indeed, so great activity in the landing of immigrants as is now in progress has not been witnessed in New York for a long period. The
grand total for the last week of February was 12,350 individuals. The Fabre line officials said that their bookings covering the next few weeks would land at least 30,000 immigrants at this port, while all other lines report likewise heavy bookings. Of course, the body of arrivals now reaching America is from Italy and Austria-Hungary, and can have very little influence on the skilled labor market here.

Three events of this week have a more or less general bearing upon one another. These are the New York City bond sale, the report of the Cassidy-Merritt Joint Legislative Committee against changing the constitutional limit of indebtedness of the city, and the report of the Special Committee of the Chamber of Commerce which has been investigating the subject of rapid transit conditions in this city. The City bond sale was perhaps fully as satisfactory as could be expected under existing circumstances. The City offered $\$ 10,000,000 \quad 50$-year gold $4 \%$ bonds and received 136 bids for an aggregate amount of $\$ 43,068$,130. The award of the bonds was made at an average price of 101.57 , showing an interest basis of $3.93 \%$. This is not as good as the terms upon which the City borrowed money last November, when $\$ 12,000,000$ 50 -year 4 s were disposed of at an average price of $102.385 \%$, the interest basis being $3.89 \%$. This relatively small change in an adverse direction would not possess much significance except that it comes at a time when there are so many and such varied propositions for adding still further to the City's indebtedness.

All these propositions rest on the theory that the City's needs for improvements and more particularly for the building of additional rapid transit lines are so urgent that if under present constitutional limitations there is not sufficient margin left for the issue of more bonds to carry on such undertakings, then the limit should be removed or extended. There is a great diversity of opinion as to just what the margin of debt is at the present time. But be the margin large or small, the idea of those who favor the needed construction of additional subways is to extend it in such a manner that some further very considerable amounts of bonds could, at once, be legally put out. That is the purpose of the constitutional amendment which has already passed one Legislature and is now to be considered by the present Legislature, and which provides for the exclusion from the debt computation of all bonds issued for what aretermed self-supporting properties. While the Cassidy-Merritt Committee advises against the re-passage of the constitutional amendment enlarging the City's borrowing capacity in the way mentioned, a minority of the Committee does not join in the recommendation adverse to the amendment. This minority urges that in the event of the adoption of the amendment the City would have at its command $\$ 125,000,000$ additional for the building of new subways.

All the various "suggestions for creating a larger borrowing capacity do not, it seems to us, give sufficient consideration to the effect on the city's credit of further large additions to the debt. Even supposing that the City could profitably invest $\$ 100,000,000$ to $\$ 200,000,000$ in further subway construction, it would yet be a serious question whether the municipality should undertake the work and issue the bonds. The mere
size of a municipality's debt plays an important part in influencing the judgment of an investor in the matter of the price he should pay for the bonds or whether he should buy them at all. The debt now is of huge volume and the City is adding to it in a striking way from year to year. These increases will continue in the future even if the City does not lend additional aid in the building of subways. Hence, ordinary prudence suggests that the yearly additions should not be increased through the undertaking by the City of work that should more properly be left to the private capitalist under such safeguards and restrictions as would protect the interests of the public. Up to date $\$ 54,864,050$ of City bonds have been issued for rapid transit purposes and the total of the City debt is just that much larger than it would be if private capital had been called upon to provide the means.

The original venture of the City in that direction was doubtless fully justified because at that time there was serious question whether private capital could be got to assume the full risk, and furthermore the City was able to raise the money on much more advantageous terms than any combination of capitalists. It should not be forgotten that at first the City was able to place $31 / 2 \%$ bonds; no less than $\$ 43,700,000$ of rapid transit bonds issued by the municipality bear that rate of interest, and there are even $\$ 1,166,050$ of $31 / 4 \mathrm{~s}$ and $\$ 1,500,000$ of 3 s . Later borrowings of the City, however, in that way have been on $4 \%$ and $41 / 2 \%$ bond issues. To whatever we ascribe the cause, the City's credit is not as good as it used to be, and this fact alone imposes caution in putting out further municipal issues. Disregarding entirely temporary bond issues made in anticipation of the collection of taxes, the City in 1908 put out $\$ 62,500,000$ of corporate stock and assessment bonds (bearing 4 or $41 / 2 \%$ interest) ; in 1907 it similarly placed at public sale \$72,421,325 of new issues, bearing 4 or $41 / 2 \%$ interest, and in 1906 it placed $\$ 45,329,100$ of $4 \%$ issues at public sale. There is obviously a limit to the amount of bonds which the investment world will absorb even in the case of the best municipality and that these continued large issues year by year are operating against the price of New York City bonds does not seem open to question. Not only is the City's credit not as good as it was, but it is not as good as that of most substantial municipalities in various parts of the country. To bring out this fact, we have had the following statement prepared, showing the interest basis upon which twelve other municipalities have been able to place larger or smaller bond issues within the last two months. The sales in every case have been made since the first of January, and thus would seem to afford a correct guide to present conditions.

| Place Isxuting Bonds- | Date of Sate. | $t n t$. Rate. | Maturity. | Amount. | Interest Beafs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Worcester, Mass | Mrch. | $315 \%$ | 10-year | \$325,000 | $3.245 \%$ basia |
| Chelses, Indianapolts, |  | 315 |  |  | $3.329 \%$ basts |
| Burato. N | Feb. 5 | 4\% | 50-year | 600,000 500,000 | 3.409\% banls |
| St. Pau, | Feb. 23 | 4\% | 30-year | 400,000 | $3.775 \%$ basts |
| Kansis City | Jan. 11 | 4\% | 15-year | 250,000 | $3.776 \%$ bastg |
| Philadelph | Jan. 11 | $4 \%$ | 30-year | 1,500,000 | 3.785\% basts |
| Trenton, N | ${ }^{\text {Feb }}$ Feb 20 | $4 \%$ | 30 -year | 200,000 | 3.786\% basta |
| Montela | Feb, 20 | $4 \%$ | ${ }_{\text {cher }}^{\text {30-year }}$ (av.) | 266,750 186000 | 3,809\% basta |
| Utica, Rye, | Feb. 25 | 3.85\% | 10y-year (av, 203-year (av.) | 186,000 400,000 | $3.838 \%$ $3.84 \%$ basta basla |
| Jersey Cth | Jan. 15 |  | ${ }_{\text {40-year }}$ | 1,300,000 | 3.853\% basts |
| New Yorl | Mch. $2 \mid$ | 4\% | 50-year | 10,000,000 | 3.93\% parts |

The foregoing shows that New York City, with its $\$ 10,000,000$ issue of this week, stands at the foot of the list. It obtained its money on an interest basis of $3.93 \%$, while Jersey City in January placed $\$ 1,300$,-

000 of 4 s on a basis of $3.853 \%$; Rye., N. Y., in February borrowed $\$ 400,000$ on a basis of $3.84 \%$; Utica placed some bonds at $3.838 \%$ interest; Montclair, N. J., some at $3.809 \%$; Trenton some at $3.786 \%$; Philadelphia floated $\$ 1,500,000$ at $3.785 \%$; Kansas City and St. Paul some at 3.776 and 3.775 , respectively, and Buffalo obtained $\$ 500,000$ last month on a basis of $3.63 \%$. Indianapolis in January was able to float $\$ 600,000$ of $31 / 2 s$ at a slight premium, making the cost of the money $3.496 \%$. Two Massachusetts cities in the list, whose credit is unusually high, have also recently floated $31 / 2 \%$ bond issues, one on a basis of $3.329 \%$ and the other at $3.245 \%$.

Is there any good reason, other than the causes enumerated above, why, in the present glut of funds at the monetary centres, this city, the financial centre of the Western Continent should not be able to float its bond issues upon as favorable terms as the best situated of other municipalities? Under these eircumstances it is matter for gratification and relief that a majority of the Joint Legislative Committee should advise against extending the city's borrowing capacity through the pending constitutional amendment. The recommendation should carry the more weight as the Chamber of Commerce of this city recently adopted a resolution also declaring against the amendment.

At this juncture comes the report of the Special Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, which was appointed at the November meeting of the Chamber to investigate the conditions surrounding the question of the construction of rapid transit lines in New York City. Obviously, if it be unwise for the city to extend any further aid to subway building, some other means should be provided for giving the municipality the additional rapid transit routes of which it stands in such sore need. Private capital should be allowed to come in, but in what manner and upon what terms? The Chamber of Commerce Committee makes a number of helpful suggestions on this point. As the report is quite long and covers every phase of the question, it is impossible to furnish even an outline of its contents. We will refer here only to one suggestion, which strikes us as eminently wise as well as feasible. The Committee points out that there is no other city on the globe which shows such pressing need, and therefore such brilliant opportunities, for rapid transit; that there is no other city on the globe showing such spirit of enterprise and such ability in handling large financial propositions. Accordingly, it is argued that if, in spite of this, New York finds it diffieult, if not impossible, to secure additional adequate transportation facilities, it is evident that we must have created conditions which are fundamentally wrong and which must be radically reformed. The committee affirms that present laws make these undertakings unwise, either for municipal effort or private enterprise.

The recommendation which appeals particularly to us is that construction, equipment and operation of future subways be by private capital, with the option of the city to purchase, operation to be conducted upon specific terms of profit-sharing with the city in lieu of taxes and payment for franchise rights. The committee well says that the principle here advocated has accomplished the settlement of the aggravated conditions formerly existing between the sur-
face railway corporations in the City of Chicago and the citizens and their representatives in the city government. Under the agreements arrived at in that city, it is pointed out, the corporations have been enabled to obtain large amounts of new capital for the reconstruction and extension of their lines, and provision has been made for the future construction of subway lines, while the city has received in the first year of operation about $\$ 1,600,000$ as its share of the profits, without having incurred any obligations. The committee does not enter into the details of the arrangement, but particulars will be found in our "Electric Railway" Section in the statements of the Chicago City Railway Co. and the Chicago Railways Co. In brief, the city is allowed the right to purchase the lines upon certain terms and at certain figures; provision is also made for special compensation to the City of Chicago, this compensation, however, being payable only out of the surplus earnings of the companies after paying or providing for all operating expenses, including charges for maintenance and depreciation and $5 \%$ upon the valuation of the property at which it may be purchased by the city for municipal operation. Of the surplus earnings so remaining, the City of Chicago receives $55 \%$ and the companies $45 \%$. Why could not a somewhat similar arrangement be effected in this city? Of course, it would be an indispensable preliminary that the Public Service Commission Law be changed and that legal provision be made (in the words of the committee) "by which the security of the investment and a stated degree of return thereon cannot be jeopardized by changes to be made on the simple order of any Commissioners who may then happen to be in office."

Owing to recent declines in market quotations of Government bonds the future of such issues is regarded by bank holders thereof with misgivings. As the result of recalls of public deposits, for which such bonds were pledged, the sales of the released securities have caused these declines to unprecedentedly low figures - the $2 \%$ s of 1930 to 101, while the PanamaCanal $2 \%$ s were marketed by the Government at $11 / 2$ to $31 / 2$ points higher than the prices now obtainable. The effect upon banks, holders of these bonds, of their market depreciation may be judged by the fact that there are pledged for circulation and publie deposit over 600 millions of $2 \%$ shich have cost the banks that own them from 20 to 25 millions in excess of current prices. "Whether the future," says a recently issued bank circular, "will witness a restoration of the quotations which have prevailed for a number of years is a question of moment to those who invested at the higher prices and also one which con cerns the Treasury in its bearing upon a favorable market for future issues."

The maximum of public deposits was recorded Dec. 27 1907, when the amount of such funds in depositories was 260 millions; in the last fourteen months the deposits have been reduced by surrenders to nearly 60 millions. The large decrease in deposits has naturally adversely affected the price of bonds pledged for such deposits. The popularity of the $2 \%$ s of 1930 for circulation and deposits is shown by the fact that out of an issue of 646 millions, more than 555 1-5 are held by the Treasury for circulation, while of the Panama bonds, the issue of which aggregates 85
millions, nearly 60 millions are pledged for circulation. The $2 \%$ consols have also been attractive to banks as pledges for public deposits; there are now held for this purpose 42 millions and 11 millions of Panama twos. The circular says that "the use to which low interest bonds have been put in the past naturally stimulated the market for them, and now that such use, so far as depository accounts are concerned, is largely at an end for the time being, the artificial value so attached to them has almost disappeared."
Since the panic of 1907 circulation has been redundant and the Treasury has been compelled to maintain a large force with which to care for current redemptions. "This is a condition," says the circular, "which will pass away, and a more active and profitable use for bank notes may be expected. There is still a margin for the use of 300 millions in circulation accounts to be secured by bonds." But the consideration which might have a contrary effect relates to the means which Congress may employ to restore Treasury finances. The Government will probably face a deficiency of 135 millions at the close of the fiscal year; a large deficit will be shown in the succeeding year unless Treasury cash shall be replenished by the proceeds of bond sales. There may be issued under existing authorizations 45 millions of Panama bonds and possibly the authorized limit may be increased by 30 millions. Such prices, therefore, as were obtained for old issues are out of the question so long as present market conditions continue.

The rise this week in the rate for exchange at Paris on London to 25 francs $241 / 2$ centimes indicates the increasing demand, since such rate began to advance, by French bankers for investment in the British market. Moreover, these bankers are seeking investments in Germany, which seems to reflect the improvement in the relations between France and that country that has been manifested since the signing of the FrancoGerman agreement. Not only are French bankers investing in Germany but they are financing Berlin. This is regarded as an important movement for the reason that it will aid Germany in developing her resources, which have expanded so greatly as to cause her available capital to be barely sufficient to meet all her requirements. The establishment of cordial political relations between France and Germany and contributions by the former of financial aid seems to be a guaranty of peace in Europe. The influence of the German Emperor will doubtless be exerted to prevent a collision between Germany's ally, Austria, and Servia, and thus the menacing situation which has been so disturbing will be dispelled.

The Bank of England secured the whole of the 5 million dollars of Cape gold that was offered in London on Monday and though the price of the metal is maintained at the minimum of 77 shillings 9 pence per ounce, it seems probable that the bulk of future consignments will be obtained. The Bank and the market, however, have use for all the gold that is procurable. After the experience of last year, when London was responding to the demands of almost every other nation for gold, British bankers are more or less inclined to be conservative in their operations in securities. Hence they are selling instead of buying Americans and seeking investments elsewhere.

The general business situation as measured by the volume of mercantile transactions in February, or by the financial operations, such as dealings in bonds or speculation in stocks, continues much more favorable than at the same time a year ago, but not as satisfactory as for the corresponding period of 1907. Our compilation of bank clearings for February and the two months since Jan. 1 1909, to be found on the first page of this issue, warrants that statement. By studying the compilation one quiekly discerns how very general have been the gains compared with a year ago, only 25 of the 125 cities there represented recording any losses, and those, on the whole, unimportant. In fact, the declines, where shown, are due in a number of instances to the loss of one business day this year compared with last year, or other locallyoperating eauses. The January statement exbibited a gain in the aggregate of $23.4 \%$ over the same period of 1908; that for February is more satisfactory, the inerease being $28.2 \%$, notwithstanding the loss of one business day.

Stock and bond transactions have been an important element this year in the making of bank exchanges, the greater activity prevailing on the New York Stock Exchange now than in 1908 in particular being reflected in the clearings. Not only does the demand for bonds continue active, and this has been a feature for some months, but the dealings in stocks have latterly shown important augmentation as compared with a year ago. But at times increase in activity has been at the expense of values; this was notably so in the closing week of February, when, on quite important transactions, there was a pretty general decline in priees, with many issues of both stocks and bonds reaching the lowest point since the opening of the year. Since then, however, the losses have been in great measure recovered, but the market has been less active as a rule. On the New York Stock Exchange the February transactions in stocks reached a total of $12,337,199$ shares, and for the two months of 1909 were $29,612,699$ shares; in 1908, the result for the month was $9,839,706$ shares, and for the two months 26,434 ,601 shares. In 1907, 1906 or 1905 , and even as far back as 1901, however, there was greater activity, and consequently a larger volume of transactions than now. Bond dealings, on the contrary, are of decidedly record proportions. They reached in February 111 millions of dollars, as against 57 millions in the month a year ago, and for the two months were respectively 249 millions and 148 millions. As indicating the greater effect of stock and bond transactions on clearings this year than last at this city, we have merely to state that the approximate actual value of all the seeurities dealt in at the Exchange was for the two months of 1909 about 1 billion dollars more than for the same time in 1908. At Boston 1,251,741 shares were dealt in this yem in February, and the total for the two months was $2,278,939$ shares; these compare with 628,992 shares and $1,806,143$ shares respectively in 1908. Bonds were very much more largely dealt in this year than in 1908.

As remarked above, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country for February shows an increase of $28.2 \%$ over the month of 1908 , but compared with the similar period of 1907 there is a loss of $4.8 \%$. For the two months this year's total exceeds that of last by $25.5 \%$, and the decline from two years ago is
$5.9 \%$. Outside of New York the exhibit is not quite so decidedly favorable, but at the same time the gain recorded, as contrasted with 1908, is $12.6 \%$ for the month and $11.9 \%$ for the two months, with the decreases from 1907 reaching $2.8 \%$ and $3.8 \%$ respectively. So many individual cities exhibit conspicuous gains that special reference to them seems superfluous, therefore we shall merely advert in passing to the various sections into which our compilation is divided. It will be observed that, due largely to the important gain at New York, the greatest percentage of increases over 1908 for both the month and since January 1 are found to be in the middle section, they being $35.9 \%$ and $31.5 \%$ respectively. The new England group recorded an excess of $17.8 \%$ for the month and $14.7 \%$ for the two months, the increases in the Middle West were $14.2 \%$ and $14.7 \%$ respectively, and on the Pacific Slope were $13.2 \%$ for February and $13.7 \%$ for the period since January 1 . The "Other Western" Section showed a gain of $14.7 \%$ for the month and $12.2 \%$ for the two months, and for the South the percentages of augmentation were $10.1 \%$ and $10.7 \%$.

Canadian bank clearings also make a very favorable showing for the month, which is shared in quite generally. In fact, only one city exhibits a decrease and that in great measure accounted for by the one less business day. The aggregate for February, at \$331,058,588 , records a gain over the corresponding month of 1908 of $22.0 \%$ and for the two months the gain reaches $17.3 \%$.

Continentai cotton manufacturers, in common with those in Great Britain, experienced in 1908 a season of considerably reduced profits. At least that is the conclusion forced upon us by a study of the reports of a number of leading German and Austrian corporations. Almost without exception the returns we have received show a marked diminution in profits and a consequent decrease in the rate of dividend distribution, and in some instances actual loss from operations is indicated. We have no general compilation covering a large number of establishments in either country and to refer specifically to each return at hand would require too much space. So we shall make reference to only a few of the important companies, taking their results as indicative of the industry as a whole. The Augsbing Power Spinning and Weaving Co. reports a net profit for 1908 of $1,491,803$ marks $(\$ 373,000)$, against $1,787,668$ marks ( $\$ 447,000$ ) in 1907, and the further statement is made that orders on hand are sufficient to keep the mills running until June next. But as prices are not very good, profits will be much less than in 1908. The exhibits by other establishments are quite in line with the foregoing, the showing by a few being as follows: Kempten Spinning \& Weaving Co., net profit in 1908 having been 576,816 marks, against 674,459 marks in 1907; Augsburg Worsted Co., 497,701 marks, against 769,401 marks; Kolbermoor Spinning Co., Munich, 402,982 marks, against 402,280 marks; Power Weaving Co., Muhlbach, 157,018 marks, against 432,319 marks, and Saxony Worsted Spinning Co., Hathau, 310,364 marks, against 533,930 marks. On the other hand, and, of course, very much the exception, the Bayreuth Spinning \& Weaving Co. showed increased profits in 1908, the comparison being between 630,164 marks
and 507,758 marks in 1907. But in some cases actual losses were recorded, as for instance the Moritz Ribbert Co., Hohenlimburg, with a loss of 481,374 marks in 1908, against a profit of 107,604 marks in 1907, and the Power Weaving Co., Augsburg, a loss of 72,225 marks, against a profit of 111,058 marks. As regards the current year, advices are quite generally to the effect that orders booked will cover nearly six months' operations, but they are not on a very profitable price basis.

Commercial failures exhibits continue clearly to reflect improvement in mercantile and industrial affairs this year as compared with a year ago. At the same time the disasters, both as regards number and aggregate of liabilities, are yet rather above the normal. The February 1909 showing, moreover, in the matter of liabilities covered is less favorable than that for the preceding month, due entirely, however, to one large failure at the South. That failure, in fact - we refer to the placing of the Birmingham Coal \& Iron Co. in receiver's hands-accounts for one-third of the month's total indebtedness. And if with that $51 / 2$ millions of dollars we include the $11 / 2$ million liabilities of a large Western brokerage house (Lamprecht Bros. \& Co., Cleveland) and the upwards of 2 millions represented by two failures in the shoe trade, we have four disasters covering approximately 9 millions of the February 1909 failed indebtedness. Thus there is left only $73 / 4$ millions as representing the liabilities of the remaining 1,101 failures, or an average of only $\$ 7,029$ per failure. And this low average, which is below the normal of former years, is a feature of the February 1909 returns, indicating as it does a large preponderance of small merchants or traders among those who have been forced into bankruptcy.
Comparing February of this year with the same month of 1908 , the showing is of course very favorable. As against failures to the number of 1,621 , with liabilities of $\$ 27,064,471$, in the month of last year, Messrs. R. G. Dun \& Co, make the current February totals 1,105 and $\$ 16,734,813$. The bulk of the failures as regards amount of liabilities in the month this year was in manufacturing branches, but notwithstanding the large iron failure at the South, referred to above, the total indebtedness represented was only $\$ 8,161,384$, against $\$ 12,011,375$ in February 1908. A somewhat similar comparison is to be found in trading branches, the $\$ 6,410,597$ liabilities in February of the current year contrasting with $\$ 8,672,143$ for the same period a year ago. Among brokers, transporters, \&c., moreover, the 1909 exhibit is distinctly satisfactory when placed alongside of that for February 1908, debts of failed concerns aggregating but $\$ 2,162,832$, against $\$ 6,381,053$. The showing this year is, of course, especially satisfactory as regards suspensions of banking institutions. After the very heavy liabilities represented by the suspensions in January 1908, the $\$ 1,654,824$ involved by the failures in February of that year seemed a distinctly unimportant amount, But even compared with that small total, the financial bankruptcies of February this year were insignificant.

For the two months of 1909 the mercantile disasters numbered 2,576 , with liabilities of $\$ 30,742,898$, against 3,570 and $\$ 54,164,085$ in the like period of 1908 , These totals were made up of 525 , with liabilities of $\$ 13,964,117$ in the manufacturing industry this year,
as compared with 795 and debts of $\$ 22,278,462$ in 1908; 1,982 trading failures with liabilities of $\$ 13,607$,425 in 1909, against 2,643 and $\$ 22,156,150$ a year ago, and other bankruptcies numbering 69 with liabilities of $\$ 3,171,356$ this year, contrasted with 132 and \$9,729,473 in 1908. Among banks and other financial institutions the casualties in the two months of 1909 were only 15 , involving $\$ 1,000,000$, whereas in the like period of 1908 the number reached 52, with indebtedness of $\$ 63,221,259$. It should be stated, however, that in many instances last year the embarrassment of the banks was only temporary, business being resumed within a very short time. Yet the comparison as presented above quite clearly and foreibly depicts the relative situation in the two years.

That railroad earnings are improving as compared with the small totals of a year ago is evident by the return of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. for the month of January, submitted the present week. This shows an increase on the lines directly operated East of Pittsburgh and Erie of $\$ 657,500$ in gross and of $\$ 252,400$ in net and on the lines West of Pittsburgh and Erie of $\$ 600,400$ in gross and $\$ 208,800$ in net. In other words, for the combined Eastern and Western lines the gross is $\$ 1,257,900$ better than in January last year and the net $\$ 461,200$ better. Lest, however, the mistake be made of thinking that there has been a full recovery of what was lost last year, it seems desirable to point out that the return for January 1908 showed for the combined lines a falling off of no less than $\$ 3,673,200$ in gross and of $\$ 1,248,500$ in net. In the following we furnish a six-year comparison of the earnings of the lines East of Pittsburgh, being the only portion of the system for which we have the data for such a comparison.


The bank statement of last week reflected the derangements incident to the surrender of public deposits and the preparations for the disbursement of March interest and dividends, though such events were less disturbing than had been expected. Average loans were contracted $\$ 3,139,700$-those of trust companies and State banks not reporting to the Clearing House, however, decreased $\$ 17,736,700$. The actual reduction in bank loans was $\$ 5,360,700$. Average deposits decreased $\$ 4,791,200$; actual deposits fell off $\$ 10,663,100$. The ayerage eash loss was $\$ 862,900$; the actual decrease was $\$ 4,967,800$. Average reserves were increased $\$ 334,900$; there was an actual decrease of $\$ 2,302,025$, to $\$ 13,345,850$. Computed upon the basis of deposits less those of $\$ 2,487$,600 public funds, the surplus was $\$ 13,967,750$.

The market for money was easy last week. Though the payments of about 80 millions for dividends and interest began on Monday, perhaps necessitating some calling of loans, the supply of funds appeared to be ample and day-to-day money was only fractionally higher than the maximum recorded in the previous week. There seems to have been brought into the market trust company and near-by interior funds
which were freely offered during the remainder of the week, and, presumedly, considerable amounts of money that was disbursed for interest was promptly re-deposited, thus contributing to the easy tone. Fixed-date funds were also easier and especially for long maturities; one notable feature was the loaning of twelve months' money at $33 / 4 \%$, a concession of $1 / 4$ of $1 \%$ compared with previous rates. Four to six months' loans were negotiated at $3 \%$ and offerings were quite liberal. Commercial paper continues to be sought for investment by banks and other institutions and the supply is below the normal.

Money on call, representing bank and trust company funds, loaned at the Stock Exchange during the week at $21 / 2 \%$ and at $11 / 2 \%$, averaging about $2 \%$; the above minimum was quoted by all lenders. Time loans on good mixed Stock Exchange collateral were procurable at $21 / 2 \%$ for sixty and $23 / 4 @ 3 \%$ for ninety days, though recorded business was small; some loans were placed for four to six months at $3 @ 31 / 4 \%$, but the inquiry was chiefly for contracts maturing at the end and over the year, which were quoted at $31 / 2 @ 4 \%$. Commercial paper ruled at $31 / 2 @ 33 \%$ for sixty to ninety-day endorsed bills receivable, 33\%@4\% for choice and 4@41/2\% for good four to six months' single names.

The Bank of England rate of discount remains unchanged at $3 \%$. The cable reports discounts of sixty to ninety-day bank bills in London 21/8@21/4\%. The open market rate at Paris is $11 / 4 \%$ and at Berlin and Frankfort it is $21 / 2 \%$. According to our special cable from England, the Bank of England gained $£ 333,649$ bullion during the week and held $£ 38,211,311$ at the close of the week. Our correspondent further advises us that the gain was due wholly to purchases in the open market, the shipments to the interior of Great Britain exceeding the imports. The details of the movement into and out of the Bank were as follows: Imports, $£ 979,000$ (of which $£ 668,000$ bought in the open market, $£ 200,000$ imported from Germany and $£ 111,000$ from miscellaneous sources); exports, nil, and shipments of $£ 645,000$ net to the interior of Great Britain.

The foreign exchange market was strong this week, especially for short sterling. The tone was influenced by selling of American securities in London, much of which, however, was traced to operations directed by local bankers through the cable. Part of the advance in rates was attributed to efforts by the recently organized combination dealing in exchange to cover oversold bills that had been drawn during the previous week in order to effect manipulation of the market. After the desired cover had been obtained, the tone became quiet, though firm. Speculative operations in exchange diminished in volume towards the middle of the week, but expectations of their resumption had a deterrent influence upon legitimate business. London continued to be a seller of active American stocks, thus contributing to the demand for remittance. Commercial bills were promptly absorbed and the market was kept bare of bankers' drafts, naturally causing the maintenance of a firm tone. Discounts abroad, except at Paris, are somewhat higher than are money rates for corresponding periods here, and this relative monetary condition is an important factor promotive
of higher exchange. On Friday there was a sharp advance to the best figures of the week and year, caused by a demand for remittance and a paucity of bills for Saturday's and next week's mails; though rates were at the gold-export point to London, it was regarded as unlikely that the metal would be shipped.

Compared with Friday of last week there was a decline on Saturday of 20 points for long sterling to $48520 @ 48525$ and an advance of 5 points in cables to $48790 @ 48795$, while short was unchanged. On Monday long rose 35 points to $48555 @ 48560$, short 10 points to $48755 @ 48760$ and cables 5 points to 48795 (a) 48 . On Tuesday long was 5 points higher at $48560 @ 48565$, short 5 points at $48760 @ 48765$ and cables were unchanged. On Wednesday long fell 10 points to $48550 @ 48555$ and cables 5 points to 48790 (a4 4795 , while short was unaltered. On Thursday long advanced 20 points to $48565 @ 48575$, short 10 points to $48765 @ 48775$ and cables 10 points to $48795 @ 48805$. On Friday long rose 15 points, 25 for short and 30 points for cables.

The following shows daily posted rates for sterling exchange by some of the leading drawers.

|  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} R \pi . \\ F i \pi .20 . \end{array}\right\|$ | Mon. |  | Wec... Mch. | Thurs: | 3ten |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brown | 60 day | 86 |  |  | 80 |  | 819 |
| Kidder, Pea | 60 days |  | so |  | $8{ }^{5}$ | 80 |  |
| body e CO |  | $4881 / 2$ | $883 / 6$ | 8815 | 8815 | 854 |  |
| North Amer | Sitht. | 885 |  | 885 | 8515 | $1 / 2$ | 881/2 |
| Bank or | 60 uays | 8016 | s8 |  |  |  |  |
| Canagtan Bank | 60 day | 486 | 86 |  | 80 | 86. | 86 |
| Combuerce | mit.- | 4. $8851 / 2$ | 88\% ${ }_{86}$ | 13 | 881/2 | $88 \%$ | 815 |
|  | 60 days | 48 | 91/ | 5 | S/2 | 41/2 | ${ }_{99}$ |
| Lilinaid | 60 day | 485 |  |  |  |  | $1{ }^{1 / 2}$ |
| Merchants Ban | 60 days |  | S\% | $80^{\circ}$ | 86 | $88^{85}$ | 881 |
| of Canida... | sight.. | $4885 / 2$ | 851/2 | 883/5 | 881/2 | 851/2 | 8812 |

Rates for exchange on Friday were $48580 @ 48590$ for long, $48790 @ 488$ for short and $48825 @ 48835$ for cables. Commercial on banks $48550 @ 48560$ and documents for payment $4843 / 4 @ 4855 / 8$. Cotton for payment $4843 / 4 @ 485$, cotton for acceptance 48550 @4 48560 and grain for payment $4851 / 2 @ 485 \%$.

The following gives the week's movement of money to and from the interior by the New York banks.

| Wrek enting March 51909. | Recotived by <br> N. Y. Bannks. | Shtpped by N. Y. Banks. | Net Intertor Mocement. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Curten <br> Gold | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 0,575,000 \\ 1,046,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 3,193,000 \\ & 1,109,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Guin } \\ & \text { Galn } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 3,382,000 \\ 557,000 \end{array}$ |
| Total gold and legat tender | \$8,221,000 | \$1,302,000 | Ginin | \$3,919,000 |

With the Sub-Treasury operations the result is as follows.

| Week enting Murch 51009. | Inta Banks. | Out of Banks. | Nee Change in Banc Holatnos. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bantost Intertor movement, as above. Sub-Treasury cperations. | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 8,221,000 \\ & 30.007 .000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 4.302,000 \\ & 31,009.000 \end{aligned}$ | GaIn Loss | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 3,319,000 \\ 402,000 \end{array}$ |
| Total gold stad legn tender | \$38,828,000 | \$35,311,000 | Gain | $83,517,000$ |

The following table indicates the amount of bullion in the principal European banks.

| Banks of | March 41909. |  |  | March 51908. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Gold. | Sluer. | Totat. | Gold. | Slueer. | Totat. |
| Engtand | $38, \frac{2}{f} 11,311$ | L | $38,211,311$ |  | $\Sigma$ |  |
| Franco | 144,903.843 | 35,526, 228 | 180,420,771 | 110,348,260 | 36.153 .880 | 146,504 |
| Germany | 41,808,150 | 11,999,400 | 23,807,550 | 34,011,000 | 12,580,000 | 46,391,000 |
| Russta. | 121,771.000 | 7,788,000 | 120,559:000 | 116,072.000 | 6.170,000 | 122,241,000 |
| Aus-Hum. | 51,302,000 | 12,804,000 | 64,196,000 | 46,475,000 |  | 69,097,000 |
| Spata Itaty | 15,400,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 32,602,000 \\ & 4.634000 \end{aligned}$ | $48,462,009$ $42,535,002$ | $15,720,000$ $36,591,000$ | $26,080,000$ $4,600,000$ | 41,812000 $41,191,000$ |
| Netinands | 9,579:000 | 4.087,800 | 13,666,800 | 7,602,000 | 4,370,000 | 12,002,500 |
| Nat, Betg.d | 4,148,000 | 2,074,000 | 6.222,000 | 3,566,667 | 1,985,933 | 5,950,000 |
| Sweden | 4,342,800 |  | 4,342,800 | 3,003,000 |  | 3,908,000 |
| Swits'land | 4 4863,500 |  | $4,863.500$ $1,508,000$ | 3,334,000 |  | $3,334,000$ $1,500,000$ |
| Norway | 1,528,000 |  | 1,528,000 | 1.500,000 |  | 1,300,000 |
| Total week Prev week | $\begin{aligned} & 470,308,304 \\ & 478,780,568 \end{aligned}$ | $111,515,428$ $113,167,581$ | $587,823,732$ $501,948,099$ | $418,898.50$ $420,198.4$ | 04,566,7 | $\begin{aligned} & 523,465,220 \\ & 525,280,029 \end{aligned}$ |

## THE TREASURY.

To the financial community, the selection of a new Secretary of the Treasury is in many respects the matter of first importance in the appointments of a new Administration. Our experience of recent years has shown that no period is exempt from the peculiar difficulties and troublesome problems which surround that office; it has also shown that much of the welfare of financial markets depends on the qualities of the man at the head of the Treasury Department. Mr. Mac Veagh, Mr. Taft'sselection for his finance minister, has the prestige of a practical and successful business career, and a reputation for public spirit and broadmindedness. He is not a lawyer, like most of the other nominees for Cabinet positions, and he is not, like so many of our recent Treasury Secretaries, a banker. Experience has not taught, however, that a Secretary of the Treasury is handicapped by the mere fact of not having been engaged professionally in financial administration. It is a curious fact that the greatest of our Treasury Secretaries, those who surmounted most brilliantly the exacting problems of their day, were not professional bankers. Mr. Hamilton was a lawyer; Mr. Gallatin a college professor; Mr. Walker and Mr. Chase both lawyers, and Mr. Sherman had practically been in politics all his life. These are the five names which would be mentioned as the great successes of our history in Treasury administration.
That the situation with which Mr. MacVeagh will have to grapple presents a number of more or less awkward problems, every one is aware. The Treasury statement shows an excess of expenditure, for the eight completed months of the fiscal year, amounting to $\$ 86,361,980$. This, it may be observed, is larger than the deficit of the full twelve months in any previous year of our Treasury's history save in time of war. Nor is the deficit likely to decrease with the progress of the fiscal year. The Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, speaking in Congress on the question ave or six weeks ago, declared that by the end of the fiscal year, which runs to the 30th of June, the defieit will have mounted up to $\$ 125,000,000$; this week he raised his estimate to $\$ 150,000,000$. The Secretary of the Treasury has figured out, on the basis of existing revenue laws, a deficit of $\$ 143,000,000$ for the fiscal year 1910.
If this second prediction were to be fulfilled, the surplus funds in the Treasurer's hands would manifestly be exhausted before very many months, and recourse to public loans to meet the shortage would become inevitable. Fortunately, neither the conditions in Congress nor the condition of the statutes is such as to create the formidable difficulties which arose, under similar circumstances, during Mr. Carlisle's Treasury administration of 1894 . We have, at all events, the continuing authority for $3 \%$ certificates of indebtedness under the Spanish War Act, and it is reasonable to suppose that other and better facilities would be granted the Treasury by Congress in case of actual necessity.

There are, doubtless, troublesome possibilities in such a situation, but it is ensy to exaggerate them. We are not among those, for instance, who believe that an income tax will be seriously urged in any form during the extra session. On the other hand, we believe that if the readjustment of tariff duties is
undertaken with practical common sense, and on sound economic lines, such taxes may be made immensely more productive. The trouble with the Wilson Bill was that it did not adequately keep in mind this function of the tariff as a revenue producer. To strike off duties which are not prohibitive necessarily involves a loss, not a gain, in revenue; but it is equally true, as was shown in the first experience with the Dingley law, that to raise a duty from a mildly protective to a prohibitory basis equally dries up that much of the soturces of public revenue.

This part of the problem will devolve, not on the new finance minister, but on Congress. The opportunities of the new Secretary will arise in a larger field. He ought, for one thing, particularly under present circumstances, to demand insistently and plainly an intelligent provision for the meeting of public deficits. The United States is, at the present hour, the only important Government in the world which allows its exchequer no standing power to meet a shortage, temporary or otherwise, in Government revenue. The result of such a lack has been that at one time we have piled up indebtedness for years ahead to relieve what proved to be a temporary shortage, and that at another we have instantly clapped on such heavy new taxation that the deficit was turned, in the course of a few years, into an overflowing surplus, management of which presented difficulties quite as great as the financing of the deficit. We should be gratified if Mr. MacVeagh were able to impress on Congress and on the people a statesmanlike consideration of the whole problem of our growing expenditure. Europe is learning that this problem is to-day a consideration which its responsible finance ministers cannot neglect, even if they wish to do so.
We can conceive a Secretary, endowed with sufficient intelligence and force to accomplish much in the way of compelling improvement in another directionour loose and haphazard system of adjusting public revenue to public expenditure. Finally, the new Secretary's views will have an important bearing in the matter of a reorganization of the currency. That the Monetary Commission has entered on the preliminary work of its great problem with real enthusiasm, and with genuine purpose of effecting permanent and radical reform, every one who has kept in touch with its proceedings is aware. Sonator Aldrich, the head of the Commission, is eredited with the ambition to make his achievement in this regard rank with the epoch-making work of Sir Robert Peel in reforming the British currency. With the strong support which can be thus reckoned on in Congress, it would be strange if a vigorous and aggressive Secretary of the Treasury should not see the enactment of such legisIation either accomplished or brought within easy reach.

## THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

In its length and the ground covered, Mr. Taft's inaugural address resembles a special message. The expected extra session is announced for the 15 th, and confining it to the single subject of the tariff is suggested for the sake of making the least disturbance of business by uncertainty. It is a new statement, to which only one class of thinkers on the subject will give ready assent, that in making a tariff "the prime motive is taxation and the securing thereby of a reve-
nue." Inasmuch as taxation has been used, in several notable instances, for purposes which had nothing to do with revenue and were inconsistent with that, this suggests whether the indirect purpose of protection ought not, for the sake of popular information, to be expressed in the law.
Mr . Taft seems to confidently expect juster dealing with the Filipinos, for he says that "the direct effect of free trade between this country and the Philippines and South America will be marked upon our sale of cottons, agricultural machinery and other manufactures"; but in another paragraph is a mention of "the new tariff bill permitting free trade between the United States and the Archipelago, with such limitations in sugar and tobacco as shall prevent injury to the domestic interests in these products," de. Recalling the opposition, in the past, from the beet sugar interest, the practical difficulties in honestly fulfilling the first task to which the new Administration counts itself committed are evident.

Economy is urged, together with increased outlays which further extension of Government work involves. One direction is in navy enlargement, as the sole effectual guarantor of peace. But although the rest of the world keops on a war footing, how can we "be oursel ves in a similar condition" to theirs, since Providence has given us the defense of isolation which is denied to them? For example, the exigencies of war carried us politically into the East eleven years ago; it is untimely to inquire whether a wise practical statesmanship could be better employed than in seeking some feasible and honorable way of withdrawal from the colonial possessions and policy which were once deemed so foreign to the genius of democratic government?

The remarks concerning race prejudice are somewhat unusual, although natural after Mr. Tait has spent so much time in the South and has given so much attention to Southern problems. His indirect reference to the Charleston Collectorship case and his distinct expectations from industrial progress of the colored men will be accepted as sound and timely; for the work of Booker Washington and others laboring along the same line have shown that when the black man has won his industrial position and has thus made himself necessary, the problems of social and political status will quietly solve themselves.
The promise to maintain and enforce alleged reforms initiated during the past Administration had been foreshadowed, and it is placed at the beginning of the address. But it should be read in connection with the declaration immediately following that some further action is needed to free from alarm "those pursuing proper and progressive business metbods." The old admission that there may be some good combinations is made now by Mr. Taft, probably more seriously, in the remark that, the desired plan "must include the right of the people to avail themselves of those methods of combining capital and effort deemed necessary to reach the highest degree of economic efficiency."

Mr . Taft goes far in desiring, in respect to employers' liability, to substitute a new and easier thing for the common-law rule of contributory negligence. If this seems like a sop to labor unions, it is followed by the most positive statement as to injunctions, upon which he says "my convictions are fixed." Here there seems
to be speaking the experienced jurist, unshaken by all the agitations of recent years. The boycott he calls an instrument of tyranny; and his declaration that business is a property which can be protected by equitable injunction and that the change demanded by labor unions would make of them a privileged class could not be put in stronger terms.
The beginning of the new Administration is to be judged in connection with the tumultuousness and radicalism of the past four years. Time and sober reflection must qualify that, and lead to a reaction which is natural and therefore healthy. We must be content to wait for it, and to expect that such a judicial temperament and serious training in affairs will tend to conservative action. Certainly Mr. Taft is legatee of serious questions, and the earnest goodwill of sober-minded folk will go with him as he grapples with them.

## ANTICIPATION AND REALIZATION.

Early in the year 1908 there was a serious disagreement between the President of the United States and the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives as to the amount of money which ought to be provided out of the public funds for the inspection of railway accounts during the fiscal year ending with June 301909 (July 11908 to June 301909 inclusive). Professor Adams, for the Commission, under date of Jan. 31 1908, thought that an adequate performance of this work would require a force of 285 inspectors and clerks and that the annual cost would be $\$ 750,000$. Commissioner Harlan, on the other hand, suggested that in view of probably inevitable delay in the inauguration of the work, an appropriation of $\$ 500,000$ for the twelve months would be adequate. Subsequently the Commission gave tacit consent to the further reduction of the total for the first year to $\$ 350,000$.
The Committee on Appropriations, after a careful investigation of the plans in progress of formulation and a study of the conditions likely to attend their operation, concluded that all these estimates were excessive and that an allowance of $\$ 50,000$ would be entirely adequate. In the execution of its duty this committee, therefore, recommended that only the last-named sum be appropriated. The suggestion that the minimum estimate of the Commission be cut down raised an immediate and vehement protest from the radical regulationists. The views of the Commission itself were expressed by Chairman Knapp in moderate and dignified but unequivocal terms. Writing to Representative Townsend he stated that in the belief of the Commission $\$ 350,000$ was the smallest sum that would enable it to carry on this work during the year.

The ardor of the opposition to the Committee's action was much more fully expressed by the President of the United States, who promptly took up the contest for the maximum appropriation. His letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, written under date of April 30 1908, is a model of unstinted denunciation which should be printed in full. It was as follows:
"There is one matter connected with the Sundry Civil bill to which I should eall your special attention, and that is the cutting down of the appropriation asked
for by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, to carry into effect the twentieth section of the Hepburn law, to only $\$ 50,000$. In accordance with the request of the Committee on Appropriations, in carrying out the desire of the leaders of the House, the Inter-State Commerce Commission, instead of asking, as they originally asked, for $\$ 500,000$, which was the amount necessary in order to do the best work in carrying out the twentieth section, cut down the request to $\$ 350$,000, the very minimum under which the work can be done effectively at all.
"To provide only $\$ 50,000$ really amounts to making a sham appropriation. It would be better to repeal the twentieth section or suspend its operation for a year, for such a course would have the merit of frankness. I regard this twentieth section as containing one of the most important provisions of the Hepburn Act, and to refuse to provide means for carrying it on is equivalent to repealing for this year that section, and it would undoubtedly be so understood by the country at large. I feel that the Hepburn Act was one of the great pieces of legislation for which Congress, under your direction and guidance, has been responsible, and for which it has received such deserved credit.
"It would be from every standpoint a very real misfortune now to nullify one of the important provisions of that Act. The only people benefited would be the very worst of the big railroad men whose misdeeds we are trying to prevent or correct. The Commission has been at work with the railroads for two years preparing to put this section into execution through the means of a board of examiners. To refuse to give them $\$ 350,000$ (for to appropriate $\$ 50,000$ serves no purpose whatever) is to nullify completely these two years' work."

In re-printing the foregoing we have ventured to put in italics certain phrases expressed in plainly italic language.

The difference of opinion made evident by the foregoing speedily resulted in a debate in Congress and the press in which the more violent regulationists repeatedly echoed the suggestions of bad faith on the part of their opponents which had originated with the President's letter. Eventually Congress overruled the Committee on Appropriations and gave the Commission the entire $\$ 350,000$ for which it had asked.

Now for the sequel to this tempestuous episode. In seven months of the twelve for which $\$ 350,000$ was asked and appropriated the Commission has expended out of it but $\$ 41,53414$. In other words, after characterizing those who thought the smaller sum sufficient as working to benefit "the very worst of the big railroad men," as advocates of a "sham appropriation," as willing "to nullify" a fundamental part of a recently enacted statute, and as pursuing a course which had not "the merit of frankness," the extreme regulationists proved themselves wrong and their opponents right by spending little, if any, more than the latter had wished to provide.
This contrast between anticipation and realization affords an excellent illustration of the pitfalls which await those who habitually resort to the use of intemperate language and attempt to batter down all opposition by denouncing the motives of those with whom they disagree. The situation was excellently summarized in the discussion in the House of Representatives to which it led, on Feb. 23 1909, by Representative Mann, a member of the Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce. In part, Mr. Mann said:
"It was unfortunate that the President was led to believe by some one in his confidence that the InterState Commerce Commission could expend $\$ 350,000$ in this work during this fiscal year. The Commission, although they had first recommended over $\$ 700,000$,
although they had afterwards on consideration recommended $\$ 500,000$, to their credit, when they had in their hands $\$ 350,000$, proceeded in a logical and sensible manner, as the Committee on Appropriations had supposed, when they reported the bill a year ago, the Commission would proceed.
"It would seem that the Committee on Appropriations in reporting the bill a year ago had better knowledge of what the Inter-State Commerce Commission could do in this fiscal year than the Commission itself had. But the Commission, although their pride might have led them to expend this money in order that they could say that it had been expended; although they might have expended it with a wish simply of justifying their opinion, yet the Commission have not uselessly expended the money.
"There was no disposition, I take it, on the part of the Committee on Appropriations a year ago to hamper the Commission in the enforcement of that section.

It often happens that executive branches of the Government think they can expend more money. It is the duty of the Committee on Appropriations to ascertain what they think can be expended.
That committee and its members have the confidence of the House,
and I hope that after this proof of their correct prophesying they will have the confidence of the Chief Executive, who was wrong about the expenditures a year ago, and who ought to acknowledge now that the Committee on Appropriations knew more about the subject even than he did, although he accused them of 'sham recommendations.'"
The fact most significant of all in this veracious history is that through unwarranted clamor and baseless imputations of bad faith a majority of Congress was induced to overrule its responsible committee and to place at the disposal of executive officers a fund very much greater than could profitably or properly be expended in the public interest. In view of the current deficit in revenue the possibility of such an occurrence is fraught with grave potentialities.

## HOW BUSINESS DEPRESSION AFFECTED THE PENNSYLV ANIA RAILROAD.

It is characteristic of the Pennsylvania RR. that it should be distinguished for phenomenal results whether in a period of trade activity and advance or in a period of trade depression and retroaction. In point of traffic and earnings it is the largest railroad system in the country. Furthermore its lines gridiron the coal and iron districts, where the transition from prosperity to adversity, or the reverse, is apt to be most sudden and pronounced. At the same time, in its general traffic the Pennsylvania is in many respects typical of the country's trade and industries. For all these reasons its traffic and income results reflect and reveal in a pretty unerring way the course and changes in business conditions from year to year. If trade is progressing in a notable fashion, the Pennsylvania is certain to register corresponding expansion, and vice versa.
In the years preceding 1908 things were on an ascending scale, and nowhere was that fact more evident than in the returns of the Pennsylvania RR. The gains recorded year by year in this period were of marvelous and prodigious extent. In 1908, on the other hand, as shown by the report submitted this week for the calendar year, the experience was the precise reverse of this. That period of twelve months covers a period marked by paralysis and prostration of a kind and to an extent which has had few, if any, parallels in history. This is tantamount to saying that where
previously the Pennsylvania RR., furnishing such an excellent barometer of industrial conditions, had shown enormous gains, it now suffered equally striking losses. Every one conversant with the part played by the system in the country's economic fabric was, of course, prepared for a falling off of great magnitude. We doubt that any one imagined that the shrinkage in traffic and revenues would reach the proportions it actually did or that the setback would assume such extraordinary dimensions.
As a measure of the business reverses through which the country was obliged to pass in 1908, owing to the unfortunate condition of our railroad transportation lines, the figures to be found in the present report of the Pennsylvania RR. deserve to be placed on record and to be kept constantly in mind. With the idea that the country is entering on a new era of prosperity, and that trade depression is a thing of the past, a great many persons are already forgetting that there was a relapse and collapse. To such the Pennsylvania figures should prove a source of enlightenment. As already pointed out, the Pennsylvaniasystem is of vast earning capacity and hence the changes also are necessarily of great magnitude. Nevertheless the extent of the falling off in income sustained by this system during 1908 will to most persons, we are sure, appear astounding. The company's general income account deals only with the lines of the system directly operated east of Pittsburgh and Erie, comprising 3,862 miles of road. On this portion of the system the shrinkage in gross earnings was certainly very heavy, reaching no less than $\$ 28,515,954$. But the whole Pennsylvania RR. system east and west of Pittsburgh, including the lines controlled as well as operated, consists of over 11,000 miles ( 11,292 miles), and on this entire mileage the earnings for the twelve months of 1908 fell below the earnings for the twelve months of 1907 in the extraordinary amount of $\$ 52,446,722$. In other words, the lines of the Pennsylvania RR. earned only $\$ 274,338,803$ in 1908 , as against $\$ 326,785,525$ in 1907.
If any one at the beginning of the year had ventured to predict that the system would be called upon to endure a loss in income during 1908 of $521 / 2$ million dollars, he would have found no one inclined to give lodgment to the thought. We may go further and assert that if such a prediction could have found acceptance, very few persons would have believed it possible that the Pennsylvania RR. in that event could pass through the period without serious embarrassment, not withstanding its wonderful resources and strength. Yet, precisely this is what has happened in both particulars. We have alluded to the Pemnsylvania's previous expansion in revenues. The gains were of notable extent, and yet, large though they were, the increase in 1907 did not quite reach $\$ 31,000,000$, and the increase in 1906 was only about $293 / 4$ millions. Because of the tremendous contraction in 1908, the road has now been set back to about where it was in 1905.
Such results are certainly impressive and speak eloquently of the task with which the management was confronted of carrying the property through a period of such trying conditions with strength unimpaired. Yet the figures given pale into insignificance alongside those recording the shrinkage in the traffic movements. The passenger business,
all things considered, was on the whole remarkably well maintained, yet even here we find that on the combined lines $10,885,192$ less passengers were carried than in the preceding year, while the number of passengers moved one mile was reduced $300,606,845$. It is not, however, until we come to the freight movement that we get a real idea of the perfectly enormous shrinkage in business which occurred. The Pennsylvania RR. suffered a loss of over 103 million tons in its freight traffic, while in the number of tons moved one mile, which is the real measure of the transportation service rendered, there was a falling off in the gigantic amount of $85 / 8$ billion ton miles-in exact figures a contraction of $8,621,631,494$ tons. In ratio this last represents a decline of almost $25 \%$.
When one considers the causes of this unparalleled shrinkage-the fact that it was occasioned by political assaults on the rairoads and on corporations generally, so that enterprise was brought to a halt and new capital could no longer be obtained to carry on the reproduetive work so essential to the country's advance and development-it is not surprising that we should find in the remarks in the Pennsylvania report a dignified but forceful reference to the state of things which has been the source of all the trouble. It is gratifying, says President McCrea, to note that a more conservative spirit prevails both in the national and State legislatures in regard to the undue regulation of railroads, and that the tendeney is to defer further legislation until an opportunity has been afforded to ascertain the practical effect of the laws now in force. This, he urges, would certainly appear to be wise in the interest of the general public, since those who in good faith invest in such enterprises, and from whom the necessary eapital must be obtained to enable the railroads to furnish the facilities required for the accommodation of the public, cannot be expected to continue to make such investment unless they receive the same protection that is extended to the owners of other property. Mr. McCrea is entively accurate in his statement. The capitalist and the investor will not put money in railroad undertakings unless they can have assurance of adequate protection and be permitted to earn a fair return upon it, the same as investments in other classes of property.
As far as the Pennsylvania is concerned, the report makes it evident that, despite the tremendous losses sustained, it passed through this very trying period in a most creditable way. Mr. McGrea points out that the falling off in traffic and revenues necessitated a drastic reduction in expenses in all departments and compelled the discharge of many thousands of the company's employees and a material decrease in the hours of labor of many of those retained in the service. Obviously, with a loss of $521 / 2$ million dollars in gross earnings, speedy bankruptey must have ensued if expenses had not been most rigidly curtailed to meet the loss in traffic and income. It appears that against the $\$ 52,446,722$ decrease in gross there was a curtailment in expenditures in amount of $\$ 45,010,424$, leaving the loss in net $\$ 7,436,297$. How the reduced net for 1908 on the combined lines compares with the net for the years preceding 1907 eannot be stated, as taxes are now included in the expenditures where previously they appear to have been omitted. Of course the maintenance outlays were severely cut. There are no figures on this point for the whole 11,292 miles
of road, but taking the lines directly operated east of Pittsburgh and Erie, where a loss of $\$ 28,515,954$ in gross earnings was met by a decrease of $\$ 22,195,332$ in expenses, it appears that $\$ 10,372,544$ of the saving in expenses followed from a reduction in the cost of transportation and $\$ 11,696,689$ from a decrease in the maintenance expenditures.

Considering now the general income account of the company, the showing is in the highest degree gratifying. A good part of the rentals paid by the Pennsylvania is on a basis of net earnings, which means that as net earnings fall oft the rental payments diminish. It follows, therefore, that a portion at least of the loss in net income was offset by a diminution in the rental requirements. The company also had a further offiset in an increase in its income from investments. Nevertheless, after allowing for all these things, and deducting fixed charges, \&c., the available net income for 1908 was only $\$ 28,207,660$, as against $\$ 33,575,056$ for the calendar year 1907. The company, as will be remembered, reduced its semi-annual dividends from $31 / 2 \%$ to $3 \%$, making the year's dividend payments only $6 \%$, as against $7 \%$ in 1907, and involving a saving of, roughly, $31 / 8$ million dollars. This reduction of $1 \%$ in the dividends was adequate to all requirements. The company was able to make about the same contributions to the sinking fund and for extraordinary expenditures as in other years. The sinking fund payments and payments on account of maturing principal of car trusts aggregated altogether $\$ 4,133,867$, besides which $\$ 3,538,981$ was allowed for extraordinary expenditures in revision of grades and for additional tracks, yards, \&c., and a further amount of $\$ 1,000,000$ was applied towards construction of the New York tunnel extension. Over and above these contributions and the requirements for the $6 \%$ dividend, asurplus of $\$ 659,131$ remains on the operations of the 12 months.
Speaking of the tunnel extension, it is worth noting that out of the account of the Pennsylvania Company (operating the Western lines) $\$ 10,000,000$ has been contributed towards the cost of this extension. In explanation of this action the report tells us that, owing to the fact that this important terminal is for the benefit of the entire Pennsylvania RR. system and that the lines west of Pittsburgh will reap a direct advantage therefrom, it has been deemed proper that the Pennsylvania Company should participate in the cost therefor. Accordingly, $\$ 10,000,000$ has been contributed for that purpose and charged against the Pennsylvania Company's profit and loss account.

As is known, the Pennsylvania RR. last May put out $\$ 39,400,000$ of its consolidated mortgage bonds bearing $4 \%$ interest and great success attended the floating of this bond issue. As a result of this new bond issue and the wise way in which the property has been managed in other respects, the company is able to make an unexampled showing of financial strength. It appears from the balance sheet that on Dec. 311908 the company had no less than $\$ 56,025,897$ of cash on hand or on special deposit. The Western lines are also well situated as regards cash, the balance sheet of the Pennsylvania Company showing over $\$ 11,000,000$ of actual cash on Dec. 31 1908. All this lends force to President McCrea's remarks that the cash holdings will in all probability be sufficient to meet the capital requirements of the current year. It will be necessary, however, he says, to make timely
provision for the $\$ 60,000,000$ of short-term notes which mature March 15 1910, as well as for the $\$ 20,000,000$ of general mortgage bonds which mature July 1 of that year. The shareholders have already authorized the board of directors of the company to increase the capital stock when in their judgment it may be advisable. Like authority is to be asked as to the indebtedness at the annual meeting to the extent of $\$ 80,000,000$ in order that the company may be in a position, as Mr. McCrea says, to meet its maturing obligations through the issue at the proper time of either stock or bonds, or both, as may be to its best interests.

## the contraction in steel production IN 1908.

With the publication the present week by Mr. James M. Swank, of the American Iron \& Steel Association, of his compilations showing the output of open-hearth steel during the calendar year 1908, we are able to approximate very closely the country's total steel production in that notable period of depression. As was expected, the open-hearth product makes a much better comparison with previous years than does the Bessemer steel product. Nevertheless the falling off in the make of even this kind of steel has been large; and added to the still heavier loss in Bessemer steel we get a record of shrinkage in the steel output of the country which for mere magnitude has never been equaled on any previous occasion.

It appears that the production of open-hearth steel ingots and direct castings in the United States in 1908 was only $7,780,872$ tons, against $11,549,736$ tons in the calendar year 1907, the decrease, therefore, being $3,768,864$ tons, or over $32 \%$. This is the first occasion in the history of the open-hearth steel industry in the United States that there has been a falling off in the make of this kind of steel. As has been many times pointed out by us, the growth and advance in openhearth steel production in this country during the last ten years has been perfectly marvelous. In 1897 the make of open-hearth steel, which even then had been steadily increasing year by year, still amounted to only $1,608,671$ tons. In the ten years from 1897 to 1907 the total was increased nearly tenfold, the product for 1907 being no less than 11,549,736 tons. And during the whole of this decade there was not a single year that failed to record advance on its predecessor. Even in 1903 and 1904, when depression in the steel industry was very marked, and when, as a consequence, the Bessemer product suffered noteworthy contraction, the open-hearth output continued to expand, though of course only in a small way. In great measure open-hearth steel goes into general and miscellaneous uses. On the other hand, Bessemer steel goes largely into the production of rails and into railroad work generally; and the railroad industry during 1908, as every one knows, was depressed beyond all others.
In reviewing twelve months ago the large openhearth figures for 1907, we pointed out that the course of open-hearth production during 1908 was not easy to foreshadow. We stated that while theretofore the make of open-hearth steel had kept on increasing even in dull times, it would be taking too sanguine a view to expect a similar outcome in 1908, since the country had never had any such severe period of business depression as it was then experiencing. It seemed rea-
sonable to louk for a sulstantial deerease in the openhearth output during 1008. It appeared equally safe to assume that, whatever the decrease, it would be smaller than the decrease in the Bessemer production. Admiting this, it followed that in 1908 thie Bessemer product would have to yield first place to the openhearth output, especially as the open-hearth producers d come near to wresting control from the Bessemer interests in 1907, when the open-hearth total ounted to $11,549,736$ tons and the Bessemer output to $11,667,549$ tons.
What seemed so clearly foreshadowed from the course of events is precisely what has actually happened. In other words, while the open-hearth product was reduced from $11,549,786$ tons to $7,780,872$ tons, the Bessemer steel output fell away from $11,667,549$ tons to $6,116,755$ tons. The ratio of shrinkage in open-hearth steel was, we have seen, over $32 \%$, but that in the case of Bessemer steel was almost $50 \%$. It has thus come to pass that the output of openhearth steel in 190S exceeded that of Bessemer steel by $1,664,117$ tons, or over $27 \%$. It is almost superfluous to add that this is the first oceasion that the production of open-hearth steel has run ahead of that of Bessemer steel. In the following we show the open-hearth product for each of the last fifteen years. It is proper to say that of the total of $7,780,872$ tons for 1908, 311,777 tons were direct castings, as against 746,525 tons in 1007, and $7,469,095$ tons were ingots; and of the whole amount $7,084,568$ tons were made by the besic process and 696,304 tons were made by the acid process.


The foregoing makes it plain that the setback experienced in 190s was very material, the product falling below not only that of 1907 but also below that of 1906 and oven 1005 . The slrinkage would have been still larger except that there was a noteworthy expansion in the make of open-hearth steel rails in 1908, notwithstanding the tremendous depression experienced by the railroad carrying industry. This expansion resulted from a special demand for openhearth rails, due to a growing belief that this kind of rail is superior to Bessemer rails. In our issue of Feb. 6 , in reviewing the rail figures, we showed that the output of open-hearth rails in 1908 had been 567,304 tons, against only 252,704 tons in 1907. The great drop in the open-hearth steel product occurred in face of this special demand for open-hearth steel for rolling into rails.
The fact that Bessemer steel goes so largely into railroad work is of course responsible for the circumstance that the falling off in the Bessemer output has been so very much heavier than the decline in the open-hearth steel. And this falling off in Bessemer steel during 1908 is the more noteworthy as some falling of had already oceurred in 1907, reflecting the unfavorable condition of the railroad industry in that year. As compared with the Bessemer steel output for 1906, which amounted to $12,275,830$ tons, the Bessemer product for 1908 at $6,116,755$ tons shows a shrinkage of more than one-half. The output of Bessemer steel in 1908 was, in fact, the smallest since 1897, eleven years before, when $5,475,315$ tons were made. But a still stronger statement may be made
with reference to the Bessemer steel-rail product, this having been the smallest since 1896. As we showed four weeks ago, only $1,354,236$ tons of Bessemer rails were made in 1908, against $3,380,425$ tons in 1907 and $3,791,459$ tons in 1906.
There is also a little crucible steel made in the United States and a little steel in miscellaneous forms. No exact data for these kinds of steel for 1908 are yet available, but probably 120,000 tons would be a fair allowance for all these miscellaneous descriptions of steel. Adding this to the Bessemer and the openhearth figures, we arrive at the grand total of steel production in the United States. In the following we compare this grand total for 1908 with the corresponding totals for preceding years.


## - Approximate.

The foregoing furnishes a graphic illustration of the tremendous reverse experienced by the steel industry in 1908 as a result of the plight to which the railroads were reduced. Only $14,017,627$ tons of steel of all kinds were made in 1908, against $23,362,594$ tons in 1907, 23,395,136 tons in 1906 and $20,023,947$ tons in 1905. As compared with either of the two preceding years, it will be seen the loss was $91-3$ million tons, and in the sudden descent all the advance gained in the previous three years was lost. There ought to be a lesson in this to those responsible for the depression.

## ITENS ABOUS BANKS, BANKERS AND TRUST 00.S.

-The public sales of bank stocks this week augregate 45 shares, of which 35 shares were sold at auction and 10 shares at the Stock Exchunge. The fransactions in trust company stocks reach a total of 50 shares. Forty shares of stock of the Carmers' Loan \& Trust Co. were sold at 1310 , an advance of So points over the price paid at the last previous sale, which was made early in December 1908 . The table below, given in our usual form, shows the actual sales of Neviv York City bank stoeks made during the week at auction and at the Stock Exphange. Extensive tables showing the bid and asked quotations, deposits, surplus, \&e., of banks and trust companies in all important cities of the United States are published monthly in the "Bank and Quotation Section," the March issue of which accompanies to-day's "Chronicle." Bid and asked quotations for all New York City bank and trust company stocks are also published weekly in another department of the paper, and will be found to-day on pages 000 and 000.
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-The nomination of George S. Terry as Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York was confirmed by the U. S. Senate on the 1st inst., having on that date been favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Finance. Mr. Terry was named by President Roosevelt to succeed Hamilton Fish as Assistant Treasurer in November last.

- Provision for the continuance of the present National Monetary Commission, until the completion of its report, is said to be emhodied in a paragraph in the General Deficiency Bill passed by Congress this week.
-A decision upholding the right of the Allanta ClearingHonse Association to retain $\$ 295,000$ collateral deposited with it by the Neal Bank of Atlanta (now in liquidation) as
security for an issue of $\$ 200,000$ Clearing-House certificates, until the terms under which the latter were issued are complied with and the certificates redeemed, was recently rendered by the Supreme Court of Georgia. The institution was placed in receiver's hands in Dec, 1907, and in an effort to have the collateral held by the Clearing House as security for the certificates, turned over to the receiver for the benefit of the bank's creditors, suit was instituted by A. Booth and other depositors. According to the Atlanta "Constitution" an injunction and a receiver for the fund were asked, and denied by Judge Pendleton in Fulton Superior Court. The Supreme Court, it states, sustains. Judge Pendleton in every particular, holding the contract to be a valid one, and onein which the impending insolvency of the bank was not involved. The question as to the legality of the issuance of the certificates, it is stated, is not passed upon by the Court.
-According to the Kansas City (Kan.) "Star," both the House and Senate have passed a deposit guaranty bill agreed upon in conference this week.
-Comptroller of the Currency Lawrence O. Murray purposes to extend his quest for information relative to bank deposits, whereby he will endeavor to ascertain among other items the proportion of deposits paid in cash and otherwise, to State as well as to national institutions. He has prepared the following letter on the matter, asking that the data desired be of date March 16, the communication being addressed to all classes of institutions.
The National Monetary Commlssion, created by an Act of Congress on May 30 1908, is seekling fiformatlon concerntng the bank deposits and
the proportion of payments made, on an average throughout the country from day to day by means of checks and similar instruments of credtry. On several occasions in the past the Comptroller has made requests of thts kind, but the last such Inquiry was made thirteen years ago. It is
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-Governor Hughes this week signed the bill which remedies alleged irregularities in the method of assessing bank stocks in New York City for the years 71901 to 1907 inclusive. The bill was recently passed by the Legislature and was approved by the Mayor last month, as noted in the "Chronicle" of February 20. It was printed in full in the issue of that date in our "State and City Department." -The New York Mereantile Fxchange, at a special meeting lading committee of the American Bankers' Association with of lading committee of the American Bankers' Association with
a yiew to preventing the use of false bills of lading, and the practice of filling out bills of lading in lead pencil. The members of the Exchange agreed by a majority vote that
after May 11909 they would decline to pay or acceptdrafts against either "order" or "straight" bills of lading unless the bills conform to the following requirements: that in addition to the signature, they bear also the official stamp of the authorized issuing agent, such stamp giving the date of his signature; and that all writing on said bills be in ink or indelible pencil, and the quantity receipted for be written in full in addition to the numerals.

It is reported that the Southern Ry. and the Louisville \& Nashville RR. have decided to put into operation on April 1 a "standard bill of lading." This bill, it is stated, is modeled after the uniform bill of lading, some of the provisions of which have been modified in order to meet the conditions of water and rail transportation, and make the bill generally adaptable to the needs of the South.
-Pierre Jay has tendered his resignation as Massachusetts Savings Bank Commissioner, to become a Vice-President of the Bank of the Manhattan Company of Nerr York.
Mr. Jay will retire from the commissionership about March Mr. Jay will retire from the commissionership about March 30. He has held the office for three years, or since the passage in 1906 of the law providing for a single Savings Bank Commissioner. Theretofore the banking department had been under the supervision of a board composed of three commissioners. Pxior to his appointment as Commissioner Mr. Jay had been Vice-President of the Old Colony Trust Company of Boston. The Bank of Manhattan Company, with which he is to affiliate himself, is one of the largest and oldest financial institutions in the city. It has a capital of $\$ 2,050,000$; the surplus and profits on November 27 1908 were $\$ 3,479,712$, the gross deposits on that date being $\$ 55,793,340$ and the aggregate resources $\$ 89,350,647$. The institution was chartered in 1799. The officials as at present are Stephen Baker, President; Henry K. McHarg Vice-President; D. H. Pierson, Cashier, and James McNei Assistant Cashier.
-Both branches of the California Leigslature have passe the bill regulating and defining the banking business in that State. The Iaw will go into effect July 11909.
-Frank W. Duryea, who was suspended from the New York Stock Exchange in June 1907 for insolvency, has been reinstated to membership. Mr. Duryea's diffieulties were said at the time to have arisen through his inability to realize on real estate investments. All his obligations, it is stated, have since been paid.
-George Barclay Moffat, of the banking firm of Moffat \& White, has been elected a director of the Columbia Trust Company of this city, to succeed the late Arthur G. Yates.
-The Consolidated National Bank of this city, which recently took over the assets of the Oriental Bank, assumed its new title - the National Reserve Bank-on the 1st inst. Beginning to-day the institution will be housed in the former quarters of the Oriental, at Broadway and John Street, until its permanent offices in the City Investing Building, 165 Broadway, are ready for occupancy. The officers of the National Reserve Bank are W. O. Allison, President; Erskine Hewitt, Chairman of the Board; Thomas J. Lewis and R. W, Jones Jr., Vice-Presidents; George W. Adams, Cashier and Robert E. Minis, Assistant Cashier,
-A statement announcing the proposed reorganization of the properties of E. D. Shepard \& Co., of 31 Nassau St., this city, was made publio on Wednesday, following the attachment of the funds of the firm in a suit brought by the Seven Oaks Company of New Jersey to recover $\$ 39,000$ paid for $\$ 50,000$ of bonds of the Yankee Fuel Co., stated to have been purchased from E. D. Shepard \& Co. The attachment was subsequently, it is said, lifted through the filing of a bond. The statement issued on behalf of the firm is given on a subsequent page in our Railroad News Department.
-Colonel Edward Earle Britton and Quarantine Commissioner Frederick H. Schroeder, formerly President and Second Vice-President, respectively, of the Eagle Savings \& Loan Association of Brooklyn Borough, were found guilty of grand larceny in the first degree by a jury in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, on Wednesday. The nccused had been tried on charges alleging the misappropriation of $\$ 4,000$ of the company's funds on Feb. 29 1908, the money, it was said, having been used in the promotion of a mining company.

Justice Jaycox denied an application to continue the original bail at $\$ 40,000$ each, and the prisoners were remanded to the Raymond Street Jail until sentence is imposed on Monday. Although the men were tried on the specific charge of the larceny of $\$ 4,000$, they were indicted last July on the charge of taking $\$ 47,98631$ of the funds of the institution. In a statement issued by Elwin S. Piper, then First Vice-President, it was said that responsibility for $\$ 9,98172$ had been admitted by President Britton and for $\$ 38,00459$ by VicePresident Schroeder. President Britton, it was stated, had made restitution to the amount of $\$ 4,06126$.
-Owing to the proposed erection of a Post Office building on the site now occupied by the Union Trust Co. of Jersey City, N. J., that institution, it is reported, has purchased property at the southwest corner of Montgomery and Washington streets, with the intention of erecting a "skyscraper" of from twelve to twenty stories high. The Union Trust Co., which has a capital of $\$ 500,000$, was organized in July 1907 to succeed the Second National Bank of Jersey City. In its lateststatement it reported surplus and profits of $\$ 145$,450 and total deposits of $\$ 2,156,699$. Samuel Ludlow Jr. is President.
-Compilations dealing with the returns of the Salem (Mass.) national banks and the Salem Safe Deposit \& Trust Co., prepared by William S. Felton \& Co. of that city, show the combined capital of the national institutions and the trust company to be $\$ 1,225,000$, with aggregate surplus end undivided profits of $\$ 954,258$. The deposits in the national banks and trust company are $\$ 5,708,669$, while their aggregate resources are said to be $\$ 8,629,545$. The two savings banks of the city have deposits of $\$ 15,819,627$, their aggregate resources being $\$ 17,106,798$.
-The organization of the Vermont State Bankers' Association was effected at Burlington at a meeting of over fifty bankers from all parts of the State on Feb. 25. The meeting was addressed by Fred. E. Farnsworth, Secretary of the American Bankers' Association, who outlined the various classes of work taken up by the forty-six State organizations already in existence. A constitution and by-laws modeled after those of the Michigan Bankers' Association were adopted by the new organization, the officers of which are President, H. L. Ward, Vice-President of the Burlington Trust Co.; Vice-President, C. F. Chapman, Treasurer of the Ottauquechee Savings Bank of Woodstock; Secretary, H. T. Rutter, Cashier of the Howard National Bank of Burlington, and Treasurer, D. L. Wells, Cashier of the First National Bank of Orwell. In the evening a dinner was tendered to forty-three of the members of the new association by the directors and officers of the Burlington Trust Co.
-The retiring directors of the Investment Company of Philadel phia were re-elected at the annual meeting on Wednesday. The election is said to have been merely a formality in order to keep intact the organization of the company pending the complete exchange of its stock for that of the Independence Trust Co., its successor.
-W. W. Ramsey, former President of the German National Bank of Pittsburgh, who, with several city councilmen, was on trial on alleged charges of conspiring to defraud the city and conspiring to bribe members of Councils in the interest of proposed legislation for the pavement of streets with wooden bloeks, was acquitted this week of these charges under direction of the Court.
-The Traders' Bank, organized with an authorized capital of $\$ 250,000$, has opened for business in Baltimore. The institution has quarters at 114 Light Street, and is under the management of George W. Moore as President and Clayton Cannon as Cashier.
-According to the news dispatches, James G. Gibbs, former President, and J. F. Laning, former Vice-President, of the defunct Ohio Trust Co. of Norwalk, Ohio, have been indicted on the alleged charge of embezzlement in connection with the failure of the institution in January 1908.
-F. J. Reynolds has become President of the First National Bank of Toledo, Ohio, succeeding S. C. Schenck. J. M. Spencer, Cashier, replaces Mr. Reynolds as Vice-President.
-C. F. M. Niles, assignee of the Dorr Street Savings Bank Co. of Toledo, Ohio, has brought suit against former directors of the institution for $\$ 65,000$, alleged to have been
lost through mismanagement. According to Mr. Niles, the liabilities of the bank (which assigned April 16 1908) are $\$ 100,000$, while the good assets aggregate only $\$ 35,000$; the deficiency he seeks to recover from the original directors. He has also instituted suit against the directors who served at the time of the closing of the bank in the sum of $\$ 15,000$, the amount of a note given to cover an alleged shortage in the capital. It is charged that while the amount of capital paid in was represented to be $\$ 25,000$ the actual capital was but $\$ 10,000$.
-Franklin MacVeagh, President Taft's newly chosen Secretary of the Treasury, not only disposes of his large interest in the wholesale grocery house of which he has been the head for many years, but has decided also to resign his position on the board of directors of the Commereial National Bank of Chicago, greatly to the disappointment of the other officials and stockholders of that institution.
-Joseph Lockey has resigned as President of the American National Bank of St. Paul, Minn., and has been succeeded by Benjamin Baer, previously Vice-President: C. J. Peoples, formerly an Assistant Bank Examiner, succeeds Mr. Baer as Vice-President. I. H. Ickler is Cashier and H. B. Humason Assistant Cashier of the institution.
-W. F. Myers, Vice-President of the Capital National Bank of St. Paul, Minn., has sold his holdings to President John R. Mitchell and will retirefrom the institution on April 1. The bank will in the future have only one Vice-President, the office being filled by W. B. Geery.

- A glance into the history of the Manufacturers' National Bank of Racine, Wis, is offered through a booklet issued with the close of its thirty-eighth year as a national institution. The bank lays claim to the distinction of being the oldest bank in the city. The first banking business was established in 1845, and in 1853 the Bank of Racine was chartered as successor to McCrea, Bell \& Ullmanis. Some years later the formation of the Manufacturers' Bank was brought about through the merger of the Bank of Racine and the Bank of B. B. Northrup \& Co., established in 1859. In March 1871 the Manufacturers' was chartered as a national bank, beginning business under the Federal system on the 20 th of that month. The capital, originally $\$ 100,000$, was increased $\$ 50,000$ in 1873 , and $\$ 100,000$ more was added in 1875 , making it $\$ 250,000$, the present figure. Out of the earnings of the first nine months as a national bank, a surplus fund of $\$ 5,000$ was created on Dec. 311871 and this surplus has grown out of earnings to $\$ 200,000$. The bank also points to its umbroken dividend record during the thirtyeight years, in all a total of $\$ 893,858$ having been distributed to stockholders from Dec. 311871 to Dec. 31 1908. The amount paid to its depositors in interest has aggregated $\$ 696,823$. The institution has deposits of $\$ 2,100.000$ and total resources of $\$ 2,797,685$. The officers are E. J. Hueffner, President; R. H. McElwee and B, B. Northrup. VicePresidents; Warren J. Davis, Cashier, and Ernest C. Hueffner, Assistant Cashier.
-Z. G. Simmons has retired as President of the First National Bank of Kenosha, Wis., and has been succeeded in the office by Charles C. Brown. Mr. Simmons had been at the head of the institution since 1871; his resignation is said to have been due to the demands upon his time of other interests.
-The Nye \& Ormsby County Bank of Tonopah, Nev., with branches at Reno, Wonder and Manhattan, closed its doors on Feb. 23. The bank suspended during the panie of 1907, but re-opened on Jan. 2 1908. Since then its former branches at Carson and Goldfield have been converted into national banks. A dispatch from Carson to the "Los Angeles Times" on the 24th ult. stated that the First National Bank of Carson (successor to the branch there) had experienced a run following the amouncementio the suspension of the Nye \& Ormsby banks; this, however, had later abated with the payment in cash of the demands of its depositors.
-The Union Station Bank, which began business in St. Louis on Jan. 30, reportod deposits in excess of $\$ 325,000$ on Feb. 25 -three weeks after its opening. The bank has a capital of $\$ 100,000$ and surplus of $\$ 10,000$, it stock having been sold at $\$ 110$ per share. It is located in the Union Railroad Station and its hours of business are from $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$, until
$10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The officers are Charles E. Lane, President; Louis Renard and J. D. Abeles, Vice-President; Emison Chanslor, Cashier, and C. C. Collier, Assistant Cashier.
-Under the call of Feb. 5 the Fourth National Bank of Nashville reports deposits of $\$ 6,025,749$, against $\$ 5,532,633$ on Nov. 27. The aggregate resourees now, at $\$ 7,935,697$, compare with $\$ 7,463,510$ three months ago. J. T. Howell, previously Cashier, recently became a Vice-President of the institution, J. S. McHenry succeeding to the cashiership. The complete roster is as follows: S. J. Keith, President; J. T. Howell, J H. Fall, W. C. Dibrell, Walter Keith and Watkins Croekett, Vice-Presidents; J. S. McHenry, Cashier, and G. W. Pyle, Assistant Cashier.
-The Knoxville Savings Bank recently began business in Knoxville with an authorized capital of $\$ 250,000$, of which $\$ 50,000$ is paid in. There is no surplus, the stock having been disposed of at par, namely \$100. J. W. Hope is President; James R. Wooldridge is Vice-President and Floyd Haun is Cashier.
-The Executive Committee of the 'Fexas State Bankers' Association has decided to hold the next annual convention at Houston on May 11 and 12. The annual tour of the bankers, which will take place in July, will include visits to cities on the Pacific Coast and the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition at Seattle, Wash.
-The Fort Worth State Bank is the name of a new institution reported to be in process of organization at Fort Worth, Texas, with a eapital of $\$ 100,000$. The organizers inelude Winfield scott; J, B. Sikes, President of the City National Bank of Granbury, Tex., and Marcus M. Bright, formerly Cashier of the First National Bank of Mineral Wells, Tex. It is said that Mr. Sikes will be President and Mr Bright Cashier of the new institution, which expeets to open
about March 15 . about March 15.
-Lovell White has been elected President of the San Francisca Savings Union of San Francisco, Cal., to succeed E. B. Pond, resigned. John S. Drum has been elected active Vice-President of the institution and R. M. Welch moves up from the assistant cashiership to the cashiership to take the post made vacant by the promotion of Mr. White.
-The San Francisco offiees of E, H, Rollins \& Sons have been removed from the Kohl Building to the First National Bank building. This branch of the well-known bond house was started in 1893 and is said to have been the first branch office of any Eastern bond house to be opened in San Erancisco.
Canadian Bank Clearings. -The clearings of the Canadian banks for the month of February 1909 show an increase over the same month of 1908 of $22.0 \%$, and for the two months the gain reaches $17.3 \%$.

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|  | 1909. | 1908: | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Yue. or } \\ & \text { Dec. } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 1000. | 1908. |  |
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| Winnteg. | 41,211.683 | 37,665,201 | +9.4. | 92,941,130 | S60.420,604 |  |
| Onayaver. | 110,385:2,20 | (5,718,591 | +31.2 | - ${ }^{33,089,513}$ | 26,711,192 | +23.9 |
| Quebee. | 7,641230 | 7003. 814 | +0.4 | 10.727,115 | 16,285,610 | +1.3 |
| Hamition | \%,516,282 | 6,688.602 | +3 | 13,976, 25. | 14,700,152 | -7.5 |
| St, Johm, | 1,703,762 | \%142,015 | + 6.3 | (10,773,200 | 11.803, 803 | $-0.3$ |
| London- |  | 3,952,704 | + 9.4 | 0,563,145 | 0,305,382 | +2 |
| Valgary | $\begin{aligned} & 5,763,077 \\ & 4,321.70 \end{aligned}$ | $3,825,856$ $4,272,712$ | +80.7 <br> +1.1 | 11,324,933 | 8,581.81 | +3. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Edmorton.... | 3,324, 800 | 2, 3 , 320,715 | + +8.18 | 8,504,921 | 8,863, 8,678 |  |
| Totat Canada | 331,058,088 | -71,268,496 | +28.0 | 712,177,305 | $607.207,019$ | +17.3 |



Clearings by Telegraph-Sales of Stocks, Bonds, \&c.The subjoined table, covering clearings for the current week, usually appears on the first page of each issue, but on account of the length of the other tables is crowded out once a month. The figures are received by telegraph from other leading cities. It will be observed that, as compared with the corresponding week of 1908 , there is an increase in the aggregate of $45.1 \%$. So far as the individual cities are concerned, New York exhibits a gain of $70.5 \%$; Boston, $36.8 \%$; Philadelphia, $15.2 \%$; Chicago, $15.5 \%$; St. Louis, $16.4 \%$; Baltimore, $21.8 \%$, and New Orleans, $21.1 \%$

| Otcortinax-Returnas bu Telegiaph Mch. b | 1909. | 1905. | \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New York | \$1,687,075,522 | 5989.600,085 |  |
| Boston Phllacio | 148,145,472 | 108,277,044 | +70.5 +36.8 |
| Baltmore | $142,402.650$ | 97, 5378759 | $+15.2$ |
| Chinago | 269,269,607 | 19,685,705 | +21.8 |
| St. Lodl Now Orleans | $62,792,487$ | -53,946,044 | +18.5 +10.5 |
| Naw Orica | 10,062,754 | 13:201:981 | $+16,1$ +21.1 |
| Goven ctlies, of days | \$2,310,7:5,947 |  |  |
| Chtheretice, 5 days. | 430,270,2,4 | $330.248,827$ | +83.1 +27.6 |
| Totat all ctuat 5 ditys | $82.740 .490,221$ | \$1,845,817,541 |  |
|  | 473,146,218 | 375,230.078 | +26.3 |
| Total air eftes for week | \$3,225,912,439 | \$2,221,047,610 | $+45.1$ |

Our usual monthly detaifed statement of transactions on the various New York exchanges is appended. The results for the two months of 1909 and 1908 ure given below.

| Descrip- | Tao Mantlis, 1009. |  |  | Two Aronths, 1005. |  |  |
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| St'kish't. Vat | $\begin{array}{r} 29,612,699 \\ 32.751,744,2725 \end{array}$ |  |  | 20.434,601 |  |  |
| ILR.bonide | $32.751,74,272$ $\$ 241,00 \mathrm{~S} .000$ | $32.832,484.062$ $3230,172,312$ | 95.7 | \$2,221.600,700 | \$1,626,750,829 | 72.9 |
| Gov't tits. | \%118,000 | \$ 5110,944 | 101.7 | $\$ 126312,900$ 8113,200 | 8200, 091,911 5124,276 | 79.7 1098 |
| State bids. | 88,070,600 | 88,285,080 | 109\% | \$21, 338.000 | 822, 102, 010 |  |
| Banksthes | \$10,000 | \$.7.540 | 176.0 | \$29.000 | 852:805 | 182.5 |
| Totat | \$3,000,050,87 | 871,052,814 | 95.7 | 82,377,401,500 | \$1,748,781,630 | 73.3 |

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange cach month since Jan. 1 in 1909 and 1908 is indicated in the following:

SALES OF sTOCK AT THE NEW YORK sTOOK EXCHANGE.

| NTh. | 1900. |  |  | - | 1908. |  |
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|  | Sharts. | Par. | Actuat. |  | Par. | Aetwat. |


The following compilation covers the cleatings by months since Jan, 1:

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|  | 1009. | 1908. | \% | 1009. | 19068. | $\%$ |
| Jun | 14,040 $\$$ , 098,325 $11,255,665,520$ | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 11,383,783,75 \\ 8: 76,251,643 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} +11,4 \\ +28.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5,8,608,630 \\ & 1,367,84,065 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 8 \\ 4,63,208,218 \\ 3.880,220,810 \end{gathered}$ | +11.4 +12.0 |

The course of bank elearings at leading cities of the country for the month of February and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

| $(000,000 \mathrm{~s}$ ountited.) | $1909 .$ | $1008 .$ | $\frac{1907}{8},$ | $1906 .$ | $1909 .$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jan. It } \\ 1008 . \\ \$ 8 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & F \omega, 28 \\ & 1007 . \\ & \xi \end{aligned}$ | $1906 .$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Now York.... | 6.88S | 4,896 | 7,332 | 8,324 | 15,772 | 11,646 | 16,069 | 19,563 |
| Chtegso | 1.004 | 857 | 128 | 826 | 2,127 | 1,805 | 1.968 | 1,813 |
| Boston | 629 | 524 | 662 | 651 | 1.403 | 1,209 | 1,568 | 1,494 |
| Phtadelphata. | 172 | 429 | 520 | 556 | 1.046 | 957 | 1.203 | 1,268 |
| St. Louts. | 244 | 230 | 243 | 230 | 542 | 502 | 533 | 1,814 |
| Plttabursh | 151 | 107 | 213 | 207 | 332 | 355 | 455 | 458 |
| San Franelsco | 131 | 128 | 194 | 156 | 283 | 376 | 309 | 342 |
| Clictunatt. | 102 | 94 | 109 | 99 | 230 | 209 | 241 | 222 |
| Battimoro | 102 | 00 | 115 | 108 | 228 | 204 | 252 | 245 |
| Kinsas Ctiy | 169 | 125 | 119 | 98 | 358 | 272 | 258 | 214 |
| Cleveland. | 60 | 53 | 63 | 56 | 130 | 126 | 144 | 129 |
| New Orlozes | 66 | 67 | 81 | 83 | 151 | 158 | 192 | 192 |
| Minneapolts | 60 | 73 | 70 | 65 | 131 | 166 | 150 | 146 |
| Loutsville | 58 | 48 | 52 | 56 | 121 | 09 | 110 | 110 |
| Detroit | 49 | 18 | 61 | 48 | 107 | 105 | 112 | 103 |
| Milwaukee | 18 | 45 | 45 | 30 | 98 | 01 | 05 | 8. |
| Providerce | 29 |  | 30 |  |  | 50 | 70 | 70 |
| Omata . | 48 | 42 | 41 | 37 | 105 | ${ }_{93}$ | 80 | 77 |
| Bumato | 32 | 32 | 34 | 28 |  | 67 | 72 | 18 |
| 3t. Paul | 31 | 34 | 31 | 17 | 73 | 75 | 69 | 59 |
| Indinampolls | 29 | 29 | 31 | 26 | 68 | 60 | 71 | 59 |
| Denver | 33 | 98 | 28 | 25 | 72 | 60 | 64 | 56 |
| Elenmond Semphli | 96 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 58 | 49 | 55 | \%5 |
| Scathe. | 31 | 27 | 25 | 22 | 47 | ${ }^{46}$ | 47 78 | 60 |
| Hartiond | 14 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 69 30 | 29 | 31 | 38 |
| Salt Lake City. | 19 | 10 | 22 | 22 | 45 | 38 | 52 | \% 4 |
| Total | 0.542 | 8,154 | 11,123 | 11,897 | 23,761 | 18,809 | 25.418 | 27,656 |
| Other cities | 714 | 622 | 701 | 680 | 1,541 | 1,351 | 1,531 | 1,235 |
| Total all. | $\begin{array}{r} 11,256 \\ 4,368 \end{array}$ | 8.776 3.880 | $\begin{array}{r} 11,894 \\ 4,192 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12.477 \\ 4.153 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 25,302 \\ 0,530 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 20,160 \\ 8,514 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 28.879 \\ 9.010 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 48,811 \\ 9.248 \end{array}$ |

Pacific Clearings brought forward from first page.

| Clearingat | Frortars. |  |  | Tioo Mrontha. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1909. | 1908. | Hac.or Dec. | 1909. | 1908. | $\begin{gathered} \text { The, or } \\ \text { Dio. } \end{gathered}$ |
| San Frinclico | $\frac{5}{130,078,896}$ | 128,007,430 | +3.1 | $283,995,133$ | $275,769.512$ | $8 . z$ |
| Los Angt | 47,619,247 | 36,677,215 | + 0.6 | 16, 570,909 | 74.801,189 | +28.93 |
| Seatie | 33,860,602 | 20,805,405 |  | 69,170, 550 | 77,880,079 | +19.5 |
| Poruad Salt Lake | 24, ,00,225 $19,081,137$ | $21,216,356$ $16,250,68 \%$ | 15.0 +17.4 | $50.116,624$ $45.118,716$ | $42,913,160$ $33,450,755$ | +16.5 +34.9 |
| Spokime | 20.370,378 | 19,240,226 | +35.7 | 55.261230 | 40.951,853 | 34.9 |
| Tacoma | 16,395,065 | 14,546,524 | -12.7 | 35.514.837 | 32,161,834 | -10.4 |
| Oakdind | 6,309,209 | 6,429,018 | +23.4 | 14,529,368 | 11,053,988 |  |
| Helens | 3,055,601 | 2,059,732 | +18.4 | 7,133,590 | 4,886,209 | 5.9 |
| Sacraim | 2,914.620 | 3,517,411 | -19.0 | 6.780 .035 |  |  |
| Farso Stock | 2,082, 478 | 1,940,075 | +178 | 4,689,722 | $4,200,508$ $3,565,471$ | +11.0 |
| Stookton Sloux Faile | $1,645,293$ $2,174,952$ | $1,624,774$ $1,755,710$ | +1.3 +28.9 | $3,564,550$ $4,704,203$ | $3,565,471$ $3,067.043$ | -0,0. +18.6 |
| San Sose | 1,535,501 | 1,695,597 | -9.6 | $3.485 \% 87$ | 3,608,785 | 3.4 |
| B\#\#lige | 635.41 | 601/781 | +13.2 | 1,350, 58 | 1,425,163 |  |
| San Dtago | 3,181.760 | 2,554,118 | -24.7 | 7, 295.734 | 3, 155, 841 | +20.1 |
| Ereano | 2,059,348 | Not bicl, in | total |  |  | cotal |
| North Yakima, | 1.215 .385 | Not inel. in | total | 2,414,119 | Not tincl. in | total |
| Total Paclac. | 322,802,300 | $284,311,204$ | +13.2 | 688,574,30-4 | $605,308,065$ | +13.7 |


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|  | 1009. | 1908. | Ine.or Dec. | 1907. | 1906. |
| San Franctsco. | $\stackrel{8}{81,09,465}$ | $33.198 .194$ | $\frac{\%}{17} 4$ | $54,602,305$ | $80,900,421$ |
| Los Angeles. | 11,358,082 | 0,644,014 | +10.3 | 10,251,85! | 10,709,352 |
| Portinat | S.201.922 | $5,5+8659$ | -3.5 | 7,492,060 | 5,102,895 |
| Salt Lakar City. | 4,864,009 | 4,005, 335 | +10.9 | 5,770,45 | 6,200,836 |
| Spokime. | 5,984,256 | 4,650,309 | +28. | $5,707,281$ 4.88077 | $3,080,398$ 3,501301 |
| Tacoma | $4.009,778$ |  | +10.9 | 4,810,775 | 2,501,301 |
| Helena. | 758388 | 508,802 | +48.0 | 851.868 | 710.046 |
| Sacramento | 605313 122013 | 641,039 432.678 | $\underline{-3.0}$ | 357, 432 | 5,842 |
| Stockton | 376, 5151 | 324,431 | +16,1 |  |  |
| Storix Fall | 440,000 | 400,000 | +10,0 | 358,000 | 301,150 |
| San Jose....... | 344.286 | 390,009 | $-11.7$ | 467.810 |  |
| Blling | 138.777 | 151.052 | -8.7 |  |  |
| San Dlego ...... | 700,000 43,339 | Not fretuded |  |  |  |
| North Yaktma, | 260,420 | Not treluded | in total |  |  |
| Total Pactlle. | 70.103,131 | 72,671,779 | $+4.7$ | 109,540.657 | 03,055,154 |

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London, Saturday, February 201909.
After the rise of last week there has been somewhat of a setback this week-nothing serious, but a falling off in activity and a small shrinkage in quotations. Partly, this is due to the desire of those who bought last week to take profits. Partly, it is the result of apprehensions excited by the Austrian and Hungarian press, which is asserting that Austria will have to occupy Servia. That Servia the Austrian press has information justifying it in its predictions nobody knows. If Austria were to occupy Servia people are asking would Russian feeling flare up and if it did what would be the consequences? Over and above this the near beginning of the tarif inquiry in the United States is leading people to anticipate a slarinkage on the American stock exchanges.

The best opinion everywhere, however, is that the setback this week is very temporary and that we are nbout to see a great incrense of activity not in London only, but all over Europe. The French hanks, which took away so much gold from London during many months past are now bidding once more for bills. Their competition is, in fact, so keen that it accounts for the very low rate of discount in the open market here. Moreover, French investors are buying all sorts of securities here in London. They are likewise buying German Government securities in Germany, not only the securities of the Imperial Government, but also the securities of Prussia and of the other Federated States of high credit

The Franco-German agreement has completely reassurred French investors, and, therefore, the best opinion in Paris is that French investment will grow larger and larger in the immediate future, and will have a very great influence in stimulating businces, not only on the London Stock Exchange, hut on most of the stock exchanges of Europe. At the beginning of this week the President of the Imperial Bank of Germany, when moving the reduction of the Bank rate, made a very optimistic statement, pointing out that the Bank is gnining strength, and that although the foreign exchanges are against Germany, yet it is not likely that much gold will be taken from Germany while it is reasonably certain that the Imperial Bank will be able to go on strengthening its roserve. In consequence the rate was put down from 4 per cent to $31 / 2$ per cent. The best opinion is that there will be a further reduction just before the contemplated German and Prussian loans come out. There has been a rumor in Berlin this weok that the Prussian loan would come out almost immediately and that that accounted for the early reduction of the Bank rate. But there has as yet been no official confirmation of the rumor. The best pinion seems to be that the two loans will be kept back tutil April and that just before then the Bank rate will be put down to 3 per cent and possibly even lower.
Immediately following the action of the Imperial Bank of Germany, the Bank of Sweden has put down its rate from 5 per cent to $4 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent and other movements in the same direction are expected. It seems to be clear, therefore, that money has become exceedingly abundant and cheap
all over Europe and on the strength of this the best opinion in London, Paris and Berlin is that we are about to seeagreat increase of activity upon the stock exchanges and bourses and hetter prices. Against this a few object that now issues are coming out here so frequently and for such large amounts that there cannot be any very marked rise in the highest classes of securities and that nntil there is no great activity can ensue. The objeetion does not seem very conclusive. Now issues are always numerous in times when money is exceedingly cheap and they never prevent activity upon the Stock Exchange. In fact, the new issues usually lead to the placing of orders in this country upon a considerable scale, which helps to increase employment both for capital and labor, and therefore creates new wealth for investment, However that may be, the feeling everywhere is very hopeftul, and in spite of the setback of the past few days, everybody is looking forward to a much more prosperous year than we have had for a long time past,

The India Council offered for tender on Wednesday 75 lacs of its bills and the applications nearly amounted to 79 lacs at prices ranging from $18.329-32 \mathrm{~d}$. to $18.315-16 \mathrm{~d}$. per rupee. Applicants for bills at $1 \mathrm{~s}, 329-32 \mathrm{~d}$, per rupee and for telegraphic transfers at $18,315-16 \mathrm{~d}$. per rupee were allotted about 95 per cent of the amounts applied for
The following return shows the position of the Bank of England, the Bank rate of discount, the price of consols de., compared with the last four years:

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 The rates for money have been:


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The Bank rate of discount and open market rates at the chief Continental cities have been as follows:


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 February 18 : cotn, -In the abacence of any foreign demand for gold, the Bank of Enctand bats agati secured nil the svallatlo rapplles, amountmg to marly 8700,000 , stor satio-  toxll, white E320.200 has bera wltathwn for South Nmerica. Aexc weet we Augnath, E42,000; Bomb3y, e71,000; total. E771,500. 8ltpments-Bombsy,   come from chins, bit Indish yocutatora thye sold. too, the deatens there taktur   Couthental buying, the falt nould have ben ruine targor. Todoy e mipments iny frefli kelific trant that muarter wint tindoubtedly put the mathet tower, it there ate no etsis at phitut of any limportant buyer foming thto the marker. Thim markat ctosea dutf at 23 9-16i, With a doxciwiry tridency, 580.000 has been prlce in findan 1Rs. nons pir 100 totahis. Arrivals-New York, e178,000 Shlp-menta-Madras, Ey, 010 ; Shisghal, Ex50,000; total. E152,500

The quotations for bullion are reported as follows: 


The following shows the imports of cereal produce into the United Kingdom during the season to date, compared with previous seasons:


The following shows the quantities of wheat, flour and maize afloat to the United Kingdom:
 Mitse $\ldots \ldots . .$.
The daily closing quotations for securities, \&c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week: London
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siver per ounce.
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$a$ Price per ahare. $b \&$ sterling

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## DIVIDENDS.

The following shows all the dividends amounced for the future by all large or important corporations: Dividends announced this week are printed in italics.


| Name of Company. | Por Corr. | $\begin{gathered} \text { When } \\ \text { Paplable. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Books Closed. Days Inclustve. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Miscellaneous (Conclude |  |  |  |  |
| stman Kodak, common (qua Common (ertra) | ${ }_{5}^{23 / 2}$ | April 1 |  | Toldera of rec. Feb. 27 |
| Preterred (quar) | 15 | $\lambda_{\text {A }}^{\text {ril }}$ |  | ders of rec. Feb, 27 |
| deral Mintug \& Smeiting, pret (quar.) | 19 | Mch. |  | tolders of rec. Feb. 26 |
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|  | $\frac{2}{21}$ | ${ }^{\text {Apprill }} 15$ |  | 5 of rec, |
| Geugenheim Exploration (inat.). No. | $1{ }^{1}$ | April |  | Holers ot rec. Mch: 19 |
| Laclede Gas, cormmon (quar.) | 11/2 | Meh. 15 |  | Heli 7 to Mc |
| Mackay Componles, com. (ruar.) (No. 15) |  | April |  | tolders of ree. |
| Precared giuar |  | Apt |  | Hol |
| Mlehtran state Teleplione, pret. (quar.)- | 115 | May |  |  |
| Nat. Blscutt, com. (quart) (No. 42)...- | $11 / 2$ | April 15 |  | tolders of |
| Natonal Knam, \& Stamp., jut | 1 | Mch. 31 |  | teh. 12 to Mch. 31 |
| Natlonal Lead, common (guar.) (No.21) | 1 | April |  | Mel, 13 to Mel |
| Pretorred (quar.) No. | 13 | Mch. 15 | 5 | Eeb 20 to Fe |
| Norsebement-Mond. | 碌 |  |  | ych. 14 oto ${ }^{\text {to }}$ Mch 21. |
| Northen Califormia Poicor (N). |  |  |  | eb. 18 to Feb. 19 |
| Quaker Oats, common (quar, | $13 / 1$ | April 15 |  | Holders of rec. April ${ }^{5}$ |
| Qutncy Mlining (quar.) |  | Mch. 22 |  | ich. 2 to Mch. |
| Halway Steel spring, pref. (quar.) | 14 | Mch. 20 |  | teh. 11 to Meh. 21 |
|  | ${ }_{2}^{12}$ | Mehi ${ }^{\text {Men }}$ |  | Hodders of rec, Mch. ${ }^{8}$ |
| Sears, Roobick e Co,. prelored (tuar)., | 15 | April |  | roidera of rec. Mch, is |
| Standin | 315 | sth. |  | ders of rec. Fe |
|  |  | Ap |  | tolders of rec. steh. 13 |
| Unted Bank Note Corp, pref- (puar.) | $1{ }^{1}$ | April |  | Holders of ree Mph. 10 |
| 8. Steel CorD., com. (qu.) (No. 21) |  | Mch. |  | (cb. 16 to April 10 |
| ah Copper (quar.) | 500 . | Mch. |  | tolders of ree sth. 19 |

Auction Sales.-Among other securities the following, not marly dealt in at the Board, were recently sold at auction. By. Messrs. Adrian H. Muller \& Son:

8 Slxth Avenue RR. Co. 118 y
482 Brooslyn Clty RR. Co.

 137 Metronoliman secur.
5 Mechantes Nat. Eank 1350 ${ }_{6}^{65}$ Peoples Sty Bank

${ }_{31}{ }^{31}$ Phentr Intocks.
${ }^{31}$ Phenx Doustas Coo.of Bkiyn. 260 3/2
 35,000 Laramlo Habn's Peak \&
Pag. Ry, Co. $18 t r e d .65 .1932$ is s5.000 Detaware Co. of N. N. 58 . 87 is
i930. M. \& N.



 4,000 Rex Carbon Coat Co.

Imports and Exports for the Week. The following are the imports at New York for the week ending Feb. 27; also totals since the beginning of the first week in January: foreion imports at new york.

| Far ueen, | 1000. | 1908. | 1907 | 1900. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dry koods. General merchandis | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 3,774,008 \\ & 15,198,893 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83,055,297 \\ & 10,716,953 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 4,259,769$ $17,224,530$ | $\begin{aligned} & 54,207,248 \\ & 1,548,097 \end{aligned}$ |
| Totat | \$18,073,801 | \$13,772,250 | \$21, 184,605 | 815,810,245 |
| Dry soods Cenern me | $\begin{aligned} & 330,116,001 \\ & 103 ; 1000,045 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $824,442,597$ $65,631,897$ | 332,850, 676 107.473,287 | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 29,409,830 \\ 89.959,300 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Total 8 weeks | 8133,306,049 | \$90,074.494 | 8140,332,863 | 8119,369,130 |

The following is a statement of the exports (exclusive of specie) from the port of New York to foreign ports for the week ending Feb, 27 and from Jan. 1 to date:

EXPORTS FROM NEW YORK TOR THE WEEK.


The following table shows the exports and imports of specie at the Port of New York for the week ending Feb. 27 and since Jan. 1 1909, and for the corresponding periods in 1908 and 1907:

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF SPECIE AT NEW YORK.

| Gotd. | Exports. |  | Imporis. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Weck. | Sincelan. 1 | Weck. | Sincalan |
| Grant | 824,420 | 824, 220 |  | $\$ 31,641$ 256,780 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| West Inaten | 245,000 | 253,000 | 675 | 105,820 87,921 |
| South Amorica | 700000 | 8,052,000 | 80, 134 | 433,850 |
| All other count | 0,800 | 8,0,925 | 8,773 | 128,563 |
| Total 190 | 31,000,220 | 813,761,345 | 8351,053 | \$1,34,554 |
| Total 1007 |  | 1.398 | 320.303 | 6,413,020 |
| rotal 19 | 2,956 | 1,398,311 |  |  |
| Grest Br tit | \$881,090 | \$7,102,289 | S18, 180 | \$37,057 |
| Frasce |  | 789,400 |  | , 2,07 |
| West tinde | 2,320 | 10.628 | 700 | 20,201 |
| mextico |  |  | 7,478 | (345,152 |
| South Amierica, | 251 | 26.081 | 19,302 | 110,445 |
| Total 190 |  |  |  |  |
| tay | 1,023,526 | 6,753,124 | 68,009 | 741.044 |
| Total 1007. | 1,470,903 | 6,650,327 | 26,665 | 411,620 |

Of the above imports for the week in $1909, \$ 675$ were
American gold coin and S...American silver coin, Of the exports during the same time, $\$ 798,000$ were American gold coin and $\$ 251$ were American silver coin.

Statement of New York Oity Olearing-House Banks.-The detailed statement below shows the condition of the New York City Clearing-House banks for the week ending Feb. 27. The figures for the separate banks are the averages of the daily results. In the case of the totals, the actual figures at the end of the week are also given.

| Banks. $00 s$ omitted. | Capitat. | Surplus. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Loans. } \\ & \text { Averinge. } \end{aligned}$ | Specio. Avarue. | Legats. Average. | Deposits. Avarage. | $\begin{aligned} & R c- \\ & s_{0} c c \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bank ot N, Y | $2.000,0$ | $3,305,6$ | $20,358.0$ | $4,018,0$ | $1,193,0$ | $19,038,02$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \% \\ & 27.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| Manhattan Co. | 2,050,0 | 3,479,7 | 33,300, | 8,890,0 | 1,516, | 39,000,0 | 20.1 |
| Merchante | 2,000, | 1,588,2 | 20,317; | 3.084 .0 | $3,411.0$ | 21.849 .0 | 25.3 |
| Meelinules | $3.000,0$ | 3,715, 8 | 30,910,0 | 2,802,0 | 1,519.0 | $33,697.0$ | 27.6 |
| America | 1.500.0 | 5:032, 63 | 20.506 .7 | $5.428,9$ 1,353 | 3.197 .4 | $32,846.1$ $6,910,0$ | 26.2 |
| ${ }^{\text {Phen }}$ | 1,000 $25,000,0$ | 26,215,2 | $7.574,0$ $190,438,8$ | $1,353,0$ $42,614,6$ | 8, 408,0 | $6,910,0$ $193,040,0$ | $\frac{26.6}{30.6}$ |
| Chemie | 3,000,0 | 5,887:0 | 20,407, | 5,077, | 2,234,0 | 28,678, ${ }^{\text {c }}$ | 25.7 |
| Merchants Ex, | 日ion, | 523,1 | 0.777 .5 | 957,1 | 74, 3 | $7,039,7$ | 24.1 |
| Gailatin. | 1,000,0 | 2,429,3 | 9,328, 3 | 1,124,6 | $\begin{array}{r}782,8 \\ 83 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | ${ }_{2} 7,352,4$ | 26.1 |
| Buteh. ${ }^{\text {Greenvich }}$ | 300,0 500 | 733,7 | $2,226,3$ $6,768,3$ | 1,914,6 | 200.0 | $7,761,1$ | 27.2 |
| American Exch. | 5,000,0 | 5,163,1 | 20.215, 0 | 4,078.4 | 1,866,9 | 22,430,9 | 26.8 |
| Cotmmerce | 25,000, 0 | 15,394,4 | 169,474, 7 | 26.979, 1 | 13,287, 2 | 156,107, 8 | 25.8 |
| Mersantie | 3,000, | 2,483, 8 | 13,067,7 | 1.536 .4 | 929,2 | 9, 3 ,571, | 28.1 |
| Pacitc | 500,0 450,0 | 1,002,2 | $3,756,8$ $7,220,3$ | 1,148,0 | 1,101,9 | 7,908:2 | 28.5 |
| People's | 200,0 | 466.5 | 1,052,7 | 624,2 | 38,4 | 2,202,4 | 30.1 |
| Hanover | $3.000,0$ | 10,354,0 | 70,040,4 | 17,7468 | 5,562,2 | 85,321,0 | 27.4 |
| Otizens' Ce | $2,550,0$ | 1,416,6 | 22,224.8 | 5,433,0 | 1.037 ${ }^{31}$ | 22, 014.9 |  |
| Naskut | 500,9 | 1,602. ${ }^{392}$ | 8,202, 15 | 1,001,4 | 1,382, | 8,498,7 | 28.0 |
| Metropolita | 2,000,0 | 1,207,5 | 11,273,1 | 3,570,9 | 101, | 11,215,0 | 24.4 |
| Corn Exchange. | 3,900,0 | 5,241,2 | 44,237,0 | 8,802,0 | 5,911,0 | 51.691 .0 | 24.0 |
| Imp. © Trimen' | 1,500,0 | 7,345, 8 | 37,072,0 | 23,730,0 | 1. 8050 1.7360 | 25,907,9 | 25.2 |
| ${ }_{\text {Park }}^{\text {Past }}$ F | 3,000,9 | 9,568, 100 | 1,398,9 | 208,9 | 1,786,9 | 1,568,8 | 25.1 |
| For | 3,000,0 | $3,319,9$ | 26,604,0 | 4,551,0 | 2,830,0 | 28,430,0 | 25.9 |
| Second | 1,000, 0 | 1,7470 | 11.231.0 | 2,636,0 | 336,0 | 11,685,0 | 25.4 |
| First | 10,000,0 | 18,368, 6 | 132,272,3 | 32,093,4 | 1,740,1 | 123,014, | 4 |
| Irytug | $2.000,0$ | 1,400, 3 | 19.878 .0 | 4,20 | 1,189.1 | 21,2 |  |
| Bowery | 450,9 800,0 | 1,285,6 | 7,811.8 | 1,34,8 | 672, | 8,292,0 | 25.0 |
| German-גmer - | 760,0 | 655.0 | 4,253,8 | 886.4 | 239,3 | 4,229,8 | 20.6 |
| hask. | 5.000 .0 | 5,931.0 | 78,44, 1 | 17,324,9 | 4,454,3 | 87,020,3 | 25.0 |
| Eirth Avems | 100.0 | 2, 208.1 | $12,463,1$ $3,449.5$ | 2,745,8 | 1,094.5.8. | 14.708 .1 | 23.1 |
| Germanta | \#00,0 | 903, 6 | $4,727,5$ | 850,0 | 627, | 5,553,8 | 20.5 |
| Line | 1,000.9 | 1,309,5 | 16, 340,8 | 3,404,9 | 1,200.4 | 17,096,0 | 25,6 |
| G | 1,000,0 | 1,135, 1 | 7,771,3 | 1.875,6 | 627.0 | 8,250,0 | 29.0 |
| Elth | 250.0 | 462,0 | 3,253,9 | 643,7 | 376.2 | 3,556,9 | 25.0 |
| Weat 8 | 1.0000 | 2,009,5 | 4,351.0 | 1,060,0 | 1,421,0 | 4, 1,000 | 26.1 |
| Scabourd | 1,000,0 | 1,682,2 | 20,132,0 | 4,585:0 | 2,026,0 | 24,332,0 | 27.2 |
| Liberts | 1,000, | 2,505,2 | 16,450, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 3,730,5 | 404,2 | 16,129.5 | 26.1 |
| N. Y. Prod. ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | 1,0090 | 870.6 | 7,108,7 | 2,024,6 | 106.7 | 1. | 20.3 |
|  | 1,000,0 | 827, | 11.089 .0 $4,068.8$ |  | 451, |  | 26.3 |
| Sopp | 2,000,0 | 2,506,3 | 19,043,4 | 4,500, 8 | 410.5 | 10,4138 | 7 |
| Totats, Average | 126,350,0 | 168,258,0 | 1316,190,4 | 275,602,1 | 80,524.8 | 1368,087,7 | 20.0 |
| Actual figures | Feb. 27. |  | 1311,950,4 | 273,204.7 | 80,601,9 | 1362,203,0 | 26.0 |

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$348,559,600$ : Uniteid statea doposits, $\$ 2,487,600$.

The State Banking Department also now furnishes weekly returns of the State banks and trust companies under its oharge. These returns cover all the institutions of this class in the whole State, but the figures are compiled so as to distinguish between the results for New York City (Greater Now York) and those for the rest of the State. Furthermore, in the case of this city, besides reporting the results for the State banks and for the trust companies, separate figures are presented to Indicate the totals for the State banks and trust companies in the Greater New York not in the Clearing House. In the following we give all the different sets of figures, indicating by plus ( + ) or mínus ( - ) sign the changes from the previous week. To make the statement as comprehensive as possible, we start with the totals of the Clearing House banks as contained in the above, giving both the averages for the week and the actual figures at the end of the week.

NEW YORK CTTY BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES,
WMat ending Fce. 271209.

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 State Banks and
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Trust Co's } \text { not } \\ \text { to Ctar-Housel, } 087,038,3 & 133,474,4 & 21,108,9 & 1,216,013,9 & 177,982,6 & 19,1\end{array}$ STATE BANKS \& TRUST CO'S OUTSIDE OF GREATER NEW XORK. Week endting Feb. 271008.


+ Increase over lait weok, - Decrease rrom iast week,
a Includes bank notee ofter ellminatiog the tem "Due from reserve deposi. torlea and other banka and tratt compantegto New Xork City, deposita amount to


$\$ 2,487,600$, a decrease of $\$ 381,800$ from last week; averages include United Stated
deporits of $\$ 2,594,700$, a decrease of $\$ 314,500$ from tast week.
 only cash liems but amomnts due from reserve agempan. Trust companles in New
York slate ire fequired by law to teep a reserve proporionate to thetr deposits. York siate are required by law to keep a reserve proporlionate to thetr deposits,
the futlo varytig according to location na thown becow. The percontage of re-



 puted on the whole amount of doposits, exclustve of deposits becured by bonds
the state ot New York.

Reports of Non-Member Banks. - The following is the statement of condition of the non-member banks for the week ending Feb. 27, based on average daily results:

| Banks. | Capltal. | Sutplus. | Loans. <br> Discts and <br> Invent- <br> ments. | Specte. | LegalTenderanizBankNotes. | Depasti with |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Net } \\ \text { Deposita. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ciear- } \\ & \text { ing } \\ & \text { Agent. } \end{aligned}$ | Oither <br> Banks, de. |  |
| N. Y. City. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Washiggts. | 100,0 | 214,3 | 1,106,0 | 102,0 | 7,0 | 146,0 |  | , |
| Century .-. | 200,0 | 155,3 | 1,588,1 | 32,3 | 242,6 | 122,5 | 158.4 | 1,595,4 |
| Colontat -- | 400,0 | 231,3 | 4,376, 1 | 613,9 | 340.9 | 466, 6 | 403,1 | 5,675,5 |
| Columbla .- | 300,0 | 430,9 | 5.785 .0 | 569,0 | 531.0 | 575.9 1128 |  | 6.937.0 |
| Pidelity | 200,0 | 174.7 685 | 871,2 | 65,1 27.0 | 41.0 | 112,8 | 150.2 | 856,2 $3.260,1$ |
| Mt. Morrls. | 250,0 | 265,3 | 2,356,2 | 455,9 | 417 | 305,7 | 81.8 | 3,136,0 |
| afutral ...- | 200,0 | 319.6 | 3,780,1 | 22.0 | 687.2 | 600,0 | 5.1 | 4,637,2 |
| 10th Ward | 300,0 | 478,9 | 4.326,6 | 162,4 | 739,2 | 23.8 | 771,9 | 5,719.1 |
| Plaza | 100,0 | 297.4 | 3,450.0 | 271.0 | 123,0 | 525,0 |  | 4,421,0 |
| 2ard Ward. | 200,0 | 92,0 | 1.614 .0 | 160.9 | 60, 6 | 205.6 |  | 1,870.1 |
| Unjon Exch | 7500 | 828,0 | 7,330, 1 | 678, | 600, | 7078 278 | 150,0 | 7,421.0 |
| Yorkvile Couthi.Nat. | 100,0 | 7250 | 3,396, $4.81,0$ | 012,0 | 687,4 206,0 | 815,0 | 200, 0 | 4.917. 0 |
| New Nethd | $200 \%$ | 236, 4 | 1,825.0 | 221.0 | 75.0 | 227,0 | 25.0 | 2,007,0 |
| Batt. Pk, Nat | 200.0 | 145,8 | 1,100.2 | 203.6 | 37,2 | 10,4 |  | 910,4 |
| Boosugh of Brokkin. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bradyway | 150,0 | 462.2 | 2,886,3 | 25.7 | 340,8 | 208.9 | 221,1 | $3,329.8$ |
| Mirst Nat- | 252,0 | 777.0 | 5.407 .0 | 624.8 | 155.5 | S85,0 | 192.7 |  |
| Stechanfat: | 1,000,0 | 90\%, 1 | $0.705,7$ 8,349 | 207.9 317.0 | 1,871,5 | 1,245,4 | 179.8 | $13,046,1$ $0,613,0$ |
| Naskid Nat. | 700, | 919, 8 | $6,349,0$ $4,452,0$ | 317,0 | 620,0 | 1,163,0 | 1000 | 0,0630 5,700 |
| Norib Bide- | 200,0 | 132,7 | 1,570,0 | 142,4 | 71.7 | 133,8 | 230 | 1,901,1 |
| lersoy city. | 400,0 | 1,210,8 | 4,101,3 |  | 387, 5 | 2.040 .4 | 902.0 | 6,800, 1 |
| Hud.Co.Nat | 250 , 0 | 721.1 | $2,479.3$ | 174.3 | 27,6 | 224.7 | 408.0 | 2,548,2 |
|  | 200.0 | 374:0 | 4 | 7,0 | 151 | 862, ${ }^{\text {B }}$ | 67.4 | 2,694,4 |
| EIrst Nit.. Second Nat | 220.0 | 612.5 | 2,643,6 | 103,0 | 24,4 | 203, 4 | 201.6 |  |
|  | 125.0 | 220,5 | 2,048,0 | 18,6 | 74,7 | 05.6 | 321.6 | 2,478, 5 |
| Tot. Feb. 27 | 8,347.0 | 12,748.7 | 93, 9956 | 6, 417,8 | 9,550,0 | 13,120.0 | 4,001,9 | 112661,2 |
| Tot. Feb. 20 | 8,347,0 | 12,718.7 | 94,819,2 | 6, 325 , | 9,470,7 | 13,024,7 | 5,880,7 | 114811.5 |
| Tot $\mathrm{Fe} \quad 18$ | $8,347,0 \mid$ | 12,838,0 | 94,018,2 | 6,319,7 | 9,263,2 | -5.798,2 | 6,281 | 117722,31 |

New York City, Boston and Philadelphia, Banks.-Below is a summary of the weekly totalsof the Clearing-House banks of New York City, Boston and Philadelphia. The New York figures do not include results for non-member banks.


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## Wall Street, Friday Niqht, March 51900.

The Monsy Market and Financial Situation.-So little has oceurred this week affeeting the security markets that the latter have been dull, narrow and generally uminteresting. During the early part of the week there was some progress towards the level of prices which prevailed before the recent sharp decline, but the movement, which had practically spent its force last week, soon subsided, and the market lapsed into a state of inactivity which seemed to represent little more than the professional operations of a few room traders.

The inauguration of President Taft was an event which absorbed considerable interest in Wall street, but nothing in the message was unexpected, and it therefore had little effect in financial circles. Tariff revision and the labor situation, especially that in the coal rgeions, are matters which are likely to receive considerable attention from now on until both are settled, and in the mean time business in various departments will doubtless he more or less restricted.
Money market conditions at this centre are reflected in the subscriptions received for $\$ 10,000,000$ Argentina bonds and a similar amonnt offered by Now York City. For the latter, bids for more than five times the amount of the issue were received by the Comptroller, and the Argentinn offering was largely over-subscribed. No gold has been shipped from this port during the week.

The open market rates for call loans at the Stock Exchange during the week on stock and bond collaterals have ranged from $11 \% \%$ to $21 / \%$. To-day's rates on call were $13 / 4 \%$ @ $2 \%$. Commercial paper quoted at $35033 \%$ for 60 to 90 day endorsements, $3 \$ 4(4+\%$ for prime 4 to 6 months single names.

The Bank of England weekly statement on Thursday showed an increase in bullion of $£ 333,649$ and the percentage of reserve to liabilities was 48.83, against 48.08 last week.
The rate of discount remains unehanged at $3 \%$, as fixed Jan. 14. The Bank of France shows a decrease of $17,050,000$ francs gold and an increase of 75,000 franes silver NEW YORK CTTY CLEARING-HOUSE BANKS.

|  |  |  |  | 1907. <br> Aberager for tocek onding ach. 2. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Capital. <br> Surplits. <br> Crans sum dseounts <br> Net deposit <br> U. S. (Hop. (Encl, zbove) sjecio. <br> Legal tundert- |  |  |  |  |
| Reserve betal. $25 \%$ ot depicsits | 356,120.000 342.266 .125 | $\begin{array}{lr} \text { Dec. } & 862,000 \\ \text { Dec. } & 1,197,800 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 321,105,600 \\ 291,205,025 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 259,466,600 \\ & 250,607,050 \end{aligned}$ |
| Surptus regery | 13,870,975 | the. | 29,262,675 | 3,858,66 |
| Surptis, exel. U. S. dep | 14,529, 050 | Inc. 250,275 | 43,100,200 | 7,46,87 |


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Foreign Exchange,-The market was strong this week, closins at the highest of the week and year. It was influenced by a demand to remit for securities that had been sold abrond and to cover a speculatively created short interest. Gold exponts to Argentins, $\$ 250.000$; these, however, were effected on Saturday of last week.

To-day's (Friday's) nominal rates ror sterling exchange were 480948616 for sixty-day and 489 for sight. Today's (Friday s) actual tates for seorling exctiange were 48550 (a) 45590 for long, 18790 @ 488 for short and 48825 @ 48835 for cables. Commercial on banks $485000(1) 48560$ and doctments for payment $484^{3}$ (a) $85 \%$. Cotton for payment $484^{3 /}$ @ +85 , cotton ior sccentance $48550 @ 48560$ and grain for payment $485 \mathrm{tan}+8558$.
To-day's (Friday's) actoni rates for Paris bankers' franes
 Germany bankers' marks were $9418-16(\pi 047$ for long and $953-16 d @ 953-16$ for short. Amsteviam bankers' guilders were 40.23 (ix 40.25 for short.
Exchange at Paris on Eondon 25 fv .24 the.: week's range $25 \mathrm{fr} .24 \% \mathrm{c}$. high and $25 \mathrm{fr}, 28 \mathrm{c}$. low.

The week's range for exclange rates follows:


The following were the rates for domestic exchange on New York at the under-mentioned cities to-day: Savarnah, buying, 50c. per $\$ 1,000$ discount; selling, 75 c . per $\$ 1,000$ premium. Charleston, selling, $\$ 1$ per $\$ 1,000$ premitrm.
$\$ 1$ per $\$ 1,000$ discount. Chicago, 15 e . per $\$ 1,000$ premium. St. Louis, 35 c . per $\$ 1,000$ premium. San Francisco, par.

State and Railroad Bonds.-Sales of State bonds at the Board are limited to $\$ 10,000$ Virginia 6s deferred trust receipts at 38
The market for railway and industrial bonds has been moderately active and generaliy steady throughout the week. A lew issues have been somewhat conspicuous, but the list as a whole shows fow exceptional features. Among the latter are Western Maryland 4e, which have advanced 11 points, and Central Leather 5s, which declined in sympathy with the shares. Other changes in the active list are fractional and unimportant.
United States Bonds.-No sales of Covernment bonds have been reported at the Board this weck. The following are the cally closing quotations; for yearly range see third page following.

|  | titerest Perturas | $F_{27}{ }_{27}$ | Mers. 1 | $\xrightarrow[\substack { \text { M } \\ \begin{subarray}{c}{\text { che } \\ 2{ \text { M } \\ \begin{subarray} { c } { \text { che } \\ 2 } } \\{\hline}\end{subarray}]{ }$ | \%rch. | Mch. | $\underset{\substack{\text { Nect. } \\ 5 \\ \hline}}{ }$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2s. 1989 Ca - ....-reghtered | Jam | - 701 | 4101 | -101 | *(101 |  |  |
|  | Q-Fim | -1009 | -1005 | **1008 | +1016 |  |  |
| 39, 1909-18 ......cemponi | Peo | *101 | ${ }^{1+101}$ | - 101 | -101 | ${ }^{* 101}$ | $\bigcirc$ |
| 38, 1903-18...sminil coupon | - | ${ }_{* 10}^{* 10}$ | -100 | 8100 3119 | -1190 |  | *100 |
| +8, 1025 ............esupot |  | 210 | - 120 | -120 | \% 120 | *12) | ${ }^{2} 198$ |
| 23, 1030 - Panamic crant regls | 2-wob | *1005 | -100) | -1005 | *1001s | H004 |  |
| 23, 1936, Papama casal regig | 2-Nor | -100) | +1004 | H1003. | -1003 | 10008 | 100\%4 |

* This la the price bid at the mornme boant; no snte was made

Bailroad and Miscellaneous Stocks. Following the activity and partial recovery noted last week, the stock market has been irregular and the yolume of business largely reduced. In most cases fluctuations have been narrow, however, and net changes mimportant. The transactions diminished day by day until they aggregated only 440,000 shares. as against a maximum of $1,561,000$ last weel.

Among the excoptional features has bcen Wiscomsin Central, which advanced 1312 points on its eloser allisnee with Canadian Pacific. Dider the same influence Wisconsin Central preferred has advanced about 20 points within a few weeks. Reading recovered still further from its recent sharp decline, and Atchison sold up to $1043 / 8$, its linghest price since February 1907.

The iron, steel and copper stocks have been irregular on the peculiar conditions prevailing in the metal trades. United States Leather prefered advanced 8 points on the announcement of a judioial decision regarded as favorable to siockholders. On the same amouncement Cuntral Leathor duclined. United States Steel commen is 1 point higher than at the close last week and the preferred $11 / 4$ higher

For daily volume of business see page 618.
The following sales have ocourred this wnsk of shares not represented in our detailed list on paces which follow:


Outside Market.-A higher range to values and an increase in the volume of business marked the week'sopening in "curb" securities, but after this the market reacted, price movements were irregular, with the tendenoy in the main downward, and trading relapsed into dulness. Boston Consolidated Copper from $11 \%$ advanced to $121 / 2$, easing off finally to $121 / \mathrm{s}$. British Columbia improved from 67 8 to $7 \frac{1}{5}$ but reacted to $7 \frac{1}{8}$. Butte Coalition sold up from 22 to 25 and dropped back to $22 \%$. Cumberland-mly advanced from $7^{58}$ to 8 but weakened subsequontly to $715-16$. Greene-Cananea rose from 9 to $10 \frac{3}{8}$, sank to 93 and closed to-day at $07 / 8$. Nevada Consolidated moved up from $163 /$ to 177 s and foll to $171 /$ United Copper whs active, the common from $11 \%$ reaching 1396, weakened to $121 / 4$ and ends the week at 1234 . Giroux advanced from 758 to $83 /$ receded to $81 / 4$ and closed to-day at 83.8 . Goldfield Consolidated weakened from 8 8-16 to 7 13-16. Nipissing went down from $91 / 3$ to $91 / 2$ and closed to-day at $93 / 8$. There was a broad market in bonds. Atlantic Const Line new is sold for the first time at 97, while initial transaetions were made in Southern Ry, new 4s from 787 र to 70 and brek to $783 /$. Chic. Burl. i Quincy is were traded in between 78. Chic. Bur. is Quincy $4 s$ were traded in between
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Outside quotations will be found on page 618.

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|  |  | $45 \quad 40,15$ |  | 1，125，000 | 304.500 109.000 |  |
|  |  | 39 42，822 | ． 400 | 2，295，500 | 301，000 |  |
|  |  | 31 46，630 | ，250 2 | 2，528，500 | 174，000 |  |
|  | 3，255，350 $5293,041,600$ |  |  | \＄17，344，500 $\frac{11,110,000}{}$ |  |  |
| Sales as Neis York Slock： Exchamge | West cuding March 5. |  |  | Jan－1 to March 5. |  |  |
|  |  | 1903. |  | 1909. | 1903. |  |
| Stooka par | $\begin{array}{\|r\|} 3,255,380 \\ 3293,041,600 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{r} 1,782,598 \\ 155,364,45 \\ \$ 12,500 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r\|r} 32,412,754 & \\ \$ 3,104,783,75 & \$ 3 \\ \$ 10,000 & \$ 3 \end{array}$ |  | $27,997,333$$\$ 3,365,743,523$$\$ 32.500$ |
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| Government b | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 1,100,000 \\ & 17,344,500 \end{aligned}$ |  | \＄30，000$2,010,500$ | $\begin{array}{r}5120,000 \\ 0.008,600 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |  | 8143,20023.184 .000 |
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|  | \＄18，454，500 $39,919,500$ |  | $\frac{7,579,000}{0,919,500}$ | ， |  | 156，396，600 |
| DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA EXCHANGES． |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Week endeng March 61809. | Baston． |  |  | Phacidelphia． |  |  |
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| Manday | 28， 153 | 14，234 | \＄13，500 | 12，705 | $\begin{array}{r} 7,272 \\ 7,92 \\ 13,683 \\ 5,696 \\ 7,5,59 \\ 6.809 \end{array}$ | 359,040 90，700 <br> 142，900 63,300 61,000 61，000 |
| Monday | 39,609 24,492 | 36，．489 | 132.500 223,500 | 20,791 9 |  |  |
| Wedne | 18，600 | 21，120 | 181，000 | 11，458 |  |  |
| T hursla | 23.076 | 17，885 | 113，500 | 3 3，575 |  |  |
| Fridsy | 20，066 | 22，972 | 122，500 | 14．757 |  |  |
| Total ．．．．．．．．．．．．． | 153，906 | 136，316 | \＄786，500 | 77．611 | 18，956 | 70.9 |

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## RAILROAD GROSS EARNINGS.

The following table shows the gross earnings of every STEAM raitroad from which regular weekly or monthly returns can be obtained. The first two columns of figures give the gross earnings for the latest week or month, and the last two columns the earnings for the period from July 1 to and including such latest week or month. We add a supplementary statement to show the fiscal year totals of those roads whose fiscal year does not begin with July, but covers some other period. The returns of the street railways are brought tonether separately on a subsequent page.


AGGREGATES OF GROSS EARNINGS-Weekly and Monthly.


WLatest Gross Earnings by Weeks.-In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the third week of February. The table covers 45 roads and shows $9.60 \%$ increase in the aggregate over the same week last year

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|  |  |  |  |  |
| Cent \& Hud | 3,611,643 | 6,170,327 | 1,450,034 | 1,100,245 |
| Lake Shore \& M | 3,316,725 | 2.850,4.40 | 1,237,262 | 836.450 |
| Lake Erie \& We | 334.228 | 336.488 | 26,430 | 48,328 |
| hic Ind \& Sotuth -b...Jan | 265,603 | 235.605 | 71,33t | 41.714 |
| fich Central b . . . . Jan | 1,907,661 | ,861,468 | 07.69 | 05,803 |
| - Ciac Cht | 2,024,96 | 1,786,110 | 31,08 | 2s, 2 |
| corta \& Eastern_b...san | 208,762 | 250.172 | 8,51 | 93,49 |
| no Northern-b.....Jan | 77,139 | 56,821 | 1,08 | ets,176 |
| cts \& Laske Fric. b., J | 837,220 | 085,384 | 5,8 | 208 |
| dtand b | 185,835 | 87,815 | 38,826 | 6,133 |
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| Phila Batto \& Wasb b b Jan | 1,263,140 | 1,306,890 | 165.083 | 167,683 |
| Ratelgi |  |  | 5,552 |  |
| July 1 to |  |  | 20,221 |  |
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| esating Compan |  |  |  |  |
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| July 1 to Jan 31 | 730.2 | 6.130, | 1,814,28 | .740,301 |
| in New Orl \&'P July 1 to Jan 11 | $\begin{array}{r} 662,818 \\ 4.550,018 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 555,657 \\ 4,972.158 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 231.229 \\ 1.520 .550 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 47,503 \\ 1.021 .122 \end{array}$ |
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| , | ,121.004 | 2,252,564 | 612, 0 |  |
| corsia Sou \& July 1 to Ja | $\begin{aligned} & 169,07 \\ & 1.120 .51 \end{aligned}$ | 105,728 1.2247878 | $\begin{array}{r} 40395 \\ 31^{40} \quad 812 \end{array}$ | 6,172 |
| awr $\&$ Adirondack- $\quad 120,572$ |  |  |  |  |
| 4 \& P | 246,809 | $1,201,880$ $0,539,763$ |  |  |
|  |  | 9,589,763 |  |  |
| Futy 1 to do dan in ...... | 42,146 | $\begin{array}{r} 6,743 \\ 55,245 \end{array}$ | . 290 | 584 |
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| ster \& Delaw |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & c \\ & 0 \text { ot } 1 \text { to } \\ & \text { July } 1 \text { to } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 221,036 \\ & 068,089 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 109,369 \\ & 046,215 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 04 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 74 \\ & 94 \end{aligned}$ |
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STREET RAILWAX AND TRAOTION COMRANIES.

| Name ofRoad. | Latest Gross Earninos. |  |  | Jan. 1 to tatest date. |  |
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|  | Wrek or Month. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Current } \\ & \text { Year } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Previous } \\ & \text { Year. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ourrent } \\ & \text { Year. } \end{aligned}$ | Premious year. |
| Amertean 1 | Sanuary January -2 | $\begin{gathered} 2_{3}^{3}, 399 \\ 99.637 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 209.339 \\ 2093 \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} 381,309 \\ 221,697 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3 \\ 200,399 \\ 93,080 \end{gathered}$ |
| Bancor Ry \% Elec co | Octaber | 41,445 | 41,025 |  |  |
| Brrm Ry Lt \& Power | anmury | 192348 7.086 | 177775 6,387 | 103, 7 7,883 | 177,746 |
| Camaguey Co | January | 11.337 | 7,656 | 11,337 | 7,586 |
| Cape breton 1 | January | 18,332 | 20,885 | 18,332 | 20,88 52,72 |
| Central penn Trac | January | 50,644 | 61.569 | 89,644 | 61.669 |

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$\ldots . . . . .{ }_{21} 1,483,207$
$2,725,750 \times 1,384,281 \times 1,280,591$

 | 23,344 | $x 322$ | $x, 727$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 109,380 | $x 159,869$ | $x 84,252$ | $\begin{array}{lll}4,095 & 10,486 & 9,707\end{array}$ 30,047 $\quad 34,205$

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| ds. | Ourrens \$ | Provious year. $\$$ | Current Year. $s$ | Prewious Year. <br> $\$$ |
| Auburn \& Syracuse - |  |  |  |  |
| Oet 1 to Dee 31. | 25.625 | 25,625 | x2,853 | 01,554 |
| Juty 1 to Dec 31 | 51,249 | 50.972 | $\times 39,603$ | 935,802 |
| Alroma Elgin \& Ohic ....Jan | 28,190 | 28.112 | 9.509 | 6.870 |
| July 1 to Jan 31...... | 194,668 | 104.604 | 215,325 | 209,859 |
| Bligliamton By Co_.... Dee Oot 1 to Dee 31 | $\begin{array}{r} 9,812 \\ 27082 \end{array}$ | $8,283$ | 3,269 | 2.462 |
| Btrm Ry Lt \& Power....JJan | 44,783 | 43.780 | 27,024 | 25.515 8.163 |
| Brockton \& Plymouth. Jan | 2,155 | 2,348 | def1,144 | ders,089 |
| Cape Breton Elec Co....JJan | 5,844 | 5,780 | 397 | 2,392 |
| Charleston Consol Ry...Jan | 13.817 | 13,443 | 7,000 | 6.965 |
| Mch 1 to Jan 31..... | 151,803 | 148.563 | 93,640 | 93.105 |
| Cleve Painesv \& Eastern.Jan | 8,112 | 7,074 | 351 | 248 |
| Daltas Elect Corp.-.....JIan | 28.839 | 29.630 | 7.614 | det2,581 |
| Detroit United...........Jan | 153,702 | 136.046 | 262,608 | <39,160 |
| Duluth Street Ry, ......Noy | 16,701 | 17,913 | 12,135 | 13,885 |
| Jan 1 to Nov | 202,367 | 195.039 | 113.959 | 185,234 |
| El Paso Eleot Co.......JJan | 7.903 | 7,203 | 13,327 | 7.713 |
| Galv-Houston Elec Co..Jan | 22.033 | 20,492 | 10,403 | 9,036 |
| Honolulu R T \& L Co... Dee | 5.831 | 6.249 | x10,713 | 29,119 |
| Jan 1 to Deo 31..... | 72,727 | 75,186 | ¢105.224 | x08,195 |
| Houghton Co Tract Co..Jan | 5,297 | 4,831 | 2,527 | 1,219 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| July 1 to Dec 31. | 106,370 | 106,731 | der37.697 | 29,562 |
| Jacksonville Elect Co...Jan | 9.400 | 8.891 | 6.314 | 3.139 |
| Kans Clty Ry \&o Le Co_Ded June 1 to Dec 31 | $156,089$ | $152,179$ | 94.776 570.010 | 99,230 |
| Kan Clty-West'n Ry Co.Jan | 6.870 | B.788 | x1,556 |  |
| July 1 to Jan $31 . . .$. | 48.070 | 47,029 | ${ }_{x} 31.885$ | $\times 27,503$ |
| Knoxville Ry \&e Lt Co...Jan | 11.483 | 11,447 | 12.066 | 273 |
| Lake Shore Electrio Ry..Jan | 34,392 | 30,865 | der6,375 | def6.777 |
| Little Rock Ry \& El Co.-Jan | 10.727 | 9, 579 | 10,634 | 19.738 |
| Memphis Street Ry.....Jan | 35.600 | 34.499 | 7,839 | 5.700 |
| Milw Bleo Ry \& Lt Co... Des | 101,215 | 102.160 | x123,869 | 284,438 |
|  | 1,197,200 | 1,184,605 | 2810,099 | x767,340 |
| Mllw Lt Ht \& Trac Co... Dea Jan 1 to Deo 31 | $60,732$ | 57,065 501.750 | $x 91,203$ | $x 47,446$ |
| Montreal Street Ry | 30,836 | 31,933 | 62,273 |  |
| Oet 1 to Jan 31...... | 113,305 | 115,187 | 357,580 | $331,024$ |
| Nashville Ry \& Lt. .-.--Jan | 32,450 | 30.194 | 22,934 | 15,239 |
| Northern Ohlo Tr \& Lt.-Jan | 43.952 | 43,887 | 19,233 | 340 |
| Northern Texas Elect Co.Jan | 17,184 | 14,073 | 17,210 | 16.773 |
| Oakland Traotion Co....Jan | 45,367 | 45,831 | 60,186 | 00.349 |
| Paducah Tr \& Lit Co....Jan | 7,043 | 7.019 | def 248 | 194 |
| $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Pensacola Elect Co.....Jan } & 4,404 & 4,166 & 3,789 & 1,781 \\ \text { Roch Syracuse \& E'm- } & \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Oet 1 to Dec 31. | 49,025 | 42,190 | def11,695 | 3,659 |
| San Fran Oak \& San Jose Jan | 23.142 | 20.852 | 12,914 | 12.404 |
| Savannah Electric Co...Jan | 17,009 | 17,115 | 221 | defs,480 |
| Seattle Electric Co.......Jan | 98,238 | 82,109 | 54.279 | 42,199 |
| Tampa Electric Co......JJan | 4,508 | 2.115 | 16,505 | 13,344 |
| Toledo Rys \& Lt Co....Jan | 71,013 | 68,604 | 24.244 | 24,046 |
| Twin Cley Rap Tran Co.Nov Jan 1 to Nov 30 | $\begin{array}{r} 143.667 \\ 1,427,456 \end{array}$ | 131.141 $1,300.525$ | 123,127 $1,521.388$ | 101,877 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| United Rys of St Louls_-Jan | 235,568 | 233.454 | 48,716 | 39.585 |
| Whatcom Co Ry \& Lt....Jan | 8,820 | 8,297 | 4.779 | 7,370 |
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## ANNUAL REPORTS.

## Pennsylvania Railroad.

(Reporl for Fiscal Year ending Dec. 31 1908.)
President James McCrea's remarks are published in full on bsequent pages
Below are the income accounts of all transportation companies east and west of Pittsburgh and Erie owned, operated or controlled by or affiliated in interest with the Pennsylvania system.
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Below are given the results on the lines east of Pittsburgh and Eric, comprising the Pennsylvania Railroad Division, the United Railroads of New Jersey Division (excluding the Delaware (© Raritan Canal), the Philadelphia \& Erie Division and Buffalo \& Allegheny Valley Division:

TRAFFIC ON LINES EAST OF PITTSBURGH AND ERIE.
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 a decrease of $16.73 \%$.
EARNINGS \& EXPENSES OFLINES EAST OF PITTSB URGH \& ERIE.

| Earningsrelyht | 1008. $07,080,380$ | $1907 .$ | $1906 .$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Passenger | 30,312,883 | 123,826,105 | $109,960,888$ $31,231+338$ |
| Express. | 3,800,235 | 4,007,278 | 3,27 |
| Mails | 2.291.743 | 2.43,760 | 2,563,823 |
| Delaware \& Raritan Canai: | 1,623.862 | $1,508,932$ 368.801 | 914,785 308,301 |
| Total earnting | 130,206,871 | 164,812,825 | 188,239,882 |
| Malnt. of way \& structures. | 15,177.3 | 20.009.756 |  |
| Maintenance of equlpment | 25.113,4 | 31.077,702 |  |
| Trantio ${ }^{\text {Transportatfon }}$............... | 51.812, 5174 |  | 101,805,644 |
| Goneral | 3,408,012 | 3,260,653 |  |
| Delaware \& Raritan Canal. - | 439,182 | 480,500) |  |
| otal expenses | 97,412,016 | 110,607,3 |  |
| Per cent oper, exp. to carns. | (71.47) | (2, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
| Taxes on leased thes.... | ,756,625 | 1.711.629 |  |
| Net carntngs.............. | 34.895:878 | 41,226,313 | 42,719,204 |

> GENERAL INCOME AGCOUNT.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.
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| $15,402,685$ | $15,402,685$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 343,419 | 341,092 |
| $5,201,857$ | $7,620,426$ |
| $55,229,283$ | $36,653,667$ |
| 796,615 | 732,007 |
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 be protected.-V. 88. D. 533,503
Atlanta \& Birmingham Oonstruction Oo.-Commillee for Joint Notes.-See Atlanta Birmingham \& Atlantic RR. above.
Atlantic Coast Line RR.-Sale of Bonds-Provision for Maturing Notes and Bonds, Etc. The company has sold $\$ 4,500,000$ of its consolidated gold 4s, not $87,000,000$, as
reported in the daily papers. We understand that Moffat \& White and Redmond \& Co. will shortly make a joint offering.

The company has now, by sale of bonds, provided for the cancellation of all its short-term $5 \%$ notes due March 11910 at or before maturity and also for the retirement on June 1 1910 of $\$ 1,600,000$ underlying $6 \%$ bonds, as well as for replacing $51 / 4$ miles of wooden trestle with concrete piers and steel girders. By this negotiation interest charges will be reduced $\$ 119,000$ per annum, these $5 \%$ notes and $6 \%$ bonds retired will be and the amount of the consols outstanding increased to about $\$ 48,213,000$ - -V. 87 , p. 1351 , 1362.
Baltimore Terminal Oo.-Interest Overdiue-See Washington Baltimore \& Anmpolis Ry. below.-V. 85, p. 721.
Canada Atlantic Railway.-Mortgage Satisfierl.-A release of the mortgage dated April 27 1897, made by the Ottawa Arnprior \& Parry Sound Ry. Co. to secure un issue of $\$ 1,000,000$ bonds, and a conveyance to the Cariada Atlantio Ry. Co. of the property described in the said mortgage, was deposited in the office of the Secretary of State of Canada on Feb. 20 1909.-V. S7, p. 1477, 1418.
Ohicago Rock Island \& Pacific Ry.-Sale of Bonds.Speyer \& Co. have purchased from the company $83,486,000$ of its "first and relunding mortgage" $4 \%$ gold bonds tmaturing April 1 1934, making $\$ 78,428,000$ of the issue outstanding. These bonds are a legal investment for trustees and savings banks in New York State. The bonds have all been resold. Compare V. 87, p. 1478

Barker Arkansas Demurrage Law Sustained.-A press dispatch dated March 1 says that the Arkansas Supreme Court on March 1, in the caso of R. H. Oliveragainst the company sustained the constitutionality of the Barker demurrage Ac of the 1907 Legislature, two justices dissenting. The Court reversed the decision of the Pulaaki Cirouit Court and held that the Act, as far as it relates to the intra-state kusiness, was valid and constitutional. The United States Circuit Court in June last held the Aot to be illegal. See St. Louis Iron Mountain \& Southern Ry. itom, V. 87, p. 39.- V. S7. p. 1478 .

Colorado \& Southern Ry. - New Office, - Beginning March 12 the New York offices will be loeated at-Room 906, 26 Liberty St., New York City,-V. 88, p. 563, 504.

Colorado-Utah Construction Co.-Notes.-This company, which is constructing the Denver Northwestern \& Pacific Ry., has sold to Geo. H. Burr \& Co., bankers, $\$ 1,000,000$ of its one-year $6 \%$ notes secured by the bonds of the railroad company and endorsed with the personal guaranty of David H. Moffat, the President of the railroad company. The notes are dated Feb. 1; denominations $\$ 500$ and $\$ 1,000$; interest payable quarterly. Bankers' Trust Co., New York, trustee. Redcemable at 101 on any interest day on 15 days notice.

Cuba Eastern RR.-Time for Deposita Estended.-The executive cormittee announces that, pursuant to the bondholders' agreement dated Jan. 1908, the time for depositing all first mortgage bonds and debentures has been extended to April 1, after which date no bonds or debentures will be received except upon such terms as the committee may impose. Compare V. 88, p. 294.

Denver Northwestern \& Racific Ry.-Sce Colorado-Utah Construction Co. above.-V. 86, p. 1284.

Duluth Rainy Lake \& Winnipeg Ry.-Old Guaranty Still in Force--Eversz it Co., Chicago, who placed this company's bouds, write:
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Etio RR.-Now Bonds.-The Public Service Commission, Second District, on March 2 declined to accede to the request of the company for a reduction from $90 \%$ to $60 \%$ in the percentage of the aggregate amount of the general lien bonds and the convertible bonds the holders of which must assent to the exchange of five-years' coupons for new $5 \%$ bonds to make the plan for the issue of the $\$ 30,000,000$ new bonds effective. The time within which the assents can be obtained was extended from Aug. 1 to Oct. 1, or such later date as the Commission may hereafter decide. The final order of the Commission differs from the preliminary order (V. $88, \mathrm{p} .504$ ), it is said, chiefly in other respects as follows:
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Fonda Johnstown \& Gloversville 2 \& - Preferred lssue. This company has recently authorized and issued $\$ 1,000,0006 \%$ ctimulative preferred stock, having the same voting rights as the common shares (total issue $82,500,000$ ) but subject to call at 105 . The New York Central interests are large shareholders in the enterprise.-V. 86, D. 420.
Fort Wayns \& Wabash Valley Traction Clo.-Second Mart gaye.-The new second mortgnge seouring $\$ 1,000,0006 \%$ $25-y e a r ~ b o n d s ~ h a s ~ b e e n ~ f l e d ~ f o r ~ r e c o r d, ~ t h e ~ G u a r a n t e e ~ T r u s t ~$ \& Sufe Deposit Co. of Philadelphia being the trustee. A press report says that the issue is to provide funds for the building of the bogansport-Lafayette extension and atso for the remodeling of the prower house at Lafayette.-V, 88, p. 374
Gainesyille (Ga.) Blectric Ry.-Sold.-At the forechosure sale in Camesville on Murch 2 the property was bid in for $\$ 80,000$ by R. L. West of Atlanta, representing, it is said, certain bondholders.-V. 88, I. 52
Georgia Oloast \&a Riedmont RR.-To Get Cear Tille.-In order to secure clear title to the Colling of Reidsville RR. one of the constituent properties, suit was brought by the attorney of the Ceorgia Coast is Piedmont RR. in the Su perior Court at Savannah on Feb. 9 for foreclosure of the $\$ 40,000$ mortgage made by the C. \& R. RR. in 1896 covering its 7 -mile rosd in Tattriall County, Ga., interest on the bonds having been in default since Jan. I 1908.-V. 85 , D. 1143 .

Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.-New Guaranteed Debenture Slock. - An issue of $£ 1,000,000$ 4\% debenture stock (ranking pari passu with $£ 2,000,000$ of such stock arready issned), sthjeet o redemption at $E 105 \%$ by tha company at any time witer March 11936 on giving one year's notice, was offered in
London Feb. 20 to 25 it $90 \%$ 有 London Feb. 20 to 25 at $90 \%$ through the company's bankers, Glyn, Mills, Curvie \& Co. Interest payable March 1 and Sept. L, guaranteed by the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada, subject to the terms of an agreement referred to in V. $84, \mathrm{p}, 570$. "The proceeds will he applied in the purchase of additional rolling stook, to be delivered during the current year, and which will ber required on the opening of the Prairie Section and the Lake Superior Branch." Subscriptions are payable $£ 10$ per £100 deb. stook on application, £15 on
allotment, £20 Apr. 151909 , £20 May 15 and 825 Jume 15 .Vllotment, £20 Apr.
V. $88, \mathrm{p} .563,505$.

Great Northorn Ry,-Reduction of Bond Premiums.-The premiums now offered on exchanges of underlying bonds of the St. Pail Minneapolis \& Minnesota Ry. Co. for consolidated mort crage is of the Great Northern will, it is ammounced, be reduced on March 15 on each $\$ 1,000$ bond from $\$ 6$ to $\$ 5$ on the second mortgage bonds and from $\$ 16$ to $\$ 15$ on the Dakota extension bonds. Compsre V. 87, p. $1533 ;$ V. 88 , p. 295.

Guayaquil \& Quito Ry.-Deposits.-The first mortgage onds may be deposited with the United States Mortgage \& Trust Ca., New York, subject to the provisions of the agreement of Sept. 30 1908, described in V. 88, p. 564.

Fattiesburg Traction Co.-Earnings.-For year ending Aug. 1 1908, before complete operation:


## Havana Electric Ry.-Reporl.-For calendar year:




Bonds Galled.-All of the outstanding 2d mortgage $6 \%$ gold bonds ( 872,000$)$ have been called for payment on April 1 at par and interest at the office of the Central Trust Co. Netv York City.-V. $88, \mathrm{p} .158$.

Eudson \& IUanhattan RZ. Gar Trust, Sories "A."-The $\$ 920,000$ car trusts, Series "A," denomination $\$ 1,000$ ( c ) , dated March I 1909 and due $\$ 46,000$ semi-annually from Sept. 11909 to March 11919 inclusive (interest payable March 1 and Sept. 1) recently placed by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York (V. 88, P. 505 ), will be secured by the followimg equipment costing approximately $\$ 1,170,920$, of which $20 \%$ has been paid in eash:


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[^2]Inter-State Railways, Philadelphia.-Report.-This com pany, which owns practically the entire capital stock of the Orited Power a ports as follows for the fiscal year ending Jan, 31


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 $4 \%$ bonds deposited Co. of Philadelphia and New York has elected Holsteín De Haven, President of the Real Estate Title, Ins. \& Tr. Co. as Chairman of the committee. Gerald Holsman as Secrotary and Johin C, Bell as counsel. The time for the deposit of boncis with the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit \& Insurance Co. has been extended by the committee to thirty days from March 1. See advertisemont on another page. Bonds to the amount of about $37,000,000$ have already been deposited. Compare V. 88, D, $564,505,374$Kamawha \& Michigan Ry,-Reporl of Commiltec.-The minority stockholders' committee, C. D, Maokay, Chairman, reports as of Feb. 16 in substance as follows:


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Mexican Central Ry,-Bonds Called.-Equipment and colateral $5 \%$ gold bonds due 1917, first series, to the amount of $\$ 00,000$, will be paid at par and intorest at either the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, Manhatian Trust Co., Nesv York, or Glyn, Mills, Currie \& Co., 67 Lombard St., London, I. C. on or after April $11909 .-\mathrm{V}, 88, \mathrm{p}, 452$.
Mkobile Jackson \& Kangas City nR. -Timu Limil March 20 The reorganization plan having become operative by virtue of the assents of a large majority of the bonds, other indebtedness and stook of both companies, the committee unounces that holders who have not already done so must deposit their securities with the Metropolitan Trust Co, of New York not later than March 20.-V. 87, p. 1664, 677.
Montreal Bridga \& Terminal Oo.-Change of Name, dec.Secretary C. A. Sara aunounces that application will be made to the Paxisment of Camada, during the present session, for the passing of an Act extending the time for the carcying out of the company's undertaking, confirning agreements with other companies, increasing its bonding powers and share capital, changing its name and authorizing the company to commect its termimsl stations in Montreal with the railways on the south side of the River St. Lawrance by means of bridges or tunnels. Compare Central Ry. of Canada above,-V. 86, p. 857.

New Gngland Investment \& Security Co.-Trustees.-The ollowing trustees were elected on Feb. 25 :
To represent preterred shares. Henry L, Heginson, Boston: G. Si Mfellen,


Newport News \& Old Point Railway \& Blectric Dompany. - The epplication of the Maryland Trust Co., trustee under the general mortgage, for the appointment of a receiver, has been adjourned to Mareh 12. A large amount of the bonds has been doposited with dlezander Brown \& Sons of Baltimore and Brown Bros. \& Co.-V. 81, p. 1551

New Fork Central 8 Kudson River RR.-Contract for Rails.-Orders for 101,000 tons of steel ralls for 1909 defivery were placed this week with the following companies: , Unter States Steel CorBethfehem Steel Corporation. 2,000; total, 161 000 5, The rails will be distributed among the roads in the system viz: Boaton \& Abany, 7,000 tons; Kew Yote Centrat, 37,000 : Rukond, 2,000


Neim Rolling Stock, It was ammounced yesterday that the equipment order of the Now lork Central lines for 1909 would include 5,450 freight cars, 203 passenger cars and 71 loconrotives, involving an outlay of more than \$8,000,000. Contracts huve siready been avaraca for 3 , 50 froleht carg, ai follows:


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New York \& Loug Island RR.-Decisiom.-Tbe Appelate Division of the Supreme Cours, First Department, yesterday handed down a unamimous deeision against the city in the suit brought by the latter to obtrin possession of the property. The suit, it is understood, was interded as a test ease in order to justify the action of the sity officials in any set-
tement which may be made with the company. The opinion, by Justice Clarke, holds:
That the franchlses, rights and privtleges granted by the several Boardg the defendants hereth as trustecs, under Section 30 of tho Generat Corporathon lawiof the cre
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cupation by the defendants of the tunnels, tracks. structures

New York New Haven \& Hartford RR.-Decrce Afjirmed -The full bench of the Massachusetts Supreme Court on Tuesday affirmed the decree as entered by Judge Rugg in June 1908, in pursuance of the decision by the full bench in May 1908, which required the company on or before July 1 1909 to divest itself of its holdings in Massachusetts trolley roads. The order as framed by the single judge was objected to as vague and uncertain in its terms. Compare V. 86, p. 1590, 1285, 1225. As stated last week (page 507), the company claims to have sold most of its Massachusett trolley holdings.

New Englard Investment \& Security Co.Trustees.-See that company above.

Application. - The company has applied to the Public Service Commission, Second District, for permission to purchas the New York Westchester Boston Ry, now owned by the Milbbrook Co and also whatever remaining stock in the Westchester Company may be acquired from other parties. The Millbrook Company owns all the stock of the New York \& Port Chester except 9 shares.
The New Haven road. through tho New York $\&$ Port Chestor RR. money for richtat of way, construction work and disbursements of the xill broor company, the amount ot ztich ad ances on whe so 1908 belng sti660.380 (see annual report dispenap. wlth the arilibrook company us an un-
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utside of the city limits was begun this week.
WNew Kork \& Stamford Mortgage. -See that company below.-V. 88, p. 507, 231.

New York \& Stamiord (Electric) Ry.-New Mortgage. The Public Se, Second District, on March 4 granted authority to the company to make a mortgage to the Union Trust Co. of New Haven as trustee for $\$ 2,000,000$ and to issue thereunder $\$ 701,0005 \%$ bonds for refunding and discharging note obligations and for other purposes. The company is controlled by the Consolidated Ry, and has $\$ 450,000$ ss outstanding due Oct. 1931.-V. 80, p. 118.
Northampton (Mass.) Street Ry.-Six-Cent Fare Excessive. -The Massachusetts Railroad Commission on Feb. 26 de cided that an increase in the unit fare from 5 to 6 cents would be "unreasonable and excessive."-V. 87, p. 1664.

Northern Ohio Traction \& Light Co.-Application to List.The New York Stock Exchange has been requested to list the $\$ 10,000,000$ stock. Compare V. 88, p. 291, 231
Philadelphis Rapid Transit Co.-Sale of Bonds.-The Drexel syndicate has exercised its option on a furtherinstallment of the $\$ 5,000,000$ collateral trust $5 s$, taking $\$ 1,250,000$ deliverable on May 15. The entire amount, it is understood has been re-sold. Compare V. 87, p. 1534.
Pittsburgh Canonsburg \& Washington Ry.-Guarantecd Bonds Offered. -The Safe Deposit \& Trust Co, of Pittsburgh, the mortgage trustee, offers at par and interest the unsold portion of an issue of 5750,000 first mortgage $5 \%$ coupon pold bonds of \$1.000 each, dated July 1 1907, due July 1 1937, but redeemable at 105 and interest on any semi-annual interest date. A eircular says:
The prompt payment of princtpal and triterest of these bonds lo guaran-
tced by endorsement by the Washington ec Canonaburs Ry. Co., the aver-




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and stent; rock and slak ballast; so-foot private right of way. Passen

 properctes orough of Washington.

Rahway Valley RR. - New Gontrol.-Louis Keller of Springfield, N. J., who promoted this 7 -mile road, was on March 1 elected President to succeed William W. Cole of
Elmira, N. Y., of the firm of Arnot \& Cole, who were the largest stockholders. A press despatoh says:
 and owns a wast hortit bectin tho buliding of a spur to conncect with the road near the Shumpitis roas, west of the club erounds. The spur ts to
roun 1 , 400 teet to the Batustol Mountnth. It is sald Ar. Keller has plans roun water way for the butlding of a largo liotel on the mommain.-V. 87 ,p.227, Salt Lake \& Ogden Ry.-Road to Be Electryed-Dond the Harris Trust is Savings Bank, Chicago, have purchased the frarris Trust os savings Bank, Chicago, have purchased and are offering for sal first mortgage $5 \%$ gold bonds dated Feb. 1 1909, due Feb. 1
1934 , optional at 105 and interest on and after Feb. 11914.

Interest payable Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 at the office of the Harris Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago, trustee. Denomination $\$ 500$ (c*). The proceeds of the issue will enable the road to pay its floating debt of $\$ 150,000$ and to complete and electrify its line. A circular says in substance:
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Santa Fe Liberal \& Englewood RR.-To Secure the Cooperation of Bondholders.-E, D. Shepard \& Co., New York, who have been placing the bonds of the following companies:

Santa Fe Liberat Entilewood RR, nuthorized Lssue
Yankee Fuel Co., nuthorized Issue. Whe Canadian Valley Ry, was also a project of the lirm, but whether
any bonds scomed by the proposed blanket mortuage for $\$ 14,800,000$ were on Wednesday gave out the following statements:
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meacley sin inatial strength. The names of these men wlll be given to the press in a few daya. have also decided to secure the co-operation and
F. D. Snepard 60 Co. haver assistance of the bondholders of thelr enterprises by glvinu to the bondholders the controling Yolog in the actual management of att the popertes
ind at the kame time securing to all persons interested the actual applection to a mirety company, under an approprtate form of trust agrecment. been held to-day at the offloe of E. D. Shepart \& Co. The bondholders
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Santa Fe Raton \& Des Moines RR. -See Santa Fe \& Liberal Englewood RR. above.-V. 83, p. 970.
Santa Fe Raton \& Eastern RR.-Sce Santa Fe Líheral \& Englewood RR. above.-V. 85, p. 1463.

Seaboard Air Tine Ry.-March Coypon Paid.- The holders of certificates of deposit of the Atlanta-Birmingham first mortgage $4 \% 30$-year bonds were notified on March 1 by the committee of which William Salomon is Chairman that the amount of the March 1909 coupon would be paid to the depositors on or after March 2 at the Standard Trust Co., New York City, and the Bank of Scotland, London, E. C., on presentation of the certificntes of deposit.-V. 88, p. 453.
Southern Railway.-Bonds Offered-Right of Exchange. I. P. Morgan \& Co., the First National Bank and the National City Bank, all of New York, are offering at 79 and interest, by advertisement on another page, the unsold portion of the block of $\$ 21,333,000$ "development and general
mortgage" $4 \%$ gold bonds (Series A) recently purchased by a syndicate. Principal payable April 1 1956; interest pay$\$ 1,000$. The bonds are in coupon form of theor each, or in registered form of $\$ 1.000$ or multiple nereof; coupon and registered bonds interchangeable. (See urther particulars in V. 82, p. 397; V. 86, p. 1468.) vill accept 1029 the aforesaid banks and banking firms the 5 -year 5\% collateral gold bonds maturing April 11909 and earrying the coupon due April 11909 .
Extracts from Letter of President W. W. Finley, dated March 11909.
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Malders of Mamaroneck Ry.-Notice to St., New York City, reforring to their previous advertisements, give notice on another page that all of said bonds must be deposited with them on or before March 151909 if the holders thereof desire to participate in the proposed plan. -V. 88, p. 159, 54 .
Toledo \& Indiana (Electric) Ry.-Bondholders' Agreement. -The agreement under which the holders of the first mortgage $5 \%$ gold bonds (with coupons of Jan. 11908 in default) are asked to deposit their bonds with the Knickerbocker Trust Co. of New York or the Ohio Savings Bank \& Trust Co. of Toledo, O., within 30 days from Feb. 23, provides that in case the committee shall agree upon a plan of reorganization, copies thereof shall be lodged with the aforesaid depositaries and two weeks' notice must be given by a semiweekly advertisement in the "Toledo Blade."
Each depositor who talls to express dissent to the plan in writing and does
ot whthrraw his depositcd bonds within two weeks after such be bound by all thio provislons of the plan, If the committee declare, will perativo. The committee is ifiven power to buy tho property at foreOonure sate and may then etther reorizanizo It under the plan or may forel

Virginia Passenger \& Power Co.-Foreclosure Sale A/firmed. The United States Circuit Court of Appeals on March 4 affirmed the decree of foreclosure and sale made by Judge Waddill. The road, it is said, will probably be old within 60 days. Compare V. 87, p. 1664, 1534.
Virginian Railway.-Bonds.-At a meeting on March 1 1909 the shareholders approved a contract for the con-
struction of the Winding Gulf Branch of the company's line in West Virginia, in all about 25 miles in length, and author $5 \%$ the issue of $\$ 1,500,000$ of the company's first mortgage $5 \%$ gold bonds (which, under the mortgage, may be issued on branch lines at the rate of $\$ 50,000$ per mile) on account of the construction of the Winding Gulf and other branches.
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Wabash-Pittsburgh Terminal Ry.-Additional Receivers Youticales Applied for.-Press dispatches state that Judge to take testimony on March 12 on the application of the to take testimony on March 12 on the application of the
receivers for authority to issue $\$ 500,000$ certificates for the purchase of 500 steel cars, objection having been made by the Equitable Trust Co., trustee for the second mortgage bondholders.-V. 88, p. 159.

Washington Baltimore \& Annapolis Ry.-Guaranteed'Int crest Overdue. -The interest due March 11909 on the first guaranteed, principal and interest, by the Washington Buaranteed, principal and interest, by the Washington
Baltimore \& Annapolis Ry,, remains unpaid. The enter prise is largely owned in Cleveland. The "Cleveland Finance" says:
of course with interest on thic deferred Intercest. The company together
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is the Interest ls pald on the notes of course the company does not have to to pay the interest on the bonds used as collateral. On May 1 the $W$ W Bave to
has thterest due on $33,000,000$ Arsts and $\$ 1,000,000$ seconds. t . A . As a result of thls information tealing out on Feb be patid on that date. ciosing at 52 , The stock, which had been selling around 4 , sold down to 3 . President Gcorcery of Bistiop ont
 July 1 last it carred an average or $\$ 1,627$ dally, carrylng an average of 4,675 per car, probably a better averrage than any linterurban road punning
 do $15 \%$ or more better in the


Washington \& Canonsburg Ry.-Guaranteed Bords-Earnings:- See Pittsburgh Canonsburg \& Washington Ry.

Western Ohio (Electric) Ry.-Report.-For calendar years:


Wheeling \& Lake Erie RR.-Additional Receivers' Certificates Applied for.-Receiver Worthington on March 1 ap plied to the court for authority to issue $\$ 373,000$ additiona $6 \%$ certificates to meet the coupons maturing on that date on the $\$ 11,697.000$ first consols, aggregating $\$ 233,940$ and to reimburse him for $\$ 139,970$ paid for taxes.-V, 87 , p. 1480.

Winnipeg Flectric Ry,-Debentures Of/ered. -The company offered in London at $97 \%$ from Feb. 18 to $20 £ 300,000$ $412 \%$ perpetual consolidated debenture stock, repayable at no fixed date, but subject to call at 105 and interest. This debenture stock is part of an issue to be secured by trust deed in favor of the British Empire Trust Co., Ltd, as trustee. V. S8, p. 508.

Wisconsin Central Ry.-Exchange of Preferred Shares for 4\% Leased Line Certificates.-The following committee appointed by the directors-
Tutes S. Bache, Nowman Erb, J. Aurustus Barnard and N. W, Jordan,
with Willam Mr. Wadden, Secretary, 42 Broadway, N. Y. Oity. announces by advertiscment on another page that the Minneapolis St. Paul \& Sault Sainte Marie Ry. Co., having secured a substantial interest in the common stock, desires to acquire control of the property through a lease or other lawful method, and has agreed to issue its "leased line stock certificates" in exchange for the preferred stock, which stock will be held in trust by the Bank of Montreal. By the terms of the "leased line stock certificates" the Minneapolis St. Paul \& Sault Sainte Marie Ry. Co. will obligate itself to pay to the holders of such certificates $4 \%$ per annum, payable semi-annually for the term of 99 years, upon con-
ditions which the committee consider ditions which the committee consider adequate for the protection of the interests of the holders. Holders of the preferred stock who desire the exchange must on or before 3 p. M., March 20, deposit their certificates, subject to an agreement dated March 20 1909, with either the Fmpire Trust Co., New York City; the American Trust Co, Boston, or the Anglo-Austrian Bank, London, E. C. The agreement provides in part:
The committee la given authority to cause all stock deposited to be transand an righta to dividonds payable thereon; provided the power thereon Paul ce Sault Ste. Marle Ry. Co, shail agree to pay or guarantee to the dee Ositors an annual payment of st per share or tho Deriod of pa yearsi
The committee shaso empowered to consent to and voto all stock deposited
 mittec may deomp best. All compensation upon such terms as the com-



## Worcester (Mass.) Consolidated Street Ry.-Bonds of-

 lered.-Estabrook \& Co., N. W. Harris \& Co. and Merrill, Oldham \& Co., all of Boston, having sold $\$ 800,000$ of "the total authorized issue of $\$ 1,200,0005 \%$ gold bonds", due 1927, are offering the remaining $\$ 400,000$ at a price to net $4.6 \%$.-V. 86, p. 1346 .INDUSTRIAL, GAS AND MISOELLANEOUS
B.) Altman \& Co., New York.-Incorporated-No Bonds. -This long-established department store was incorporated at Albany on Feb. 15, all or substantially all of the $\$ 3,000,000$ capital stock being owned by Benjamin Altman and Michaet Friedsam. The report that a bond issue is contemplated is pronounced totally unfounded.
American Car \& Foundry Co.-Quarterly.-For the 3 and 9 months ending Jan. 31:


American Gas Co., Philadelphia.-Earnings of Controlled Company:-Sce Luzerne County (Pa.) Gas \& Electric Co.

## below.V. 88. .j. 508

American Gas \& Electric Co.-Quarterly Report.-For 3


American Ice Co.-Bonds Voted.-The stockholders at he adjourned meeting on Monday authorized an issue of
 bonds for the purposes plan to authorize first preferred stock into which the bonds were to be convertible has been abandoned, because of court proceedings taken to restrain that feature of the plan.
The new bonds have been underviritten, It Is sald, at 80 by the same synWleate When aserecd to underwito the proposed lssue of convertble bonds.
The stockioders of both the Tce nud Tce Sccurties compantes will be Trered the right to subseribe for the bonds at 88.
New Directors:-William A. Tucker, G. Louis Boissevain and Franklin Q. Brown, members of the underwriting syndicate, and who are also connected with the Knickerbocker Trust Co., which holds the greater part of the floating debt, in order to be free to act in the above-mentioned matter, last week resigned as directors both of the Ice and Securities companies, $W \mathrm{~m}$. Bavier and Reuben W. Hopkins, employees of the company, and Percy Brundage, who is connected with the estate of C. T. Barney, being elected in their places.V. 88, p. $508,453$.

The "first and refunding" mortgage provides that a portion of the proceeds shall be applied to the payment of the following indebtedness:
$\$ 715,000$ Knlckerbocker Ice Co of Now York first mortgage 58 pledged
 (V. 86 . D. 1411 , by the Kntecterbocker Trust Co; all of the 3500,000 con-
solidated mortmige $6 \%$ gold bonds secured by a morkgake made in March



American Ice Securities Co.-Bonds Voted.-See American Iee Co. above.-V, 88, p. 377, 296.

American Milling Co.-On Pliladelphia "Untisted."There has been placed on the unlisted department of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange a block of common stock issued in exchange for a like number of shares of stock of the Marsden Co. Compare V. 88, p. 102.
American Radiator Co.-Report.- The results for the year
 The company has completed arrangements for the removal of its general offices from Pittsburgh to Akron, O., where the principal plants are located.

Vice.Pretdent George R. Blil of Akron was recently elected Prestdent
 succeeded by A. S. McCombe, who has Also become Secretary as well as
American Snuif Co.-Dividend Again Increased.-The company on March 3 declared a quarterly dividend of $5 \%$ on its $\$ 11,001,700$ common stock. This increases the annual rate to $20 \%$, contrasting with $16 \%$ ( $4 \%$ quarterly) in Oct. 1908 and Jan. 1909, $12 \%$ from Oct. 11907 to July 11908 , and previously $10 \%$, the rate at which common stock diviand previously dends were begun in January 1903. The quarterly dividend dends were begun in January 1903 . The quarterly dividend of $11 / 2 \%$ was also declared on the $\$ 12,000,000$ preferred stock.
Both dividends are payable April 1 to holders of record Both divide
March 13 .
Report.-For calendar years:

American Steel Foundries.-Earnings.-For 3 and 6 months ending Jan. 31:




American Straw Board Co.-Meeting Adjourned:The annual meeting has been again adjourned to April 22, owing to the temporary injunction against the voting of the stock held by the United Box Board \& Paper Co. obtained by some of the minority stockholders, the hearing in which has been postponed to April 12. The injunction, it is said, will not interfere with the reorganization plans of the United Box Board \& Paper Co. now in progress.
The action grows out of lonestanding diferences with the United Box of directors. the minorlty desiring to bring about the cumulative plan of voling.-V. 87, D. 1030 .

American Telephone \& Telegraph Co.-Conversions to Date.- Convertible bonds to the amount of approximately $\$ 29,477,000$ had been presented for conversion up to the close of business March 4. Compare V. 88, p. 566.

American Type Founders Co.-Extra Scrip Dividend.-In addition to the usual quarterly dividends of $134 \%$ upon the $\$ 2,000,000$ preferred stock and of $1 \%$ upon the $\$ 4,000,000$ common stock, payable April 151909 to stockholders of record April 10 1909, the directors have deelared an extra serip dividend of $2 \%$ on common stock of record March 1, as stated in the circular cited below.
$\$ 2,000,000$ Debentures for Funding and Rejunding.-A circular dated March 1 announces the making of a new issue of $\$ 2,000,0006 \%$ sinking fund gold debentures dated May 1 1909 and due in thirty years, but subject to call at 106 and interest, Of the new bonds, $\$ 800,000$ are to be ofrered in exchange for the existing bonds and the remainder will be sold to provide for floating debt; $\$ 1,000,000$ thereof are offered at par to holders of the common stock of record March 1, to the extent of $25 \%$ of their holdings, payable $92 \%$ in cash and $8 \%$ in the serip dividend just declared. The remaining $\$ 200,000$, with any portion of the $\$ 1,000,000$ not taken as above, is offered at par in cash to all shareholders, whether common or preferred. Circulars say:
The directors toci that the loating debt which has beon creatod to meet the demnnas of the coupany form of debenture bonds. The compsny in 18596 vasuec $81,000,000$ bonds at a tlme when the assets wero about 34.650 . 00: at the present imdebtedness. By thie operation of a sinking fund thie

Belleving that the present time is mootit opportune for an fssue of similar bonds. Your diroctors, by unammous voce pasted. fond gold bonds, in de





 wilt be increased to $\$ 30,000$ annually. This sinking fund is to be applite
to the rotirement of the bonds by purchase at a prloe not exceeding 106
 of $2 \%$ on the $\$ 4,000,000$ of common stock hine been declared, thiss serip to be reacemable accorillus to 115 terms, or recelvable to the amount of $8 \%$ uppon
account of sibsecriptions to the new bonds at par, the remalinig $92 \%$ to be

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at the ontion of the holaces. Theie is now offered (a) to holders of com-





 annum upon cash payments will be made.
Under proposal



 payment is made with adjustment of interest at the rate of $6 \%$ per nanum at tume of last payment.


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vir 87. D. 1161.

Cataract Power \& Conduit Co.-Report.-The company, of whose $\$ 2,000,000$ capital stock $\$ 1,005,000$ is owned by the Niagara Falls Power Co., (see "Annual Reports") reports results of operations for the calendar year as follows: Cal.
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plus, 5375,820 , acatnsis 8381,163 .-V.
V7; p. 1302 .

Central Leather Do.-Decision Against Immediate Merger. -The Court of Errors and Appeals on March 1 (Chancellor Pitney writing the opinion) in the two suits brought by minority preferred stockholders, reversed the decision of Viec-Chancellor Emery in favor of the modified consolidation Vian (V. 85 p. 1083 ) permitting preferred stockholders who plan (Vot desire to accept Central Leather stock for acrrued dividends to pursue their claims therefor at law.
The main pround on which the dectaton to based is that the oertilcates ized forporatin or purpoke of carrying on bastness of the same or a flmilar nature:" Ized the the purning of the Act of 1803, and that the proposed consolldation
Whth the mean is therefore unsuthorized by thiv and volative of the rlghta of the non-
assenting stocknolders. Whlte other questions are discussed by the Court, the counsel of the company have advised that the objectlon upon
which the declsfon is based ts merely techingal, and can be overcome
within a few weeks by an alteratlon of the Central Company's charter within a few weeks by an alteratlon of the Central Company's charter
eltminating Its powers in such respects as they are la excess of those of the
 prevents for the present, at least, the economies and conventences possible
$M r$ Armow Resigns, - J, O. Armour last week resigned as a director.-V. 88, p. 566.

Olarendon Water Works Co., Wilmington, N. O.-Purchased by "ity. -See "Wilmington" in "State and City Department" on a subsequent page.

Oleveland \& Sandusky Brewing Oo.-New Directors.At the annual election on Feb. 23 J. H. Burns, J. H. Shaffrank and Eugene Quigley were elected directors by the minority interests, There are 15 directors. The election of officers takes place on March 9.-V. 87, p. 287.

Colorado (Bell) Telephone Co.-Earnings for Year.-
 Subscribers' stations Dec. 31.1008 reported as 68.967 . agaiust 65,677
In 1207 and 54.805 in 1006.-Y. 87. D. 93 . - Approxitnate amount required for $7 \%$ dividends in 1008.

Corn Products Refining Oo., New York.-Official Circular. -President E. T. Bedford, March 3, writes in substance:






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 Duryea and Kingstord brands are belge manufactured, has been entirely
rebunt and now in most satufactory condtiton. portant changes in the severat State pure food laws as well as the adoptlou of the new Fereral pure food law. and your board has been compelled to expend upward of 5300,000 in modity ing its process of manufacture so as
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of cpuarrs oo si..500.000 in excess of the amount borrowed on atcount of the construction of the Argo plant. This entire sum has been pald from the pronts of the bustiness, and in addtition thereto the honded debt of the
propertes has been reduceit 3813,000 under the sinkine tond The polley outilined has involved and must for the lumed rate funcrece continue to involve the expendture of constderable money, but only throurl such potckes can the husines bes placed upon a sound basis resuiting in The ptants, it is sald, havo Juat resumed operating tull time.-EdJ-V V

## Guyahoga Telephone Co.-Report.-For year 1908:



Dering Coal Co., Chicago.-Receivership.-Judge Kohl-
saat in the United States Circuit Court at Chicago on March 4 appointed William C. Niblack as receiver of the property upon application by the Witt Mercantile Co., with a claim of $\$ 2,924$, and director J. K. Dering, owner of $\$ 350,000$ stock. President Hammond admitted that the corporation is in financial straits. A press dispatch says in substance:







## Dominion Coal Co.-Annual Meeting Adjourned.-In order

 to await the reply of the Dominion Iron \& Steel Co. to the company's offer of settlement of the litigation over the coal contract (V. 88, p. 509), the annual meeting was adjourned on March 4 forabout a week. A circular states that it is is now available complete and more definite statement than is now available may be presented to the shareholders."Amount of Damage Claimed.- President Plummer of the Iroz \& Steel Co. states that the Steel company's bill of damages against the Coal company up to Jan. 311909 amounted to $\$ 3,901,663$, as follows:
 000; interest to Jan. 31 1909, 3235,717.-V. 88, p. 500, 454. 1906,5470 .
Dominion Iron \& Steel Co.-Damages under Coal Contract. -See Dominion Coal Co. above.-V. 88, p. 509, 454.
Eagle Roller Mill Co., New Ulm, Minn.-Pref: Stock Offered.-Short, Stanton \& Co., 533 First National Bank

Bldg., Chicago, Fare offering, by advertisement on another page, at a price to net the purchaser about $6 \% \$ 100,000$ (total issue $\$ 600,000) 6 \%$ cumulative preferred stock, in
shares of $\$ 100$ each. Interest payable guart shares of $\$ 100$ each. Interest payable quarterly, Jan. 1, \&c. Issue redeemable at option of company at \$105 after July i 1920 at Western German Bank, Cincinnati, O., trustee. The mills are located in New Ulm, Minn, in the heart of the great wheat territory of the Northwest, and have a daily capacity of 5,000 barrels. The product of the mills is sold in all parts of the United States and in foreign countries. A circular says in substance:

 elcyators located throughout North and South Dakota and Minnesota. by the American Apprabal Co. of New York the company was examtned
 drawn upon only for any dencecency in net pronts to met the pret. tuined. The company also wil not pay any dividend on the common
stock intila surplus of $\$ 300.000$ ts set aside in excese of the pret, deltend
 This stock is listed on the Cincinnati Stock Exchange. See further par-
ticulars In V. 85, p. 102 .
Eastman Kodak Co. of New Jersey.-Extra Dividend.The directors have declared an extra dividend of $5 \%$ on common stock, payable April I to holders of record Mareh 2.

> Extra Divitends on Common Stock.

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Empire Steel \& Iron Co.-New Directors.-C. H. Zehnder and E. O. Stanley have been elected directors.-V. 87 , p. 1607.

Federal Smelting \& Refining Co.-New President.-Francis H. Brownell has been elected President to succeed Charles Sweeney-Y. 87, p. 1607.
General Asphalt Co.-Terms of Selllement.-The agreement of settlement of the dispute between the New York \& Bermudez Co, and the Venezuelan Goverment, sigued on Feb. 10, provides that the New York \& Bermudez Co. shall take possession of the property on March 20. The agreement is published at length in the "Financial Bulletin" of Phila-
delphia of March 1 .
Under it the compay recombes the annulment of the Hamilton con-
cesion os ordered by the Hightederal Court of Vonezueln and the sentence
of damakes pronounce by the of damares pronounced by the Venezuelan courts; hut the damares ree
ngred to be reduced to 300.000 bollvars (about $\$ 60,000$ ) company 10 the Guanoco mine under the listrument dated Dee. 71888 is




Havana Tobacco Co.-Report.-For calendar years:

Pencit for year
$\sim$ Owing to bad weather conditions and consequently oxpenslve tobacco, the cost to the controlled companles of manufarturlins elgars and cigarettes


New Director.-Charles D. Hinman has been elected a director to succeed Dernis J. Fleming,-V. S6, p, 605.
Huebner-Toledo Breweries Co.-Reporl.-For cal, years:
 Tho sates for the year were 205,806 barrets,- $\mathrm{V}, 83,103, \mathrm{p}, 1173$.
Johnstown (Pa.) Water Co.-Bonds.-The shareholders, it is stated, voted March 3 , to authorize a bond issue of $\$ 1,500,000$, to provide for improvements, de.
Long Acre Electric Light \& Power Co.-Judgments for Unpaid Interest.-Five judgments, aggregating \$25,378, have been entered against the company by the holders of bonds of the issue of $\$ 1,000,000$ is of 1907 for unpaid interest, the coupons being in default.-V. 86, p. 1592.

Luzerne County (Pa.) Gas \& Electric Co,-Bonds Offered -Earnings.-Robert Glendinning \& Co., Philadelphia, are offering at 95 and interest, yielding $51 / 2 \%, \$ 100,000$ W yoming Valley Gas \& Electric Co. general mortgage $5 \%$ gold bonds, dated Jan. 1905 and due Jan. 1925, but subject to call at 103 and interest. A circular says:
The $\$ 2,000,000$ capital stock of the Luzarne County Gns \& Eletorlo Co.



 Co. 83 can be sold for extenstons or tmprovements until net carnlags fortic 81 x months prlor equal $1 \%$ times the Interest on all bonds outstanding and
on those to

Eirnings of Litserne Countu Gas \& Etectic Co. for Calendar Year 1908.

was In coatrol and ancured the halt year's resutts, above shown, 883,833 was
spent on tmproving and extending the property, and it ts estimated that,
between 3155.000 and 5160.000 will be expended during the yearisoos. Ms a result the bustness should be materally thereaved.

Mergenthaler Linotype Co.-New Stock. - The New York Stock Exchange has been requested to list $\$ 2,861,000$ additional stock. Compare V. 88, p. 567
Michigan State Telephone Co.-Bonds Offered-Retirement of Debentures. - Procter \& Borden, Equitable Building, New York City, have purchased from N. W. Harris \& Co. the unsold portion of a block of $\$ 1,500,0001 \mathrm{st}$ M. $5 \%$ bonds recently issued, and are offering them at 100 and interest. Authorized issue $\$ 10,000,000$, outstanding (after retirement of $\$ 1,250,000$ dobentures to be called for payment May
1909 at 101 and int.) $\$ 8,081,000$; Mich. Tel. 5 s , $\$ 285,000$; total bonds, $\$ 8,366,000$.

Earnings.-For calendar years:

113.725, an Increase of 11, 175 over 1007.
Mo. 88. p. 380.
Mongahela River Consolidated Coal \& Coke Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.-Operations.- For three months ending Jan. 31:


Nova Scotia Steel \& Coal Co.-Financial Plan.-A bill was introduced in the Nova Scotia Legislature on Feb. 24 authorizing the company to issue new bonds and debenture stock for the purpose of redeeming the existing ( $\$ 3,561,500$ ) bonds at 110 , canceling the $(\$ 1,030,000)$ preferred stock at a price not excecding 120 per share, with interest at $8 \%$ to the banks (bills payable and cash advances amounted to $\$ 930,183$ Dee. 31 190S) and providing additional working capital for the extension of the submarine conl areas and the stee plant. The new securities, it is said, will be secured stee mortcage to the Eastern Trust Co as trustee, provided by mortgage to the castern rust Co., as also by the sharethe plan is ratified by the Legisiature and also by the shareholders at the meeting shortly to be held.-V. S8, p. 668.
Passaic Steel Co.-Sale A pril 9 .-The forecosure sale is Passaic Steel April 9.-V. 87, p. 291.
Pennsylvania Electric Vehicle Co.-Decision as to Riglits of Stock on Liquidation. - The New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeats in a decision on March 3 in the suit brought by Seligsberg \& Co., bankers, of this city, in behalf of themselves and all other conmon stockholders, against the directors, sustained the right of the common stockholders to share pro rata with the preferred in the distribution of the assets of the company under the dissolution voted by the stockholders in April 1906. (V. 82, p. 990.) About \$150,000 , it is understrood, is to be divided up.
The dedision is of general interest because it is rendered by the hithest
ourt of the state and holds that the profered stoek of a New teryey corooraton whitet by the terms of the stoct cectinctite and diarter is given a preference as to dividends (no mention being made of any further preterance, does not ticreby atso acquat a precerenco as to assets on dissolutlon. atock. An of Nov jersey deciaion nnnouncing a contrary doctrine was verruled by the Court.- V. 82, p. 920 .
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Procter \& Gamble, Cincinnati.-New Stock.-The shareholders voted March 2 to increase the common stock from $\$ 9,000,000$ to $\$ 10,500,000$, per plan in V. . $88, \mathrm{p} .381$.
Railway Steel Spring Co.-Report.-For calendar years:



 in former years: henco no comparlsons can bo glven, $-\mathrm{V} .87, \mathrm{p}, 815$,
Spanish-American Iron Co.-Guaranteed Bonds Offered.Henry \& West, Philadelphia, have purchased, and are offering at 102 and interest, $\$ 950,000$ first mortgage $6 \%$ gold bonds, the last of the issue of $\$ 5,000,000$, principal and interest guaranteed by the Pennsylvania Steel Co. Compare V. 85, p. 288, $350 .-\mathrm{V} .87$, p. 100.

Springfield (O.) Light, Heat \& Power Oo.-Bonds.-The $\$ 650,000$ first mortgage bonds recently authorized and, it is said, sold to an Eastern bond house is part, it appears, of an authorized issue of $\$ 2,000,000$.
 6g, were
p. 509.

Susquehanna Iron Co.-New Bonds for Old.-The "Philadelphia Financial Bulletin" of Feb. 25 said:
The Susquetanme fron Co., the successor of the old Susquehanna fron \& steel 00 is is exchanging ä new 20 -ycar bond for the old Susquetianna ysion is also befirs made for paying the dererred interesti It Is, undestood that when the old company is the dererred interost, It is underestood that whien the old company is nally
thing for the stockholders. $-V .86, ~ p .425$.

Susquehanna Iron \& Steel Co.-Exchange of Bonds.See Susquehanna Iron Co. above.-V. 86, p. 425.

Swift \& Co.-Suit.-Press dispatches state that as a result of the decision of the United States Supreme Court rendered last week in the case against the Hammond Packing Co. (page 567) upholding the Arkansas anti-trust law, Prosecuting Attorney Campbell on Feb. 27 filed suits in behalf of the State of Arkansas against the Cudahy Packing

Co., National Packing Co., Jacob Dold Packing Co., Swift \& Co. Moris \& Co. and Southern Beef \& Provision Co.. demanding penalties a grecrating $\$ 3,300.000$ against each of the companies named for violation of the anti-trust law.
The sutte oharge the packing compantes with forming an umfawful combloation to control prices and with discriminating against thelr compet
from Jan, 181207 down to date (Feb. 27 1200).-V. 88, D. 155, 105.
Tonswands Power Co.-Report.-The company, of whose $\$ 250,000$ stock $\$ 200,900$ is awned by the Niagara Falls Power Co., (see "Annual Reports") reports results for calendar year:

## $=$  surplus, 399,305 , Agalnst $\$ 70,063$. <br> Toronto Electric Light Co.-Earnings,-For catendar year:  The above surglus, $\$ 150,610$ for 1905 , added to the total previous sur- plus of $\$ 10,34 \pi$, makes a total of $\$ 160,061$, of whidi $\$ 150.000$ was trank cerred to reserve account, leaving a total surplus Dec. $\$ 11008$, as per bal- 

United States Industrial Alcohol Co., New Zork.-New Directors.-At the annual meeting this week the number of directors was increased from seven to fifteen, the following being the present board:
 James P. McGovera. P. I, Mgintosh. . d, MLore, 3. H.
Seibert. B. B. Stoven. Mercer Waiker, C. A. Webb.
The officials decline to confirm the statement that the annual report showed surplus income of over $\$ 500,000$ after providing liberally for depreciation and after payment of quarterly dividends amomnting to $7 \%$ on the $\$ 6,000,000$ preferred stock. Compare V. 84, p. 343; V. 85, p. 809.
United States Leather Co.-Decision Against Merger.Sce Central Leather Co.-V. 88, p. 561.
Virginia Anthracite Coal Co.-Receivership.-At Rich19 Judge Grinnan in the Court of Chanmery placed the Virginia Anthracite Coal Co. and the Virginia Anthracite Coal \& Ry. Co. in the hands of Richard H. Smith and William J. Payne as receivers upon application made by the Virginia Trust Co. in its own interest and as trustee for bondholders. The Richmond "Dispatch" said: trustee for bondholders. The Rlod and are taricly owned in gich-
 mond D. Wherollickolfer Secretary and Treafurer. The coal mines are located in Montyomer Connty, the auxiltary company opcrazing a coal-carrying


Western Gas Co., New Xork.-New Stock.-A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on March 15 at the office of the company, 40 Wall St., this city, to vote on increasing the cadital stock from $\$ 4,000,000$ to $\$ 5,000,000$.-V.76,p,658.

Yankee Fuel Co.-See Santa Fe Liberal \& Englewood RR. under "Railroads" above.-V. 84, p. 225.
-Short, Stanton \& Co., Cincinnati, invetsment bankers, have just opened a branch office in Chioago in the First National Bank building, suite 533, and will deal in stering, municipal and cornorstion bonds suitable for trust funds, banks, individualsand estates. Though a comparatively new bond house, this firm is apparently well-equipped for the business, Mr. Stanton having heen for 4 years manager for Albert Kleybolte \& Co. and later an active salesman for Mac Domald, McCoy \& Co. and the bond department of the American Trust \& Savings Bank, Chicago. The senior partner. Mr. Short, was for many years real estate agent for the entire "big four" railway system. The special partner, Lewis Worthincton, is a retired capitalist residing in Paris. Dudley Short, Chicaco manager, was formerly superintendent Dudey for "O Crescent" RR and afteriyards of signals for the "Queen "Ilinois Central."

- Arthur H. Jones \& Co., 165 Broadway (City Investing Building), this city, are offering $\$ 100,000$ Atlanta \& St. Andrews Bay RR. first mortgage 30 -year $6 \%$ bonds, due A1938, at $97 \%$ and interest, subject to sale and change in 1938, The Atlanta \& St. Andrews Bay RR., completed price, the operation July 15 1908, operates from Dothan, and put in operatity, Fla, a disfance of 85 miles. The road Ala., to Panama City, Fla,, a distance of 85 miles. Dise road connects at Dothan and has traffic agreements, it is stated, with Central Railway of Georgia and the Atlantic Coast Line, with the Louisville \& Nashville RR, at Cottondale and at St. Andrews Bay with all Gulf ports, Atlantic Coast. West Indies, Central America and Panama. Only $\$ 300,000$ of its $\$ 1,000,000$ authorized stock has been issued and there are $\$ 425,000$ first mortgage 65 due 1938 and $\$ 425,000$ second mortare bonds authorized and issued. A circular showing the gage bonds the first six months and other partieulars the earnings for the first six months and other partic
will be mailed to applicants by Arthur H. Jones \& Co.
-The firm of Welsh Bros., Philadelphia, was formed on the 1st inst. as successor to Welsh \& Smart, which was dissolved on that date. The members forming the new dissolved onstnership are Robert E. Welsh and Herbert S. Welsh. The firm announces that it will make a spectalty of dealing The firm announces that it win make a specia, and in Public in high-grade bonds, tax free in Pennsylvamia, and in Pubic Service Corporation bonds of this country. The offices are at 328 Chestnut St.


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## THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

## SLXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT-FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 311908.

General Ofjice, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, March 21909
The Board of Directors submit herewith to the Stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company a synopsis of their Annual Report for the year 1908:
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Operating expenses, including taxes..
$136,296,87103$

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$\$ 3,730,67204$
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tfmore RR, Co's Gortgazes and Ground Rents payable
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Mt. Joy \& Lancaster RR. Co
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## Total

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gayment of the outstanding stock trust certifleates Issued by Pennsylvani Company for Insurances on Ltves to Grantine AnnuItles by Pennsylvania outstandine . Y. P. \& N. RP. Co sook pledged for the nay $\$ 2,402,750$

Consolidated an increase of $\$ 39,372,000$ in the amount of of $\$ 39$, 40 d Mortgage Bonds outstanding, due to the issue turing 0,000 of those securities, less $\$ 28,000$ of those maFund May 11943 which were retired under the Sinking Fund provisions of the mortgage. On your Balance Sheet are also carried $87,478,250$ of Trust Certificates, guaranteed by your Company in connection with the purchase of the stock of the New York Philadelphia is Norfolk Railroad

Company, and also the bonded debt of the Bald Eagle Valley Junction railroads, which have been absorbed
Eight hundred and forty-one thousand dollars of the bonds issued under the General Mortgage of the United Railroad © Canal Companies of New Jersey and forming a part of the $\$ 20,000,000$ secured thereby, having matured a sept. 1908, were paid off, and an equal amount of $4 \%$ bonds of that date, running for forty years, was issued in lieu thereof inder the provisions of the mortgage.
securtites of other corporations.
The cost of the securities of other corporations held by your Company Dec. 311908 was $\$ 232,094,793$ 95, and the direct revenue received therefrom during the year was $\$ 11,287,74388$, being $4.86 \%$ upon the cost thereof. The increase in cost is due to the acquisition of the stock of the New York Philadelphia \& Norfolk Railroad Company and to the securities received from the Pennsylvania Company on account of its contribution toward the cost of construction of the New York Tunnel Extension.

## car trusts.

The issue of Car Trust securities during the year consisted of $\$ 182,000$ of Series J of Pennsylvania General Freight Equipment Certificates of 1907, through which 147 steel underframe box cars were furnished for the Pemnsylvania Railroad Company.
The outstanding Certificates of Series E, F and G of the Pennsylvania Rolling Stock Trust, having matured during the year, were paid and canceled, and thereby $4,946 \mathrm{car}$ became the property of your Company at a total cost of $\$ 3,000,000$.

The total number of Car Trust cars now in service, against which Car Trust certificates are outstanding, is 105,289 and the Car Trust certificates outstanding Dec. 31 1908
aggregate $861,900,000$. aggregate $\$ 61,900,000$.

## TRAFFIC

The number of tons of freight moved on the five genera divisions east of Pittsburgh and Eric in 1908 was $182,480,361$ a decrease of $41,746,713$, or $18.62 \%$; the number of passen gers was $61,380,533$, a decrease of $5,976,300$, or $8.87 \%$

The other Railroad Companies east of Pittsburgh and Erie in which your Company is interested show satisfactory results. Detailed statements of their operations will be found in their respective annual reports, as well as in the full report of your Company.

IINES WEST OF PITTSBURGH
The Pennsylvania Company acquired by purchase during the year a half interest in the stock of the Lake Erie \& Pitts burgh Railway Company, which is constructing a road between Youngstown and Lorain, Ohio.
In order to provide for the retirement at maturity, Aug. 1 1908, of $\$ 1,500,000$ of Ashtabula \& Pittsburgh Railway $6 \%$ bonds, and for construction expenditures and other corporate purposes, the Pittsburgh Youngstown \& Ashtabula Railway Company authorized the creation of a first general mortgage to secure a total issue of $\$ 15,000,000$ of bonds, of which a portion of series A, amounting to $\$ 2,000,000$, was disposed of on satisfactory terms.
The Vandalia Railroad Company also authorized the sale of $\$ 3,000,000$ of its consolidated mortgage $4 \%$ bonds, Series B, and applied the proceeds thereof to the redemption of $\$ 1,608,000$ of the $7 \%$ bonds of the Indianapolis \& Vincennes Railroad Company, one of its constituent companies which matured Feb. 1 1908, and toward construction and equipment expenditures and other capital requirements.

The amount of Capital Expenditures during the year on the Lines west of Pittsburgh for construction, equipment and real estate was $\$ 4,980,61635$
The main expenditures were upon additions to and improvements of motive power and equipment; the increase of yard, dock and other terminal facilities; the construction of second, third and fourth tracks upon the Cleveland is Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago \& St. Louis railways, the elevation of tracks in Chicago and the purchase of additional real estate and right of way.

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The number of tons of freight moved on the lines west of Pittsburgh was $104,035,740$, a decrease of $51,864,686$. The number of passengers carried was $30,291,763$, a decrease of
$2,709,630$.

The gross earnings of all lines, east and west of Pittsburgh for the year 1908 , were $\$ 274,338,80382$; operating expenses $\$ 203,605,58584$, and net earnings $\$ 70,733,26798$, a decrease in gross earnings, compared with 1907 , of $\$ 52,446$. 72214 , and a decrease in net earnings of $\$ 7,436.297$ 58 There were $334,429,541$ tons of freight moved on the citime system, being a decrease of $103,381,275$ tons, and t- $+2,0,5,779$ passengers carried, a decrease of $10,885,192$.

## GENERAL REMARKS,

In pursuance of the authority conferred by the stockholders in March 1907, an issue of $\$ 39,400,000$ of your Consotidated Mortgage Bonds was made on May 1 1908, running for forty years and bearing interest at 4\% per annum, the
issue being made in dollar and sterling bonds in substantially equal amounts.
When the negotiation of these bonds was first considered, the conditions which bad forced upon the railways the issue of short-term obligations still prevailed to a very large extent. It was not to your advantage to meet capital requirements by the further issue of temporary obligations at high rates of interest; but it was found to be impracticabl to sell the desired amount of bonds in this country, and it was not unti haglish investors had agreed to take one-hal of the issue that the sale could be consummated. It was not only gratifying to the management that the high eredit of your Company enabled the securities to be disposed of at a more satisfactory interest rate, but this negotiation marked the return of a more normal market for railway obligations, and in that respect was of material service to your general interests.

An examination of the Balance Sheet will show that the eash in your treasury will in all probability be sufficient to meet the capital requirements of the current year. But it will be necessary to make timely provision for the $\$ 60$, 000,000 of your short-term notes which mature March 15 1910 as well as for the $\$ 20,000,000$ of General Mortgage Bonds which mature July 1 1910. The stockholders have already authorized the Board of Directors to increase your capital stock, when in their judgment it may be advisable; and like authority will be asked as to the indebtedness at the annual meeting, to the extent of $\$ 80,000,000$, in order that the Company may be in a position to meet its maturing obligation, the issue, at the proper time, of either stock or bonds; or both, as may be to its best interests.

The industrial depression referred to in the last Annual Report continued throughout the entire year, and still prevails. Its results are clearly shown in the abnormal decrease both in your traffic and revenue. The volume of your freight tonnage decreased over $18 \%$, while your ton mileage and the gross earnings therefrom show a falling off of about $21 \%$. in mile passe and over $7 \%$ in revenue. This necessitated a drastic reduction in expenses in all departments, and compelled the discharge of many thousands of your employees, and a material decrease in the hours of labor of many of those retained in the service.
It will be noted that the average rate received for the transportation of passengers was less than two cents per mile. There can be no question that the railways are not receiving a reasonable compensation for the service performed and for the comforts and facilities furnished to the traveling public in connection therewith, or one sufficient to afford a fair return on the capital invested in this branch of their business.
It is gratifying to note that a more conservative spirit prevails in both the State and National legislatures in regard to the undue regulation of railroads, and that the tendency is to defer further legislation until an opportunity has been afforded to ascertain the practical effect of the laws now in force. This would certainly appear to be wise in the interest of the general public, as those who in good faith invest in such enterprises, and from whom the necessary capital must be obtained to enable the railroad companies to furnish the facilities required for the accommodation of the public, cannot reasonably be expected to continue to make such investments unless they receive the same protection that is accorded the owners of other property.

After meeting all liabilities and paying dividends aggregating $6 \%$, and $\$ 3,799,26656$ on account of the maturing principal of Car Trust Certificates, there was a surplus of $\$ 5,198,11225$, of which $\$ 3,538,98092$ was applied toward the Extraordinary Expenditures of the year, $\$ 1,000,000$ applied toward the cost of the New Yoric Tunnel Extension and $\$ 659,13133$ credited to your Profit and Loss Account.

The extraordinary expenditure for the year was limited to such as was necessary to complete work already under way, and was substantially confined to the extension of the four-track system on your main line, purchases of right of way for your relief freight lines, the improvement of yards and terminal facilities at various points, the further elimination of grade crossings, and improvement of equipment.

The aggregate expenditures for construction, equipment and real estate on your main line between Pittsburgh, including $\$ 7,523,72856$ on account of the principal of Car Trusts and $\$ 580,000$ on account of the principal of Water Trust certificates, were $\$ 15,337,15911$, of which $\$ 5,648,36527$ was charged to Capital Account, $\$ 7,388,24748$ $\$ 5,648,3650$ was che of the year, $\$ 224,662$ against your Profit and Loss Account and $\$ 2,126,08436$ against the Extraordinary Expenditure Fund. In view of the unsatisfactory ordinary Expenditure Whe Wern New York \& Peunsylvania operating resuits of the westan New Eorninge were not sufRailway, and of the fact that its net earnings were not sufficient to meet the interest on its funded debt, $\$ 365,46979$,
the amount advanced to that Company was also charged off the amount advanced to that Company was also
against the Extraordinary Expenditure Fund.
The progress upon the Tunnel Extension into and through New York City has been very satisfactory. The work was actively prosecuted throughout the year, so that at present
there is every reason to anticipate its completion during the summer of 1910 .

On the section between the point of connection with your New Jersey Division at Harrison, east of Newark (where the new transfer yard is being built, for interchange of traffic between this division and the tunnel extension), and the Hudson River, the embankments and bridges are constructed with the exception of the drawbridge over the Hackensack River and the excavation and concrete lining of the Bergen Hill Tunnels are practically completed. Between the Weehawken Shaft on the western bank of the Hudson and Ninth Avenue New York, including the open western approach to the New York Station at Seventh Avenue and Thirtythind street, the sacaion is practically finished, and large portion of the concrete lining is in place.

The steel structure of the station is almost completed, and over one-half of the exterior granite is in place, while substantial progress has been made in connection with the station facilities. The cross-town tumnels between the station and the East River, and those under the East River, are ready for the laying of the tracks.

The workin Long Island City, embracing the tunnels from the east side of the river to East and Borden Avenues, is finished, and that east of East Avenue, including the appronches to the Sunnyside Yard, and the erection of the bridges over the same, is well under way. The electrification of the Tunnel Line, and the track-laying, signaling interlocking, and construction of the necessary yard and terminal facilities, will be actively prosecuted during the current year, as well as the work on the New York Station.

In view of the fact that this important terminal is for the benefit of the entire Pennsylvania Railroad System, and that the lines West of Pittsburgh will reap a direct advantage therefrom, it has been deemed proper that the Pennsylvania Company should participate in the cost thereof. It has therefore contributed $\$ 10,000,000$ for that purpose, and charged the same against its Profit and Loss account.
By reference to the General Balance Sheet, it will be seen that the total amount carried thereon on account of the New York Tunnel Extension is $\$ 46,528,664$ 42. Of this cmount $\$ 15,000,000$ is represented by capital stock of the Pennsylvania Tunnel \& Terminal Ratiload Company, at par and the balance represents the advances made on account of cost of construction to Dee 31 1908 after deducting the sums charged against the Income and Profit and Loss coounts of the Pennsylvania Railroad and Pennsylvania Companies, as stated in this and preceding annual reports.

In accordance with the authority conferred at the last meeting, the Bald Eagle Valley, Junction and Southwest Connecting railways have been absorbed by and now form Conart of the Pennsylvania Railroad
The New York Philadelphia \& Norfolk Railroad, which forms the connecting link between your Philadelphia Baltimore \& Washington System and the railways reaching Norfolk from the South and West, having (through the growth of Norfolk as a business centre and as a gateway between the Northern and Southern Atlantic States) developed a large interchange traffic with your system, it was deemed advisable to acquire the ownership of its stock, especially as heavy expenditures had been made, on your part; to provid the necessary facilities therefor at terminal and proier points on your lines. An arreement was therefore other points ourchase thereof through the issue of $\$ 7,500,000$ made or the purchi cetifietes by the Fidelity Trust Comof $4 \%$ stock trust certificates by the 1018 the prinipa pany of Philadelphia, maturing June 1 1948, the principal and interest of which were guaranteed by your Company. The net income of the property is sufficient, not only to take care of the obligations assumed in connection therewith, but to furnish funds for its further improvement.

The charges to Capital Account during the year were as follows:
COST OF ROAD - Cost of South West Con-

Cost of Bald Eagle Valley RR, absorbed.
Amount transferred from Rent Bstate ac
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purposes
Cost of additonal General orfices; frans-
ferred from other accounts.

325,00000
97500000
923,56435
$4.530,20752$
234,17146
$2,220,20003$
EQUIPMENT-Portion of payments on account of princlpal
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REAL ESTATE-Credts thereto on necount

$\begin{array}{r}54,618,27052 \\ 7,218 \quad 34 \\ \hline\end{array}$

Total charged to Capital Account for the the year was as follows

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By order of the Board.
JAMES MCGREA, President.
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## The Commercial Times.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, March 51909.
General trade is still halted to a certain extent by uncer tainty about the changes in the tariff which will be made at the extra session of Congress to be called for March 15 th. The depression in the metal trades has continued witha $10 \%$ cut in wages by one of the steel companies. Breadstuffs have advanced, partly owing to aggressive speculation. The feeling is hopeful but conservatism is everywhere noticeable.

| Stocks of Merciundise - | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mer. } 1 \\ & 1300 \text {. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fed. I } \\ & 1909 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Mch. } 1 \\ & 1008 . \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cocoa, Brazil | 23.863 | 30,427 |  |
|  | $3.307 \times 344$ | 2,923,327 | 3,314,920 |
|  | 59,429 320.469 | 25,023 285.085 | 63,500 |
|  | 320.469 22,458 | 283.035 18.800 | 206.234 |
| Cotton - | 31.700 | 38,700 | 5.500 |
|  | 116.372 | 160,173 | 103,521 |
| Manila hump ...............................-bate bag |  |  | 3,850 |
| Stsal hemp.............................. bales | 1,883 | $\begin{array}{r}4.208 \\ \hline 906\end{array}$ | 18.500 |
| Flour .................... barrels and kaclia | -49,000 | 60,200 | 4,500 48.000 |

LARD has advanced, owing mainly to decreased receipts of hogs at Chicago and elsewhere and higher prices for them. Besdies the stocks at the leading packing points have made a bullish and stimulating exhibit. Receipts of hogs at the leading Western points have latterly been on a single day only 74,600 , against 117,500 on the same day last year. This was a typical case. The rise in grain has also had some effect, Prime Western here 10.40 c . Viddle Western 10.10c. City 9.75@9.85c. Refined Continent 10.50 c . South American 11c. Brasil in kegs 12.25 c . Compound 75/8@778c.
datly closing prices of lard futures in chicago.

## May dellvery. July dellvery.


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Thurs. $\quad$ Fri.
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10.22 $\begin{array}{cccccc}\text { Septembor dellvery..... } 9.95 & 10.00 & \ldots . . . & 10.25 & 10.07 & 10.20 \\ \text { PORK has been active } & 10.10 \\ & 10.221 / 2\end{array}$ clear $\$ 1875 @ \$ 2150$; family $\$ 180$ mess $\$ 17250817$ 50; pickled hams 91/8e. 10 to 12 18@s19; cut weats firmer ibs., $83 / 4091 / \mathrm{c}$. Beef firm. 12 s ; pickled belfies, 10 to 12 S14@S15; family $\$ 1525 @ \$ 1575$; mess $\$ 1250 @ \$ 13$; packet (a) $\$ 25$; stearines oleo $121 / a 125$; extra India mess $\$ 2450$ Chicago 131 ge . Tallow 6 cents for city. But York, with extras 29 c . Cheese, State full cream fancy 15 c , withery extivity. Eggs 25 c , for fresh and 201 cm . for Wo. with less
action activity. Eggs 25c, for fresh and $201 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. for Western firsts. Summer white $5.55(\mathrm{c} .5,60 \mathrm{c}$ and strong; winter $5.70 @ 6.25 \mathrm{e}$. Summer white $5.55 @ 5,600$. Linseed has been dull; city, raw, American seed, 56@57c.; boiled $57(a) 58 \mathrm{c}$. Caleut+ 75 c . Lard firm; prime 75 @ 80 c . extra No. 1 , $56 \Omega 57 \mathrm{c}$ Olive 1.50 a 1.65 Cocosmut Chin 70.56 COFEEE has been firmer at 81 kc . for No. 7 Rio61/2e No. 4 Santos 8369 c Warehouse deliveries lave been eral, but of late the Brazilian mackets have been falling West Indian growths have been quiet but firm. Speoulation in coffee futures has been quiet, but, what witha firmer tone in Europe and bull support here, with more or less covering and other seattered buying, prices haveadvanced It seems doubtful to many whether a duty will be imposed.
Closing prices were as follows:



SUGAR.-Raw has been firm with a fair inquiry of late centrifugal, 96-degrees test, 3.74 c . muscovado, 89 -degrees test, $3.24 \mathrm{c} .$, and molasses sugnr, 89 -degrees test, 2.99 c . Refined has continued irregular with the "war" still on; granulated has latterly been quoted by different refiners at $4.50 @ 4.65 \mathrm{c}$. Spices quiet but firm, with small stoeks. Tea firm but quiet.
PETROLEUM.-Refined has been in moderate demand barrels 8.50 c ., bulk 5 c ., cases 10.90 c . Gasoline, 89 -degrees in 100 -gallon drums, 19 c ., drums $\$ 8.50$ extra. Naphtha 16 c . for 73 to 76 degrees in 100-gallon drums; drums $\$ 850$ extra. Spirits of turpentine has declined to 42 c . Rosin, strained, 3.30@3.35e. Wool has been firm with a very moderate trade; most descriptions dull.

TOBACCO has been generally quiet. Buyers as a rule persist in their policy of buying from haud to mouth. There is some buying of 1908 Wisconsin and Conneeticut. High prices are demanded for Pennsylvania. New Ohio is not altogether satisfactory in quality, and substitutes are being bought, such, for instance, as Wisconsin Bs. Very little is being done in Sumatra. Though steady, Cuban is less active. A small demand for cigars is at the bottom of the present dulness.
COPPER, after showing a steadier tone, beeame weak again, with buyers holding aloof; London prices have latterly fallen sharply. Electrolytic here 125/8@123/4. and lake 1278@13c. Spelter has been weaker at $4.721 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. (34.77 sc. Lead has been dnll at $3.921903 .971 / 2 \mathrm{c}$. Tin after being firmer became dull and somewhat depressed, partly in sympathy with a similar tone in London. Spot now, however, 28.70@28.75c. Iron has been generally dull and inelined to sag in value. Of late the railroad demand for steel has inereased. Iron itself, however, is slow of sale. No. 1 Northern $\$ 1650 @ \$ 17$. No. 2 Southern $\$ 16250.81675$.

## COTTON

Friday Night, March 51909. THE MOVEMENT OF THE CROP as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night is given below. For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 150,074 bales, against 128,987 bales last week and 141,612 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since the 1st of September $19088,190,699$ bales, against $6,937,324$ bales for the same period of 1907-08, showing an increase since Sept. 11908 of $1,253,375$ bales.

| Receipts at- | Sat. | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Galveston | 5,175 | 8,411 | 12,522 | 6,080 | 5,264 | 9,167 | 47.019 |
| Port Arthur ${ }^{\text {Corpuschristi, \&o }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | 10,284 | 10,284 |
| New Orleans. | 9,107 | 4.323 | 6.775 | 8,768 | 3,511 | 8,171 | 40.655 |
| Gulfport Moble |  |  | 644 | 846 | 959 | 378 | 3,788 |
| ${ }_{\text {Pensacola }}$ | 11,000 | 387 | 649 | 816 | \% | 0,975 | 20,975 |
| Jacksonville, \&o. |  | 118 |  |  | 2.037 | 3,281 | 12,976 12.903 |
| Savannah | 2,360 | 1,584 | 2.371 | . 368 | 2.037 | 1,308 | 1,308 |
| Charieston | 30 | 552 | 32 | 15 | 10 | 126 | 1.350 |
| Georgetown |  |  | 348 |  |  |  | 2.500 |
| Wimington Norfolk | 370 607 | 840 1.129 | 348 660 | 600 457 | 805 | 666 | 4,424 |
| Newp Neivs, de | 648 |  |  |  |  | 1.324 | 1.072 |
| New York-..... |  |  |  |  | 208 | 25 | 318 |
| Boston Baltimore | 297 |  | 70 |  | 208 | 1.029 | 1.326 |
| Philadelphla |  |  | 24 | 32 | 50 | 141 | 237 |
| Totals this week - | 30.297 | 17,054 | 23,792 | 19,103 | 13,200 | 46,628 | 150,074 |

The following shows the week's total receipts, the total since Sept. 1 1908, and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

| Recerpisto <br> March 5. | 1908.09. |  | 1907-08. |  | Stock. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| G | 47,510 | 3.001.936 | 39 | 4 | 128,507 | 149,7 |
| Port Arthur |  | 16,198 | ${ }^{3} 1.58$ | 93, 360 |  |  |
| New Orieans | 40,058 | 1,6777838 | 26,505 | 1.615,530 | 205,087 | 218,514 |
| Guifport | 3,788 | 314.662 | 4.175 | 283,408 | 55,601 | 24,512 |
| Pensacoial | 20,975 | 130.421 26.848 | 197 | 130,354 |  |  |
| Jacksonvile | 12,095 | ,286,024 | 0, 0558 | 1.345, 054 | 81,758 | 80,783 |
| ${ }^{\text {Brumiwck }}$ | 1,308 | 299,4 | 1109 | 180,39 | 16,844 | 77,056 |
| Oharieston ${ }^{\text {Georltave }}$ | $\begin{array}{r}1,350 \\ \hline 49\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}181,153 \\ 2,010 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 1.036 | 180.5 | 10.465 |  |
| Wermington | 2,500 4.424 | 350.472 476.100 | 1,861 <br> 5,804 | 455,688 466,054 | 13,025 33,533 | 2,429 26,43 |
| Nownorivews, ${ }^{\text {dee }}$ | 1,972 | 10.805 | 128 | 8.822 |  |  |
| Now Coston |  | 13,701 |  | 9,783 | 127.061 | 103,849 9.769 |
| Baltme | 1,326 | 84,243 | 2.174 | 53.242 | 18,803 | 15.393 2840 |
| Philadetphta) | 232 | 3.750 | 107 | 6,902 | 3.712 | 2.840 |
| Total | 150,074 | 8,100,609 | 97,012 | 6,037,324 | 758,630 | 658,683 |

In order that comparison may be made with other years we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

| Receipts at- | 1009. | 1008. | 1907. | 1906. | 1905. | 1004 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Galyeston | 47,510 | 39.487 | 84,247 | 35,113 | 58,253 | 5.150 |
| Pt.Arthur, ${ }^{\text {Pe }}$ | 10.284 | 4,145 | 4,655 | 9.395 | 5,972 |  |
| New Orleans | 40.655 3.788 | 26,565 | 38,828 | 37,435 | 44,231 | 5087 |
| Moble | - $\begin{array}{r}3,788 \\ 12,008\end{array}$ | 9.508 | 16,345 | 10,558 | 12.741 | 4,373 |
| Brunswi | 1,308 | 100 | 1.796 | 1.508 | 3.862 | 592 |
| Charleston, | 1.399 | 1,036 | 1.660 | 722 | 689 | 151 |
| Whlmington | 2,500 | 1,862 | 2.987 10.072 | 728 | 2.251 | 3.045 |
| Norfolk | 1,424 | ${ }^{128}$ | $\begin{array}{r}10,072 \\ \hline 8.86\end{array}$ | 6,617 | 7,6182 | 689 |
| Allother | 23,237 | 0.054 | 7.601 | 2.842 | 3.708 | 2,623 |
| Total this wk- | 150.074 | 97.612 | 171,823 | 106.284 | 143.666 | 48,050 |
| Since Sept. 1. | .100.699 | ,037,524 | , 340.088 | 5,339.530 | 102,635 | 13.6 |

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 169,655 bales, of which 46,649 were to Great Britain, 35,177 to France and 87,829 to the rest of the Continent. Below are the exports for the week and since Sept. 1 1908:

|  | Weet ending March 51909. Experted to- |  |  |  | From sept. 11008 to March 51 Exported to- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cant- } \\ & \text { neth. } \end{aligned}$ | Total. | Bruain. | Fran | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Cont:- } \\ & \text { nemt- } \end{aligned}$ | Tot |
|  | 16,127 | 14,481 | 24,3:3 | 54,941 |  |  |  |  |
| Port Artup |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Oric | 22,653 |  |  | 54 | 23 | 1770.098 |  |  |
|  | 68 | 11,000 | 6. | 21,780 |  |  | 49,207 |  |
| nn |  | 5.634 |  |  | ${ }_{10}^{10.535}$ | $16.0{ }^{\text {a }}$ 87.672 | 523 |  |
| Brun |  |  |  |  | 168 |  |  | 251 |
| Oha |  |  |  |  | 8 8, | 8,7 | 238, 894 | ${ }_{3}{ }^{2}$ |
| ng |  |  |  |  | 28,800 |  | 1 | 30,7 |
| Newpor |  | $3 \times 124$ | 5.122 | , | 123000 | 35,580 | 128 | 287 |
| Bostor |  |  |  |  | 30 | 8,00 | 19.0 |  |
| ${ }_{\text {Pamum }}^{\text {Patade }}$ |  |  | 100 | (t) |  |  | 7.0 |  |
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|  |  |  |  | 4.87 |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 46.649 | 㖪 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| tat 1 | 23,888 | 10,985 | 57,564 | 02 | - |  | . |  |

[^3]March 5 at New Orleans. Galveston
Savannah Savannah
Charleston Charleston. Morfolk
Now New York...
Other ports. Total 1900.
Total 1908. Total 1808.
Total 1907.

| On Shipboard. Not Oleared for- |  |  |  |  |  | Leavino Stock. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Grcat } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{gathered}$ | France | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ger- } \\ & \text { many. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Othert } \\ & \text { Foreipn } \end{aligned}$ | Coasttexse. | Total. |  |
| 3.150 | 6,909 | 7,931 | 15.385 | 832 | 34,207 | 221.480 71.122 |
| 17,057 | 4,249 | 30,503 1.150 | 3,472 | 3,104 | 57.385 1.150 | 71,122 80,008 |
|  |  |  |  | 100 | 100 | 16,365 |
| 1.000 | 14.000 | 9.000 |  | 800 | 24,800 | 30,801 |
| 1,000 |  | 00 | 2,500 | 12,068 | 12,068 4,500 | 21,265 123.461 |
| 12,000 | 2.000 | 13.000 |  |  | 27,000 | 32.318 |
| 34.207 | 27.458 | 62,284 | 20,352 | 16,904 | 161.210 | 20 |
| 36,702 | 42,838 | 56,153 | 27,506 |  |  | 173,046 895.573 |
| 64.325 | 39,807 | 48,928 | 44.120 | 31.327 | 228,516 | 835,573 |


#### Abstract

Speculation in cotton has been rather more active at times,


 and prices have advanced. A leading factor in the rise has been continued drought in Texas. The Exchange has latterly received official Government reports from Texas and Oklahoma, and day after day they have announced that no rain has fallen. The February report of the Weather Bureau at Washington shows that the deficiency of rainfall so noticeable in December and Jannary in Texas has been further increased. This accords with private reports refurther inereased. from time to time for many weeks past. In the easternceived seotion of the belt the rainfalls in February were, as regards section of the belt the rainfalls in February were, as regards
not a few States, above the normal; but the southwestern section, as already intimated, is still a source of great interest if not anxiety. Of late, conditions there have been cloudy, and on Friday morning a low barometer was noted. It is assumed that copious rains in the early future would go far towards relfeving Texas of the ill effects of the winter's drought, but it is also maintained that if sueh rains are much longer delayed, the results must be more or less unfavorable. The other leading factor in the week's advance has been greater activity in the spot markets, both at home and abroad, at rising prices. Large sales have been made at New York and some of the Southern points, and Liverpool transactions have also increased. Conflicting reports have been received in regard to the trade at Manchester; some insist that there has been an improvement. The South has latterly been buying here and Liverpool has bought the near months, supposedly in undoing straddles. Large spot interests have also bought at times quite freely, and have shown a very plain disposition to give support to the market whenever it seemed to need it. The Liverpool market has repeatedly exceeded the expectations, even of the bulls on this side of the water, and shorts here have covered at times quite freely. They were rendered uneasy not only by the Texas drought and the grenter activity in spot trade, but also by the unexpected strength of Liverpoal's prices. Also, there have been rumors afloat that a large quantity of cotton from the local stock would be exported. On the other hand, the depression in the steel trade, declines at the Stock Exchange, rumors of rains in Texas, or of weather indicating rains at any moment, have had a more or less depressing effect at times. That is to say, they had a tendency to cause reactions or to rein up the advance, more particularly when it appeared that Wall Street houses were good sellers on days of depression in the stock market. Also, according to common report, large wheat operators in Chis who are said to be loni of cotton, have latterly been eredited with liberal salces. It is intimated too, with or without reason, that certain of the large stock interests have within a few days been parting with some of their holdings. However this may be, there has been at times some large, concentrated selling. To-day prices advanced and then receded. New Orleans and the South bought. Liverpool was unexpectedly firm, and sent buying orders in the near months if it sold the distant ones. There were rumors of large yarn sales at Manchester. But Texas was cloudy, Chicago again seemed to be selling, and it was persistently reported that some of the spot interests sold also, that rain had fallen at Houston. Spot cotton has been more active and 20 points higher, middling uplands closing at 9.85 c .
The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

NEW YORK QUOTATI ONS FOR 32 YEARS.


MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

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|  |  |  | Spot. | Con- <br> $52 \mathrm{~m}^{\prime} n$. | Contract | Toras. |
| Saturday | Oulet | Qutet $\begin{aligned} & \text { Qarely } \\ & \text { Bitady }\end{aligned}$ | 1.700 |  | 4,500 | 6. 2000 |
| Tuesday | Qulet, 15 pts. adv | Frrm Brens |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday Thurrday | Stuady | Steady | 5,400 |  | 100 | 5.400 300 |
| Frrday... | Qule | Steady |  |  |  |  |
| Total. |  |  | 7,750 |  | 4.00 | 12,35 |

FUTURES. -The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York the past week have been as follows:


THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks, quently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday), we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.


Continental imports for the past week have been 136,000 bales.
The above figures for 1908 show a decrease from last week of 80,717 bales, a gain of 771,573 bales from 1908 , a decrease of 20,467 bales from 1907 and a gain of 350,659
bales over 1906 .

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement-that is, the receipts for the week and since Sept. 1 , the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period for the previous year-is set out
in detail below. in detail below.


The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 34,379 bales and are to-night 224,386 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns has been 5,126 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE SEPT. 1.-We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Sept. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Sept, 1 in the last two years are as follows:
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Via CIncinnail
Vla CIncinnati....
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$\qquad$ Week
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6,38 -1908
Week.
16,306
6,383
1,403
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
Total gross overland.........
Overlaud to N. Y.. Boston, \&e.... 1,876
Between interior towns
Tnlant
Total to be deducted........... $\frac{1,951}{4,228} \frac{27,418}{178,827}$
reaving total net overiand * ........ $\overline{32,046} \overline{1,077,242}$

| $1907-08-$ |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| Week. | Sept. 1. |
| 12,864 | 307,137 |
| 6,071 | 140,172 |
| 2,690 | 23,967 |
| 896 | 39,780 |
| 594 | 29,718 |
| 2,463 | 67,628 |
| 7,241 | 183,876 |
| 32,819 | 792,278 |
| 4,393 | 78,106 |
| 1,114 | 57,234 |
| 355 | 45,177 |
| 5,862 | 180.517 |
| 26,957 | 611,761 |

Trcludlag movement by rall to Canada
The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement has been 32,046 bales, ggainst 26,957 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an excess over a year ago of 465,481 bales.

| In Stons and Spinners' Takinos, Recelpts at ports to March 5 | -1908-09 - |  | -1007-08 |  |
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| overland to March |  |  |  |  |
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| Total marketod. . . .2.Interior stock In excess |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | 107.240 |  |
| North, spinners taldiges to Moh.5-69,466 |  |  |  |  |

a These ngures are not the takings by Southern milfs, but are estimates
of consumption based on information recelved from the season and rovlsed, if necessary, when complete returns time durthg at season's close. Reports from varlous sectlons of the South Indicate that takings by the mills have thus for thls season been apprectably heavier than during the corresponding perfod a year ago, but actual or approximate
data ls not obtalnable.

- Decreased during wee

Movement into sight in previous years：

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1.113 .393
8.721 .819 QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON $9.701,847$ MARKETS．－Below are the closing quotations of middting cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week．

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| ， |  |  |  |  | 210 |  |

NEW ORLEANS OPTION MARKET．－The highest， lowest and closing quotations for leading options in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows：

|  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Sat day, } \\ \text { Feb. 27, } \end{array}\right.$ | Mondav． Mch 1. | Tuesiday， Meh． 2. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wedran. } \\ & \text { Mcht } 3 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Thursd } \begin{array}{c} \text { Meh. } 4 \text {, } \end{array}, \end{gathered}$ | Friday． <br> Mch． 5. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| March－ |  | 9．20－29 | 9．28－．44 | 9．42－49 | 9．45－． 56 | 9．40－．49 |
| Range | $9.22+.26$ | 0，26－．28 | 9．43－．45 | 9．40－．51 | 9．44－．46 |  |
| Aprl |  |  |  |  | 2 |  |
| Range Closing | －0， 23 | 9.26 － | 9，44 | 9.49 | 9.44 | 9.12 |
|  | 9，37－41 | 9，39－43 | 9．46－60 | 9．56－．65 | 9．57－68 | 9．54－60 |
| Range | 9，37－38 | 0.42 － | 9．53－． 69 | 9．62－．63 | 0．57－，58 | 0．54－． 55 |
| une－${ }^{\text {Rance }}$ |  | －＠－ | －（a） | D， 8 |  |  |
| Rlosing | 9.44 | 9．48－．50 | 9．64－．66 | 9．68－． 70 | 0．62－．64 | 9．88－． 60 |
| Jult - | 9，48－53 | 9．50－．5．4 | 9．57－ 70 | 9．67－78 | 9．67－．78 | 9．64－71 |
| Closing | D．48－．49 | 0．53－．54 | 0．69－．70 | 0.78 － 74 | 9．67－．68 | 9．04－，65 |
| October－ Ratice | 9．20－． 24 | 9．21－． 25 | 9，26－36 | 9．32－39 | 9．32－40 | 9．20－34 |
| Clostag． | 0．20－．21 | 9．23－．24 | $9.36-.37$ | 9．37－38 | 9．32－．34 | 9．20－30 |
| ecember Rance |  |  | 9．23－33 | 9．33－． 37 | 9，30－， 32 | 0.29 － |
| Clostm | 9．75－． 16 | 9．19－．21 | $9.32 \cdot .34$ | 9．34－35 | 9．29－．31 | 0．27－．28 |
| January Range | 9，17－18 | 0.19 | 9．23－ 33 | 9.34 |  | －${ }^{7}$ |
| Closing | 9．16－17 | 9.19 | 9．32－．33 | 9．34－．35 | 9．31－32 | 9．27－． 28 |
| Soot Optlons | Easy． Steady． | Stcady． <br> Steaty． | Steady． Steady． | Firm． Steady． | Steady． Steady． | Steady． Steady． |

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH．－Advices to us by telegraph from the South this evening denote that little or no rain has fallen the past week．In Texas dry weatherhas been quite general，and elsewhere where rain has fallen the precipitation has been moderate or light．As a result of the better conditions farm work is making good progress at many points．The Mississippi is rising and at Memphis is 34.8 feet on the gauge or 1.8 feet above the flood stage．

Galveston，Texas．－There has been no rain during the week． The thermometer has averaged 67，the highest being 74 and the lowest 67．February rainfall one inch and forty－six hundredths．
Abilene，Texas．There has been no rain the past week． The thermometer ha
Corpus Christi，Texas．－We have had no rain during the week．The thermometer has ranged from 62 to 82 ，averay－ ing 72．February rainfall forty－seven hundredths of an inch． Fort Worth，Texas．－We have had no rain the past week， Average thermometer 64，highest 84，lowest 44．Month＇s rainfall eleven hundredths of an inch．

Palestine，Texas．－There has been no rain the past week． The thermometer has averaged 67 ，the highest being 84 and the lowest 50．February rainfall five inches and fifty－six hundredths．

San Antonio，Texas．－There has been a trace of rain on one day the past week．The thermometer has averaged 72 ， ranging from 54 to 94 ．Month＇s rainfall seventy－one hun－ dredths of an inch．
Taylor，Texas．－We have had a trace of rain on two days during the week．The thermometer has ranged from 52 to 88 ，averaging 70 ．February rainfall ninety－six hundredths of an inch．
New Orleans，Louisiana．－There has been rain on one day the past week，the rainfall being two hundredths of an inch． The thermometer has averaged 63．Month＇s rainfall 5.61 inches．

Viclsburg，Mississippi．－There has been only a trace of rain on one day the past week．The thermometer has aver－ aged 60 ，ranging from 42 to 78 ．

Helena，Arkansas．－Not much farming as yet．The river is still rising．We have had rain on one day during the week， the rainfall being forty－eight hundredths of an inch．The thermometer has ranged from 35 to 73 ，averaging 47 ．Feb－ ruary rainfall 8.95 inches．

Memphis，Tennessee．－The river is 34.8 feet on the gauge， 1.8 feet above the flood stage，and rising．There has been rain on two days the past week，the rainfall being ten hun－ dredths of an inch．The thermometer has averaged 45．9， the highest being 69 and the lowest 39．1．February rainfall 7.75 inches．

Mobile，Alabama．－Farm work is making good progress． We have had rain on one day the past week，the precipitation reaching five hundredths of an inch．Month＇s rainfall 4.08 inches．

Montgomery，Alabama．－Good inquiry for cotton，but holders ask advanced prices．The rivers are subsiding， There has been rain on one day of the week，the rainfall being thirteen hundredths of an inch．Average thermom－ eter 56，highest 74，lowest 33．Month＇s rainfall 9.55 inches．

Selma，Alabama．－There has been rain on two days during the week，the precipitation being thirty hundredths of an inch．The thermometer has averaged 52，the highest being 74 and the lowest 32 ．
Savannah，Georgia．－We have had rain on one day of the week，the rainfall reaching forty－seven hundredths of an inch．Average thermometer 57，highest 74 and lowest 41 ． Month＇s rainfall 1.33 inches．
Charlotte，North Carolina．－We have had rain on one day of the week，the rainfall reaching thirteen hundredths of an of Average thermometer 48 ，highest 62，lowest 35 ．

Madison，Florida．－We have had rain on one day of the week，the precipitation being fifteen hundredths of an inch． Average thermometer 57，highest 71，lowest 40.

Augusta，Georgia．We have had rain on one day during the week，the rainfall being twenty－nine hundredths of an inch．The thermometer has ranged from 34 to 68，aver－ aging 52 ．

Charleston，South Carolina．－There has been rain on one day the past week，the rainfall being thirty hundredths of an inch．The thermometer has averaged 57，the highest being 73 and the lowest 47 ．

Greenwood，South Carolina．－Rain has fallen on one day during the week，the rainfall being twenty－six hundredths of an inch．The thermometer has averaged 47，ranging from 35 to 60 ．
The following statement we have also received by tele－ raph，showing the height of rivers at the points named at $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ ，of the dates given：
New Orfeans．．．．．．．．．．．Above zero of gauge．
Memphis．．．．．．．．．．Above zero of gauge Memphis
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| March 5 1909．March 619 |  |
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| Fcet． | Fcet． |
| 13.3 | 15.7 |
| 34.8 | 34.8 |
| 17.4 | 25.0 |
| 3.8 | 10.2 |
| 38.5 | 43.5 |

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS．

| March 4. <br> Receipts at－ | 1908－09 |  | 1907－08． |  | 1806－07． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week． | Since Sept． 1. | Week． | Since Sept． 1. | Weet． | $\begin{gathered} \text { Snce } \\ \text { Sept. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ |
| Bom | 69.000 | 1．263．000 | 68,000 | 1，262，000 | 92，000 | 1，545，000 |
| Exports from－ | For the week． |  |  | Since September 1. |  |  |
|  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Great } \\ \text { Britain. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Gonit－ nent． | Totat． | Great Britain． | Conti－ nent． | Totat． |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bombay- } \\ & 1908.09 . \end{aligned}$ | 1，000 | $\begin{aligned} & 54,000 \\ & 43,000 \\ & 33,000 \end{aligned}$ | 54,00044,00036,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 13,000 \\ & 13.000 \\ & 25,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 351,000 \\ & 335.000 \\ & 556,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 382,000 \\ & 348,000 \\ & 581,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1907－08 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1006－07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Calcutta－ |  | 1,000 | 1，000 | 4,0003,0004,000 | $\begin{array}{r} 21,000 \\ 9,000 \\ 56,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25,000 \\ & 12,000 \\ & 60,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1907 －05 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\underset{\text { Madras }}{\text { 1908－09 }}$ |  |  | 1,0091,0001,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 1,000 \\ & 1,000 \\ & 3,000 \end{aligned}$ | 3,0006.0002,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 15,000 \\ & 23,000 \\ & 17,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 18,000 \\ 29.000 \\ 19.000 \end{array}$ |
| $1907-08$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All 1906 others． |  | 2.000 | 2.000 |  |  |  |  |
| 1908－09 | 1.000 | 8，0001,0003,000 | $\begin{aligned} & 9,000 \\ & 1,000 \\ & 3,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,000 \\ & 8,000 \end{aligned}$$7.000$ | $\begin{aligned} & 87,000 \\ & 79,000 \\ & 53,000 \end{aligned}$ | 96，000 87.000 60，000 |  |
| $1907-08$ 1900.07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1.0001.0002.000 | $\begin{aligned} & 64,000 \\ & 44,000 \\ & 39.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 65,000 \\ & 45.000 \\ & 41.000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32,000 \\ & 30,000 \\ & 38,000 \end{aligned}$ | 474,009 446.000 <br> 682，000 | $\begin{aligned} & 506,000 \\ & 476,000 \\ & 720,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 1307 －08 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1906．07 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF COTTON．－Through arrangements made with Messrs． Choremi，Benachi \＆Co．，of Boston and Alexandria，we now receive a weekly cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria．Egypt．The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years：

| Alexandria，Egyppt， March 3. | 1808－09． |  | 1907－08． |  | 1906－07． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Receints（eantars） This week Stince Sept． 1. | 155.0006.054 .083 |  | 170,000$6,318,443$ |  | 6，523， $\begin{array}{r}120.000\end{array}$ |  |
| Exports（bales）－ | This <br> Week． | $\begin{gathered} \text { Brnce } \\ \text { Sept. } 1 . \end{gathered}$ | This Week， | Since Sept． 1. | This Week， | Since Sept． 1. |
| To Liverpool． | 2,000 9.250 | 132,445 141,550 | 6,500 8,000 | 172,021 153,529 | 9，250 6.250 | 169.619 159.551 |
| To Continent | 5，500 | 214，490 | 7，250 | 234.673 | 13,000 4,000 | $\begin{array}{r}253,657 \\ 87,691 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| To Amerlca． | 2.000 | 48：628 | 3．750 | 47，736 | 4.000 | 87，691 |
| Total exports | 18.750 | 537，113 | 25.500 | 606.959 | 32.500 | 670，518 |

Note：－A cantar is 99.168 ．Egyptlan bates welgh about 750 f6s．

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON The following brief but comprehensive statement indicate at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Sept. 1, for the last two seasons, from all sources from which statistics are obtainable, also the takings, or amounts gone out of sight, for the like period.

| Cotton Takings. Week and Scason. | 1908-09. |  | 1907-08. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Week. | Seasors. | Week. | Season. |
| Vistble supply Feb. | 5,534,237 |  | 4,749,945 |  |
| Visible supply Sept. 1 |  | 11,714,082 | 167,740 | 2,291,844 |
| Bombay recepts to Mch | 195,741 69,000 | $11,097,544$ $1.263,000$ | 167,740 68,000 | $0,264,734$ $1,262,000$ |
| Other India ship'se to M | 11,000 | 139,000 | 1,000 | $1.262,000$ 128,000 |
| Athersupdy to Mch. 3 - | 21.000 | 807,000 153,000 | 23,000 | 842,000 |
|  |  |  | 2,000 | 189,000 |
| Total supply | 5,830,878 | 15,174,526 | 5,011,685 | 13,977,578 |
| Deduct- |  |  |  |  |
| stble supply Mch. | 5,463,520 | 5,453,520 | 4,681,947 | 4,681,947 |
| Total takings to Mch. | 377,458 | 9.721,006 | 329.738 |  |
| Of which American | 282,458 95,000 | 7.775,006 | 269,738 | 7,145,631 |
| Or which other... | 95,009 | 1,946,000 | 60,000 | 2.150,000 |

Embraces recelpts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna. West Indies, \&eo,
COTTON CONSUMPTION AND OVERLAND MOVE crop movement for the month of February and the six crop movement for the month of February and the six
months ended Feb. 28 for three years. months ended Feb. 28 for three years.

|  | 1008-09. | 1007-08. | 1906-07. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gross overtand for February ...... bates | 165,545 | 160,836 |  |
| Gross overisnd tor 6 months........... | 1,231.347 | 765,093 | 1,203,03, |
| Net overrand for February | 1, 145,356 | 128,588 588,374 | 150,603 |
| Port recelpts in February | 1,094,879 | 588,374 681,585 | 1,011,006 |
| Port recelpta in 6 month | 8,070,922 | 6,857,684 | 8,45.268 |
| Exports in February Exports $\ln 6 \mathrm{month3}$ | 708.162 | 758,188 | $8,866,240$ |
| Port stocks on Feb. 28. | 6.496,177 | 5,872,040 | 6.302,303 |
| Northern spinners takengs to March | 1,922,147 | 1,200,803 | 1,101,579 |
| Southern consumption to March 1. | 1,16E,000 | 1,245,000 | $1,932,659$ $1,210,000$ |
| Overtand to Canada for 6 montlis (1ncluded in net overland) | 80,328 | 55,579 |  |
| Burnt North and South in 6 months. | 80,028 | 55,079 | 1 |
| Stocks at North. Intertor markets Feb, 28 | 19,549 | 13,668 | 9,044 |
| Amount of cron in mloht March i | 10.043,794 | 969.101 9.125 .058 | 10,200,056 |
| Came in sight dertng balance of season. | 10.043.70 | 2,457,771 | $10,860,274$ $2,690,486$ |
| Average pross weicht of |  | 11,582,829 | 13,550,760 |
| Average net welght of bal | 491.42 | 509,62 486,62 | 518.54 496.04 |

MANCHESTER MARKET.-Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market is quiet for both yarns and shirtings. Manufacturers are generally complaining. We give the prices for to-day below and leave those for prveious weeks of this and last year for comparison.

|  | 1909. |  |  |  |  | 1908. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 32 r \text { cop } \\ & \text { Twost? } \end{aligned}$ |  | 81/4 ids. Shaththas. commion to firest. |  | $\begin{aligned} & C o l \cdot n \\ & M \text { Mid. } \\ & \text { Upe's } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 32a Cop Twist. |  |  | 815 lbs. Shtrt- <br> Ings. common to finest. |  |  | Cot't MI' Upt$\qquad$ |
|  | d. |  | a. d. | 8. d. | d. | d. |  | d. | A. d. |  | d. |  |
| ${ }_{29}^{22}$ | 731618 | $83$ |  | 98.73 | 5.30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feb | 713-16@ |  |  | (198 7 72 | 5.29 | 10\%\% |  |  |  |  |  | 6.43 |
| 5 | $711-160$ | 84 | 48 |  | $5.15$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11 | 7 7.9-16@ | 84 | 4 4 4 | ${ }^{9} 78^{8} 7$ |  | 914 | 9 | 107 | 5 | ${ }_{69} 9$ | 1 | 6.35 8.21 |
| 19 26 | $7 \%$ ¢ |  | 46 |  | 5.09 5.02 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6.14 6.00 |
| Mct | 7K 3 | 8 | 46 | $0761 / 2$ | 5.14 |  | (a) |  |  |  |  | 0.00 |

SHIPPING NEWS.-As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 169,655 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic returns, are as follows
NEW YORK-To Liverpool-Feb. 20 -Battle, 150 upland. 35 To Havre- Feb. 27-Chleago, 3 forelgo: Heathdenc, 2,013 up.


To Genoa-Feb. 26 -Koengeen Luse. 100.......



To Antiveram- - Mch, ${ }^{\text {4 }}$ - Lord Dufrin. 818 ,
To Barcelona-Mch. 3-Caprera, 259...Mch, 4 -VIrginfi, 2,760
NEW


| 3,124 |
| :---: |
| 3,050 |
| 300 |

BALTLMORE-To Liverpool-Feb. 27-Ulstermore, 1,441 Total bales To Havre-Feb. 25 -ZIngara, 038
To Bremen-Mch. 3 -Main, 000 .
PHILADELPHIA - To Manchester-Mch. 5 -Manchester Corpora-


Total..
Cotton freights at New York the past week have been follows, quotations being in cents per 100 lbs .


LIVERPOOL.-By cable from Liverpool we have the fol-
lowing statement of the week's sales, stocks, \&c., at that port

## Sates of the week....bates. Of which specilators took

 of which exporters took...Sales. Amertean.... Sales. Amertean
Actual export.
Forwarded Total stock-Estimated. $\quad 00,000$
Of which Amertion Tozal imports of the wecle...
of whileh Amerlean Amount American.
Ampunt ftloat
Of which American....

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\begin{array}{r}
\text { Feb, } 12, \\
42,000 \\
2,000 \\
3,000 \\
38,000 \\
5,000 \\
90,000 \\
346,000 \\
339,000 \\
167,000 \\
146,000 \\
359,000 \\
310,000
\end{array}
$$

The tone of the Liverpool mor fool 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, | Mouday. | Tusday. | Wedresdau. | Thurstay. | Fridity. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Qulet. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fair } \\ & \text { business } \\ & \text { dolag. } \end{aligned}$ | Qulet. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fatr } \\ & \text { Fusnes } \\ & \text { doings. } \end{aligned}$ | Good | Moderate |
| Mld. Uplds | 5.05 | 5.03 | 5.05 | 5.11 | 5.14 | 5.14 |
| Sales $\qquad$ spec.kexp. | $\begin{array}{r} 7,000 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8,000 \\ & 500 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \\ 1,000 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,000 \\ 1.000 \end{array}$ | 7000 $\mathbf{8 0 0}$ |
| Frutures. Ararket oporied | Stendy at 263 pts. deelline. | Steady at 1 point decilne, | Qutet unehanged | Steady at 2 ce 3 pts . advance. | Qutet at 1 R 2 pts . aivince. Munc. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { steady at } \\ & \text { polint } \\ & \text { decline. } \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Marker, } \\ \text { P. M. } \end{gathered}$ | Stcady at tpt. deo.to <br> 13 pt, adv. | Steady, unch.to $23 / 2$ pls. adv. | Quet at $2 \mathrm{cos}^{3} \mathrm{pts}$. adyance | Barely sty. <br> at $3264 \%$ <br> pth. adv. | Steady at 10 n 3 pts . advance. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Steady. } \\ \text { unch. } \\ y_{1}: \mathrm{pt} . \text { deo } \end{gathered}$ |

The prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below. Prices are on the basis of upland, good ordinary clause, unless otherwis estated.

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Feb. } 27 \\ & \text { Mch. }{ }^{27} .5 . \end{aligned}$ | Sat. |  | Mon. |  | Tues. |  | Wed. |  | Thurs. |  | Fri. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c\|} 125 \\ \mathrm{p} \rightarrow \mathrm{~m} \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12 h_{2} \\ & \text { p.m. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 123 \\ & \mathrm{p} \cdot \mathrm{~m} \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$ | p.m. | $\begin{aligned} & 124 \\ & \mathrm{com} . \mathrm{m} \end{aligned}$ | (p.m | $\begin{aligned} & 124 . \\ & \mathrm{p}, \mathrm{~m} . \end{aligned}$ | $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m} .$ | $12$ |  |  | p. m . |
|  | a. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | d. | d. | d. |
| March |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 053 | 告 |
| Apr-May |  | 4 4.96 | 96 | ${ }_{97}^{96}$ | ${ }^{188}$ | ${ }^{98}{ }^{98}$ | 03 043 | ${ }^{03}$ | 1063 |  |  |  |
| May-June June-July |  | - ${ }^{4} 09$ | ${ }^{98} 3$ | ${ }^{99} 3$ | ${ }^{0} 00$ | ${ }^{02}$ | ${ }_{0}^{06}$ | ${ }^{05}$ | O883 |  | 0 |  |
| dune-July |  | 5 00 | ${ }^{90}$ | ${ }_{013}^{00}$ | 02 | 04 |  |  | 09 | 09 | 08 |  |
| Aus-Sce |  | $4{ }^{4} 96$ | ${ }^{951 / 5}$ | ${ }_{9}^{97}$ |  | J00 | ${ }^{031}$ | ${ }^{12}$ | O44/2 | 09 |  |  |
| Sep.Oc |  | 4 ${ }^{4} 89$ |  | ${ }_{91}^{94}$ | 923 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nov.- Dece. |  | 487 |  |  | 80 |  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{24}^{95}$ | 9 |
|  |  |  |  |  | ${ }_{89}^{8925}$ | 915 |  | 923 | 94, |  | 93 |  |
| Jan.-Feb |  | 86 | $851 / 28$ | 8 |  |  | 近 | 91: | 9312 |  |  | 921/2 |

## BREADSTUFFS.

## Friday, March 51909.

Flour has naturally been strengthened in value by the steady rise in the price of wheat, but the effect on trade has been bad. The offerings have not been large, it is true; in fact most of the time they have been meagre. But, on the other hand, buyers have confined their purchases to small or moderate-sized lots, hoping that the rise of wheat and the ympathetic advance in flour would prove temporary.
Wheat advanced steadily for a time and made now high records for the season. The world's available supply has increased and it is not altogether clear to many that there is any danger of a real scarcity of wheat. If Argentine's crop is smaller than last year's, that of India and Australia is believed to be larger than then. In any case it is contended that the present relatively high prices discount a good deal. With No. 2 red about $\$ 1.251,5$ here, it is urged a high enough level has been reached unless a disaster befalls the crop of this country during the present year. And of this there are certainly no signs. The rise is predioated, however, according to bull leaders, on the firmness of the cash position in this country. It is contended that wheat is rapidly being consumed and that there is some danger of the next crop being late, so that July deliveries may have to be made from old-crop wheat. This, of course, is pure conjecture, but it is one of the arguments advanced in behalf of higher prices. It rests partly on the drought in Texas and elsewhere in the Southwest and on some unfavorable reports from the section along the Missouri River, unsupported, it would seem, by
any very clear proof. Yet, as speculative excitement has un high, almost anything in the way of a bullish argument eemed to be accepted by the shorts plainly rendered nervous by the aggressive tactics of the leading bulls. These leaders have sold at times on the advances, but they have also bought with spirit whenever the markets seemed to need support or a fillip. Foreign markets, too, have been advancing. One estimate of Argentine's exportable surplus vas as low as $85,000,000$ bushels, which is some $55,000,000$ bushels below last year's total. Berlin prices have advanced. partly on reports of a poor crop outlook in Germany, and Antwerp quotations have risen so rapidly as to excite comment. It is called a "cliqued market." here and in Chicago a market forced up to artificial level more by bold manipulation on the part of shrewd and experienced operators at Chicago rather than one which rests on a basis dictated by considerations of inherent merit. On Thursday there was a reaction. A Kansas City estimate put the farm reserves in this country at 147000.000 bushels. A Chicago statistician had made them only $123,000,000$ bushels. A year ago they were $148,721,000$, according to Government figures. A later estimate of Argentine's exportable surplus is $120,000,000$ to $128,000,000$ bushels. Argentine's exports this week are estimated at $5,200,000$ bushels, against $4,976,000$ last week To-day the market broke sharply on "long" liquidation, attributed partly to leading Chicago bulls, accompanied by rumors that some of the larger shorts have made private settlements with the bull leaders. Also crop reports from the West were more favorable.
DAILX OLOSING PRIGES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN NEW YORK.
No. 2 red winter
Mfay delivery in
stay delvery in clevator-
Sat Mon. Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri.

May dellivery in elevator-
July deltvery in elevator-...
Soptember dellivery in in elevator
Devator
$\qquad$
 September delivery in elevator:-
December delivery in elevator.

Indian corn has reached higher prices and a new leve for the season, in spite of large receipts. It is of interest to observe that, despite wet weather and bad roads, the crop movement has generally been liberal under the stimulus of steadily mounting prices. A Western statistician estimates farm stocks of corn at $869,000,000$ bushels, or $32,6 \%$ of last year's crop. 'Phis must be compared with a similar reserve of $962,429,000$ last year and $1,298,000,000$ in 1907. The total supply for the year was $3,631,080,000$ bushels, made up of a crop of $2,668,651,000$ and a farm reserve last March of $962,429,000$, against a total supply for $1907-08$ of 3,890 , 320,000 bushels. The consumption during the past year is apparently $100,000,000$ bushels less than in the preceding year, thas leaving the farm stocks earried over practically $100,000,000$ less than the quantity earried over lastMareh. Of late the receipts at the West have fallen off and prices have advanced beyond the high level of last SeptemberThe weather at the West within a day or two has improved The roads are better and cash houses at Chicago as well as some speculators are looking for a decline in prices, especialiy as the cash demand has slackened. A Government report farm reserves will appear next Monday. It is awaited with a rood deal of interest, as the fisures given above are by not a few considered too small. Some estimates put the quantity on the farms at $150,000,000$ to $200,000,000$ bushels more than a year ago. To-day prices declined in sympathy with wheat, but the market was finally steadied by smaller interior offerings and decreased receipts.
DAILY OLOSING PRICES OF NO. 2 MIXED CORN IN NEW YORK. Cash corn.
May dellvery
uly delvery in elevator.
eptember delivery in elevator.
DAILY OLOSING PRIOBS OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
May delivery in elevator- $\qquad$



Oats advanced to the highest prices of the season, largely owing to the strength of wheat and corn. The receipts at one time were rather large, but latterly they have decreased somewhat. Besides, the cash demand has been good. Supplies in the Eastern States are not large. Interior speouators have been buying for a rise and are believed to be heavly "long," Speculation has been more active. High prices, however, are believed to lead to economy in feeding and the use of substitutes for oats. To-day prices declined with those for other grain.

DAILY OLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK,

 DAIIX GLOSING PRIOES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
 The following are closing quotations:


Whent. gre bush,--
N. Dluth, No. GRAIN
$\square$ N: D
Red
Hard
 Oats, per bush,-
Natural white, 26 to 28 lbs 12514
$1231 / 2$
121412
12412
9060
611
996 Corn, ser bush.-
No. 2 mlxed $\qquad$ - el. 70 No grade.
Rye. per bush
No
No Wester State and fersey....... Nominal.

The statement of the movement of broadstuffs to market as indicated below are prepared by us from figures colleeted by the New York Produce Exchange. The receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since August 1 for each of the last three years have been:

| Recetpts at | Flour. | Wheat. | Corn. | Oats. | Barley. | Rue. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Chicago | $\begin{array}{r} \text { bots. } 19640 \% \\ 195.392 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | bush. 60 Lbs. 376,600 972 | bush. 567 ms . 3,531,050 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { bush. } 32 \text { Dos. } \\ 2.378,000 \end{array}$ | buh 48 pis. 898,500 | $\begin{aligned} & 2 n .50105 \\ & 27,000 \end{aligned}$ |
| Milwaikeo | 75,400 | 91,300 | 245,300 | 232,500 | 261,300 | 22,000 |
| Dufuth .-. | 0,045 | 256,735 | 3,719 | 35, 887 | 29,664 |  |
| Mhaneapoils. |  | 1,391,500 | 109.080 | 244,820 | 335,200 | 35,190 2000 |
| Toledo | - | 30,000 63,346 | 114,900 37,900 | 28,500 |  | 2,000 |
| Cleveland | 1,244 | 6,800 | 123,130 | 71.040 | 3,820 |  |
| 8t. Louls.- | 54, 560 | 315,000 | 506.000 | 315.200 | 71.509 | 2,000 |
| Peoria | 34.500 | 20,000 | 633,350 | 187,500 | 57,009 | 7.000 |
| Kansas City. |  | 625,800 | 370.200 | 82,000 |  |  |
|  |  | 3,177,081 |  | $3,639,527$ | 1.656,954 | $5,855$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Same wk. }{ }^{08} \\ & \text { Same wh. } 07 \end{aligned}$ | 350,232 351,177 | $3,379,597$ <br> $4,512,999$ | $2,679,587$ $5,071,409$ | 3,208,448 | 1,103,222 | 137,337 |
| 3 Snce |  |  | 81 |  | 61,520,1 |  |
| 1907 | 11,174,199 | 161;859,269 | 119,833, 203 | 118,459,592 | 49,320,418 | 5,207,179 |
| 1906 -0 | 13,050,642 | 162.015,650 | 126:808,467 | 127,651,217 | 49,374,849 | $5.439,498$ |

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Feb. 271909 follow:

| Recotpts at- | Flour, outs | Whoat, rush. | Corn. bush | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Oath } \\ & \text { gush) } \end{aligned}$ | Bartey, brush | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rye, } \\ & \text { suat } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| New Xork. | 117,110 | 333,600 |  | 178,425 | 20,775 | 5,750 |
| Boator | 37,977 | 37,135 | 22,570 | 53,014 | 70,412 | 740 |
| Portiand, | 1,607 | 240,578 | 77,160 | 1, 51488 |  | 800 |
| Phthatelphis | 52,907 41,120 | 11,266 | 100, 062 | 35,649 |  | 75 |
| Rlchmond | 3,841 | 38,834 | 23,870 | 24.052 |  |  |
| New Oriest | 116,977 | 3,700 | 150,000 | 58,000 |  |  |
| Galveston |  | 12,000 | 190,000 |  |  |  |
| sobile. |  |  | 3.1 |  |  |  |
| Montral | 5,092 | 0,990 | 1,200 | 61,627 | 19,480 |  |
| St. John | 15,405 | 307,737 |  |  | 37.649 |  |
| ort |  | 72,000 | 0.00 |  |  |  |
| Total week | 295,25t | 3,177,081 | 5,605,559 | 3,039,827 | 1056,984 | 95, 855 |
| Week 1008 | 440, 108 | 1,476,314 | 2,409,005 | 980,676 | 90,760 | 144,858 |
| Since Jan. 110 | 2356.845 | 11,963,334 | 14,311,607 | 8,704,813 | 2423,882 | 195,307 |
| since Jan. 119 | 351,367 | 11,767,266 | 18,249,114 | 5,408.476 | 052,591 | 892,744 |

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on through blis of tading.
The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Feb. 271909 are shown in the annexed statement:
 July 11908 is as below:



The world's shipments of wheat and corn for the week ending Feb. 271909 and since July 1 in 1908-09 and 190708 are shown in the following:

| Exports. | Wheat. |  |  | Corn. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1008-09. |  | 1007-48. | 190s-09. |  | 1907-08 |
|  | West Feb. 27 | Since Jทull 1. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { fuhli. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wet } \\ & \text { Peb. } 27 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Singe } \\ & \text { Suly } 1 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Since } \\ & \text { Jtaly } 1 . \end{aligned}$ |
| North Amer. | Bunhela. <br> 1,604,000 | Busheds. $134,421.700$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Buthcts. } \\ 129.700,000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bushneds; } \\ 731,000 \end{gathered}$ | Bushete. 21,032,400 | Sughels, 38.749 .000 |
| kusslan .... | 1,104,000 | 45,704,000 | 53,384,000 | 620.000 | 11,358, 600 | 10,068,000 |
| panibian - | 216,000 | 28.192 .000 | 21,408,000 | 399,000 | $17,782,500$ 4374.500 | $33,472,000$ 30122,000 |
| Argintina | $5,761,000$ $1,085,000$ | $63,420,009$ $33,551,000$ | $45,752,000$ $20,064,000$ |  | 43,374,500 | 30,202,000 |
| Tot | 10069000 | 305,201,700 | 289,368,000 | 1,760,000 | 93.517,000 | 121,374,000 |

The quantity of wheat and corn afloat for Europe on dates mentioned was as follows:

|  | Wheat. |  |  | com. |  |  |
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The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at the principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Feb. 27 1909, was as follows:


## THE DRY GOODS TRADE.

## New York, Friday Night, March 51909.

Conditions in textile markets have shown little, if any, change during the past week, trade in most divisions continuing relatively quiet. The lessened activity was quite in line with expectations and caused no uneasiness in selling quarters, for a substantial volume of forward business has already been booked and sentiment generally appears to be hopeful for the future. While the present lull is also attributed partly to uncertainty over the forthcoming tariff revision, unsettled conditions in other lines are no doubt responsible in a measure for the waiting attitude displayed by dry goods consumers. In the primary cotton goods market purchasing of spring goods is practically over and current demand is confined principally to fine combed yarn fabrics to be made, but mills are well sold up to September and October; fancy lines for spring 1910 are in active request. Among jobbing houses trade, especially in cottons,
has been rather dull, as many buyers who were in the market or were en route here, attended the inaugural ceremonies at Washington; next week a large influx of out-oftown merchants is expected as a result of another buyers' excursion. Jobbers' roadmen, however, have continued to send in numerous supplementary spring orders, the aggrewould have been larger if the desired deliveries could be guaranteed; the quite general demand for prompt shipment cates that stocks are not aver large. Export trade with China has continued dull, but a fair demand came from south America and some business was done with Red Sea
ports. Men's wear lines for fall have been quiet, as most ports. Men's wear lines for fall have been quiet, as most orders have come forward, including worsted suitingelated heavy-weight oyercoatings. In dress goods, also, ordering of fall fabrics from secondary distributers appears to be nearly over, with very satisfactory results; demand at present comes chiefly from the cutting-up trade.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.-The exports of cotton goods from this port for the week ending Feb. 27 were 11,763 packages, valued at $\$ 594,048$, their destination being to the points specified in the table below:


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$\$ 3$,106,604 in 1909, against $\$ 1,793,299$ in 100
With the exception of leading and staple lines of finer qualities, bleached goods were quiet. Drills and sheetings continued in moderate demand, with an easier tendency noted in some lines. Fabrics suitable for working suits and shirtings, as well as denims, were in steady request and some descriptions were reported as in steady request, or near-by delivery. No new feature developed in prompt printed goods, trade being confined mostly to noved in staple primien Demand printed wash fabrics continue to move well. Demand for the best known qualities of staple ginghams showed no abatement, and mills making dress ginghams are being taxed to the utmost to make deliveries required by distributers; fine dress ginghams for fall are reported well sold up. Trading in linings was generally quiet, although some additional spring orders were received and a fair business was done for fall delivery; considerable congestion at finishing works is still noted and complaints of slow deliveries during the week for Red 1,200 bales of sheetings were sold during the week for Red Sea account on the basis of $51 / \mathrm{c}$. less $2 \%$, and fair inquiries were reported from South America; business with other miscellaneous ports was comparatively small and trade with China remained at a standstill. The print cloth market ruled moderately active, with regulars unchanged at 3 7-16c. and standard wide goods at $45 / \mathrm{c}$.

WOOLEN GOODS.-Although most of the initial purchasing of men's wear for the fall season is completed, a fair demand from the manufacturing trade has still been in evidence, and, as noted, heavy-weight overcoatings and worsted suitings have been in good request; fabries of light construction were rather quiet. In dress goods second hands report orders already booked on piece-dye worsteds for fall as gratifying, and it is believed that the total yardage will compare favorably with recent years; demand for early fall deliveries has been larger than sellers could meet, and there has been an exceptionally heavy call for goods for immediate or near-by shipment.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.-Imported lines of dress goods for spring and summer, as well as fabrics for fall, especially satin-faced cloths, have had a remarkably good sale and continue in active demand. Trade in linens has been less active, due to the pronounced shortage in practically all lines rather than to any falling off in demand; prices have ruled strong. In burlaps business improved somewhat, but prices remain unchanged at 4.65 c . for $101 /$-ounce and 3.70 c . for light-weights in small lots.

## Importations and Warehouse Withdrawals of Dry Goods.

The importations and warehouse withdrawals of dry goods at this port for the week ending Feb. 271909 and since Jan. 1 1909, and for the corresponding periods of last year, are as follows:
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## MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN FEBRUARY

While the sales of municipal bouds during February reached no unusual total, the demand for this class of investment was very large. As a result of this increased demand a number of large issues were marketed on an interest basis of much less than 4 per cent. Our records also show that cities which not long ago were having trouble in floating $43 / 2 \%$ and $5 \%$ bonds are now selling 4 per cents at good premiums. The bonds placed the past month by places located in the United States amounted to $\$ 17,449,117$. In addition $\$ 30,661,000$ temporary loans were negotiated and $\$ 3,000,000$ bonds sold by Porto Rico. Our total is also exclusive of debentures placed by Canadian municipalities. These sales, which are reported in this department each week under the head of "Canada, its Provinces and Municipalities" amounted, in February to $\$ 2,676,720$.
The sales for the month embrace the following large issues: $\$ 5,400,0005 s$ of San Francisco, Cal. sold on a basis of about $4.05 \%, \$ 917,000$ 3s and $\$ 220,0004$ s of New York City sold to the sinking fund, $\$ 1,000,00058$ of the Port of New Orleans, La., sold at a price slightly above par, $\$ 900,00031 / 2 \mathrm{~s}$ of the State of Rhode Island, $\$ 300,000$ on a basis of about $3.474 \%$ and $\$ 600,000$ on a basis of about $3.467 \%, \$ 500,000$ 4s of Buffalo, N. Y. on a basis of about $3.63 \%, \$ 450,000-4 \mathrm{~s}$ of Davenport, Towa, $\$ 400,000$ 4s of St. Paul, Minn. on a basis of about $3.775 \%$ and $\$ 400,000-3.85 \mathrm{~s}$ of Ryc, N. Y. on a basis of about $3.84 \%$.

The number of municipalities emitting bonds and the number of separate issues made during February 1909 were 156 and 200 , respectively. This contrasts with 233 and 318 for January 1909 and with 162 and 283 for February 1908.

For comparative purposes we add the following table, showing the aggregates for February and the two months for a series of years:


Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

## News Items.

Argentine Republic.-Bonds Offered in the United Slates Largety Oversubscribed, Subseriptions were received on Monday (March 1) by J. P. Morgan \& Co., the First National Argentine Republic $5 \%$ internal gold loan. The loan, which was offered at 99 , was largely over-subscribed, the lists being open for only two hours. The bonds just mentioned represent that portion of the loan which was offered in this country. The entire loan amounted to $£ 10,000,000$, and, as stated by us last Saturday, the issue was over-subscribed also in London, in Paris and in Berlin last week. The loan is created for the purpose of providing for expenditure made and to be made for Government railways, for providing further capital for the banks of the nation and for other public works. Bonds will be in coupon form in the denomination of 1,000 gold pesos and the equivalents in pounds sterling, francs, reichsmarks and United States gold dollars. In-
terest will be payable semi-annually on March 1 and Sept. 1
in Buenos Ayres in"gold pesos, in London in pounds sterling ( 4 shillings per peso), in Paris in franes ( 5 francs 4 centimes per peso), in Berlin in reichsmarks ( 4.09 marks per peso) and in New York City at $\$ 0.973$ per peso. Bonds are exempt from all present and future Argentine taxes. Provision has been made for a sinking fund of $1 \%$, by the operation of which the loan will be paid off in 36 years "at the latest." The contract with the Argentine Government provides that said fund is to be applied half-yearly to the purchase or tender of bonds at or under par or by drawings at par should the bonds be at or over par. The first operation of the sinking fund will take place in the month of December 1909. Drawn bonds will be payable on March 1 or Sept. 1 following the date of the drawing. The Government undertakes not to increase the sinking fund or to redeem the whole of the loan before March 11914.
Kansas.-To Test Validity of Act Providing for Commission Form of City Government. - The Topeka "Capital" of Feb. 27 states that proceedings have been commenced in the State Supreme Court to test the validity of the law recently enacted by the Legislature which provides for a commission form of government in cities of the first class. This action is said to have been filed Feb. 26 in the form of an application for a writ of mandamus to compel the City Clerk of the City of Wichita to accept and file the petition of D. W Nolan as a candidate for Mayor and of George W, Freerks as a candidate for City Attorney, and to place their names on the ballots to be used at the city election in April.
Now York Oity.-Bank Tax Bill Signed by Governor.-Governor Hughes has signed the bank tax bill of Assemblyman Robinson. As stated in V. 88, p. 517 , where the bill was given in full, the purpose of the law just passed is to correct an assumed irregularity (as indicated in a decision of the Court of Appeals) in the failure to appoint days for hearings of possible grievances against, the assessments of $1 \%$ levied on shares of bank stock during the years 1901 to 1907 inclusive.
egislative Cammittee Submits Report on City's Finances. The joint committee of the Senate and Assembly appointed by the Legislature of 1908 and organized last July for the purpose of investigating the city's finances and proposing remedial legislation, submitted their report to the Legislature on March 1. With Senator McCarren, exSenator Saxe and Assemblyman Liee dissenting, the committee recommends the defeat of the proposed constitutional amendment providing for the extension of the eity's credit by allowing the city to deduct from its computation of the debt limit all bonds issued for self-supporting enterprises. The committee's estimate of the present borrowing capacity of the city, including in the debt contract and land liabilities not yet funded, is $\$ 77,511,010$. Excluding these liabilities the margin is given as approximately $\$ 135,000,000$. With reference to the validity of the city's securities the report says: It cannot bo emphasized too strongly that eyery bouct fssued by the clty of
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present deth Imite of the ofty of New York.
The committee, it is said, finds that the present contract liabilities and land liabilities of the city are approximately $\$ 57,000,000$, and that these liabilities will not fully acerue for a period of three to five years; that the city bonds are being amortized at the rate of $\$ 10,000,000$ a year, and that the immediate necessities for subway extension can be cared or by the expenditure of $\$ 15,000,000$ a year.

Oregon.-Legislature Adjourns.-The Legislature of this State adjourned Feb. 20.
South Carolina.-Legislature Adjourns.-The 1909 session of the General Assembly of this State came to an end last Saturday night, Feb. 27.
West Virginia,-Legistature Adjourns.-The Legislature of the State of West Virginia adjourned Feb. 27.
Wilmington, N. C.-Purchase of Water Works Completed, We are advised under date of March 3 that the eity has just completed the purchase of the plant of the Clarendon Water Works Co. As stated in V. 88, p. 244 , the city has
been negotiating for the plant with a view to using the been negotiating for the plant with a view to using the same
as a nueleus for an enlarged and improved system to be owned as a nucleus
by the city.

## Bond Proposals and Negotiations this weel

## aave been as follows:

Albany, N. Y.-Bond Sale.-On March 1 the 9 issues of $4 \%$ registered public-improvement bonds, aggregating $\$ 335$,500 , described in V. 88, P. 517, were disposed of as follows: $\$ 160,000$ at 101.23 and $\$ 15,500$ at 101.01 awarded to the National Copper Bank of New York City; $\$ 112,000$ awarded to Wadsworth \& Wright of New York Uity at 100.60; \$40, 000 awarded to H. L. Crawford \& Co. of New York City at 101.437 and 88,000 awarded to the Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Albany at 103.25. Maturity part of each issue yearly,
beginning March 1 1910. beginning March 11910.
Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, N. Mex.-Bond Sale.On March 1 the $\$ 290,00041 / 2 \%$ 20-year coupon (with privilege of registration) sanitary sewerage bonds deseribed in V. 88, p. 393, were awarded, according to reports, to the Provident Savings Bank \& Trust Co. of Cincinnati.

Allegheny County (P, O. Pittsburgh), Pa.-Bond Offering. -Proposala will be received until 12 m . March 19 , it is stated, for $\$ 1,000,0004 \%$ bonds. Interest semi-annual. Certified cheek for $\$ 10,000$ is required.
Allenhurst, Monmouth County, N. J.-Bond Sale.-The $\$ 12,0005 \%$ gold coupon or registered Beach Casino improvement bonds recently voted (V. 88, p. 320) have been sold.
Auburn, Lee County, Ala.-Bond Offering.-Proposals will be received until 12 m . March 8 by R. W. Burton, Clerk, for the $\$ 7,0005 \%$ water-works bonds voted at the election held Jan. 12. Denomination $\$ 1,000$. Date Jan. 1909 Interest annual. Maturity Jan. 1 1939. Certified check or 8350 is required,
Baker County School District No. 5 (P. O. Baker City) Ore.-Bond Offering.-Proposals will be received until p. m. March 20 by P. Basche, County Treasurer, for $\$ 17,500$ school-building and $\$ 7,500$ heating and sanitary-plant installation $5 \%$ bonds. Authority election held Feb. 13 and Vol. 2, page 47, of Oregon School Laws of 1903. Date day of delivery. Interest semi-annually at the office of the County Treasurer, or in New York City or Chicago, at the option of purchaser. Maturity twenty years, subject to call after ten years. Certified check for $\$ 250$, payable to the District Clerk, is required.
Barnard School District No. 84 (P. O. Barnard), Lincoln County, Kan.-Bond Sale.-This district has sold the \$15,000 bonds mention of which was made in V. 88, p. 244.

Blacksburg, Cherokee County, S. O.-Bond Sale.-The
three issues of $5 \%$ 20-year coupon bonds aggregating $\$ 15,000$ offered on Feb. 10, and described in V. 88, p. 320, were awarded to Farson, Son \& Co. of Chicago at par and acerued interest.

Brownstown, Lancaster County, Pa.-Bond Sale.-Reports state that an issue of $\$ 2,000$ municipal-building bonds was recently sold to local investors.
Buffalo, N. Y.-Bonds Authorized.-This city has authorized the issuance of the following 20 -year bonds: $\$ 200,000$ for a hospital for the treatment of tuberculosis and $\$ 200,000$ for a hospital for the treatment of any disease with the exception of tuberculosis. Interest (rate not to exceed $4 \%$ ), payable semi-annually at the City Comptroller's office or at the Gallatin National Bank in New York City,

Bond Issue. The Mayor and City Comptroller have been authorized to issue $\$ 5,4104 \%$ 20-50-year (optional) ad-ditional-park bonds. Under the terms of the ordinance these bonds are to be taken by the Comptroller as an investment for the Erie Railroad Grade Crossing Sinking Fund. Date March 1 1909. Interest semi-annually at the City Comptroller's office
Bond Sales for February, - During the month of February $4 \%$ bonds aggregating $\$ 43,58741$ were awarded to the various sinking funds at par. Of this amount, the sale of $\$ 30$.000 bonds was reported in V. 88, p. 393. The other issues answer the following description:
 2,65615 monithly local-work bonds dated Feb. 151009 and maturing 1800 1009. 8,29388 krats. bond has also been authorized. Under the terms of the ordinance the bond is to be taken by the City Comptroller in rust for the Park Bond Redemption Sinking Fund. Date March 1 1909. Both the interest and principal of the bonds wilijbe payable at the City Comptroller's office on July 11910.

Byesville, Guernsey County, Ohio.-Bond Sale.-On Feb. $19 \$ 5,0005 \%$ coupon street-paving bonds voted June 11908 were awarded to the New First National Bank of Columbus at 109.56-a basis of about $4.118 \%$ Authority Sections 2 S 35 and 2837 of the Revised Statutes. Authority tion $\$ 200$. Date April 1 1909. Interest annually at the office of the Village Treasurcr. Maturity $\$ 200$ yearly on Sept. 15 from 1911 to 1935 inclusive. Bonds are exempt from all taxes.
Cambridge, Furnas County, Neb.-Bonds Not Yet SoldBond Offering. - We are advised under date of March 2 that no ayard has yet been made of the $\$ 25,000 \quad 5 \% \quad 5$-20-year (optional) water bonds offered without success (V. 88, p. 245) on Jan. 2 .
at any tinue.
Cleveland, Bradley County, Tenn.-Bond Sale.-In reply to our inquiry as to whether or not the reports that a $\$ 60,000$ $5 \%$ water-works bond election would be held March 20 (V. 88, p. 579 ) were true, the Town Recorder writes us that
the "bonds are sold." Maturity from five to thirty-five years

Clovis, Roosevelt Oounty, N. Mex.-Bonds Voted and Sold. -An election held Feb. 23 resulted in a vote of 106 "for" to 12 "against" the issuance of $\$ 125,0006 \%$ water and sewer bonds due March 1 1939. We are advised that these bonds have been sold to Ulen, Sutherlin \& Co. of Chicago.
Earlham, Madison County, Iowa.-Bond Sale.-On Mareh 1 the $\$ 17,000$ 10-20-year (optional) coupon water-works and electric-light bonds described in V. 88, p. 580, were awarded to the Wells \& Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at 102.941 and acerued interest for 5 s. A list of the offers received follows:


County Dchool District (P. O. Easton), Northampton \& Co. of Philadelphia were awarded the $\$ 65,000 ~ 31 / 2 \%$ 10-20-year (optional) coupon school-improvement bonds described in V. 88, p. 246.

Estherville, Emmet County, Iowa.-Bond Election.-A proposition to issue $\$ 16,500$ school-building bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people, it is stated, on March 8.

Euclid, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.-Bond Sale.-This city has sold the $\$ 15,000412 \%$ coupon water bonds deseribed
in V. 88, p. 246 . Maturity on Oct 1 as follow. in V. 88, p. 246. Maturity on Oct. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000$ in even years and $\$ 2,000$ in odd yoars from 1910 to 1919 inclusive.
Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Tex.-Bond Sate.-The \$50, 000 public-school and the $\$ 100,000$ street-improvement $41 / 2 \% 20$-40-year (optional) bonds, offered without success on Aug. 111908 (V. 87, p. 632), were sold "about Feb. 15" to the Noel-Young Bond \& Stock Co. of St. Louis at par and acorued interest. These securities were registered by the State Comptroller (V. 88, p. 580) on Feb., 18.
Frankfort, Clinton County, Ind.-Bond Sale.-On March 1 $\$ 50,0005 \%$ electric-light-plant-reconstruction bouds were sold to J. F. Wild \& Co. of Indianapolis at 104. The other bidders were:



We are advised that all the bids were conditional exeept that of J. F. Wild \&Co. Denomination \$500. Date March 1 1909. Interest Jan. 1 and July 1. Maturity $\$ 5,000$ each six months from Jan. 11910 to July 11914 inclusive. These securitics take the place of a like amount of bonds awarded on Jan. 25 to the Meyer-Kiser Bank of Indianapolis, but which were subsequently refused by them as their "attorneys found two minor technicalities," Another ordinance was therefore passed by the City Council in which these defects were corrected.
Franklin, Ky.-Bond Sale.-On March 1 the $\$ 20,0005 \%$ coupon sewer-construction bonds described in V. 88 , p. 580 were awarded to the Harris Trust \& Savings Bank of Chicago at 102.775 and acerued interest. The following proposals were received:
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Bids "uuder par" were also received from A. J. Hood \& Co. of Detroit and Farson, Son \& Co. of Chicago. The bonds are dated Jan. 11909 and mature on Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000$ yearly from 1910 to 1914 inclusive, $\$ 2,000$ yearly from 1915 to 1920 inclusive and $\$ 3,000$ in 1921 .
Franklin County (P, O. Columbus), Ohio--Bond Offering Roaposais will be received until 12 m ., March 11, by the Tussing, for $\$ 11,0005 \%$ National Road East improvement Tussing, for $\$ 11,0005 \%$ National Road East improvement
bonds. Authority Sections 4925 and 4926 , Revised Statutes, as amended May 9 1908, and Section 22b, Revised Statutes. Denomination $\$ 500$. Date April 1 1909. Interest semiannually at the County Treasurer's office. Maturity on April 1 as follows: $\$ 2,000$ yearly from 1910 to 1913 inclusive and $\$ 3,000$ in 1914 .

Gadsden, Etowah County, Ala - Bond Election.-An election will be held to vote on the question of issuing \$75,000 $5 \% 30$-year school bonds. Interest semi-annual.
Giles County (P. O. Pulaski), Tenn.-Bond Sale.-This county has sold $\$ 100,000$ court-house bonds.
Glasgow, Mont,-Bond Offering.-This town, J. J. Mullins, Clerk, will offer at public auction at 8 p . m . Mar. 10 $\$ 50,000$ coupon water-plant and system bonds at not exceeding $6 \%$ interest. Authority vote of 73 "for" to 1 "against" at election held Jan. 12. Denomination $\$ 1,000$. Date May 1 1909. Interest Jan. 1 and July 1 at the Town Treasurer's office or in New Xork City at option May 1 1924. Certified check for $\$ 500$, payable to the Town Mreasurer, is required.

Grand Rapids School District (P. O. Grand Rapids) Mich,-Bond Sale. The following proposals were submitted on March 1 for the $\$ 100,00041 / 2 \%$ coupon school-building and site-purchase bonds, a description of which was given in V. 88, p. 247 :



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And turntork bonds.
A bid was also received from S. A. Kean of Chicago, but it was not accompanied by the required certified check, Ma-
turity on Sept. I as follows: $\$ 75,000$ in 1914 and $\$ 25,000$ in 1918.

Grand View, Spencer County, Ind.-Bond Sale.-The $\$ 4,0005 \%$ coupon gas-plant bonds described in V. 88 , p. 580 , were awarded on Feb. 27 to the Grandview Bank of Grandview at 100.25 . A bid of $\$ 4,005$ was also received from Charles C. Wedding \& Co. of Indianapolis. Maturity $\$ 200$ each six months from July 11910 to Jan. 11920 inclusive.

Gwinnett County (P, O. Lawrenceville), Ga.-Bonds De-feated.-Reports state that the voters of this county recently defeated a proposition to issue $\$ 50,000$ road-improvement bonds.

Hannibal, Marion County, Mo.-Bond Sale.-The $\$ 75,000$ city-hall bonds voted on Jan. 14 (V. 88, p. 247) have been disposed of, we are advised, at private sale to local banks.

Indianola, Sunflower County, Miss.-Bond O/fering,Proposals will be received until March 11 by W. M. Kimbrough, Town Clerk, for $\$ 10,000$ water-works-improvement bondsat not exceeding $51 / 2 \%$ interest. Authority, Section 1, Chapter 298, Laws of Mississippi, as amended June 211898. Denomination $\$ 100$. Date April 1 1909. Maturity $\$ 100$ on April 1 from 1910 to 1928 inclusive and $\$ 8,100$ on April 1 1929, all bonds remaining unpaid after five years being subject to call. Bonds are exempt from taxation. Certified check for $21 / 2 \%$ of bid, payable to W. M. Kimbrough, Town Clerk, is required.

Johnstown, Fulton County, N. Y.-Bond Sale.-On Feb. 26 the $\$ 50,00041 / 2 \%$ coupon high-school-building bonds described in V. 8S, p. 519, were awarded to Kountze Bros. of New York City at 105.58 and accrued interest. A list of the bids follow

## the bids follows:

Kountze Bros. New York- 105.88 Frist Nat. Bank, Cleveland 103.80


Kankakes County (P, O. Kankakee), T11.-Bond Sale.-On Feb. $24 \$ 150.0004 \%$ court-house bonds were awarded to N. W. Halsey \& Co. of Chicago for $\$ 151,850(101.233)$ and accrued interest. Denomination $\$ 1,000$. Date March 1 1909. Maturity $\$ 10,000$ yearly on July 1 from 1916 to 1930 inclusive.

Kaufman, Kaufman County, Tex.-Bond Election.-A $\$ 60,000$ water-works bond election will be held to-day, March 6. These securities, if authorized, will take the place March 6 . 80,000 bonds mentioned in V. $88, \mathrm{p} .247$, as the
of the $\$ 6$, original election has been declared void by the AttorneyGeneral.
Kiowa, Pittsburgh County, Okla.-Bond Eleclion,-An election will be held March 12 to vote on the question of issuing $\$ 31,0006 \% 15-25$-year (optional water-works and electric-light bonds, These securities, if authorized, will take the place of a like amount of bonds voted on Dec. 28
1908 (V. 88, p. 247), which election has been declared soid.
Lake Village, Chicot County, Ark.-Band Sale.-The \$25,000 6\% 20-year coupon Water Works Improvement District No. 4 bonds offered on March 1 (V, 88, p, 462) were awarded to the New First National Bank of Columbus at 102.20 and accrued interest. A list of the bids follows:
 Date March 11909 . Interest July 15 at the Chicot Bank \& Trust Co. in Lake Village. Bonds are exempt from taxation.

Lakewood (P. O. Oleveland), Ouyahoga Oounty, Ohio,Bond Offering. -Proposals will be received until 12 m ., March 8, by B. M. Cook, Village Clerk, for $\$ 18,0005 \%$ streetimprovement (village's portion) bonds. Denomination \$1,000. Date day of sale. Interest April 1 and Oct. 1 at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Maturity $\$ 1,000$ yearly on April 1 from 1910 to 1927 inclusive. Certified cheek for $5 \%$ of bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Official circular states there has never been any default in the payment of any debt.
Lamoni, Decatur County, Iowa.-Description of Bands.We are informed that the $\$ 25,0005 \%$ water-works bonds awarded on Dec, 81908 to the Wells \& Dickey Co. of Minneapolis at 104.30 (V. 88, p. 519) are in denominations of $\$ 1,000$ and are dated Dec. 1 1908. Interest semi-annual, Maturity Dec, 11928.

Lawton School District (P. O. Lawton), Comanche County, Okla.-Bond Sale.-According to reports, $\$ 100,000$ high-school bonds were sold on Feb. 19 to the Thos. J. Bolger Co. of Chicago at 104.20.
Lehi, Utah County, Utah.-Bond Sale.-During the month of January $\$ 20,5005 \%$ gold coupon water-works bonds were awarded to the State Board of Land Commissioners at par. Denominntion $\$ 1.000$, except one bond of $\$ 500$. Date Oct. 151908 . Maturity Oct. 15 1928, subject to call after Oct. 15 151908
1918.
Leipsic, Putnam County, Ohio.-Bond Offering.-Proposals will be received until 12 m . March 9 by H. G. Moenter, Corporation Clerk, for $\$ 14,959185 \%$ coupon Easton Street improvement assessment bonds. Authority Section 1536 281, Revised Statutes. Denomination $\$ 1,49592$. Date Dec. 1 1908. Interest annually in Leipsic at the office of Village Treasurer, or at the Bank of Leipsic. Maturity $\$ 1,49592$ yearly on Dec. 1 from 1909 to 1918 inclusive. Bonds are exempt from taxation. Certified eheck for $2 \%$ of the bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is reguired. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

Logan, Ohio.-Bond Offering. - Proposals will bereceived until 12 m . March 30 by F. C. Grove, Village Clerk, for $\$ 5,000$ $4 \%$ water-works-system-improvement bonds. Authority Section 2835, Revised Statutes. Denomination $\$ 500$. Date March 25 1909. Interest annual. Maturity $\$ 500$ yearly on March 25 from 1910 to 1919 inclusive. Certified check for $50 \%$ bonds bid for, payable to the Village Treasurer, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. $\Delta$ Delivery within 10 days from time of award.

Luverne, Orenshaw County, Ala.-Bond Sate.-The \$20, $0005 \%$ 10-20-year (optional) water-works bonds offered without success on Dec. 151908 (V. 88, p. 248) have been sold to J, B. McCrady \& Co, of Atlanta.
Mabton, Yakima County, Wash.-Bond Sale.-On Feb. 23 the State of Washington was awarded the $\$ 12,800$ 20-year water-works-system bonds described in V. 88, p. 519 at par for 5 s . Bids were also received from H. T. Holtz \& Co. John Nuveen \& Co., S. A. Kean and Chas. H. Coffin, ali of Chicago, and James H. Adams \& Co. of Los Angeles.
McAlester, Pittsburg County, Okla.-Bond Sale.-On March 1 the three issues of $5 \% 20$-year bonds aggregating $\$ 203,000$, described in V. 88, p. 519 , were awarded, it is stated, to Spitzer \& Co. of Toledo for $\$ 213,700$-the price thus being 105.27 -a basis of $4.595 \%$

Following is a list of the bids received:
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Malden, Mass.-Description of Loan.-We are informed that the loan of $\$ 150,000$ recently negotiated with Curtis \& Sanger of Boston at $3.20 \%$ discount and a premium of 50 cents (V. 88, p. 58) is dated Feb. 241909 and matures Nov. 241909.
Manitou, El Paso County, Colo,-Bond Election.-Local papers state that an election will be held to vote on a proposition to issue $\$ 14,000$ refunding water-works bonds.
Marion, Ohio.-Bond Olfering.-Proposals will be received until 12 m . March 12 by Harry S. Elliott, City Auditor, for the following $4 \%$ bonds:

months trom Sept. 11910 to Sept. 1 to11 inclusive. Ceruned cheols 2,200 funding bonds. Denomination 8500 except one bond for $\$ 200$. inclusive.
The above bonds will bear date as of March 1 1909. Interest semi-annually at the office of the City Treasurer. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.

Medina County Road District No. 1 (P, O. Medina), Ohio. -Bond Offering. - Proposals will be received until 1 p. m. to-day (March 6) by C, R. Warner, Secretary of Road Commissioners, for $\$ 10,0004 \%$ coupon road-improvement bonds. Authority, Section $4757-16$ and 22 , Revised Statutes of Ohio. Denomination 8500 . Date March 1 1909. Interest semi-annually at the office of the Sccretary of Medins County Rord Distriet No 1. Maturity $\$ 5,000$ in the years 1921 and 1922. Bonds are exempt from taxation. Cash or certified cheek for $2 \%$, payable to the County Road District, is required.

Middlesex County (P, O. Lowell), Mass.-Temporary Loan.-A loan of $\$ 100,000$ has been negotiated, it is stated, with Loring, Tolman \& Tupper of Boston at $3.03 \%$ discount
and a premium of $\$ 150$. Loan is dated March 111909 and matures in eight months.
Mobile, Ala.-Bond Offering.-Proposals will be received until 12 m . March 20 by Pat J. Lyons, Mayor, for the $\$ 320$,$0005 \%$ coupon bonds mentioned in V. 88 , p. 582 . Authority Section 1410, State Code. Denomination $\$ 1,000$. Date
May 1 1909. Interest semi-annually at Moble May 1 1909. Interest semi-annually at Mobile. Certified check for $2 \%$ of bid, payable t
J . Lyons, Mayor, is required.
Montgomery County (P. O. Dayton), Ohio.-Bond Sale.On Feb. 25 the $\$ 1,30041 / 2 \%$ coupon Clay Township Binkley Ditch improvement bonds described in V. 88, p. 520, were awarded to the Dayton Savings is Trust Co. of Dayton at par and accrued interest. Maturity on March 1
as follows: $\$ 300$ yearly from 1910 to as follows: $\$ 300$ yearly from 1910 to 1912 inclusive and
$\$ 400$ in 1913 . $\$ 400$ in 1913
照Moorhead, Sunflower County, Miss.-Bond Sale.-This town has sold $\$ 12,000$ high-school-building bonds.
Moundridge, McPherson County, Kans.-Bond Sale.The $\$ 17,500$ waterworks and $\$ 11,000$ electric-light works $43 / 2 \% 5-20$-year (optional) coupon bonds described in V. 88 , P. 116, were sold on Jan. 16 to the Ancient Order of United

M Mt. Plessant Union
Pleas. Preol District No. 9 (P. 0. Pleasantville), Westchester County, N. Y. - Bond Offering. Proposals will be received until 5 p . m. March 10 by the Pleasantville for the the office of Merriam \& Holden in building and site-purchase bonds:
$\$ 10,000$ bonds maturing 32,000 yearly on Jan. 1 from 1910 to 1923 inclusive.
50,000 bonds maturing 32,000 yearly on Jan 1 from 1924 .
Denomination $\$ 1,000$. Date July 1 1909. Interest semiannually in New York exchange at the Mt. Pleasant Bank of Pleasantville. Bonds are tax-exempt. Certified cheok, cash or bank draft for $10 \%$ of bonds bid for, made payable
to the District Treasurer is required to the District Treasurer is required.

## New York City.-Bond Sale.-The City Comptroller on

 March 2 opened the 136 bids received for the $\$ 10,000,000$ scribed on page 520 of the "Chronicle" for Feb. 20. The total of bids received aggregated $\$ 43,068,130$. Of the 136 bids submitted, 60 were successful. The bonds were disposed of at an average price of 101.57 -a basis of about $3.93 \%$. At the Nov. 231908 offering, which was for $\$ 12,000,0004 \%$ 50 -year corporate stock and $\$ 500,0004 \% 10$-year assessment bonds, an average price of 102.385 -a basis of about $3.89 \%$ -was realized on the long-term bonds, while on the assessment bonds the average price was $101.52-a$ basis of about $3.82 \%$. The awards for last Tuesday's offering are given herewith:



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$5,000-101.63$ $10,000 \ldots 101,63$
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50,000-101.6285

100,000 . 101,625 $25,000 \ldots 101.626$
$10,000-101.625$ $8.000-101.50$ 6,000-101.61 $10.000-101,60$
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$10,000.101 .51$ $10,000-101.46$
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$25,000.101 .518$
2 $37,000 \ldots 101.51$ $80,000 \ldots 101.51$
$50,000 \ldots 101.39$
$100,000 \ldots 101.51$ 50,000.-101.502

25,000 _ 101.50 25,000 _ 101.50
18,000 _ 101.38
$1,000 \ldots 101.50$
$6,000.101 .50$ 175,000 . 101.50 100,000..101,444 $50,000-101.43$
25,000 $5,000-101,40$

In addition to the above the following bids were also submitted. Where the name of a bidder already appears among the foregoing successful ones we give only that
portion of the offer which was not of the otter which was not successfu:


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R. W. Wood....

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Jos. G. Switrer.-.
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to 101.375
$13,000-100.63$ $20.000-100.50$
$10,000-100772$
Bond Sales.-The"sinking fund of this city during the month of February purchased the following bonds:

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Amount.
$\$ 917,000$
220,000
Total
The following revenue bonds (temporary seeurities) were also issued during February:
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## Total

 $527,165.000$
## North Hempstead, Nassau County, N. X.-Bonds Re

 fused.-Ferris \& White of New York City have refused to accept the $\$ 25,00041 / 2 \%$ gold coupon Port Washington public dock bonds awarded them on April 141908 (V. 86, p. 997).Norwalk, Conn,-Bids Rejected.-The following bids, both of which were rejected, were received on March 4 for the $\$ 225,0004 \% 30$-year coupon or registered refunding bonds described in V. 88, p. 520 :
Perry, Coffin \& Burr, Boaton. 100.861 | Blodget, Merritt \& Co., Bos. 100.337
Oakley (P. O. Sta. O, Oincinnati), Ohio,-Bond Sale.-On March 2 the $\$ 11,81426 \quad 5 \%$ coupon sewer-improvement assessment bonds dated Feb. 51909 and described in V. 88 , p. 582, were awarded to Weil, Roth \& Co. of Cincinnati at 104.003 and acerued interest. Following are the bids:

Oklahoma City, Okla.-Bond Election Proposed.-This city proposes to hold an election to vote on the issuance of bonds.

Paris, Lamar County, Tex.-Bond Election.-Reports state that an election will be held March 23 to vote on pro-
positions to issue the following bonds: $\$ 10,000$ to remodel
the city-hall; $\$ 10,000$ to rebuild the high school; $\$ 10,000$ to purify the water-supply; $\$ 10,000$ to establish an abattoir and $\$ 25,000$ to improve the streets.
Pasadena, Cal,-Bond Offering.-Proposals will be received until 9 a. m. March 9 by Heman Dyer, City Clerk, for the $\$ 150,0004 \%$ improvement bonds mentioned in V. 88 , p. 520 . Denominations: 120 bonds of $\$ 1,000$ each and 120 bonds of $\$ 250$ each. Date March 11909 . Interest semiannually at the office of the City Treasurer. Maturity
$\$ 3,750$ yearly on March 1 from 1910 to 1949 inclusive. Bid must be unconditional, made on a printed form furnished by the city and accompanied by a certified check on a bank doing business in Pasadena or Los Angeles, for $2 \%$ of bonds bid for, made payable to Heman Dyer, City Clerk. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The legality of these bonds will be approved by O'Melveny, Stevens \& Milliken, a copy of whose opinion will be delivered to purchaser.
Pennsburg, Montgomery County, Pa.-Bond Sale.-This borough has sold $\$ 5,00031 / 2 \%$ electric-light bonds.
Pittsburgh, Pa.-Bond Offering. -This city will offer for sale on March 15 the $\$ 1,975,0004 \%$ bonds (V. 88, p. 396) for the purpose of purchasing the plant of the Monongahela Water Co. Maturity part ycarly until Jan, 131939. Bonds are exempt from taxation. The legality of this issue is being passed on by Delafield \& Longfellow of New York City. Bonds will be ready for delivery March 191909.

Pomona, Cal.-Description of Bonds.- We are informed that the bonds to be voted on at
March 10 answer the following description:
$\$ 23,0004 \% \%$ cte-chall-stico bonds. Denomination $\$ 575$.
30,000
$4 \% \%$ ctty-hall-buiding bonds. Denomination
Interest semi-annualy at the City Treasury.
Maturity one bond of each issue yearly for forty years.
Pontotoc, Pontotoc County, Miss.-Bond Offering.-Proposals will be received until March 22 by J. M. Nisbet, Town Clerk, for $\$ 25,00051 / 2 \%$ school-building bonds. Authority Section 3415, 3416, 3419 and 3420 of Code of 1906, and Chapter 189 of Laws of 1908, Denomination $\$ 500$. Date March 1909. Interest annually in Pontotoc. Maturity twenty years. Certified check for $5 \%$ of bid, payable to W. E. Whiteside, Mayor, is required.

Portage, Cambria County, Pa.-Result of Bond Election.A tie vote was cast at an election held Feb. 16 on the question of issuing $\$ 25,000$ sewer bonds.

Portsmouth, Ohio.-Band Sale.-On March 3 the $\$ 10,000$ $4 \%$ coupon fire-department building bonds described in V. 88, p. 582 , were awarded to the Central National Bank of Portsmouth at 100.33 and accrued interest. Following of the bids:
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Maturity on July 1 as follows: $\$ 4,000$ in each of the years 1911 and 1912 and $\$ 2,000$ in 1913.
Raritan Township School District, Eunterdon County, N. J.-Bond Sale. - The $\$ 45,0004 \%$ coupon school bonds described in V. 88 , p. 582, were sold on March 1 to local investors at prices ranging from 101 to 105. The total premiums bid aggregated $\$ 77560$. Maturity on Jan. 1 as follows: $\$ 1,000$ in 1914, $\$ 1,000$ yearly from 1916 to 1924 onclusive, 82000 yearly from 1925 to 1934 inclusive, and inclusive, $\$ 2,000$ yeary from 1925 inclusive.
Rochester, N. Y.-Note Olfering.-Proposals will be received until 2 p. m. March 11 by Chas. F. Pond, City Comptroller, for the following notes:
$\$ 200,000$ notes to provide funds to pay water-works notes Nos, 604 to 705. 265,000 Dotes to provice funds for the varloug doppartmenty for the month
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Denomination of notes and rate of interest to be named in bids. Interest will be payable at the Union Trust Co. in New York City.

St. Olair County Drainage District No. 1, Ill.-Bond Sale. -The Wm. R. Compton Bond \& Mortgage Co. of St, Louis bought the $\$ 102,0005 \%$ registered drainage bonds described in V. 88, p. 583 , on March 2 at par and accrued interest. Following is a list of the bids received:
Wm. R. Compton Bond \& ${ }_{100.00}^{\text {Milnots Stato Trust Co. Bank. } 98.20}$

Salem, Mass.-Band Sale.-The $\$ 40,000 \quad 31 / 2 \% \quad 1-10$-year (serial) coupon or registered bridge bonds awarded on Feb, 23 to Perry, Coffin \& Burr of Boston at 103.129 (V. 88, p. 583) have been re-awarded at 100.839 to Merrill, Oldham \& Co. of Boston. It is stated that the high bid was the result of an error, the offer having been based on bonds bearing $4 \%$ interest.
Sandusky, Ohio.-Bond Sale.-Following is a list of the bids received on March 1 for the four issues of $4 \%$ sewer bonds described in V. 88, p. 521 :
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All bidders offered accrued interest in addition to their bids.
Sausalito, Marin County, Cal,-Price Paid for Bonds.-
awarded on Jan. 25 (V. 88, p. 583) to G. G. Blymyer \& Co, of San Francisco. Denomination $\$ 1,000$. Date Jan. 15 1909. Interest semi-annual. Maturity part yearly from 1910 to 1949 inclusive.

Schenectady, N. Y.-Certificate Offering,-Proposals will be received until 11 a , m. March 10 by O. S. Luffman, City Comptroller, for $\$ 200,000$ certificates of indebtedness, to be issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes. Authority Section 78, Chapter 473, Laws of 1906. Denomination to suit bidder. Date March 10 1909. Interest rate to be named in bid. Maturity Nov. 10 1909. Certified check on a bank or trust company for $1 \%$ of certificates bid for, payable to the City Comptroller, is required. Purchaser to pay accrued interest.
Shawnee, Okla.-Bond Sale.-On Feb, 17 \$125,000 stormsewer and intersection, $\$ 50,000$ convention-hall and $\$ 20,000$ hospital 5\% 20-year bonds were awarded to Spitzer \& Co. of Toledo at 102.50. Denomination \$1,000. Date Jan. 1 1909. Interest-semi-annual.

Sheboygan, Wis.-Bond Offering,-Proposals will be received until 2 p. m., March 10, by the Mayor and John M. Steimle, City Clerk, for the $\$ 360,0004 \%$ water-worksextension bonds mentioned in V. 88, p. 464. Dite March 1 1909. Interest semi-annually at the Chemical National Bank in New York City. Maturity $\$ 10,000$ on Mareh 11912 and part yeurly from 1913 to 1928 inclusive and $\$ 30,000$ in 1929. Cartifid check (or cash) on a national bank for $3 \%$ of bonds bid for, payable to City Treasurer, is required.
Skaneateles Union Free School District No. 10 (P, O. Skaneateles), Onondaga County, N. צ.-Bond Offering.Proposals will be received until $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. March 8 by E. C. Miller, Clerk of the Board of Education, for $\$ 40,0004 \%$ coupon or registered school-building bonds. Denomination \$1,000 Date April 1 1909. Interest annually on Oct. 1, payable at the National Bank of Skaneateles. Maturity on Oct 1 as followa: \$1,000 yearly from 1910 to 1925 inclusive and se,000 y 1026 to 1037 inclusive Certified and $\$ 2,000$ yeary from 100 to the Board of Education, is check for required. Bonded debt, including this issue, $\$ 108,200$. Assessed valuation, $\$ 1,365,400$.
Stamiord, Jones County, Texas.-Bond Election.-A proposition to issue $\$ 20,000$ street-improvernent bonds will be submitted to a vote of the people on March 26.
Swanton School District (P. O. Swanton), Saline County, Neb.-Bonds Voted. - This district has voted to issue $\$ 12,000$ school-building bonds. It is expected that the issue will be purchased by the Public School Fund of the State of Nebraska.
Tacoma, Pierce County, Wash.-Bond Oflering.-Proposals will be received until April 5 by John W. Linck, Mayor, for the $\$ 300,000$ "Tacoma Electric Light and Power System Bonds" mentioned in V. 88, p, 250. Denomination $\$ 500$. Interest (rate not to exceed $5 \%$ ) payable semi-annually at the fiscal agency of Washington in Nerv York City. Maturity twenty years.

The official notice of this bond offering will be found among the advertisements elsewhere in this Department.

Troy, N. Y.-Certificate Sale.-The $\$ 75,0004 \%$ certificates of indebtedness offered on Feb. 26 (V. 88, p. 583) were awarded to the National State Bank of Tray for $\$ 75$. 358 39the price thus being 100.477. Maturity Oct. 191909.

Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa (County, Ala.-Bond Sale.-On Feb. 18 the New First National Bank of Columbus purchased $\$ 75,0005 \%$ water-works bonds at par and acorued interest less $\$ 3.000$ commission. These securities take the place of the $8750005 \%$ bonds ayarded on Aug. 171908 to Field, the Longstreth \& Co. of Cincinnati (V. 87, p. 500), but which were subsequently refused by them. Denomination $\$ 1,000$ i
Date July 1 1907. Interest semi-annual. Maturity July 1937.

Tuscarawas County ( $\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{O}$. New Philadelphia), Ohio,No Bond Election. - We are informed that the reports stating that the County Commissioners are considering the advisability of calling an election to vote on the question of issuing $\$ 500,000$ road-improvement bonds (V. 88, p. 584) are erroneous.
Velasco Drainage District (P. O. Velasco), Brazoria Oounty, Tex.-Bonds Not Yet Sold.-We are informed, under date of Feb. 6, that no award has yet been made of the $\$ 50.000 .5 \%$ coupon drainage-improvement bonds mentioned in V. 88, P. 250.

Waverly, Bremer County, Ia.-Bond Election.-According to reports, the question of issuing $\$ 15,000$ high-school-building-addition bonds will be voted upon March 8 .

Wenatchee, Ohelan County, Wash.-Bond Sale.-An issue of $\$ 30,0005 \% 15$-year bonds was sold on Feb, 25 to the Harris Trust \& Savings Bank of Chicago at 106.626-a basis of about $4.393 \%$. A list of the bids received follows:
 Denomination $\$ 1,000$. Date -April 1 1909. Interest mi-annual.
Winters Joint Union High School District, Yolo and Solano Oounties, Cal.-Bonds Refused.-We are advised that the $\$ 30,000 \quad 5 \%$ 1-15-year (serial) gold coupon high-
school-building bonds sold on Aug. 31908 to E. H. Rollins \& Sons of San Francisco (V. 87, p. 771) have been refused by them. Their attorneys claim that the proceedings preliminary to the election were irregular.

Worcester, Mass.-Bond Sale.-On March 2 \$325,000 $31 / 2 \%$ 10-year registered bonds were awarded to Merrill, Oldham \& Co. of Boston at 102.169 and accrued interesta basis of about $3.245 \%$. A list of the proposals follows:



arkinson \& Burr, Boston_.. 101.795$)$ Perry, Corthn $\&$ Burr. Boston. 101.21
The bonds were issued for the following purposes: $\$ 100,000$ for the abolition of grade crossings; $\$ 50,000$ for school, houses and school lands; $\$ 50,000$ for permanent paving; $\$ 50,000$ for macadam paving; $\$ 25,000$ for sidewalks and cross-walks; $\$ 25,000$ for sewer purification; $\$ 15,000$ for the permanent improvement of school houses and $\$ 10,000$ for sewer construction. Date Jan. 11909 . Interest semi-annual. Bonds are tax-exempt.

Wymore, Nob.-Bonds Not Sold.-Up to Feb. 26 no award had yet been made of the $\$ 30,0004 \% 10-20$-year (optional) registered refunding bonds described in V. 88, p. 252.

Yakima County School District No, 49, Wash.-Bond Sale.-On Feb. 27 this district disposed of $\$ 15,000$ bonds. The State of Washington was the successful bidder, paying par for $5 s$ and giving the district the privilege to redeem the same after one year. The other bidders were:

 a For 5 s . $\&$ For $5 \mathrm{k} / \mathrm{s}$. © For 6 s .
In addition to the above, S. A. Kean of Chicago bid $\$ 15,675$ for $6 \%$ bonds or $\$ 15,165$ for $51 / 2 \%$ bonds or $5 \%$ bonds on the same basis,
Yonkers, Westchester County, N. Y. $=$ Bond Offering. $-\mathbf{T}$ Proposals will be received until 12 m . March 9 by James $T$. Lennon, City Comptroller, for the following $4 \%$ registered bonds:
$\$ 11,800$ echool Donds, Date March 1 1909. Maturlty $\$ 590$ yearly on 18.000 street.panting bonds. Date Febs. 1 ingo, Maturlty $\$ 1,000$, yearly
on Feb. I from 1010 to 1927 inclusive. Interest April 1 and October 1. Certified check for 2\% of bonds bid for, payable to Gideon H. Peck, City Treasurer, is required. Delivery Mareh 15 1909. Purchaser to pay accrued interest. The opinion of Delafield \& Longfellow of New York City, certifying to the validity of the above issue,
will be furnished to the su ccessful purchaser will be furnished to the su ccessful purchaser.

## Canada, its Provinces and Municipalities. <br> Bay Township, Ont.-Debentures Authorized. -The Town-

 ship Trustees have passed a resolution providing for the issuance of $\$ 2,9505 \%$ coupon public-highway-improvement debentures. The securities will be dated July 11909 and mature part yearly on July 1 from 1915 to 1920 inclusive. Interest semi-annual. C. W. Darr (R. F. D. 3, Port Clinton) is Township Clerk.Boissevain, Man.-Debenture Election.-An election will be held to-day (March 6) to vote on the question of issuing $\$ 7,000$ electric-light-works debentures.

Brandon, Man.-Debentire Sale. - The following debentures were awarded on Feb. 24 to the Dominion Securities Corporation, Ltd., of Toronto:
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12,000
$5 \%$
30
30 -year retunding court-house debentures.
$12,0005 \%$ 30 year gever debentures.
12,000 5\% 20-year sidewalk debentures.
Chatham, N. B.-Bids Rejected.-All bids received on Feb. 24 for the $\$ 25,0004 \%$ coupon electric-light debentures described in V. 88, p. 524, were rejected.
Estevan, Sask.-Debenture Election.-We are advised that in addition to the propositions to issue $\$ 30,000$ debentures for fire protection and $\$ 10,000$ debentures for a town hall (V. 88, p. 586 ) the question of issuing $\$ 10,000$ sewer debentures will also be voted upon March 12. The debentures, if voted, will carry $5 \%$ interest, be coupon in form and mature part yearly for 30 years.
Fort William, Ont.-Price Paid for Debentures.-The City Treasurer informs us that the Ontario Securities Co. of Toronto paid 100.88 and accrued interest for the thirteen issues of $41 / 3 \%$ coupon debentures aggregating $\$ 485,500$

## NEW LOANS

## THE CITY OF SEATTLE <br> \$500,000 <br> MUNICIPAL LIGHT EXTENSION BONDS <br> \$500,000 PARK BONDS

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Dated Tacoma, February 23rd, 1909.
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awarded them on Feb. 22 (V. 88, p. 586). The following bids were received:


The above bidders are all from Toronto.
Gravenhurst, Ont.-Loan Authorized.-Reports state that at an election held recently the voters authorized a loan of $\$ 15,000$ to construct a hydro-electric-power plant at South Falls.
Haileybury, Ont.-Debenture Sale.-The British-American Securities Co, of Toronto was the successful bidder on Feb. 22 for the five issues of $5 \%$ debentures aggregating $\$ 86,000$ described in V. 88, p. 524.
Hudson Township, Ont.-Debentures Authorized.-This township has passed a by-law providing for the issuance of $\$ 2,600$ public-school debentures.
Listowel, Ont.-Debenture Sale.-The Dominion Securities Corporation, Ltd., of Toronto has bought $\$ 25,000$ $41 / 2 \%$ 20-year debentures.
Loch Ayr School District No. 2232, Sask.-Debenture Sale -J. Addison Reid of Regina has bought $\$ 1,200$ debentures.
Marmora, Ont.-Debentures Not to be Offered at Present.We are advised that it is very unlikely that the $\$ 5,000$ debentures recently voted (V. 88, p. 253) will be issued. These securities were voted as a guaranty loan to a stove company to build a factory. Our informant writes, however, that the company does not require the money at present.
Melville, Sask.-Debenture Offering.-H. D. Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer, is offering for sale $\$ 6,000$ 15-year fireapparatus, street and sidewalk debentures.
Nokomis, Sask.-Price Paid for Debentures.-The price paid for the $\$ 10,0006 \%$ 20-year town-improvement debentures awarded on Feb. 20 to the Ontario Securities Co. of Toronto (V. 88, p. 587) was 103.07 and acerued interest. A list of the bids received follows:



Pembroke, Ont.-Debenture Election.-A $\$ 65,000$ 41/2\% 30 -year water-works debenture election will be held March 8 . Peterboro, Ont.-Loan-Election Proposed.-There is talk of holding an election to allow the voters to decide whether or not $\$ 120,000$ shall be borrowed to construct a waterworks dam.
St. Boniface School District No. 1,188 (P. O. St. Boniface), Man. - Price Paid for Debentures.- We are informed that the price paid for the $\$ 22,0005 \%$ school-improvement debentures awarded on Feb. 11 to the Toronto General Trust Corporation, representing Wood, Gundy \& Co. of Toronto (V. 88, p. 525 ), was 103.08. Following are the bids:
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 a Representing wood, Gunay Debentures are dated March I 1909.
St. Hyacinthe, Que.-Debenture Sale.-On Feb. 12 the $\$ 166,3844 \%$ 40-year debentures described in V. 88, p. 465, were awarded to the Dominion Securities Corporation, Ltd., of Montreal at 93.20.
Selkirk, Man,-Debenture Sale.-An issue of $\$ 20,0005 \%$ 50 -year debentures has been disposed of to Wood, Gundy \& Co. of Toronto.
Standard School District No, 2,144, Sask.-Debenture Sale.-An issue of $\$ 1,3007 \%$ school-building and furnishing debentures has been disposed of at par to the Security Loan Co. of Regina. Date April 1 1909. Interest annual. Maturity part yearly on April 1 from 1910 to 1919 inclusive.
Strathcona, Alberta.-Debenture Sale.-An issue of \$15, $0005 \% 40$-year debentures has been awarded to the Imperial Bank of Canada at 103.25 . Denomination $\$ 1,000$. Interest semi-annual.
Sunnidale Township, Ont.-Debenture Election Proposed.Reports state that an election will probably be held March 15 to vote on the question of issuing $\$ 8,661$ bridge-building debentures.

NEW LOANS.

## \$225,000

Town of Stamford, Conn.,

## NEW TOWN HALL BONDS

Sealed propossls tor the sate of $\$ 225,00000$ Town of Suamord, Conn, New Town Hall Bonds, Town Hall, Stamford, Conn, until March 16 th , 1009, at two o clocock nithe afternoon. Sald bonds bear interest at the rate of tour per cent per anyeari from Dcoember 1st, 1808 . No bld will be accepted for less than par and acorucd thterest. The right to reserved to refect any and all bidd.
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FRANK B. GURLEY.
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